IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

| Monday 15th October | - Gleneagles Cup  
- Year 8 Humanities/LOTE Excursion | Wednesday 24th October | - Year 12 Presentation/Graduation Dinner  
- Year 8 Workshop at Monash, Clayton |
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| Monday 22nd October | - Year 9 Outdoor Ed – Kayaking (22 & 26/10) | Friday 26th October | - Year 9 Outdoor Ed – Kayaking  
- Yr 7 & 8 Blabbermouth |
| Tuesday 23rd October | - Year 12 last day/School Assembly  
- State Athletics Carnival  
- Parents & Friends Association Meeting, 7.00pm | Wednesday 31st October | - Free Dress Day |
|                      |                                                   | Thursday 1st November | - Year 12 VCE Exams start |

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

Welcome back to the final Term of the 2012 school year. We hope that all members of the college community enjoyed a safe and restful break. Term 4 is a very busy time for all students and staff.

It is important that students maintain a high level of attendance, focus upon meeting all due dates and establish a regular homework schedule. Our VCE, Year 10 and Year 9 students should be preparing for their end of year exams by completing regular revision and checking in with their Mentor, Home Group or classroom teachers when assistance is required.

Parents can assist by regularly checking their child’s study planner to ensure they are managing their study routine and encouraging students to attend Homework Club on Thursday afternoons.

DAMAGE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

During the holidays the school was subject to some vandalism and damage, over 30 windows and two skylights on the roofs were broken. We currently do not know who may be responsible for this and the police have been informed.

It is disappointing that we have to divert money and energy into repairing this unnecessary damage, as well as disrupt the normal school program by moving classes out of areas that are unable to be used. The money we spend on repairing this damage is not reimbursed by the education department, it is money that the school must pay from its own funds and therefore cannot be spent on our students.

As an example, the money paid to repair the broken windows this week could have purchased two new safety mats for the gym, interschool sports uniforms for our football, basketball and netball teams and five table tennis tables!

STUDENTS RETURN FROM OVERSEAS TOURS

We welcome back the students and Ms van Rossum from their tour of Malaysia and the World Challenge students who went to Cambodia and Vietnam with Mr Barker and Ms Ryder. All the groups arrived home during the holidays.

From the brief accounts we have heard, they have had enjoyable and memorable trips and have learnt a lot about living in other countries. They have made new friends, taken hundreds of photos and we look forward to them sharing more about the places they visited and their experiences with the rest of the school community.

PLANNING FOR 2013

To assist the college with future planning for 2013, if your child will be transferring to another school for next year, please refer to the notice and reply slip on the back page of this Newsletter.

YEAR 11 FUNCTION

We would like to acknowledge that two of our students, Rebecca Leclair and Jordan Sarkissian have arranged a function on Saturday, 20th October, 6.30pm at the Dingley International Hotel, Dingley Village.

Whilst we appreciate the spirit and initiative taken by these students to organise the function, this is not a school function and therefore no teachers will be in attendance.

PFA MEETING

Due to a clash with the Gleneagles Film Festival, the PFA Meeting will now be held on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.00pm. This will be the last time the PFA will be meeting for the year, with the focus being the organisation of the second-hand book sales. All welcome!

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne
MALAYSING – BAHASA EXCHANGE 2012

For three spectacular weeks during the end of Term 3 and the school holidays, 13 Year 9 and 10 students studying Indonesian LOTE from Gleneagles and Fountain Gate Secondary Colleges participated in the third biennial exchange to our sister-school SMK USJ 4 in Subang Jaya, Malaysia. Students were accompanied by Indonesian Teacher Tammy van Rossum (ibu Tammy) from Gleneagles and Fountain Gate Secondary College Principal Ms Vicki Walters.

On the exchange, students visited Bahasa speaking countries Singapore and Malaysia and were exposed to first hand real world experiences of the language and culture they have been studying as part of their LOTE program. Students gained access to the practical use, consolidation of knowledge and understanding of other cultures through all of the senses by interacting with the peoples of bahasa speaking countries abroad.

Students attended classes at SMJ USJ 4 and did home-stay with Malaysian families. In addition, students enjoyed the local cuisines and participated in a range of excursions such as batik making, visiting Melacca (historical city), travelling to the top of the Petronas Twin Towers, Putrajaya (political hub), bargaining at the famous Petaling St Market, Sunway Lagoon, eating a traditional hindi meal on a banana leaf at Batu Caves, swimming with the baby elephants at Kuala Gandah Elephant Sanctuary, hiking and canopy walk at Taman Negara (the world’s second biggest jungle), youth activities at Sunway, KLCC and Bukit Bintang, and viewing performances at the high performing school SAAS Subang Jaya.

Congratulations to the following students for their successful participation, organisation, completion, motivation, team work, endless effort, positive attitude and exemplary behaviour in the MalaySing 2012 exchange as ambassadors for both our school and Australia:

- Chelsea Penn 9 (FG)
- Latasaha Ryan 9 (FG)
- William Chhorn 9I (G)
- Taylah McMahon 9I (G)
- Jayda McConkey 9I (G)
- Monique Shaw 9I (G)
- Naomi Timbuleng 9A (G)
- Rebecca Addams 9I (G)
- Brandon Barratt 10 (G)
- Leean Lazos 10 (G)
- Nikkita Harding 10 (G)
- Jordan Strom 10 (G)
- Samantha Sutton-Grubert 10 (G)

Well done! Your experiences, exposure and efforts on the exchange and in the project you are now completing will prepare you well for future success in further studies of Indonesian in the Year 10 elective and VCE Indonesian.

Ms van Rossum, LOTE Co-ordinator

This year approximately 20 Gleneagles students participated in the 40 Hour Famine which was held at the end of Term 3.

Students gave up a variety of luxuries they realise they are quite lucky to have each day, such as the use of furniture, television, technology, speaking, as well as food and drink. After doing this, our students had a better understanding of what it’s like for kids around the world who have no choice but to go without these things every single day.

A combined effort in fundraising for this cause by the Gleneagles students raised over $760. Thank you to all students, families and friends who helped support this cause. You have done a fantastic job to help those in need overseas.

Ms. Boudreau, Student Activities Co-ordinator

HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

At Gleneagles we have a High Achievers Program where we do extra-curricula learning called Future Problem Solving. We have set ourselves a task based on our learning about Human Rights. In Term 4 the project we are working on is called ‘The Girl Effect’ and we aim to raise funds for a ‘woman’ in the Developing World to start her own business.

Research shows that every single woman or young girl who is helped to get a basic education or learn a way to start a business will have the extraordinary ongoing impact of bringing another 14 young women with them. This is called The Girl Effect.

The money we raise is not a gift but an interest free loan. When the first woman has obtained two goats or bought a sewing machine for example, the original loan will then be forwarded to the next woman to set up their own business. It is not hard to see how many people can be helped to help themselves out of poverty. We are working with Care Australia.

We will be selling chocolates and biscuits to raise funds. If you would like to know more please log onto YouTube ‘The Girl Effect clip’. The 2.20 second animated video will explain further.

Thank you for reading this, Lisa, Itagia, Carolina, Megha, Joel, Jawaha and Baaset of Year 7.

Ms S Dowling
GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2013
INFORMATION NIGHT – THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 2012

The German Exchange Program with our sister schools in Hessen has been operating since 1998. Each exchange has been extremely successful and participants have enjoyed many benefits. Students naturally improve their German skills and broaden their understanding of the German culture, giving them a strong base from which they can continue their language learning into VCE and beyond.

Students also develop greater independence, maturity, and self-confidence. All past exchange-students have found the experience to be highly rewarding and have forged friendships and collected memories that will last a lifetime.

Your child has the opportunity to get involved next year. The 2013 program begins in March with the German exchange group’s visit to Australia. The Australian exchange group will then make their visit to Germany in September. The German trip involves an extensive four week program of sightseeing, home-stay and language classes. Previous groups have visited such beautiful and historic cities as Vienna, Berlin, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, and Cologne, and have taken a cruise on the Rhine River. For three of the four weeks students live with their host families and attend school classes.

If you are interested in travelling or hosting a German student, you are invited to join us at an information night in the library at Glenelg Secondary College at 6.00pm, Thursday 1st November.

Teachers and students who have participated in the exchange will talk about the program in detail. Costs, dates and the region of Germany where the students will be staying will also be discussed.

Please let your German teacher know if you intend to come to the meeting. For more information contact Ms Jaana Rajamaki or Ms Ainslie Waters.

CAREERS NEWS

Berwick TEC Information Session

Berwick Technical Education Centre in Clyde Rd (next to Chisholm Institute) offers specialised VCAL programs (Year 11 and 12) and also pre-apprenticeships in a variety of trades. There is an information session on Saturday 13th October, 10.00am to 12 noon (book a place by telephoning 9212 4577). VCAL programs include Nursing, Allied Health, Children’s Services, Sport and Recreation, Building and Construction, Hair and Beauty, Landscaping and Electrical as well as Senior VCAL Fast-track.

William Angliss December Tourism Program

If you are in Year 11 or 12 you may be eligible to receive Government funding for the Flight Attendant Pre-training course at William Angliss Institute (in the city near Southern Cross Station). During two weeks of the December school holidays you will complete a Cert II in Tourism, a first aid certificate and an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) certificate – for $550 (Government subsidised). Telephone 9606 2111 for more information.

RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day

Due to popular demand, the RSPCA is repeating its Career Discovery Day:

- Thursday 13th December
- 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Burwood East RSPCA
- Cost $45 including morning tea and showbag

Register now – download a form:
www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day

Careers in Automotive

Auto Skills Australia has just launched a new website www.maapmyfuture.com.au. There is a free career survey just go to the section ‘Match me with an automotive career’. The automotive industry offers a broad and diverse range of careers that provide local, national and international career paths for trainees, apprentices and personnel in automotive manufacturing, retail, repair and maintenance operations, bicycles, motorsport, motorcycles, marine, sales, outdoor power equipment and much more.

Year 10 Work Experience for 2013

The Year 9 students should start looking for their compulsory work experience placements for 2013. It is just one week from Monday 17th to Friday 21st June (second last week of Term 2). Some industries including Hospitals, Veterinary Surgeries, Media organisations (television and radio), Graphic design, Fashion, Newspapers (local and national), Zoos and Animal sanctuaries already have applications open for 2013 and may need a formal application with a resume. Parents please help your son or daughter find a placement by asking friends, relatives, neighbours or your own work colleagues. Placements should relate to the student’s future career or tertiary training. The official arrangements form is available on line at:

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
Gleneagles is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support!

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raises vital funds for cardiovascular research and community health programs.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. Ask your child to show you what they have learned and see if you can do it with them too!

The program is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope for Heart team provide us with lots of resources and support to implement the program and in return we ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement.

Sponsorship is easy – simply go online at www.jumprope.org.au – and register your child today or students can collect cash donations and return to the college once they receive their booklets.

- Once you register your child, a fundraising page will be created; all you need to then do is follow the prompts to send your family and friends an email asking them for their support! It’s that easy!

- This is a great way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held on Tuesday, 13th November. The Jump Off is also a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope!

Not only do the children get to participate in this great Heart Foundation program, but they may also be eligible for thank you prizes. Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease.

Ms Morris, Jump Rope For Heart School Coordinator

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**PLANNING FOR 2013**

The college is currently in the initial stages of organisation for classes for 2013. As many of our decisions rely upon an accurate knowledge of student numbers, it is important for the school to be made aware of student movements. If your son/daughter will not be returning to Gleneagles Secondary College for 2013, please complete the information below and return this slip to the front office by Friday 19th October. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Kathie Toth, Assistant Principal**

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Home Group: __________________

School enrolled at for 2013: ________________________________________________________________

Reason for transfer: _________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardians name: ______________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________________________