



# Gleneagles College Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	- Labour Day Holiday – no students	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 10 Humanities Excursion - PFA Meeting, 7.00pm, staffroom
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	- School Photo – catch up day, individual photos - Division Swimming Carnival (selected students)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 8 Volleyball, Tennis
		Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	- Senior Volleyball, Tennis - Intermediate and Senior boys baseball gala day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 7 LOTE Incursion - Year 10 Assembly – ADFA Career Talk - Free Dress Day, \$2.00 donation	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 8 Cricket - All girls softball gala day

### COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S

#### COLLEGE COUNCIL BALLOT PAPER

The Ballot paper for the Parent Representative for the School Council has been distributed to all families. The ballot is open from Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to 4.00pm on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Instructions on how to complete and lodge the ballot are included with the ballot paper.

No campaign literature supporting candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed or displayed in the school and no school resources, whether human or material, may be used to support particular candidates or groups of candidates.

#### PUNCTUALITY/ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is important if students are to do well at school. **Students are expected at school by 8:15am.** Thank you to those parents who have been contacting the school before 10:00am to inform us that their children are ill or not attending for a particular reason. Parents can expect a telephone call from our Attendance Officer if their child is absent without approval.

Please remember to provide a letter of explanation to the Home/Mentor Group teacher for VCE students when your child returns to school after a period of absence. If your child is away for a length of time (e.g. medical problem, extended holiday) please advise the Home Group or Mentor teacher in writing so work can be prepared for your child to do whilst they are away.

Students who present to school late on two or more occasions during the course of a week, without an explanatory note from parents, will be required to undertake a Friday night detention with the Assistant Principal. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

#### BUSES

The school buses which service the school from Hallam, Endeavour Hills and Narre Warren North require payment with a valid Myki. These buses travel within Zone 2 of the Metropolitan transport system. Transport inspectors do monitor these bus routes and the fine for travelling without a valid ticket is \$150. Students should not be surprised if they are fined when travelling without a valid ticket.



Students are also reminded that they need to take care when crossing roads to catch a bus or after alighting from the bus. Some bus stops are on busy roads with high traffic flow and extra care must be taken.

#### BUS SAFETY TIPS:

**Always** look for the safest place you can find to cross a road - traffic lights or pedestrian crossings are the safest places to cross.



**Always** stand on the footpath, away from the road while you are waiting for the bus to arrive.

**Always** wait until the bus has fully stopped before walking towards the bus.

**Always** wait until the bus has left before crossing the road, unless at a pedestrian crossing.

**Always** walk away from the bus so you have a clear view of the road and the car driver can see you.

**Always** cross a road in the most direct route.

**Never** try to cross a road from between parked cars, drivers can't see you and you can't see the driver.

#### FREE DRESS DAY – WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The Student Activities Committee have organised a Free Dress Day for Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, \$2.00 donation. Make sure you join in !

*Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne*

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL – FRIDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

This year's swimming carnival brought a lot of colour and passion for the House teams. Teachers and students were involved in fun competitive banter leading up to the day which helped create an exciting carnival.

There were some imaginative dress ups and crazy activities run by SAC in the smaller pool. The 10 minute plunge was another huge hit with many students and teachers entering the pool. We had a perfect blue sky day and House spirits were high with the added atmosphere set by the music playing throughout the day.

A fun day was had by all, especially the 22 teachers in the relay teams at the end of the day!



### Results:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Harriers - 1831</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Kites - 1541</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Falcons - 1776</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Kestrels - 1493</b>

Well done to the Harriers!

Congratulations to those that participated and made it through to the next round of competition, but also to those that got in the pool and gave it their best. Good luck to those students who go through to District swimming competition on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March.

*Miss. Turner*

## CANTEEN TENDER PROCESS

On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February we met with five companies who are interested in running the school Canteen. The process is called a Canteen Tender where the School Council produces a Tender document that outlines what the school needs and invites interested companies to put in an expression of interest. We were invited to participate in the canteen tender process based on work we did in the Hungers Games English Unit last year.



As part of this we became interested in the services the school canteen offers and how it could be improved. We got ideas from our fellow class mates to create five questions for the companies who are tendering for the canteen. It also involved students (us) putting our questions to them directly.

We received valid, interesting and useful information in our session with them that enabled us to hear their ideas and also consider their issues. It was great experience certainly for future leadership roles, resumes and job interviews. Most importantly students were involved in the decision making process for our canteen. We could maybe have our Dream canteen!!!!

*Natalie Erdossy, Ashley Stanly, Kaveena Swan and Jaimee Vollmer 9J*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO MADELYN CRUNDEN**

### **YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Congratulations to Madelyn Crunden, M22 who has been invited to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy which will be held at Sydney University from Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April until Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

The objective of the Academy is to:

- introduce Year 11 students to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders
- demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business
- encourage leadership aspirations in young women
- provide leadership skills development

The program is residential at The Women's College, Sydney University. The course is designed to be a creative mix of practical and theory with industry exposure, field visits and syndicate work.

Students there will be a chance to develop their leadership skills and develop new relationships with their peer group from other schools. Congratulations Madelyn.

## ART CLUB - WEDNESDAYS

The Gleneagles Art Club is a lunchtime program that provides students with the opportunity to engage in sharing and creating their own art. Students are welcome to bring their own sketch books/work from home as well as participate in creative skill/craft based activities beyond those offered in regular art classes.



The new program offers a space to be creative as well as a range of activities to improve student's skills, a chance for them to express their creativity and gain inspiration from other students. The club is open to students of any year level, as well as providing a space for VCE students to work on folio tasks or gain some guidance in their work.

The club is held on **Wednesdays at lunchtime** and runs weekly. Encourage your children to come and give it a go!

*Aimy Skym, Art/Film/VCD Teacher*

## **GLENEAGLES PRODUCTION 2013 'ON THE VERGE'**



*Over the past few months we have been busily writing and organising Gleneagles 2013 school production. The show, written by our very own Ms Suzanne Dowling, is titled 'On The Verge'. The storyline follows a Gleneagles student, Marty and his journey to find out who he is and his place in the world.*

*The production team and students will begin rehearsals in Term 2, working towards two nights of performances at the Hallam Theatre on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September. This all singing, all dancing extravaganza will be a performance not to miss.*

*Auditions will begin week eight in Term 1. We will be calling singers, actors, dancers, musicians, stage crew, sound technicians, designers and all those interested in being a part of this creative and fun experience. Look out for posters and announcements around the school for audition times.*

*If you have any inquiries please address them to Miss Thompson, Miss O'Brien or Ms Dowling. We are all very excited and enthusiastic about what is going to be a very successful production that showcases the huge amount of talent our students have here at Gleneagles.*

*'On The Verge' Production Team*

## **YEAR 9 BIONICS INSTITUTE EXCURSION**

On Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, the students of 9E visited The Bionics Institute and St. Vincent's Hospital. The excursion was planned as part of an experiment with the Institute to determine the possible damage caused by earphones and headphones used for long durations of time on personal listening devices.

The students were given a number of presentations about The Bionics Institute, Bionics such as the bionic eye and cochlear implant, and were given an insight into the kinds of thing they'll be working on for the rest of the semester.

The class and members of the institute have created a listening diary in which students will make a two week log recording a sample of tracks they listen to, the duration of listening and the volume.

The same track will be played into an artificial ear with a microphone attached that will determine the decibels of sound, and give an answer as to whether the devices we listen to are damaging our hearing.

The class will continue to work with the institute for the experiment. We'd like to thank Hamish and Joel from The Bionics Institute, and Mrs Mullins for organising the excursion.

*Rachael Woolridge 9E*



*Casey Crutchfield and Miriam Fares, 9E  
at St Vincent's Hospital Bionics Lab.*

## ***PFA (Parents and Friends) of Gleneagles ~ Plans for 2013 ~***

*The First PFA meeting for this year will be this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.*

*We will be sharing the aims of the group and talking about ways to achieve them.*

*Come and have your say or simply sit and listen. ☺*

*If you have a student at the College you are automatically a member of our parent community and are welcome to attend. New friends and new things are waiting for you!*

*We hope you can come. Enquiries: Jen Riley Mobile 0421 315 935*

## CAREERS NEWS

### **RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day next week**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, 9:00am – 3:30pm, Burwood East RSPCA.

Hear from RSPCA staff currently working in the industry in various roles and gain helpful insider knowledge on planning pathways to a fulfilling career with animals.

**Cost:** \$55 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bag, and all activity costs.

Places are limited! Download a registration form: <http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day>

### **Veterinary Science Open Day this weekend**

The University of Melbourne is holding its annual Veterinary Science and Hospital day at its Werribee campus, 250 Princes Highway Werribee this **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Tour the Animal hospital, meet the Vets, see the stalls and demonstrations. The Doctor of Veterinary Science is a postgraduate course after completing a Science degree.

### **Work Experience at the Melbourne Football Club**

There are 40 places available in the Melbourne Football club Work experience program covering media, events, marketing, football operations, sports science and the excitement of an AFL match day. Apply by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

There are two sessions (in school holidays only), between 8-12<sup>th</sup> April and 1-5<sup>th</sup> July. Year 10 students would need to find an additional placement for Gleneagles work experience week 17-21<sup>st</sup> June. Register now via the website:

<http://www.melbournefc.com.au/the-club/people/work-experience>

Enquiries to (03) 9652 1111

### **Year 10 Work Experience Update**

Work experience arrangement forms must be finalised **by the end of this term**. Congratulations to the 70 students who have already organised their placements. Please see Chris Wood at recess or lunch to talk about your options or to ring employers.

### **At Monash Seminars (for Year 11 and 12)**

Register to attend the following course-specific seminars at Monash University (6.30 to 8.00pm at various campuses). Go to the website for the full list: <http://www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/>

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Business and Economics
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Information Technology
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science

Chris Wood, Careers 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.

**Get involved** - A good way to get back into things at school is to become involved in activities that interest you. This could include sport, music or drama.

**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](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/teens)

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

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