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**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**MEET THE PRINCIPAL NIGHT, TUESDAY, 23rd APRIL**

The positive reputation of Gleneagles continues to grow! Over 500 visitors attended our “Meet the Principal” evening at Gleneagles Secondary College, Tuesday 23rd April. Prospective students and their families were able to learn about the school and have their questions answered by a panel comprising of teachers and students. Families were also able to see the school first-hand through tours guided by our enthusiastic student leaders.

Staff received positive feedback from parents and children who were impressed by the range of programs and services available at Gleneagles. Student volunteers, staff and members of our Parents and Friends group were essential in ensuring the success of the night’s festivities and we send our thanks to them.

If any parents were unable to attend the Meet the Principal Night and would like further information about the wide range of education programs offered at Gleneagles or to arrange a school tour, please contact the College by Telephone 9708 1319. We would like to sincerely thank the students and parents who volunteered their time to assist with this night. The list of student and parent volunteers are on the third page of the Newsletter.

**SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning)**

Applications for entry into the 2014 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. Applications close midday on Tuesday, 30th April, 2013. Testing for entry into the SEAL Program is scheduled for Saturday, 11th May. Please inform family members or friends who may be interested in this program that they may obtain the application form and further details through the College website.

**PARENT TEACHER NIGHT BOOKINGS AND EARLY DISMISSAL**

Parent Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, May 1st 3:00pm – 8:00pm. As detailed in previous newsletters, the booking system for Parent Teacher Night (PTO) is now active for parents. Please consult the information sheet that was posted home at the end of Term 1 to gain access to the system. Best access is from the “Quick Links” section of the school website www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au. Should you not have access to the internet, please give your instructions to your child and they can use one of the school computers to implement your booking requests and print off a hard copy for you to bring on the afternoon/evening. If you are having difficulties with access or have lost your details please contact Mr Bunce via his email address, bunce.russell.m@edumail.vic.gov.au, or the school via phone on 9708 1319. There will be an early dismissal at 2:30pm on Parent Teacher Night (Wednesday 1st May). Buses have been notified.

**NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN tests for Years 7 & 9 students will be held on the mornings of Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May. Students will be given further information about these tests shortly. We encourage all students to attend on these days to ensure all students can be included in the process and enable parents to receive relevant reports when they are published. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Kathie Toth.

**YEAR 9 CBD EXPERIENCE**

With students beginning their preparation for the Year 9 CBD Experience shortly, parents/guardians are reminded that payment of the Essential Education Items Levy must be made to the Bursar by Friday, 3rd May in order for your child to attend. The CBD Experience will run in Week 7 of this Term, 27th May - 31st May.

*Sue Pedlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne*
YEAR 7 GIRLS - RESILIENCE PROGRAM - CITY OF CASEY

Parents/guardians of approximately 50 of the Year 7 girls would have received some information this week regarding the Y Program, a resilience initiative designed by the City of Casey targeting issues such as body image and self esteem. The program commenced this week and runs for one period over a four week period.

This is a wonderful program that we are running for the second year. I look forward to hearing the feedback from the girls at the completion of their sessions.

Ms Morris, Year 7 Co-ordinator

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the following parents for their generous commitment to the school community.

Parents often give their time and skills to support schools, teachers and students in a variety of ways. More often than not this is usually undertaken when their child is in primary school. As the child moves into secondary education he/she wants to show their independence and this usually means they don’t want parents “hanging around” at school.

It is a credit to the parents that they have taken this positive step to stay in touch with their child’s education and to show their support by “being there for them”, as well as a credit to the students by continuing to accept their parent’s involvement.

How does this happen? Initially parents indicate they would like to help in the school when they fill out the “Parent Involvement Form” when their child is in Grade 6. We follow this up and ask the parents to come in for a chat and afternoon tea. If they are still interested, we get an idea of what they can do, and if we have an area in the school that can utilise their skills, we get them to apply for a “Working with Children” card.

The list of our parent volunteers is then endorsed by College Council. These wonderful people have now come to Gleneagles to help us out in so many ways.

Many volunteer for work in the library, but this year we have asked parents if they would like to help out in other areas around the school. We have volunteers working in the Science, English and Humanities departments too.

They help with data entry, typing, displays, shelving and covering books, scanning, laminating and photocopying, and helping teachers to prepare materials for class. Where would we be without them!

Our Parent Volunteers are listed below:

- Sharyn Bradbury
- Donna Crutchfield
- Lisa Dove
- Carolyn Gorsuch
- Nazreen Koya
- Sheila Lawrence
- Carrie Lu
- Sreedevi Pazhyannur
- Jeff Riley
- Dee Taylor
- Kate Wells
- Sue Williams
- Monique Clift
- Sharon Dillon
- Fay Fateh
- Trudy Holt
- Michelle Lam
- Alice Loo
- Judi Millward
- Manoja Rajapaksa
- Felicity Stark
- Allison Walters
- Susan Welsford
- Agnes Yu

All parents agree that being a volunteer has provided them with the opportunity to use their time in a meaningful way and to be part of the whole school community. It allows them to find out about their child’s school, to talk to their child’s teacher in an informal way and to make that connection between school and family that is so important to a child’s education. It also puts them in touch with other parents and is a great way to make new friends.

For more details of this volunteer program, please contact Lynne Moller in the library.

Ms Moller, Library Co-ordinator

BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

New members of the Book Club received their badges last week. We have nearly 40 students in our club and we meet every Friday at lunch time in the library.

After the badge ceremony we had a bit of fun playing Scattergories – guessing words starting with a chosen letter. Competition was fierce and prizes were awarded to the people with the most unique words.

Ms Moller, Library Co-ordinator

Chelsea Stanciu, 7J playing Scattergories
MEET THE PRINCIPAL NIGHT VOLUNTEERS
We would like to sincerely thank the following students and parents who volunteered their time to conduct school tours, prepare refreshments, set-up and take down equipment, all while helping prospective students and their families during the Meet the Principal Night.

Jordan Sarkissian  M01
Joshua Tarasenko  M11
Penny-May Cardilini  M06
Rebecca Leclair  M07
Mikayla Newton  10E
Abby Smith  8E
Natalie Erdossy  9J
Claudia Morrison  10E
Jazmyn Worrell  10E
Faris Elrayes  10E
Miriam Fares  9E
Liam Carnelley  M02
Sharna Watt  M04
Monique Shaw  10I
Rhianné McMahon  8E
Ebony Johnson  M09
Shannon Conroy  10E
Josh Kannemeyer  10G
Guillaume Gentil  8H
Tim Riley  10E
Dynuk Devamulla  10E
Sue Caljouw  PFA
Alex Cheong  PFA
Fay Fateh  PFA
Tania Green  PFA
Alice Loo  PFA
Joanna Oliveri  PFA
Jen Riley  PFA
Sue Williams  PFA

CAREERS NEWS

McDonalds Employment
If you are looking for a part-time job, McDonalds is now hiring at its Doveton store. Go to the website: www.mcdonalds.com.au/careers (click on Restaurant careers, then choose ‘join us’ and start your application). You will need to upload an electronic copy of your resume.

Year 10 Work Experience – Urgent!
Work experience arrangement forms are now overdue and must be handed in to your HG teacher or Ms Wood.

Mr Barker will be organising detentions early in Term 2 if you have not organised your placement. Safe@work General and Industry OHS certificates must also be completed (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/safe@work/)

See Chris Wood at recess or lunch for assistance with your placement.

Year 10 VCE and Careers Expo Excursion
Permission forms for The Age VCE and Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse are overdue. Return your signed form to the Bursar with your $5 payment now! The excursion is on Thursday, 2nd May (for all Year 10 students except 10D). Students will also attend at least one career seminar at the expo – sign up in your Humanities class.

Other Career Events this Term
- Australian Defence Forces Talk at Gleneagles – Wednesday, 8th May commencing at 8.30am in the Shed (Year 12 students may also attend if they have no classes on).
- Students interested in a Trade career will be invited to sign up for the ‘Try a Trade’ Expo at Cranbourne Racecourse on Tuesday, 21st May. There are 50 places available. This is a free event and there will be hands on activities, stalls and seminar sessions (note this is on the same day as some of the Intermediate sports).
- Work experience for all Year 10 students – Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June.
- Note the HMAS Cerberus Naval tour has been postponed to Tuesday, 6th August (6 students have registered).

Monash Art, Design and Architecture Holiday Workshops – Year 11 and 12
Monash University is hosting three-day workshops in July and October for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. They are aimed at assisting students with developing their university entrance folios and introducing them to studies in various disciplines. Prices include all necessary materials and lunch.

- Communication Design Folio Building Workshop, $310
- Industrial Design Folio Building Workshop, $310
- Fine Art Folio Building Workshop, $310
- Interior Architecture Folio Building Workshop, $330
- Architecture Foundation Workshop, $330

When: 2nd to 4th July 10.00am – 5.00pm or 1st to 3rd October 10.00am – 5.00pm
Where: MADA studios, Monash University, Caulfield campus

For more details visit monash.edu/mada/workshops or contact artdes-enquiries@monash.edu or Tel 9903 1517.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

ELECTIVE AND SUBJECT CHARGES ARE NOW OVERDUE
Semester 1 Electives and VCE subject charges are now overdue. Please contact the Bursar’s office to finalise payments. Thank you.
**PFA (PARENTS AND FRIENDS) OF GLENEAGLES**

Thank you to the “old” and “new” parents who helped at the Meet the Principal event on Tuesday night.

It was a great night and an impressive coming together of our students, staff, PFA and mild weather, for the benefit of our prospective families.

At our Next Meeting **Wednesday 8th May at 7:30pm - 8:30pm** we plan to talk about our first project.

You are welcome to attend any meeting and be part of shaping our PFA.

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**HALLAM CFA JUNIORS PROGRAM**

Hallam CFA Juniors Program runs on Tuesday nights between 7.00pm and 8.00pm at the Hallam Fire Station on the corner of Belgrave-Hallam Rd and Young Street, Hallam. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the Junior Program Co-ordinator on: juniors@hallam-cfa.org.au

**Program Aims:**

To provide:

- A safe and friendly environment
- Enthusiastic leaders
- Challenging and enjoyable activities
- Recognition of achievement
- To assist juniors to develop
- Social values
- Social relationships
- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Fire and safety awareness
- Fire related practical skills and knowledge
- To assist juniors to become senior volunteers

**Program Benefits:**

- Social interaction
- Skill and knowledge development
- Community spirit
- Physical fitness
- Team working
- A sense of belonging
- Juniors who are registered members are protected by CFA compensation
- Leaders exercise a clear duty of care when supervising juniors
- Parents are asked to complete an Indemnity/Medical form to allow leaders to take appropriate action in an emergency
- Juniors do not attend any activity other than normal junior meetings without prior parental consent
- Juniors do not come into contact with any uncontrolled/unsafe fire while participating
- CFA juniors will have heaps of fun while developing skills which will be of benefit to them for the rest of their lives

For more information check out: -