



# Gleneagles College Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	- Senior Volleyball, Tennis - Intermediate and Senior boys baseball gala day	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	- VCE Tops Arts Excursion, Year 11 & 12 Studio Arts students, National Gallery - Year 7 Volleyball, Tennis, Baseball, Softball
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 8 Cricket - All girls softball gala day	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	- State Swimming (selected students)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	- Southern Metro Region Swimming Carnival (selected students)	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	- Cross Country Carnival - Last Day of Term 1, dismissal 2.30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	- Casey Division Golf - Year 7 Cricket boys & girls - Year 7 and 8 Super 8s cricket - Year 9 Outdoor Ed Excursion - Surfing	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	- Term 2, first day
		Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	- SEAL Information Night, 7.00pm, The Shed

### **COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### **DISMISSAL AT THE END OF TERM 1**

#### **THURSDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2.30PM**

We remind all members of the school community that dismissal time at the end of each Term is 2.30pm. The City of Casey will not provide crossing supervisors before 2.30pm on any school day and school crossings will only be supervised within the nominated school zone times which are 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The bus companies have been informed of these changes.

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

#### **DISTRICT SWIMMING - TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

30 students represented Gleneagles at the Doveton Pool on Tuesday in the District Swimming Finals. It was scorching hot, but our students didn't let the heat beat them. They worked hard and cheered hard for each other. We finished up second overall, with Berwick Secondary School coming first. It was great to see some parents come down to cheer on the Gleneagles team, we really appreciated your support!

We brought home 15 first place medals and lots of second and third ribbons. Well done and congratulations to all students involved! Good luck to the following students who will go on to represent Gleneagles in the Regional Swimming Finals at MSAC Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March:-

- Canis Nugroho, 7E
- Criselda Sunga, 8E
- Sabrina Caljouw, 10C
- Kirsten Glebov, M20
- Sharna Watt, M04
- Cameron Aiezza, M24

*Miss Turner, Carnival Co-ordinator*

#### **YEAR 7 CULTURAL INCURSION**

On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March the Year 7 students participated in a traditional Wayang Kulit (Shadow Puppet) cultural performance by Sumardi from Indonesia. This incursion was part of the new range of activities offered in the Languages Curriculum at Gleneagles which exposes students to the targeted languages and cultures we learn at school. Semester 1 exemplified Indonesian traditions, whilst in Semester 2 we will celebrate the German tradition of Oktoberfest. Examining cultures through activities like this enables students to become global citizens by comparing and contrasting similarities and differences between nationalities across the globe.

#### **OTHER LANGUAGES ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR**

Other special languages dates this year include the Year 8 restaurant excursions which take German students to The Cuckoo in Term 2. Year 8 Indonesian students will go to the Indonesian Consulate for a Gamelan workshop and to Es Teller 77 for a traditional Indonesian meal. Year 9 & 10 students of German have the opportunity to travel to Germany this year for four weeks at the end of Term 3.

*Ms Van Rossum, Languages Co-ordinator*

#### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – FREE DRESS DAY**

The Student Activities Committee, more commonly known as SAC, held the first free dress day for students on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Students who came in free dress donated \$2 and collectively raised over \$1700 for our sister school in East Timor. These funds will go towards supplies and basic equipment for their students. We would like to thank all students who participated in the day and staff who helped out.

*Ms Boudreau, Ms Fernandes, Ms Reynolds and SAC members*

## YEAR 7 CAMP 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013

Last week the Year 7 students experienced their first camp with Gleneagles at the Golden Valleys Lodge, Flinders. Not only was this the largest group to attend a Year 7 camp, but also the hottest week to go on camp. The students were brilliant. Not once did any student complain about the heat, they soldiered on, taking on all the challenges presented to them and having a blast. It was great to see the students in a different setting, creating new friendships with other students across all home groups and also forming great relationships with staff. Some of the fun activities experienced were: -

- Kite Making
- Team Building
- The Giant Swing
- The Flying Fox
- Ropes Course
- Archery
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Volleyball

I would like to thank all students for such a great camp. This was my third time on the Year 7 camp and it gets better each year. Such a wonderful group to spend the time with, so enthusiastic and well mannered (which was expressed by all staff at the camp). Looking forward to many more fun activities throughout the year and seeing the Year 7 students tackle the challenges head on! Finally a big thank you to all staff! What an amazing group we have here at Gleneagles. This camp would not have gone ahead without the commitment of such a great team. Thank you all!

*Ms Morris, Year 7 Co-ordinator*



*Year 7 students enjoying the ropes course and the rock climbing wall*



Students are invited to take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. The aim of the Challenge is to **promote a love of reading**. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read; to read more frequently and to read more widely. All students in Year 7 will be participating in the Challenge and we encourage others to participate in the joy of reading. The Premier's challenge to students from Years 7 to 10 is to read 15 books by 6<sup>th</sup> September this year, including 10 or more from the official booklist. The list has nearly 4000 books giving students lots of choice in what they read, so there is bound to be plenty of interest (lots of new books on the list this year). A signed certificate from the Premier will be sent to all students who meet the challenge. The names of those students will also be published in a special supplement to The Sunday Age. Further details available at the library.

*Ms Moller, Library Co-ordinator*

### CAREERS NEWS

#### Veterinary Science Open Day – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

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.

#### Year 10 Work Experience Update

Work experience arrangement forms must be finalised by the end of this term. Congratulations to the 86 students who have already organised their placements. Please see Chris Wood at recess or lunch to talk about your options or to ring employers.

#### April Holiday Programs

Vet for a Day at Healesville Sanctuary - 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> April. \$125 for the day. Please call 9285 9406 to reserve your place. For students in Years 9-12.

Healesville Sanctuary Keeper for a Day - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April. \$103 per day. For students in Years 7-12. To reserve your place, please phone Tel 9285 9406.

Werribee Open Range Zoo Keeper for a Day - 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April. \$103 per day. Phone Tel 9285 9406.

Aquarist for a day at the Melbourne Aquarium - the cost is \$149 for the day. Tel 9923 5999.

#### 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/>

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
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Design and Fine Art
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Psychology

*Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator*