



Gleneagles College Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Monday 3 rd December to Friday 7 th December	- Year 11 → Y12 Transition (26/11 – 07/12) - Year 10 → Y11 Transition (26/11 – 07/12)	Friday 7 th December Monday 10 th December	- Year 9 Careers Transition Program (07/12, 10/12 and 12/12) - Year 8 Excursion: Monash University, Berwick
Monday 3 rd December	- Year 7, 2013 Information Night 7.30pm "The Shed"	Tuesday 11 th December	- Year 7 2013 – Orientation Day (no Year 9 classes) - Year 7 - Second Hand Book Sale
Tuesday 4 th December	- SEAL: Orientation Day, Year 7, 2013	Wednesday 12 th December Thursday 13 th December	- Year 7 - VCE Second Hand Book Sale
Thursday 6 th December	- Junior Instrumental Concert 7.00pm "The Shed" - Orientation Day for students from small feeder schools	Thursday 13 th December Monday 17 th December	- Year 7, 8 & 9 End of Year Activities (13/12 – 17/12) - Year 7 – 11 Presentation Night - VCE / ATAR Results released, 7.00am

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S

STUDENT REPORTS

As you are no doubt aware there has been an ongoing industrial dispute between the government and the Australian Education Union over a new enterprise agreement. As part of this industrial campaign the Australian Education Union has imposed a ban on the provision of any written or numerical assessment data on student reports. (Reporting of VELS progression points and satisfactory/unsatisfactory results for VCE and VET is not included in the ban).

Our school has always had a priority on effective reporting practices and recognises a report provides important information to students and parents about current progress and future development needs. However, during this reporting cycle many teachers are taking protected industrial action and will only provide limited information on each report, consistent with the AEU industrial ban. It is to be hoped that the State Government and the AEU can reach agreement in the near future.

Teachers are currently working on Semester 2 reports. To ensure all parents receive their child's report in a timely manner, all Year 7-10 student reports will be posted home to parents by Tuesday 18th December.

STOP WORK ACTION – WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER

The AEU has advised that, should no resolution be reached, regional stop work action involving Gleneagles Secondary College is scheduled for Wednesday, 5th December. This is a half day stoppage and it is anticipated that classes would recommence at 1.20pm. While we are hopeful that this matter will be settled before then, we advise you to make alternative arrangements in preparation. Should the stop work action go ahead, members of the school AEU sub-branch will notify the college of their intentions on Monday, 3rd December and a notice will be sent home detailing the arrangements.

YEAR 7 – 11 PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Year 7 – 11 Presentation Night will be held on Monday, 17th December at the South Eastern Christian Centre, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills. Due to increased student numbers, the Presentation Night will be divided into two sections, with the Year 7 - 8 Awards and Presentations commencing at 6.00 p.m. and the Years 9 – 11 Awards commencing at 8.00 p.m. All students receiving an award will be forwarded an invitation and are expected to attend the evening in full school uniform accompanied by a parent/s. Upon receipt of the invitation, parents are requested to contact the College and inform the College of their ability or otherwise to attend the night. The College looks forward to celebrating this night in the upcoming weeks.

YEAR 9 TIMELINE

Year 9 students completed exams early this week and have returned to their normal timetabled classes until the Careers Transition Program commences on Friday, 7th December. All students are expected to attend school and to actively participate in these classes and the program. Year 9 students will not attend on Tuesday 11th December (Year 7 2013 Orientation Day), but are required at school every other school day.

YEAR 9 TRANSITION CAREERS PROGRAM

The Year 9 Transition Careers Program will take place on 7th, 10th and 12th December. The yellow permission forms should be returned to the home group teacher or Ms Wood as soon as possible. This is a compulsory transition program leading into Year 10, which includes personal career exploration, safe@work training, identification of work skills, preparing for work experience and developing interview skills. Parents: please ensure that your child attends every day of the program. Certificates of completion will be given to students who attend all three days and this will be included in the assessment for their Year 10 Humanities Careers portfolio.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

The End of Year Activities Program will operate on 13th, 14th & 17th December for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. This program provides students with the opportunity to take part in a variety of learning experiences different to those provided in the regular timetable. Payments for activities and the permission forms have now been finalised. More information about this program can be found on the Gleneagles website.

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 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 to retain your place at this College.

SCHOOL CROSSING

A reminder to students to use the school crossing and to always follow the instructions of the crossing supervisor. When the flags are displayed all students should use the crossing. Stay alert - keep looking and listening for traffic. Make sure all traffic has stopped before stepping on to the crossing. Parents are reminded to follow the speed limit around the school and the school crossing. We have noticed cars double parking and U-turning in Reema Boulevard near the school crossing. This is potentially dangerous and can be expensive. The City of Casey officers do patrol school zones and will book drivers who double park and/or U-turn near the school crossing.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open weekly, on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** between **9.00am – 12 noon** at the front. This will continue for the remainder of the year.

SECOND HAND BOOK SALES

The Second Hand Book Sales commenced this week. In addition to the information being sent home with the students, all the dates, times, booklists, permission forms and collection details are on the College website on the Quick Links section on the Homepage.

FIRE SAFETY

The MFB has recently introduced a Juvenile Fire Awareness Program. There are several reasons why young people involve themselves in inappropriate fire behaviour these include: -

- Fascination with or curiosity about the colour, light and energy released from flames.
- Peer pressure is a common cause of fire lighting.

Further details are available in the below link.

<http://www.mfb.vic.gov.au/Community-Safety/Home-Fire-Safety/Juvenile-Fire-Awareness.html>

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

YEAR 8 BOYS TENNIS TEAM

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys tennis team who have progressed through their zone, regional and conference rounds and are heading to the State Finals on Monday, 10th December.

The students had some great competition from other schools and are looking forward to showcasing their talent and school spirit at the State Championship. Congratulations to Sanvir Sall, Mark Zepackic, Armin Bilcevic, Ylli Jonuzi and George Marinellis who all worked hard and displayed great sportsmanship in all rounds. Good luck boys!

Ms Thompson



Sanvir Sall, Mark Zepackic, George Marinellis, Armin Bilcevic and Ylli Jonuzi



JUNIOR INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER THE SHED 7.00PM

An end of year instrumental concert featuring students from Year 7 and Year 8. Students will play solo and ensemble works, demonstrating their progress on their instruments throughout the year.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend. No charge.

HOMWORK CLUB

The final Homework Club for the year was held on Wednesday, 28th November. I wish to thank everyone who assisted - teachers and volunteers, and the young people who made the most of their opportunity to seek assistance, utilise resources and value the importance of getting assignments, homework and revision attended to promptly.

Whilst some students need to develop more independence in organising themselves and keep focused on their work in Homework Club, the majority of students have benefited greatly from the program and also from the strengthening of relationships with their teachers and the other adults who come along to help.

Many teachers regularly attend the sessions and others come as time permits. All do this voluntarily in the interests of assisting our students to achieve their best. Both staff and volunteers really enjoy this program and look forward to your interest as parents/guardians and students in 2013.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

ORDER THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE NOW!!!

To purchase the Gleneagles' School Magazine, please contact the Bursar on 9708 1319



NARRE WARREN – BERWICK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Date: Saturday, 1st December 2012

Time: 6.30pm – 10.00pm

Venue: Berwick Leisure Centre
Manuka Road Berwick

Cost: \$10.00 entry

For Students in Years 4,5,6,7 & 8 only

*Any enquiries to Narre Warren Police Station
Tel 9705 3111*

Year 9 Career Transition Program starts next week

Next Friday the annual Year 9 Career Transition Program begins with an excursion to Swinburne University at Hawthorn – there will be three workshops to choose from: IT (Hacking, cracking and viruses), Communication Design and Big Bang Physics (Engineering and Industrial Science).

A small group of students with a particular interest in computer games design are going to the Academy of Interactive Entertainment in South Melbourne for a tour and hands-on activities.

Work Experience Forms for 2013 – Attention Year 9

Congratulations to the students who have already brought in their Work Experience forms for placements next June (17th to 21st). Don't be late – organise your placement now so that it is all done before the holidays.

Many large organisations have on-line applications or a formal selection process for work experience. See last week's Newsletter for information about local government and hospital work placements.

Tax File Number Applications

If you are thinking of applying for a part-time or casual job over the summer, you will need a tax file number. Pick up an application form from the Careers office. It takes about four to five weeks to be processed by the ATO and sent to your house.

New Jobs Portal

UWorkin is a new job search engine which helps you to find local employment, that is being promoted by the City of Casey under the Live Local Work Local scheme. Go to www.uworkin.com and you can type in Endeavour Hills, then specify the distance from your location eg. 5km, to find a job close to home. You can also upload your resume to the website for employers to view, using AirCV.

Access Education Summer School – New VCE Students

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 -25th January 2013. Please contact Chris Wood for more information or to register for the summer school.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

YEAR 8 INCENTIVES PROGRAM

On Wednesday, 21st November the 50 students who won this year's "Year 8 Incentives Program" enjoyed a day out at "Oz Pin" bowling and then on to some early Christmas shopping at the Fountain Gate Centre. The students were rewarded for being the top five students in their respective Home Groups in a competition that ran from Term 2 to Term 4 this year.

The competition consisted of students acquiring points from their teachers for such categories as: attendance, punctuality, improved work habits, outstanding performance in an assignment, assisting a teacher or other school staff, organisational skills and planner usage.

The students who won often demonstrated greatly improved outcomes in most of the aforementioned list. It was a wonderful day that was enhanced further by the outstanding behaviour of all who attended. Both Ms A. Waters and myself would like to congratulate and thank all of the winners.

Ms Spooner, Year 8 Team Leader

Mouhamed Zeitouch	8A	Ashini Ilanperuma	8D
Nawid Rahimi	8A	Chloe Van Puyenbroek	8D
Tim Langford	8A	Raras Santosa	8D
Kiran Kanakan	8A	Hope Wickes	8D
Kathryn Dimaksyan	8A	Peter Shahid	8E
Jamie Morrison	8B	Jarrod O Donnell	8E
Daryl Loo	8B	Terance Chang	8E
Eunis Tam	8B	Sarah Yin	8E
Annie Damerdjian	8B	Keshan Ramamandran	8E
Nichole Maher	8B	Travis Bertoch	8F
Bryce Smallwood-Reynolds	8C	Salim Niazi	8F
Haylee Stewart	8C	Alex Woodward	8F
Trin Trong	8C	Ramona Cupsa	8F
Ihya Sambrano	8C	Erin Ewings	8F
Joud Ghassali	8C	Carolanne Skilton	8G
Alicia Kouch	8D		



Peter Shadid, Jarrod O'Donnell, Travis Bertoch, Salim Niazi, Carolanne Skilton, Tim Langford, Shania-Lee Watt, Kyla Ellis, Daryl Loo