**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**MEET THE PRINCIPAL NIGHT, TUESDAY 29TH APRIL**

The Meet the Principal Night provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the academic programs and diverse co-curricula activities on offer at Gleneagles. We will answer all of your questions, as you seek to make the right decision for your child’s secondary education. Our student leaders will run guided tours of our facilities and discuss the many opportunities on offer at the College.

Tuesday, 23rd April, 2013

6.15pm  Pre Principal Address - Tour of the School

7.00pm  Principal’s Address

7.45pm  Post Principal Address - Tour of the School

We will explain how to enrol your child at Gleneagles Secondary College for Year 7 in 2014. We will also address questions regarding enrolment boundaries/protocols that may operate going forward. Senior staff, teachers and student leaders will be available to answer all your questions, so please come along and join us. We look forward to meeting prospective students and their parents at this special evening.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Wednesday, 1st May. The teachers will be available between 3.00pm and 8.00pm. This will give parents the opportunity to follow up with teachers on any issues and ensure they can be addressed before the Semester 1 Reports are prepared.

Details of the booking process, individual parent login codes and the Parent Teacher Information Sheet are included with this Newsletter.

**SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) PROGRAM**

Applications for entry into the 2014 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. The SEAL Information Night will be held on Thursday, 18th April at 7.00pm. Applications close on Tuesday, 30th April. Testing for entry into the SEAL Program is scheduled for Saturday, 11th May.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

**Important Dates for Term 2, 2013**

15/4  First day Term 2 – all students present

16/4  Year 7 girls and boys  and Year 9 boys Immunisations

18/4  SEAL Information Night, 7.00pm, The Shed

22/4  Year 9 Outdoor Education Excursion, Surfing

23/4  “Meet the Principal” and school tours, 6.15pm
- Great Transport Race (selected Year 7 & 8 Students)

24/4  Year 12 Sociology Excursion – Immigration Museum

25/4  Anzac Day: Public Holiday

30/4  SEAL (2014) Applications close midday

1/5  Parent Teacher Interviews, 3.00pm – 8.00pm

2/5  Year 10 VCE Expo Excursion
- Senior Netball, Soccer, Boys Football
- Intermediate & Senior Badminton gala day
- Top Arts VCE Media Excursion

3/5  School Athletics

8/5  Year 10 Australian Defence Force Talk

9/5  Year 10 Commerce Law Excursion

11/5  SEAL Testing, 8.45am – 12.15pm, The Shed

13/5  Girls Football, Boys Netball

14-16/5  NAPLAN

15/5  Year 8 LOTE Excursion (Cuckoo/Indonesian Consulate)

17/5  Year 9 Global Leadership Program

21/5  Intermediate Netball, Soccer, Boys Football
- South East Try a Trade Careers Expo (selected Year 10)

22/5  VCE Special Program, No VCE classes

23/5  Year 12 Business Management Excursion to Yakult

27-31/5  Year 9 CBD

29/5  Year 12 Tertiary Information Service at Berwick

30/5  Senior Basketball, Hockey
- Table Tennis, all Year levels gala day
- Book Club Excursion – Reading Matters State Library

3/6  Casey Division Cross Country

3-7/6  Year 11 Exams, Year 10 Exams

5/6  UNSW Science Competition

5-11/6  Year 12 Exams

11/6  Year 10 Humanities Excursion

12/6  GAT (No Year 11 or 12 classes)
- Year 9 Outdoor Education Excursion – Trees Adventure

13/6  Year 10 Macbeth Performance

14/6  Report Writing Day: No Classes

17/6  Southern Region Cross Country

17-21/6  Year 10 Work Experience

18/6  Year 7 girls and boys  and Year 9 boys Immunisations
- UNSW Spelling Competition
- Year 8 High Resolves Program

19/6  Year 8 Netball, Soccer, Boys Football
- Year 9 Romeo and Juliet Performance

20-21/6  Year 8 High Resolves Program

24/6  Year 7 Netball, Soccer, Boys Football
- Year 7 & 8 Badminton gala day

25/6  Year 9 Global Leader Program

26/6  Year 10 Immunisations
- Year 11 Legal Studies student Excursion
- Year 8 – 12 Instrumental Concert

28/6  Last Day of Term 2, dismissal 2.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRAYDEN McCONKEY M07 AND LACHLAN MADDEN M22

We are pleased to announce that Brayden McConkey, M07 and Lachlan Madden M22 have been selected as members of the School Sport Victoria 17 Years and Under Baseball Team. The team will compete in the annual School Sport Australia Baseball Championship at the Geelong Baseball Centre.

The Championship will be held from 5th to 11th May 2013 with teams from each State and Territory being represented. School Sport Australia emphasises that these Championships are more than purely a sporting competition, with educational, social and cultural experiences also being provided.

COMPUTERS AT GLENEAGLES

By the start of Term 2 we will have two computer labs fitted out with 53 new desktops as well as 15 new iMacs in the DMC and new, state of the art, computers in the Art pod. In 2013, we provided take home netbooks for the current Year 10 cohort and purchased 100 new Lenovo netbook computers for use by the junior students of the school. Gleneagles Secondary is committed to providing all students with access to excellent computer facilities.

I remind students of their responsibilities when using the netbooks to immediately notify staff of any damage. If you don’t report it when you first take possession, you may be blamed for the damage.

It is disappointing to discover that there have been deliberate acts of vandalism on some of the classroom netbooks. Of course, it only takes a small number of thoughtless individuals to do this damage. The netbook then has to be withdrawn from use and this prevents other students from having access. It is costly to repair the netbook and wastes our technicians’ valuable time.

As government funding for the National Secondary School Computer Fund has ceased, any expenses incurred for either replacement or repair must be borne by the school. If a student is found to have deliberately damaged any computers, the family will be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement. Replacement keyboards cost between $78 and $131.

We look forward to continuing to provide all students at Gleneagles with fully functioning and reliable computer access.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding ICT at Gleneagles please contact me by email at: -

bunce.russell.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Russell Bunce, ICT Operation Manager

YEAR 9 GIRLS DANCE - ZUMBA

On Thursday, March 21st the Year 9 Girls Dance Elective had the treat of enjoying a free Zumba lesson instructed by one of Gleneagles’ teacher aides, Gina Fahey and local dance instructor Stephanie Tranquille.

The girls were exposed to many styles of dance such as reggaeton, bollywood and various latin-inspired moves. All the students had a fantastic and fun-filled session and we would like to thank Gina and Steph for their time and love of dance that they shared with us during class. We all had a groovy time.

Ms. Boudreau

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PSW QUALITY APPAREL
CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

PSW Retail Stores will be closed during the following days over March and April for the public holidays:

Closed:
- Good Friday, 29th March
- Easter Saturday, 30th March
- Easter Monday, 1st April
- ANZAC Day, Thursday, 25th April
**GUEST SPEAKER, SAM BRAMHAM (OAM)**
Sam Bramham (OAM) was the guest speaker for the Year 9 English students recently. Sam spoke about his disability, his sport and how different life can be for you if you have a disability. Sam discussed how he was born with a disability; he was missing a leg. As a child he tried all sorts of activities, trying to fit in with the other children and eventually turned to swimming. He ended up joining the Paralympic Swimming Team, trained hard and never gave up. At the 2004 Paralympics he broke a world record and won a Bronze Medal.

Students commented that the speech was inspirational and the message to never give up, even if you are different was very positive. It has taught me to never give up on myself and always do my best.

*Haylee Stewart, 9C*

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**YEAR 10 – DOCKLANDS FIELD TRIP**
Five busloads of Year 10 students, their teachers and members of the German Exchange Program all headed into the Docklands precinct on Thursday, 14th March. The fieldtrip included a behind-the-scenes tour of Etihad Stadium, a meander through Docklands Park, a stroll along Harbour Esplanade and a quick shop and bite to eat at Waterfront City and Harbour Town.

For many students this was their first outing to the Docklands and no doubt many of them were worn out after covering a significant amount of the 200 hectare site by foot! These Glenelg students were great ambassadors for our school, showing great respect for our tour guides and the general public.

*Ms Skyes*

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**PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE**
The Department of Justice is running a campaign to help Victorian secondary school students protect themselves online. It's important that everyone in the school community take steps to protect themselves from serious online crimes such as cyberbullying and identity theft.

Some steps students, parents and teachers can take to stay safe online include:

- Create strong passwords and change them regularly.
- Use an anti-virus program and turn on automatic updates.
- If you don't know who sent the email, delete it.
- Think before you act online. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Your personal information is valuable - protect it.
- Don't respond to a cyberbully if you're being bullied online. Block the person from contacting you online and report the incident to authorities if the cyberbullying continues.

More information about the campaign can be found at [http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/ProtectYourselfOnline](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/ProtectYourselfOnline) and our school’s policies and advice on social media can be found on the school’s website.

*Rob Young & Eugene Van der Westhuizen*
*Cyber Security*

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**MONASH UNIVERSITY, BERWICK**

**Certificate of Education Support Integration Aide/Teacher Aide**

- Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
- 5.30pm – 8.30pm
- 16 week course:
  - April 23rd, 24th, 30th
  - May 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th
  - June 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th

For more information, please refer to the Monash University website:
The 2013 German Exchange Program commenced on 10th March with several families hosting a German Exchange Student for two weeks. Two exchange students have written an article regarding their experiences and observations during their first week in Melbourne and at Gleneagles.

Gleneagles School and Melibokusschule (Germany)
The Glenagles School is a very big school for the Germans, because it has so many buildings. In Germany, it’s different at each school, but we have three big buildings with all the classrooms and we have one big gym.

The primary school is also really close to our school. The next point, which is different to German school is, that we don’t have to change the classrooms for every subject. So the teacher comes to us, only in science, religion and biology we change the rooms.

We don’t have to wear a school uniform in Germany, everybody wears whatever they like to wear. In Germany, not every student has a locker, so we are allowed to take our bags into the classrooms. We also don’t have laptops.

The school starts at Gleneagles at 8.25am and finishes at 2.55pm. In Germany school starts at 7.40am and normally it finishes at 12.50pm. Sometimes we have school until 3.00pm or later. At Gleneagles all the students have Homegroup for 10 minute each morning to get some news. In Germany we get some news from our class-‘teacher’ during the lesson.

At Gleneagles there are two breaks during the day. In Germany we have two breaks, each for 20 minutes. Gleneagles is better because you can use the canteen in both breaks and buy hot food, sweets and drinks. In Germany you only can get hot food if you have school until 3.00pm.

The content of the subjects are nearly the same. Some of the teachers are cool. The new building in our school has some electronic boards, but at Gleneagles you have them in every classroom.

Article by Stanley Engel, Germany Exchange Student

The first week here in Australia is over, and all I saw was very different from Germany. With my host family I went to a supermarket and there was a very big department with sweets. There was so much, that I didn’t know what to buy. All the exchange students went together with their exchange partners to a park (Healesville Sanctuary) which was like a zoo. There we saw lots of animals, which are from Australia.

Yesterday we went to a place (Sovereign Hill), which was like an old western city. All the people there all were dressed in old clothes, and it looked very funny. There was an old bowling centre and we tried to play it, but it was very difficult. We also went underground, I liked it, but I was a little bit afraid and it was very dark. But all in all I really liked this trip.

Article by Samira Deris, German Exchange Student

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2013

BLOGGING COMPETITION

5 winners - $100 each

Your chance to tell us parents anything you think we need to hear!

➢ Word limit: Up to 1000 words
➢ Entries close: 5.00pm, Thursday, 4th April 2013

Email entries: contact@thekidsareallright.com.au


FUN ACTIVITIES

City of Casey Youth Services offer a range of fun and exciting activities and events to celebrate National Youth Week. The annual Rock ‘n’ Skate Festival will be held on Saturday, 13th April at The Shed Skatepark in Cranbourne.

Rock ‘n’ Skate Festival is a skate, BMX and scooter competition that also offers lots of activities including DJ and Jam Session workshops, art activities, live music and lots more!

For more information check out the website: www.insideinfo.casey.vic.gov.au
or contact City of Casey Customer Service, Tel: 9705 5200.
**Merit Certificates**

Gleneagles Secondary College

**Acknowledgement of Recipients**

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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 6th 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 newspaper.

**These are some ways that you can support your child and encourage a love of reading:**

- Set aside a time each day where everyone reads. It is a good time for you to catch up on your reading, to set a great example, and for your child to share the pleasure of reading.
- Visit the library together.
- Encourage your child to share what he or she has read.
- Be active in your child’s TV viewing. Control the quantity and quality of the programs your child watches.
- Allow some time for TV and for reading.
- Be pleased with your child’s reading progress.

For more information parents can visit the website [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) or speak to Ms Moller in the library, who is co-ordinating the Challenge. Interested students can collect a consent form which requires your signature. Remember: Reading should be enjoyable.

**Ms Moller, Library Co-ordinator**
WELLBEING TEAM NEWS

Hi, my name is Anne Clancy and I am an adolescent health nurse employed by The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) working at Glenoakes Secondary College on Tuesdays and Fridays.

My role (as part of the school wellbeing team) is not clinical nursing or first aid based but to enhance the health and wellbeing of students via access to an onsite health professional service and to encourage students to see help seeking as a normal and positive behaviour.

All students have the opportunity to see me in a private, safe, ‘youth friendly’ environment where they can discuss issues or concerns relating to their health and wellbeing. Referral options include via the Student Wellbeing Coordinator (Maxine Foster), school staff or family member or the young person themselves. A ‘drop in’ service is also available.

Health education includes working with teachers to deliver classroom based health and wellbeing lessons such as cybersafety, stress management, mental and sexual health. I also facilitate small group sessions or programs, for example Girls on the Go (social skill building program) and student mediation.

My other key role is assisting with a preventative approach to the health and wellbeing of the Glenoakes Secondary College school community including whole school health promotion projects. Research indicates students who are healthy, happy and connected learn and study better.

Other areas of interest include student participation and partnership building with families and organisations within the local and wider community. I look forward to my new position at Glenoakes Secondary College and getting to know students, staff and families in the coming months.

Anne Clancy, Adolescent Health Nurse (DEECD)

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience Update

Work experience arrangement forms were due to be handed in by the end of Term 1. Nearly 120 Year 10 students have already finalised their placements. See Chris Wood during the first week of Term 2 at recess or lunch to talk about your options or to ring employers. There will be consequences (ie detentions in early Term 2) for a lack of action. You must also have completed your safe@work General and Industry OHS certificates before you can go on work experience: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/safe@work/

Year 10 Career Events next Term

Year 10 students will be attending the VCE and Careers expo at Caulfield Racecourse on Thursday, 2nd May. Permission forms will be handed out in the last week of term and are due back in the first week of Term 2. Cost is $5.

Australian Defence Forces Talk at Glenoakes – Wednesday, 8th May in the Shed (Year 12 students may also attend if they have no classes on).

Students interested in a Trade career can attend the ‘Try a Trade’ Expo at Cranbourne Racecourse on Tuesday, 21st May. There are 50 places available. This is a free event and there will be hands on activities, stalls and seminar sessions. (note this is on the same day as some of the Intermediate sports).

Work Experience for all Year 10 students – Monday, 17th June to Friday, 21st June.

Note the HMAS Cerberus Naval tour has been postponed to Tuesday 6th August (6 students have registered).

Nursing and Health Expo

This annual expo is on Sunday, 21st April 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Free entry (but gold coin donation to charity is encouraged). There are seminars on how to become a nurse, but you must register in advance at: - http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1336625

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

PFA (Parents and Friends) of Glenoakes

Thank you to the more than 20 people who attended our first PFA meeting for 2013!

It was great to see new faces and to meet each other

Parents shared their ideas about school and things they were passionate about. For example: new opportunities for the kids to “do”, in a safe place - to have a go and to make mistakes and get back up again; skills different parents bring and can share with the kids or with the adults; our own community garden plot; Bollywood dancing; working with children checks; U turns outside the school; etc, and of course - our kids!

This is a place to be heard and a place to talk about things you have on your mind about school. A place where we can come up with some suggestions and ideas. Your say is important because you are part of this community. Come and connect with other parents. You may start any time.

Our meetings for Term 2 will be on a Wednesday evening: 8th May (week 4) and 12th June (week 9) at 7.30pm.