**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S**

**YEAR 7 BBQ AND MUSIC INFORMATION NIGHT**

Year 7 students and their families attended the Year 7 Welcome BBQ and Music Information Night on Tuesday, 12th February. Families had an opportunity to meet Home Group teachers, other staff and their child's new friends, all in a relaxed atmosphere. It was a very successful night with a great turn out of Year 7s and their families. Family members were very impressed with the school for organising such a night and found it a great opportunity to meet their child's teachers and find out about their adjustment to secondary school and Gleneagles. Gleneagles' Student Leaders and volunteers helped run the night by assisting in preparing and serving the food, setting up, and packing up all the furniture. They did this voluntarily, cheerfully, with maturity, and were great ambassadors for the College!

**COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2013**

Councillors are elected for a two year term. This year, three parent representative positions and two DEECD employee representative position fall vacant. Later in this newsletter there is a page that seeks to address questions parents may have about what is involved in being on Council. Interested parents may also like to contact the Principal, Sue Peddledden, to discuss the opportunity.

Nominations will open on 22nd February and close on 1st March. Further details on how to nominate will be published in next week’s newsletter. Nominations will be assessed and if an election is required, the ballot will be held between 8th and 18th March. Elected Councillors would commence their duties at the next Council meeting held on 25th March. Council meets a minimum of eight times per year and currently meetings are held at 7.00pm on a Monday night. Future dates can be located on the College website. Being on Council is a great opportunity to contribute to development of the College and its policies.

*Please see more information on the last page of this newsletter.*

**STUDENT VOICE REPRESENTATIVES AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2013**

Nominations for Student Activities Committee Representatives and Student Voice Representatives for 2013 close on Monday, 18th February. The nomination forms can also be downloaded from the College website. The successful applicants will be announced at the School Assembly on Wednesday, 20th February.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED - GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

The 2013 Exchange Program begins on 10th March with the German exchange group’s visit to Australia. 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! For three of the four weeks students live with their host families and attend school classes. If you are interested in hosting a German student, please telephone Ms Jaana Rajamaki at the College on Tel 9708 1319 for more information.

**ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

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

- 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.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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| Tuesday 19th February | - Year 9E excursion to Bionics Institute  
- “Shredw Brass” to perform to Year 7 (all) & selected Year 8 – 12 Brass students |
| Wednesday 20th February | - School Assembly, Period 1                                        |
| Tuesday 26th February | - School Photos                                                      |
| Wednesday 20th February | - Swimming Sports                                                    |
| Thursday 7th March | - Year 9 Global Leadership Days                                       |
| Thursday 7th March | - Intermediate Sports Cricket, Volleyball, Tennis                    |
| Monday 11th March | - Labour Day Holiday (no students)                                  |
| Wednesday 13th March | - Year 7 LOTE incursion                                              |
| Wednesday 13th March | - Year 7 Camp, Flinders                                              |

VCE APP

VCE students are reminded to check the VCE App frequently to keep up-to-date on general Gleneagles happenings, careers notices, sports meetings, room changes, upcoming SACs and key dates. The VCE App is accessible to VCE students via their smart phones, netbooks and computers during class and in the VCE Study Centre (we prohibit the use of mobile phones in any other areas).

SECONDHAND BOOK MONEY COLLECTION

Families that have not collected money from the sale of secondhand books may do so from the Bursar’s office, Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th February from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

Year 9 Financial Literacy

On Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th February all Year 9 Home Groups took part in the Earning and Saving modules for two periods. In November they will complete the StartSmart program with the Spending and Investing modules. The StartSmart Secondary program consists of four different workshops, each focusing on a different topic in depth: earning, saving, spending and investing. Each workshop is an interactive learning experience that is designed to engage students and empower them in making their personal financial choices.

Juanita O’Dowd

HOMEWORK PROGRAM

Our very popular Homework Program begins again Thursday, 28th February from 3.00pm - 4.30pm in the Library each week. This is supervised by a number of staff and volunteer tutors from the community through our links with the Migrant Resource Centre, the City of Casey and The Smith Family. All students attending are to sign in at the Library desk.

It is important to note that students should only be attending if they want help with work or a place to study/attend to complete homework and assignments. Parents/Guardians and students, please note that the Homework Club is not just a place to wait and catch up with friends until you get collected after school; if you are there you need to be focused on your work and understanding that other students around you need you to be working quietly. We have created a great Homework Program and teachers volunteer their time to help out enthusiastically, so let’s all make it an even better year than 2012!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program runs from 7:30am until 8:10am each Friday morning in A3. Healthy breakfast and good company available. All students and staff welcome. The first Breakfast Program for the year is Friday, 22nd February. Come along and check it out! Looking forward to my helpers and some new apprentices as well.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

SETTLING BACK INTO SCHOOL

Going back to school after the holidays or changing/starting at a new school can be difficult. You might be really excited to get back to school, catch up with all your friends or you might be sad that days of sleeping in and having extra time on your hands are over until the next holiday. No matter what you might be feeling, here are some tips that can help you get back into the right headspace for returning to school and get you motivated for the rest of the school year.

Returning to School

You’re not alone - it’s likely other people have similar feelings to you and may be struggling to settle back in.

Set yourself some goals - These might be school related - for example, to get good marks in English and Maths and/or more personal goals, for example, to get your driver’s licence or take up a hobby.

Have something to look forward to - plan ahead so that you have something to look forward to. You may want to plan to catch up with friends after school or do something special over the weekend. And there are always next holidays to look forward to!

Starting at Gleneagles Secondary College

Check out the Starting at a new school fact sheet at http://au.reachout.com/Starting-at-a-new-school which includes information on coping with change and making friends.

Getting Help

If you find that you are not coping it may be helpful to talk to someone about how you are feeling. This may be a trusted friend, family member or other adult. Sometimes talking to someone who is not so close to the situation can help - they may be able to give you a different perspective on things and have other suggestions for dealing with situations.

There are many people at school who are here to help you, including:

Teachers, Homegroup Teachers, Team Leaders, Sub-School Leaders, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator (Maxine Foster), the Adolescent Health Nurse (Anne Clancy) or the Social Worker (Laura Wilks) and we have a range of other supports from within the community that we can access for you or refer you to for assistance if required. Anne and Laura are both new to the school this year. Anne is here on Tuesdays and Fridays and Laura is here on Mondays and Thursdays. They share an office in the new building at the end of the H Block.

If you would prefer to talk to someone anonymously you can call Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800 (free call) 24 hours a day 7 days a week or visit their website at: - www.kidshelpline.com.au/teens

(Source: Reachout factsheet ‘Going back to school after the holidays’)

Anne Clancy, Adolescent Health Nurse, Wellbeing Team
**CAREERS NEWS**

**Construction Jobs Expo**
Tuesday 26\(^{\text{th}}\) February 1.30pm-4.00pm in the Frankston Arts Centre. Free entry. Get help and advice for study and apprenticeships, take part in demonstrations, speak to representatives from industry, TAFE and training institutes.

**At Monash Seminars (for Year 11 and 12)**
Register to attend the following course-specific seminars at Monash University (6.30pm to 8.00pm at various campuses). Go to the website: [http://www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/)
- 5\(^{\text{th}}\) March Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 6\(^{\text{th}}\) March Architecture and Interior Architecture
- 7\(^{\text{th}}\) March Nursing, Midwifery and Emergency Health
- 13\(^{\text{th}}\) March Business and Economics
- 14\(^{\text{th}}\) March Science
- 19\(^{\text{th}}\) March Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- 20\(^{\text{th}}\) March Information Technology
- 21\(^{\text{st}}\) March Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science

**Animal Career Discovery Days at the RSPCA**
Thursday 14\(^{\text{th}}\) March, Tuesday 18\(^{\text{th}}\) June, Tuesday 3\(^{\text{rd}}\) September and Thursday 5\(^{\text{th}}\) 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](http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day)

**HMAS Cerberus Naval Gazing Day – Tuesday 7\(^{\text{th}}\) 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.

*Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator*

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**INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR MATTHEW REILLY**
Cranbourne Library is excited to host the internationally acclaimed and bestselling Australian author Matthew Reilly.

Matthew will talk about his successful writing career - worldwide sales exceeding 4 million copies and published in over 20 languages - and books, including Contest, Ice Station, Temple, Area 7, Scarecrow, Hover Car Racer, Seven Ancient Wonders, The Six Sacred Stones, The Five Greatest Warriors, and his most recent book Scarecrow and the Army of Thieves.

- **Date:** Monday, 4\(^{\text{th}}\) March 2013
- **Time:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- **Where:** Cranbourne Community Theatre
  Cranbourne Secondary College
  Stawell Street, Cranbourne

No cost, but Bookings ESSENTIAL!

Book online at [http://tinyurl.com/cclevents](http://tinyurl.com/cclevents) or Telephone: 5990 0150. This event will include a talk, Q&A and book signing. (books will be available for sale)

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**TUTOR – LEGAL STUDIES**
Are you struggling to understand the content, or just need a push? Do you want to get the edge and excel? Currently offering VCE legal studies tutoring opportunities for individuals and small groups (up to 4 people) by a high-scoring ex-Gleneagles student. $20 per hour for individuals and $15 per hour for groups.

For more info contact Taz, Mobile 0423 838225 Email: alam.mayara@gmail.com

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**Merit Certificates**

**Acknowledgement of Recipients**

**Teacher: Mr Holder**

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School Council Elections 2013
Information for Parents

What is a School Council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the Glenelg School Council?
- A mandated elected Parent category – five members of our Council are parents of students currently enrolled at the school.
- A mandated elected DEECD employee category – the Principal of the school is automatically one of these members and there are four members in total on Council.
- Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members. GSC Council has three co-opted members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections. In the election at the end of February we will be calling for nominations for three parent and two DEECD representatives. Current members of Council may be eligible to re-nominate.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider:
- standing for election as a member of the School Council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The Principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the School Council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

Remember
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to Council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.

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**Book Club**

*off the shelf* @ Glenelg School Council

- Do you want to say "I've met that Author"?
- Competitions
- Come see what everyone is reading

*Hey I got to choose this book for the library*

*Fri*

Contact : Ms Moller @ Library