



# Gleneagles College Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> - Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	- School Production Camp (12.30pm departure)		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	- Year 7 Netball, Soccer, Boys Football - Year 7 & 8 Badminton Gala Day - PFA Meeting, 7.00pm	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	- Year 10 Immunisations - Year 11 Legal Studies excursion - Year 8-12 Instrumental Concert, 7.15pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	- Year 9 Global Leadership Program	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	- Term 2 last day, 2.30pm dismissal
		Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	- Term 3 first day

### COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of Term 2 is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We will run the normal timetabled classes but will finish at 2.30pm. The Grendas, Cardinia and Cranbourne bus companies have been informed of this early finish.

#### SEMESTER REPORTS

Teachers spent last Friday writing detailed reports for Semester 1. The reports will not be finalised until the end of the Term. The Principals and Student Management Team will be reading copies of the reports over the break. We will be identifying students who are under-performing and follow up with students and parents where appropriate, as well as recognising students who have achieved academic excellence and shown significant improvement in their results. Reports will be posted to parents at the end of Term 2. Please contact the office to update your contact details if you have recently moved.

#### DANIEL BOWEN – YEAR 9 TEAM LEADER

We would like to congratulate Daniel Bowen who has recently been appointed to the joint role of Year 9 Team Leader. Daniel has replaced Adrian Mascia who recently left the College to take up an employment opportunity outside the DEECD.

#### GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO FAMILIES

Last year the Victorian Government reduced EMA payments to families – this has had a significant impact for some families in our community. Fortunately, the Federal Government introduced the Schoolkids Bonus that replaced the old Education Tax Refund.

There is no need to collect receipts and you don't claim it through your tax. If you are eligible it will be paid straight into your bank account in two instalments so that you have the money when you need it most. The first instalment was paid in January. The second instalment for 2013 will be paid by Centrelink from 4<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July.

#### SENIOR PROGRAMS INFORMATION NIGHT AND COURSE COUNSELLING FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm at Gleneagles in the Shed, we will be holding an important Information Night for all Year 10 parents and students. Parents have been sent an invitation and are asked to RSVP to their child's home group teacher by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. At the Senior Programs Information Night, you will hear about the study programs available across the three Alliance schools (Gleneagles, Hallam and Fountain Gate Secondary Colleges). You will be introduced to the online course selection process and will be able to nominate your preferred time for your individual course counselling session, scheduled on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 1.00pm-7.30pm.

We require all Year 10 students with their parent/guardian, to attend a course counselling session to confirm the student's program of study for 2014. This is an important session that will be invaluable in helping you and your child to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

#### ANJU ANAND, 10H

We are pleased to announce that Anju Anand 10H, has been selected for an interview for one of the three Goethe-Institut Australien and Association of German Teachers of Victoria Year 10 Awards on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Only six students were selected from applications throughout Victoria. The panel were delighted with the quality of entries. All students prepared an impressive brochure about their area in German and wrote a letter why they want to continue learning German after Year 10.

#### PFA MEETING, MONDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 7.00PM

The PFA Meeting will be running alongside the School Council so the meeting will be scheduled in the Conference Room. Lots of exciting things happening!

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

### **CASEY NORTH CROSS COUNTRY, MONDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 14 students represented Gleneagles at the Southern Metro Cross Country at Ballam Park in Frankston. It was a wet and cold day, but spirits were high amongst the students and they were excited to give it their best on the muddy track. Chris Fenton 9D, finished first in his age group and Kyle Contencin 8H, finished just behind him in 8<sup>th</sup> spot.

These two students will now go on to represent Gleneagles at State Cross Country in Bundoora Park on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Good luck and all the best to the boys!



***Ms Turner, Carnival Co-ordinator***

### **YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

On Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June the Year 9 Outdoor Education class went on their final excursion to Trees Adventure at Glen Harrow Park, Belgrave. After a training course on how to use the double karabiner safety system, we headed down to the home base tree, which is an amazing 150 year old Algerian Oak.

The students chose a course to complete that would challenge their ability. We all made our way 10-15 metres up the tree where we could begin climbing, swinging and flying through the tree tops. It was very impressive to see many students face their fear of heights and push themselves physically. The tree tops course is full of obstacles and flying foxes and was a lot of fun, enjoyed by all!

***Ms Evans, PE and Outdoor Education Teacher***



### **YEAR 10 HUMANITIES EXCURSION**

On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, three busloads full of Year 10 Gleneagles students attended an excursion at Holocaust Centre in Elsternwick. Here the students were given a very informative and confronting overview of the events surrounding the Holocaust during World War II and then heard very moving yet frank accounts from Jewish survivors themselves. This part of the excursion will stay in the hearts and minds of students for a very long time.

For a change of pace (and curriculum!) we then headed to Chadstone - The Fashion Capital. Here, students gathered information on product placement, costings and store design. From the look of the happy faces boarding the buses back to school, some retail therapy was also squeezed in! Thank you to Ms Sykes for organising another great excursion.

***Ms Weir, Humanities Teacher***



### **MUSIC NOTES**



#### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SOIREE**

On Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June an instrumental concert will be held in the Shed at 7.15pm. This will mostly involve students from Year 8 and above but Year 7 students who have participated in the Junior Concert Band and the Choir will also be required. Parents should have received a notice about this concert and students who are playing a woodwind or brass instrument are expected to arrive at 6.30pm to allow for tuning adjustments on their instruments. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this free concert which will comprise of instrumental, vocal and band items.

#### **PERFORMING ARTS VARIETY NIGHT**

The annual Performing Arts Variety Night will be held at an earlier time this year, scheduled for Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 6.30pm. Talented students in instrumental, vocal, comedy, drama or dance are encouraged to sign up for an audition time outside the Music room next term. Auditions will generally take place during lunch times in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3 but other arrangements can be made if the scheduled times are not suitable - students singing must organise their own backing tracks for their auditions.

Any students who are interested in helping backstage with stage equipment, sound or lighting should also register with Mrs Schueler as soon as possible at the College on Tel 9708 1319. Tickets for this annual event will be made available closer to the date through the Bursar.

***Sue Schueler, Music Director***

## OLIVER PHOMMOVVAHN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June a handful of lucky Year 7 students were able to take part in Oliver Phommovahn's Writing Workshop. In case you don't know who Oliver Phommovahn is, he is the author of such books as Thai-Riffic, Con-Nerd, Punchlines and Tahai-no-mite! Oliver is currently writing a book called Book-ish.

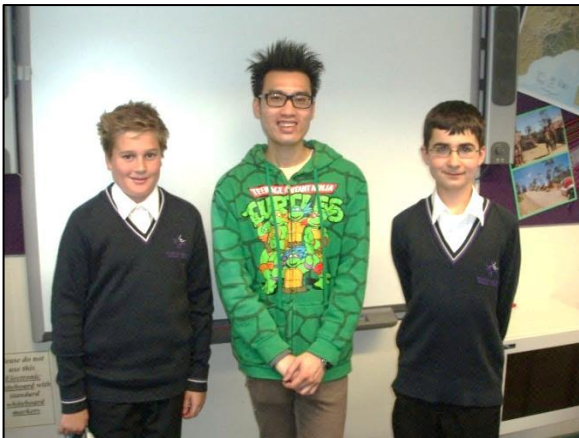
Most of the Year 7 students heard Oliver's amazing talk in the library, so they would already know how lively and fun he is and have seen him acting like a dinosaur (don't ask) so they already know how he would have acted in the writing workshop.

Oliver was showing us how to write a good story, showing us the elements that need to be used for story writing and talking about what the publishers will do with a book when you send it off to them. He gave us activities named "What the?", "The new kid Bob", "2 truths and a lie", "Fourteen word autobiography" and "What's the worst that can happen". I hope that another author comes to the school in the not too distant future, but after Oliver's workshop, they'll have a tough act to follow. I really enjoyed Oliver coming to Gleneagles and it was amazing to see him in front of the other students, both doing the speech and the writing workshop. I also like the way he portrays some of his book characters. All in all, it was marvellous.

***'Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill'.***

***Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989)***

By Chris Mendonca, 7H



Dalton Crawford 7B, author Oliver Phommovahn and Chris Mendonca 7H

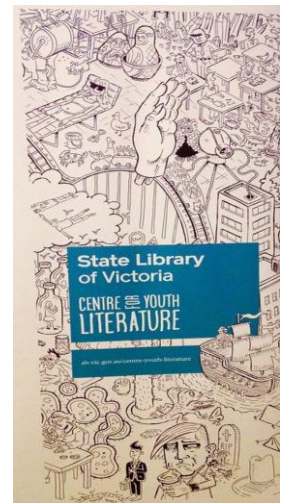


Oliver Phommovahn signing books for the students

## BOOK CLUB GOES TO THE STATE LIBRARY TO MEET AUTHORS

20 Book Club members had the fantastic opportunity to meet their favourite authors recently.

Raina Telgemeier, graphic novelist, started the day off telling us about her life as a graphic artist. She did some amazing drawing while she talked to us. Favourite fantasy writer, John Flanagan was there much to the delight of the many avid readers of his series "The Rangers Apprentice".



Students also had the opportunity to meet an all-time favourite author, Gayle Forman, author of the popular novel "If I stay". Many authors were present and we also had the opportunity to have books personally signed.

### ***Ms Moller, Library Co-ordinator***



Chris Mendonca 7H and John Flanagan

***PFA (Parents and Friends) of Gleneagles  
Next Meeting - Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Conference Room***

*Come along and meet other parents. Let's have a coffee and share some ideas. We are considering a Gleneagles Family or Community Market Day. Have your say about it.*

*Lots of exciting things happening! We plan to talk about projects we could undertake this year. Bring along some ideas to talk about.*

## CAREERS NEWS

### Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students are out on Work Experience this week. They will receive a visit from a Gleneagles teacher as well as an employer report on their attitude and behaviour. Look out for photos in next Term's newsletters.

### Senior Programs Information Night

All Year 10 families should have received their invitation to attend Senior Programs Information Night (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm). Please return your reply slip to your home group teacher by Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### Information Sessions at Berwick TEC

Berwick Technical Education Centre in Clyde Road has announced its information sessions for the 2014 intake:

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm-8.00pm
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – **Berwick TEC Open Day** 10.00am to 2.00pm (info sessions at 10.00am and 12 noon).
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm-8.00pm

Berwick TEC offers a VCAL program (Intermediate Year 11 and senior Year 12) in a variety of streams: plumbing, carpentry, bricklaying, electrical, allied health, hair and beauty, children's services, landscaping.

### VCE Study Support Sessions At Monash

Free tutoring sessions will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:- [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/study\\_supp\\_reg](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/study_supp_reg)

### Monash University Year 10 Independence Day

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

### ACU – Be A Uni Student For The Day! (Year 11 Or 12)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00am to 2.30pm at 8-18 Brunswick St Fitzroy (near Parliament Station) and it is free. Experience student life at ACU through a range of workshops in Arts, Business, Education, Exercise Science, Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine, Psychology, Law, Visual Arts and Design. Register at [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)

### Monash University Architecture Foundation Workshop

If you are in Year 11 or 12 and are thinking about a career in architecture, this two day program at the Caulfield campus is for you! Cost is \$330 for the two days (10.00am to 5.00pm) Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, or Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Register at: [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops)

*Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator*



Do you know how to keep your child safe online?

Australian Communication Media Authority is presenting a **FREE** Cybersmart Training night for parents.

**Date:** Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** James Cook Primary School  
29 - 59 James Cook Drive  
Endeavour Hills

**Bookings:** Free event

**Bookings required**

**Tel 9700 2601**

Come along for your chance to win a range of prizes including cameras, iTunes vouchers and USB sticks.

Learn how to keep  
your child safe online



### **NARRE WARREN – BERWICK BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

**Date:** Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Time:** 6.30pm – 10.00pm

**Venue:** Berwick Leisure Centre  
Manuka Road Berwick

**Cost:** \$15.00 entry

For Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 only

Any enquiries to Narre Warren Police Station  
Tel 9705 3111