**College Principal’s Report**

**Commonwealth Government Education Funding**

On behalf of College Council, Jackie Keyt (College Council President) has joined with 49 other school Council Presidents from across Victoria, to write to Victorian Education Minister, Martin Dixon, urging the State Government to sign up to the Commonwealth Governments education funding offer. They wrote:

> As State School Council Presidents from around Victoria, we have welcomed the Gonski Report. The report recognises the importance of education to all citizens, and that urgent action is needed to remedy inequity and inadequacies in Australian education. State schools have a significant role in catering for students suffering disadvantage. For example, 90% of students in the lowest 20% socio-economic demographic, 83% of indigenous students and 78% of students with a disability attend state schools. Students with disadvantage require time, energy and expertise and this takes money. As School Council Presidents we see first hand the struggles principals and teachers face. They do their utmost to cater for the wide range of needs of students, and do so creatively and very well. But they need increased funding to cater for disadvantage, as well as certainty and transparency in this funding. Education is an issue that transcends political differences, where the needs of students and thereby the future prosperity of our nation, are paramount. The Federal Government intends to implement at least part of the Gonski review, with an increase in funding and a more equitable method of funding schools. We welcome this commitment. On behalf of our school councils we urge the Victorian government to endorse the findings of the Gonski Report by signing the Federal government funding offer.

Yours faithfully

College Council Presidents

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**Report Writing Day**

A student free day has been scheduled for **Friday 14th June**. Gleneagles staff will use this day for correction and reporting. There will be no students attending on this day.

**Year 10, 11 & VCE Exams**

Year 10 & 11 students completed their mid year exams on **Friday 7th June**. All Unit 3 & 4 students will be sitting the GAT (General Achievement Test) on **Wednesday, 12th June**.

**Reports**

Reports will be posted home at the end of Term 2. If you have recently changed address or phone number, it is important to advise the College. A change of contact details form is on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

*Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne*

**Year 8 - Resuscitate A Mate**

On Friday, **24th May** the Year 8 students participated in the “Resuscitate A Mate” program. This program helped us learn skills such as the proper way to perform CPR, the steps to go through and what to say when you call for help. The trainers provided mannequins for us to use and they acted out a scenario of when and how to perform CPR. This whole experience helped us know what to do if something did happen to someone in the future. We really encourage people to do a CPR course because it is really educational and helpful.

*By Alexia Papadakos and Briana Mondon 8G*
CONGRATULATIONS TO JUSTIN MATHEWS
PREMIER'S VCE AWARDS
HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2012

Congratulations to Justin Matthews, a 2012 student who won a Premier's Award for Health and Human Development in 2012. Justin obtained a perfect score of 50 and an ATAR of 98.95.

The Premier’s VCE Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday, 5th June at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The criteria for the Premier’s VCE Awards – Study Awards is based on the individual Graded Assessments scores and are used to determine the order, merit and identify the best students. More than 280 students from Victoria were honoured at the VCE Awards ceremony.

Education Minister, Martin Dixon said: “The dedication and hard work of students across Victoria is to be applauded, and we also acknowledge the efforts of the support network of parents, peers, teachers and friends who have contributed to each individual’s success”.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

CASEY NORTH CROSS COUNTRY - MONDAY, 3rd JUNE
55 enthusiastic students represented Gleneagles at the Casey North Cross Country held at Akoonah Park in Berwick on Monday, 3rd June. It was a cold day and the track was quite muddy, but the students all had a great day and enjoyed their run. We had a successful day with two teams advancing to the Southern Metro Cross Country event.

These teams included:-

Under 14 Boys - Nick Ally 8J, Kyle Contencin 8H, Chris Fenton 9D, Chris Gunn 8G and Jackson Lambert 8G.

Under 13 Boys – Reshad Nahimzada 7F, Elyas Hekmati 7L, Yousef Hussain, Nathan Ferris 7F and Navneet Sujithkumar 7G.

Congratulations to Chris Fenton 9D, who won his age group and Kyle Contencin 8H, who finished just behind him in third place. Good luck to those students who will represent Gleneagles in the Southern Metro Cross Country at Ballam Park in Frankston Monday, 17th June.

Ms Turner, Carnival Co-ordinator

JUNIOR RUGBY TEAM - OFF TO STATE FINALS
On Monday 3rd June, the Gleneagles rugby team went to Casey Fields to the 'Melbourne Storm Junior Development Gala Day'. The team’s 18 talented boys had a terrific outcome. With two wins and one loss in the group stage saw them making the Final against an enormous Westall SC team. Having been defeated 24-12 by this school earlier in the day, the team listened to some encouraging words from coach Mr Currie and the captain.

In the final, Team GSC got off to a great start with a try from Isaac Robertson 7I and then a goal was converted, making it 6-0. Another try scored by Sifa Tualau 9D, and yet another conversion by the captain stretched the lead to 12-0. In the last minute of the match Westall threatened with a run from their biggest player.

The Westall player was stopped in his tracks just before the try line by a comparatively small Jacob Hurduban 7E. His performance earned him ‘Player of the Day’. The final whistle blew and the GSC rugby team secured itself a spot in the State Finals, which will be played later on in the year.

Congratulations to the team and thanks to Mr Currie for coaching us.

By members of the Junior Rugby Team

YEAR 9 CBD EXPERIENCE
From Monday, 27th – Friday, 31st May the Year 9 students had their CBD experience. Each morning the students were to catch the train into the city to meet their teachers and participate in numerous set activities. Some of these included a tour of the MCG, Old Treasury Building and the State Library. We also got a tour of Rod Laver Arena and were also able to play on the practice courts.

Students also went to the Digital Learning Hub in which they were able to experience creating their own piece of music. Some of the other activities included the Eureka Sky Deck, ACMI, Shrine of Remembrance tour, Salvation Army tour, the Melbourne Watch House and Old Melbourne Gaol tour. Students were given maps and directions to get to each activity, via tram or walking. They were also given time each day to separate as a class and have lunch where they chose to.

During the CBD week students were able to become more familiar with city life and public transportation. It was a great opportunity and by far one of the best experience students have at Gleneagles.

Year 9 Students
LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

The Language Perfect World Championship 2013 competition was held between 20th - 30th May 2013. This is the world’s largest on-line language competition with a $30,000 prize pool! The Language Perfect World Championships started six years ago and more than 200,000 students in 12 countries compete against each other.

Students have access to more than 10 languages and compete against each other, their class, their school and their country! It’s fast paced, exciting, engaging and very competitive.

Gleneagles students in Years 7-11 were introduced to Language Perfect in their German or Indonesian Language classes at the end of Term 1 and had been practicing profusely to develop and extend foreign language vocabulary skills with this program for the past 2 months in the lead up to the World Championships. Language Perfect has been an excellent instrument to engage teachers and students in learning foreign languages in a fun and engaging environment, and to help improve foreign language acquisition using ICT.

COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTERESTING STATISTICS

Congratulations to the College on the following results:

- Gleneagles ranked 83rd globally (out of 1054 schools).
- Gleneagles ranked 58th overall in Australia (out of 705 schools).
- Ranked 3rd for German (out of 135 schools in Victoria).
- Ranked 8th for Indonesian (out of 548 schools in Victoria).
- Answered 969, 939 questions correctly since 23rd March, and 469,067 questions in the 10 day competition May 20th -30th, 2013.
- 839 students from Gleneagles have used Language Perfect in Semester 1.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

Individual students who strived to achieve excellent results were placed into the top 5 main categories according to their score points. The following students are recognised for their excellence, hard work, participation, dedication, motivation, time, effort and competitive nature both in and out of class to be awarded Elite, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Certificate status in the Language Perfect World Championships 2013. Prizes and certificates for status and year levels will be distributed in a formal assembly as soon as they arrive from abroad in the coming weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NICHOLAS WANG 8I

LANGUAGE PERFECT CHAMPION 2013

Congratulations to 8I student Nicholas Wang – Gleneagles Language Perfect Champion 2013 - who with a top score of over 11,803 points has won an iPod nano amongst other prizes and certificates. Nicholas answered 26,644 questions correctly during the World Championships which contributed to his impressive points tally. Well done Nicholas!

ELITE Winners (more than 10,000 points)

Nicholas Wang 8I, Ashley Stanly 9I and Mark Tay 7E achieved Elite status (the top category) and were the top scorers at Gleneagles in 2013. Students will each be receiving prizes and certificates.

GOLD Winners (over 3000 points)

Mahee Hossain 7E
Hina Kamboh 7I
Steven Wang 7E

SILVER winners (over 2000 points)

Stuart Green 9I
Hannah Halton 7E
Beverley Kho 7E
Holly Southall 9I

BRONZE winners (over 1000 points)

Arnes Duracak, 9B
Nailan Gu, 7D
Nakita Goyal, 7E
Jarryd Hinz, 8H
Alyssa Jeffery, 7F
George Katsoros, 9A
Brynlee Kilpatrick, 7I
Sam Kourosh, 7C
Lisa Li, 8I
Alicia McKenzie, 7F
Maddysyn Moorhouse, 7F
Alifa Nugroho, 7E
Ramin Popal, 8F
Chloe van Puyenbroek, 9D
Chamil Rajapaksa, 7E
Sarasvati Santosa, 9E
Nahrein Wan 9D
Victoria Woodward 8G

CERTIFICATES (over 500 points)

Samuel Brancea 7M
Chloe Cameron 7E
Noora Chatrany 7E
Jeremiah D’Souza 8C
Julie Ly Duong 7H
Senil Gaud 9I
Joseph Halliwell 7E
Hana Handukic 7F
Jake Kime 9A
Resalene Lavaka 7F
John Paul Macatol 7E
Victoria Narduzzo 8C
Kate Osbrough 7E
Arwin Popal 9G
Xenia Sanut 7E
Kaitlin Shilland 7M
Haylee Stewart 9C
Naomi Timbuleng 10A
Easter Tominiko 7I
Tim Yang 7C

FROM THE LANGUAGES DOMAIN

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Language Perfect World Championships 2013. As a school community we have made a significant effort to improve our foreign language skills and have achieved excellent results both in our rankings in Australia and the Globe. Keep up all the great work and effort involved in learning a foreign language, especially in your Indonesian and German classes; and continue to push the boundaries. We are extremely proud of all students who took advantage of this great opportunity to improve your Indonesian and German skills and knowledge. Congratulations once again, and we are looking forward to seeing you all participate again in the Language Perfect World Championships 2014!

Tammy van Rossum (Languages Co-ordinator) and the Languages Domain
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT EXCURSION
YAKULT FACTORY AND DANDEMONG LETTER CENTRE

On Thursday 23rd May, the Unit 3 & 4 Business Management students visited two large scale organisations: The Yakult Factory and The Dandenong Letter Centre. The purpose of this excursion was to learn more about how two local large-scale organisations apply the operations process into their every day functions of delivering their goods and services within Australia and beyond.

First we visited the Australian Post Letter Centre located in Dandenong. We toured the plant guided by an Australian Post representative who taught us about how the key elements of operations management are applied to their every day work. Here we learnt in detail, the process that one letter goes through from being dropped into one of the many red letter boxes in our suburbs to being delivered to the precise destination by one of the many delivery workers. The process turned out to be more complicated than we assumed.

After lunch we were off to the only Yakult factory located in Australia, where we were taken step by step through the process Yakult goes through to produce their exclusive fermented milk drink, available in two types: Yakult LITE and Yakult Original. Here we learnt about the ingredients that are put into the Yakult product, specifically the Lactobacillus Casei Shirota Strain also known as good bacteria which are good for the digestive system.

We were given further explanation on how each individual Yakult bottle is produced, including the several strategies that the Yakult Company implements in order to ensure the best quality product is being produced to meet customer expectations.

These strategies involved monitoring quality control by use of random inspections at various parts of the transformation process as well as undertaking a range of tests such as colour, taste and intensity.

An interesting fact that we learnt was that the Yakult pack of five was designed for the average family consisting of two parents and three children. Of course, we got to sample some of the ice cold Yakult, which some of us thought was ‘delicious’.

Ultimately, both companies demonstrated that they play a significant role in ensuring that they operate in an ethically and socially responsible manner when producing their goods and/or services.

This excursion allowed us to gain a further understanding about how large scale organisations operate to produce the best quality products, using the most appropriate operations management system.

Paige Thompson M01 & Shegufa Rohani M08
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
On Friday, 31st May, Chris Wood attended the Career Advisor’s Day at the Fitzroy campus of the Australian Catholic University, which is undergoing a major building program. The new Daniel Mannix building houses the Exercise Science Faculty, Speech and Occupational Therapy, Paramedicine and Nursing programs. The new Law degree at ACU can also be taken as a double degree with International studies, Commerce, Business Administration or Arts. Here are some photos of the Nursing and Paramedicine laboratories. For more information about ACU courses see Ms Wood in the Careers office.

Year 10 Work Experience
All Year 10 students will undertake their work experience placements from 17th to 21st June. Students should now be calling their work experience employer to find out where to meet on their first day and be aware of the public transport options. Those working at Child Care centres must have a Working With Children Check. Please make sure that you have sent in the signed copy of your work experience form to your employer.

Visit to Hallam Senior College
Year 9 and 10 students have the opportunity to tour Hallam Senior College’s new Trade Training Centre and Vocational Education Classes on Wednesday 26th June. This excursion is for students who would like to transfer to Hallam for 2014. Please return your permission slips to Ms Wood in the Careers office by next Wednesday 12th June. There are only 50 places on the excursion for each year level.

VCE Study Support Sessions at Monash
Free tutoring sessions will be held on Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd July at Monash University’s Peninsula campus, Frankston (lunch will be provided). Current Monash University students will be on hand to assist students in the following Unit 3 & 4 subjects - English, English Literature, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Chemistry, Physics and Biology. To secure a place, please complete the online registration by 19th June: -
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/study_supp_reg

Year 11 Career Advice
If you are having trouble deciding on your Year 12 subjects for 2014 please make an appointment to see Chris Wood in the Careers office. You can discuss your post-school options and check the tertiary pre-requisites using the VICTER guide 2015.

Monash University Year 10 Independence Day
On Thursday 4th July Monash University is holding a special afternoon for Year 10 students from 12 noon to 3.00pm at the Clayton campus (Campus centre building 10). Register at http://monash.edu/study/options/schools/year10.html

Computer Games Boot Camp
Applications are open for the annual Faculty of IT Computer Games Bootcamp during the July school holidays at Monash University’s Clayton campus – Saturday 6th to Friday 12th July (10am to 6pm) for Years 9-12. It is free, however you must register and places are limited. Activities include digital imaging, programming, film, 3D and visual effects, Sound production, games and application development, flash animation. Go to: -
http://it.monash.edu/cgbc

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

Dear students,

✓ Write a letter to a student in Ducurai.
✓ Introduce yourself and your school.
✓ Don’t forget information about your school life, family, sports and interests you have.
✓ Tell them how YOU live in Australia!!
✓ Grab a copy of the entry form from the library for more information.

Want to know more about East Timor? Then enter our poster and writing Competitions.

Details and entry forms in the library. Competitions end 14th June. For further details see Ms Moller in the Library.
VCE FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS CAN BE TRICKY BUSINESS!

Parents and caregivers are integral in supporting their child through VCE. It can be a tricky time though, walking the fine line between being a quiet supporter versus providing the right amount of active involvement. The most effective ways a parent/caregiver can offer support are the practical, physical things and to keep a close eye on their son or daughter's mental/emotional health. Here are some tips:-

**Health - Physical**
- Encourage healthy and regular eating – breakfast is vital, limit junk food, sugar, caffeine, alcohol, drugs of any sort including prescription or non-prescription medication.
- Encourage daily exercise – half hour minimum.
- Encourage adequate water intake – aim for 2 litres per day (tap water is fine).
- Encourage adequate sleep – 8 to 9 hours, no late night study - it doesn’t work!

**Health – Mental/Emotional**
- Guide, support and encourage your son or daughter. Don’t nag and tell them they will fail if they don’t work harder.
- Take their efforts seriously. Encourage them to believe in themselves and their ability to do their best.
- Let them know you are there when they need you and encourage them to communicate, in particular if they are feeling overwhelmed and/or struggling.
- Keep an eye on their mental health – look for changes in mood, sleeping/eating patterns and/or behaviour. If concerned speak to the school’s VCE coordinator, teacher or member of the wellbeing team or your family doctor.
- Help them keep the year in perspective. Encourage them to do their best but don’t overwhelm them with pressure, expectations or negative comments. Aim for encouragement, praise, support and realistic expectations of their academic performance.
- Remember people often become supersensitive under pressure and explosive-family members may be the first target. Try not to overreact or personalise!

**Study Specific**
- Set up a study friendly area – quiet, well lit and free from distractions.
- Encourage regular study breaks – stretch, grab a snack, fresh air/power walk.

**Other Tips**
- Encourage your son /daughter to limit gaming/social media time.
- It is still important for your son/daughter to have some relaxation and fun time.
- Encourage your son/daughter to avoid or limit part time work – 10 hours maximum per week.
- Limit their other responsibilities including domestic chores.

**Helpful Websites**
http://au.reachout.com/find/articles/exam-time-hints-for-managing-stress
http://au.reachout.com/find/articles/exam-time-hints-for-effective-studying

**Youth Central**
www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/Studying+%26+Training/Studying+tips+%26+resources/Top+ten+study+tips/

**Support if concerned**
- Gleneagles Year 12 Team Leader, Balbir Singh, Phone: 9708 1319.
- Gleneagles Wellbeing Team – Phone: 9708 1319. Maxine Foster, Anne Clancy, Laura Wilks
- Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800 (24 hours, 7 days per week)
- eHeadspace – eheadspace.org.au OR call 1800 650 890 (9am to 1am, 7 days per week)

Anne Clancy- Adolescent Health Nurse (available Tuesday and Friday)