We had a very smooth start to the school year and students have settled into their classes. It was very pleasing to see our students all wearing the Gleneagles uniform for the first time. Lockers and timetables were distributed to all students on the first day which supported students getting well organised for all their classes and underway in their studies. We were delighted to welcome a number of new and very well qualified teachers and support staff who have come on board this year. We are fortunate to have them on staff.

In other staff news:- Congratulations to Melissa Casley and Durgesh Sukhatankar who each recently welcomed the birth of their first child.

As you can see from the list above, our College is continuing to grow. We welcomed 312 year 7 students and over 60 students (Year 8-12) who have joined our College this year. We are now a school community of around 140 staff and 1250 students. It is pleasing to continue to experience strong support from the local and education community. Staff are keen to teach at this school and we are experiencing unprecedented student enrolment demand. We will continue to work hard to provide quality education programs and repay the trust the community has placed in us.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION
It is disappointing to note that the Government has not yet reached an agreement with the Australian Education Union and other relevant unions. I have been in the education profession for over 30 years and can never remember it taking so long to reach a resolution. Frankly, as the Principal, I find this situation frustrating as it has the potential to impact our programs. I know the staff do not want to impact the programs for their students but sometimes feel they have no choice but to take industrial action in support of the log of claims. The AEU has indicated that a one day strike will be held on Thursday, 14th February if an agreement has not been reached but the Government has indicated they are considering seeking a court injunction to stop it. I suggest parents note this date and plan for the strike in case it proceeds and their child’s class is cancelled for the day. The school will formally notify parents in writing of arrangements for the day if the strike goes ahead. The notice will also be displayed on the College website.
YEAR 7 CAMP, YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ AND YEAR 7 MUSIC INFORMATION NIGHT
I am pleased to advise that the Year 7 Music Information Night, Year 7 camps and Year 7 Welcome BBQ will all go ahead as staff have volunteered to attend and support these activities. I want to highlight the willingness of staff to work beyond the standard 38 hour week in supporting these activities. You may be aware that the AEU has requested members prohibit activities that occur outside the 38 hour week. This action was designed to highlight how many extra hours teachers put in by supporting and attending school activities. This is effectively unpaid overtime that teachers do as part of their profession.

The staff that are attending the activities are doing so to support our students and the school programs and I appreciate their willingness to do so. At the same time, I accept that many of their colleagues, that similarly have the best interest of the students at heart, feel that they have to support the current industrial bans. It is arguable that fighting for good employment conditions for the profession will support the students’ best interest in the long run.

GLENDALE HOUSE SPORTS 2013
This year’s House Sports Carnivals will be held on the following dates:

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All students are expected to attend, participate and enthusiastically encourage their fellow House members. The Carnivals are a great opportunity for students of all abilities to participate and have an enjoyable day. Your child has received a House Carnivals’ permission form. This form should be signed and returned to Home Group teachers. Families are most welcome to attend as spectators or officials (your assistance at these sports days as timers, place judges and recorders is greatly appreciated). If you have any queries, please contact Ms Vicky Turner, the Carnival Co-ordinator at the College on Tel 9708 1319.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS
Gleneagles Secondary College provides published workbooks to students as part of the Essential Education Item charge. These books will be delivered to students in the next two weeks. If payment has not been received or a financial arrangement has not been made with the Business Manager, students will not receive these workbooks. To arrange payments of the Essential Education Item, please contact the Bursar’s office on Tel 9708 1319. Payment options include cash, EFTPOS, direct deposit and BPAY. A reminder that EMA Applications close on Thursday, 28th February.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will take place on Tuesday, 26th February. Payment on the day is through filling out the Credit Card Section or with cash to the photographer. These are the only payment options. To avoid disappointment on the day, please note this date in your calendar and put the money aside in the coming weeks. The school does not handle payments.

TAKE HOME COMPUTER PROGRAM
On Thursday, 7th February the first of two information sessions for the Take Home Computer Program was held in the library from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. It is necessary for all Year 10 students and new Year 11 & 12 students to the College to attend one information session with parents/guardians so details of the program can be explained and any questions answered. The final information session will be held on Wednesday, 13th February in the library from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. For more information, please see the College website.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES
Parents are requested to be mindful of student safety before and after school in relation to traffic:

- The Staff Car Park is not to be used for drop off and pick up purposes.
- The bus bay is not to be used as for drop off or pick up purposes.
- Please do not double park in the streets outside the College when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Do not park over the School Crossing lines.
- U TURNS in Reema Boulevard and Hanna Drive should be avoided.
- Discuss with your child the need to use the School Crossings at all times.
- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.

Parking inspectors patrol school zones and will issue fines for non compliance of road rules and parking signs. Your cooperation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

HOT WEATHER DAYS
As with every summer, we are bound to face several days of particularly hot weather this term. At school:

- Students will be permitted to take drink bottles (containing water only) into the classrooms.
- For protection against sunburn, students must also ensure that they apply sunscreen lotion.
- We would like to remind students to be sun smart and to take all necessary precautions to avoid dehydration, sunburn and sunstroke. We have a majority of air conditioned rooms and all other rooms have fans.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2013
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
The 2013 Exchange Program begins on 10th of March with the German exchange group’s visit to Australia. For three of the four weeks students live with their host families and attend school classes. We still need host families for six German students. Hosting a student is a great opportunity to make new friends and practice your German skills!

If you are interested in hosting a German student, please telephone Ms Jaana Rajamaki at the College on Tel 9708 1319 for more information.
CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTT CHANTRY
Congratulations to Scott Chantry of Year 11 upon being awarded a City of Casey Australia Day Study Tour Award on Australia Day. The Australia Day Study Tour Award is presented to ten Year 11 students across the City of Casey following a rigorous application and interview process.

The students have a special interest in politics, law or government processes and have been involved in their local communities. The Study Tour comprises:

- Attending a Local Government session, including an introduction to the City of Casey and dinner with the Councillors.
- A full day visit to the State Government including a meeting with local State Members of Parliament.
- A four-day visit to the Federal Government in Canberra which includes a day at Parliament House, meeting with Federal Members of Parliament, visits to the High Court, National Gallery and other places of interest.

Mayor Amanda Stapledon with Scott Chantry

YEAR 7 UPCOMING EVENTS
Welcome to 2013! The first week of transition for the Year 7 cohort has gone very smoothly. The Year 7s are starting to navigate their way around Gleneagles quite confidently and are settling into secondary life. There are two important Year 7 events that are fast approaching:

Year 7 BBQ
As part of the orientation program, Gleneagles Secondary College would like to invite the parents/guardians of all Year 7 students to attend a Welcome BBQ being held on Tuesday, 12th February from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Dinner will be provided along with the opportunity to meet and get to know your child’s teachers. The music department will also take the time to showcase some of the musical talent we have here at Gleneagles and also give parents the opportunity to talk to the music staff about music lessons.

Year 7 Orientation Camp
The second event is the Golden Valley Lodges Orientation Camp which will be held from the 4th - 8th of March. Please note that there are limited spots available for the camp, so make sure your forms are returned as soon as possible to avoid the disappointment of missing out. Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Ms Kate Morris & Mr Matt Neal, Year 7 Team Leaders

CAREERS NEWS
Congratulations to the Class of 2012
96.5% of our Year 12 students who applied for a Tertiary place received a first round offer. Students are going to University (65.9%), TAFE (25.9%) or a Private Tertiary college (4.7%). A small group of students are also going on to apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships (which do not require a VTAC application).

Year 12 Career Interviews
All Year 12 students are required to make an appointment to see Chris Wood in Term 1 (during a study period) to discuss career options and tertiary course preferences – please write your name on the booking sheet next to the Careers office.

Work Experience – Attention Year 10!
Work experience is compulsory for all Year 10 students. Gleneagles’ work experience week is 17th to 21st June and competition for placements is high. Please hand your Work experience placement forms to Ms Wood when the employer and your parents have signed the form.

Tax File Number Applications
If you are aged 14 and above you can apply for a Tax File Number. Please collect a form from the Careers office or the General office and give the form to Ms Wood, the Careers Co-ordinator. The Tax office will process the forms and your TFN will be sent to you in writing in about 4 weeks. By law you must be 15 years old before you can be employed.
Defence Technical Scholarships 2013

The Australian Defence Force offers scholarships to students who are planning to undertake a technical trade in the ADF and are in year 11 or 12 and studying any maths, plus a VET trade subject in 2013. Successful applicants will receive a scholarship while they complete their high school studies - $2000 in Year 11 and $3000 in Year 12. DTS applications are now open and must be received by the ADF by first week of March 2013. The school is required to sign a declaration before your application is submitted. Please see Ms Wood in the Careers office for more information.

HMAS Cerberus Naval Gazing Day – Tuesday 7th May

Students in Years 9 to 11 please let Ms Wood in the Career Office know if you are interested in attending as places are very limited. You will learn all about the recruitment and training undertaken by the Navy. This is organised by the South East Learning Network, which provides a bus leaves from Dandenong Station at 8.30am.

Forthcoming Careers Days

Animal Career Discovery Days at the RSPCA Thursday 14th March, Tuesday 18th June, Tuesday 3rd September and Thursday 5th December.

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Location: Burwood East RSPCA
Cost: $55 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bag, and all activity costs.

Please note: Places are limited! For more information and to download a registration form visit: http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February from 9.00am – 12 noon at the front office

Casey Panthers Soccer Club

2013 Registration Day

When: Sunday 17th February
Time: 10.00am – 12 noon new players
12 noon – 2.00pm returning players
Where: Prospect Hill Reserve
79 Kurrajong Road, Narre Warren

For more information: www.caseypanthers.org.au or caseypanthers@hotmail.com

Enquiries: Hannah Roche Mobile: 0400 971 643

ENDEAVOUR UNITED SOCCER CLUB

REGISTRATION DATE

Date: Sunday, 10th February 2013
Time: 11.00am – 4.00pm
Where: Reema Reserve, Reema Boulevard, Endeavour Hills

Special Guests – Melbourne Victory players Matthew Foschini and Jason Geria will be at the Club between 12 noon – 2.00pm.

There will be a sausage sizzle and a jumping castle for the kids.

Payment in full on the day. EFTPOS available.

Enquiries: endeavourunitedsc@gmail.com

ENDENAVOUR NORTH HAWKS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

(Mossgiel Park)

Registration for Season 2013

Want to play Aussie Rules Football in Endeavour Hills, then come along and register at either of our
Registration Events:

Friday 8th February - 5.30pm until 8.00pm at our Club Rooms, Barry Simon Reserve, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills (Mel 91 E-F2) or

Saturday 9th February - 10.00am until 2.00 pm at Fountain Shopping Centre (near Target).

Please direct any queries to the Club Secretary on
Mob: 0422 888 190 or email mossgielpark@gmail.com