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**EXAMS**

Our third cohort of Year 12 students commenced their final exams last week, with the three hour English exam kick starting the three week period of exams. We wish the entire Class of 2012 the very best of luck with each exam!

All Year 9, 10 and 11 students will also be completing exams over the next month. Year 10 and 11 students will complete an exam for all of their subjects, while Year 9 students are completing exams for English, Maths, Humanities and Science only.

Student in Years 9-11 will receive an Exam Navigator shortly which contains valuable information about the exams held at Gleneagles. It will clearly detail the guidelines and rules set for the exams, include the accepted and required materials and contain a comprehensive timetable for the exam period.

The booklet will be available next week to be downloaded from the Gleneagles website: www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au – link on Home Page. Any inquiries regarding the end of year exams can be forwarded to the Senior School Leader, Ms Jo Tippett.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

The campaign launching student leadership opportunities for 2013 has commenced. Students applying need to attend a Workshop on Friday 9th or Monday 12th November at lunchtime. Please go to the college website for further details and to download the application form at www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au

**2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

Students return to school for 2013 on Thursday, 31st January, and all students are expected to attend on this day. If your child is intending to travel overseas or take an extended holiday beyond the 31st January, parents/guardians must supply a note to the college before leaving which indicates the return date to school. Students should return these notes to their Home Group teachers.

Gleneagles is becoming a very popular destination for many families and we receive a number of enquiries for enrolments for 2013 every day. It is essential we know if you are intending to return to school any later than 31st January 2013 to retain your place at this College.

**YEAR 9 EXAMS AND END OF YEAR PROGRAMS**

In preparation for Senior School, all Year 9 Students will complete exams in Maths, English, Humanities and Science. It is a valuable experience doing formal exams as early as possible so that by the time students are undertaking VCE they are familiar and better prepared for the demands and rigour of exams in their final years at school. The exams are scheduled for the 26th and 27th November after which the students will return to their normal timetabled classes until the Year 9 Program commences on Friday 7th December.

The Year 9→10 Careers Transitions Program runs over three days, 7th, 10th, and 12th December and is a combination of Year 10 preparation, helpful study skills, getting ready for work experience and a motivational speaker. The Year 9 Program is followed by the traditional End of Year Activities Program. All Year 9 students are expected at school and to actively participate in these classes and programs. Year 9 students will not attend school on Tuesday, 11th December, due to the Orientation Day for the Year 7 Students of 2013, but are required at school on all other days.
DOB - DON'T OBEY BULLIES

Nobody deserves to be bullied! Being bullied can be lonely and frightening. Maybe you've been a victim yourself. If so, you probably have a good understanding that bullying is an act that causes hurt or fear in another person. It may be deliberate or simply thoughtlessness. Bullying can take many forms.

Some examples are:

- Verbal (rumours, lies, criticism, threats, harassment)
- Physical (punching, poking, pushing, rude gestures, spitting, etc.)
- Mental (teasing, taunting, starting/glaring)
- Emotional (humiliations, put downs, threats, etc.)
- Social (ignoring or excluding someone)
- Sexual (sexual comments, sexual abuse, etc.)
- Virtual (bullying by text messages, emails, websites)

If you are being bullied:

- Try to stay calm and look as confident as you can
- Be firm and clear – if you can, look the bully in the eye and tell the bully, in a strong, calm voice, to stop
- Get away from the situation as quickly as possible
- Tell a teacher or another adult that you trust straight away
- If you are scared to tell an adult by yourself, ask a friend to come with you
- Tell your parents or a close family member
- Do not blame yourself for what has happened. It is not your fault

When you are talking to an adult about bullying be clear about:

- What has happened to you
- How often it has happened
- Who was involved
- Who saw what was happening
- Where it happened
- What you have done about it so far

If you find it difficult to talk to anyone at school or at home, contact KIDS HELP LINE: Freecall 1800 55 1800, a free confidential and anonymous, 24-hour telephone and online counseling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 18. Email: admin@kidshelp.com.au
Internet: www.kidshelp.com

SUN AND UV PROTECTION

From September to April, Ultra Violet (UV) levels are at their most harmful. During this time, or whenever the UV level reaches 3, it's important to practice safe sun measures to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage, and skin cancer. Sun safety includes wearing sunscreen (SPF 30+), choosing sunglasses that filter out UVA and UVB rays, wearing loose, lightweight clothing that covers as much skin as possible and avoiding direct sun exposure during the middle of the day when the sun's rays are at their strongest. You can check UV levels and sun protection times on the SunSmart UV Alert every day at www.sunsmart.com.au.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2012-2013

Students in Years 7-12 are invited to apply for Student Scholarships administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. There are a range and it is very worthwhile to check your eligibility! The scholarships range in value from $250 to $1,500.

- Applicants will be required to submit their 2012 end of year results, which must be verified by their Principals.
- Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criterion. Parents/guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance or families receiving the Family Tax Benefit meet these criteria.

Critical Dates:

- Applications open on Monday 12th November 2012.
- Students must lodge online applications by 30th January 2013.
- Principals must verify students' 2012 end of year results by 28 February 2013.

For further information on the student scholarships, visit the website www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

Year 9 Surfing Excursion

On Wednesday 7th November the Year 9 Outdoor Education class participated in a surfing excursion at Forrest Caves Beach, Phillip Island. The waves were 1-2 foot, which was perfect for beginners.

We began the session by observing the beach where we could see rip tides and understanding how they are formed. After some games and a lesson on the sand practicing to stand up on the surfboards, we positioned ourselves on a sand bar where the waves were breaking.

Although there were a few good wipe outs, it was fantastic to see most students catching waves and being able to stand up! Overall it was a very fun day and the class learnt some great new skills.

Miss Evans, Outdoor Education Teacher
**Vocal Concert**
On Wednesday 7th November, Gleneagles Secondary showcased the vocal talents of many of the school’s singers in our first Vocal Soiree. This was led by Sally McKenzie, whose enthusiasm and hard work has provided many students with the opportunity to participate in various solo and group performances throughout the year. The night was a fantastic success which is a credit to Sally and the amazing voices of our students!

*Ms Schueler and Ms Tubb, Music Teachers*

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**Defence Industry Career and Skills Forum**
On Friday 2nd November a small group of Year 10 students attended the forum at the Melbourne Convention Centre. We toured the Land Warfare Exhibition and heard presentations from the Defence Materiel Organisation which purchases and maintains the ADF equipment and supplies and the Department of Defence Science and Technology which provides scientific advice to the ADF.

ADF recruiting spoke about careers in engineering and trade pathways. A young aeronautical engineer who works at BAE systems spoke about designing fixed wing aircraft and helicopters for the ADF. For more information please see Chris Wood in the Careers Office.

*Raeleene Wickes, Alex Gajica and Yanni Karagiannis*

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**Access Education Summer School – Year 10 and 11**
Monash University is offering free tickets to the Access Education VCE summer school for the first 15 students who register via Gleneagles. Other students will pay a discount price of $35.

Classes will be held at Monash University Clayton campus from 22nd to 25th January 2013 and are available in the most popular VCE Science and Humanities units. Please contact Chris Wood for more information or to register for the summer school.

**Looking for Work Experience Placements 2013**
Gleneagles is looking for companies and organisations to take on Year 10 work experience students for one week from 17th to 21st June 2013. Next year there will be over 200 students to place.

Parents - if you own a business (with more than two staff), work in a large organisation or have friends or family who manage a company, can you please consider taking on a Gleneagles student. There is particular interest in engineering, graphic design, fashion, architecture, science, accounting, interior design and all the traditional trades.

Please contact Chris Wood by email at wood.christine.e@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 9708 1319.
Women in Defence Force Information Session
Tuesday 20 November at the Defence Force Recruiting centre, Level 14, 501 Swanston St Melbourne, 6.00pm. There are a range of one year roles now available for female recruits. For more information please call 131901. http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/women/OneYearRoles/12/
There is also an ADFA / Officer Selection Board information session at 5.30pm on the same night.

Chisholm Institute Information Sessions
• VCAL 2013 (Year 11 or 12) in 2013, Tuesday 13th November, 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Dandenong campus, Stud Road, Building G102. More details and bookings call – 1800 843 832
• VCAL and Pre-Apprenticeship 2013, Wednesday 14th November, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Berwick TEC, Building G. More details and bookings call Tel 9212 4577.

ADFA Education Award for Year 11 Students
If you are interested in joining the ADF and studying at ADFA in Canberra when you finish the VCE, apply for an Education Award by 31st December and you may be selected to receive a laptop computer and a certificate. Up to 100 awards are available.

The ADFA Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. There is no obligation for awardees to join the ADF. You will be required to sit the ADFA aptitude test, medical test and attend the Officer Selection Board. Apply on line now at: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx

Hospitality Summer School – Years 9-12
Improve your job opportunities • Hospitality Training Australia runs a Summer school for school students from December to 25th January 2013 at Level 6, 250 Collins Street Melbourne – two days a week for six weeks. You can complete a Certificate in Hospitality (Coffee, Bar and Waiter) for only $105. Register at www.hosptrain.vic.edu.au

Get Set Event for VCE – Years 9 to 11
The Get Set Event has provided 20 free family passes to attend information sessions about improving your results and study techniques in preparation for the VCE. Sessions are held in Caulfield on 9th or 11th December and 12th, 17th or 20th January. Collect your free pass from the Careers Office and book your session on line.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

QUICK QUIZ
From the Year 7 Future Problem Solvers

Below are the Answers to last week’s Quick Quiz from the Year 7 Future Problem Solvers.

In developing countries.......  

1. How many primary school age children do not go to school currently?
   Answer: Currently, 67 million primary school age children do not attend school.

2. What percentage of women out of 796 million can’t read or write?
   Answer: Out of 796 million people that can’t read or write 66 per cent are women.

3. For every year of education, by what percent does a person’s wage increase?
   Answer: For every year of education, wages increase by a worldwide average of 10 percent.

4. Out of the world’s 1.4 billion people living in poverty, what percent are girls?
   Answer: Of the world’s 1.4 billion people living in poverty, 70 percent are women and girls.

5. How many out of every seven girls will marry before their 15th birthday?
   Answer: One in seven girls living in developing countries will marry before their 15th birthday.

6. Women produce 90 percent of the world’s food, but how much percent of the farmlands do they own?
   Answer: Women only own 1 percent out of the 90 percent of food they produce.

7. How much money do half of the world’s population live on every day?
   Answer: More than three billion people live on less than $US 2.50 a day.

8. How many million people does the United Nations estimate is living with HIV today?
   Answer: The United Nations estimates there are 32.8 million people living with HIV today.

9. As you read this question, how many children will die from starvation under the age of 5?
   Answer: Every 3.6 seconds one person dies of starvation, usually this is a child under the age of five.

Ms Dowling

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday, 22nd November 9.30am - 11.00am at the front office