PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/Teacher interviews were held on the evening of Wednesday 1st May. The sessions proved to be very well attended and many productive conversations were held regarding the progress of our students. It was pleasing to see so many parents attending to find out about their sons/daughters progress and what is occurring throughout the school community. Time should now be spent working on the issues that have been addressed before the Semester 1 reports are prepared.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 7 and 9 will be sitting the 2013 NAPLAN tests on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos are due to arrive at the college early next week and will be sent home with students shortly thereafter.

YEAR 9 CBD EXPERIENCE
With students beginning their preparation for the Year 9 CBD Experience shortly, parents/guardians are reminded that payment of the Essential Education Items Levy must be made to the Bursar by Friday 10th May in order for your child to attend. The CBD Experience will run in Week 7 of this term, from 27th to 31st May.

THANK YOU TO CONTOURS ENDEAVOUR HILLS
We would like to thank Sandra Rotunna and Carol Bosward, Directors of Contours, Endeavour Hills for their generous donation of five pieces of gym equipment which have been installed in the college’s Fitness Centre. We know that the students and staff who access the Fitness Centre at Gleneagles will make very good use of these during their classes and lunch time fitness sessions.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

HEAD LICE
We have recently had reports of head lice in some individual students in Years 7, 8 and 10. Lice are quite happy in clean hair so don’t assume your child is immune just because they wash their hair regularly. Please take the time to check through your child’s hair regularly and we always appreciate you letting the Front Office know if you have detected head lice in your child. Please check with your pharmacy about appropriate action to take.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator
CONGRATULATIONS TO HAYDEN LEONG

We would like to congratulate Hayden Leong, a 2012 graduate from Gleneagles, the recipient of the Monash Scholarship for Excellence and Equity.

To receive this scholarship students need an ATAR of at least 95.00. The scholarship will be worth $30,000 to Hayden. Hayden is studying a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Commerce (double degree). On Thursday, 14th March, Monash University hosted an event to celebrate all scholarship recipients.

I need to thank the parents who came along for the day and helped out, also the teachers involved in the program especially Matthew Currie who has dedicated a lot of time to this fantastic program. Our next job as a team is to continue to secure sponsorship and then recreate and redesign the HPV to represent Gleneagles.

Daniel Bowen, PE Teacher

GREAT TRANSPORT RACE

On Tuesday 23rd April, four Year 8 students and four Year 7 students were accompanied by teachers Ms van Rossum and Ms Turner to participate in the eastern region against 13 other teams. The event started at Box Hill Town Hall where we were given participant packs including t-shirts, caps, water bottles, cameras, melways, maps and clues. Students were then given 30 minutes to plan their day in order to reach as many of the pit-stops as possible to gain points.

Students learned to use myki tickets on the trains, buses and trams on Victoria’s Public Transport system to race around the eastern suburbs. By the end of the day the students were independent travellers who were able to creatively and intelligently use the public transport network to move about Melbourne in the most efficient ways.

Some of the most interesting activities we completed at the pit-stops included: solving a Sudoku to unlock hidden clues, lunch sponsored by Subway, team block task at Deakin University and mini-golf, whilst taking photos of the team at each of the other pit-stops to prove that we arrived there.

For more details about entering next year’s Great Transport Race visit http://greattransportrace.com.au

Ms van Rossum

RACV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH/HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE

Sunday, 28th April was our first ever Gleneagles HPV team race against about 70 other schools and community groups in the inaugural Knox Pedal Prix. The day began with students arriving at about 8.00am to set up pit lane and become familiar with what was to become a very technical and tight racing track. The race began at 10.00am with a rolling start and it didn’t take long for the first roll over. The race continued for six hours and our team walked away placing 5th in our category which was a fantastic result for our first ever race. The day was a massive success and the students had a fantastic time, many can’t wait for the next race.

Professor Tam Sridhar, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Hayden Leong

Zac Elhassan, 8K

Ben Lehman 8J, Tom Mutimer 8J, Thomas Lawle 8C, Ms van Rossum and Josh Lehman 8J
EAST TIMOR FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL PROGRAM

Gleneagles has a Friendship School relationship in East Timor with a school in Ducurai. The aim of the Friendship Program is to give students the opportunity to learn about, understand and interact with the educational community in Timor-Leste and to build cultural understandings between the two countries.

During 2013 the focus for the Friendship Schools Program was a visit from four East Timorese teachers. They were in Australia to take part in an intensive English language course to enable them to set up English Language Study Centres in selected towns in the Ermera District. These teachers will, in turn, help train other local English teachers, when they return home, and provide them with teaching resources.

During their visit to Gleneagles students met with two of the East Timorese teachers. Students learned about their country and the kind of issues that face the teachers in their schools. Several students also attended a forum, run by the Friends of Ermera, and shared ideas with other friendship schools in the local area.

Last week we officially farewelled these teachers at the City of Casey. Our school handed over a tub of materials that the teachers could take back to Ermera. We also received a Friendship Schools kit from the Friends of Ermera, which contains material that we can use to promote our involvement.

Jazmyn Worrell and Dynuk Devamulla received the kit on behalf of our school and are photographed here with the four teachers from East Timor and the Mayor Of the City of Casey, Cr Amanda Stapledon.

Ms Moller, Library Co-ordinator

PFA (PARENTS & FRIENDS)

The next PFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May from 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the staff room.

Come and meet each other, have a coffee and share some ideas. You are welcome to attend any meeting and be part of shaping our PFA.

CAREERS NEWS

MCDONALDS EMPLOYMENT

If you are looking for a part-time job, McDonalds is now hiring at its Doveton store. Go to the website: www.mcdonalds.com.au/careers (click on Restaurant careers, then choose ‘join us’ and start your application). You will need to upload an electronic copy of your resume.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE – URGENT!

There are less than 8 weeks to go to work experience (17th - 21st June). Arrangement forms must be handed in to your HG teacher or Ms Wood. Mr Barker will hold detentions for students who have not organised their placement, Safe@work General and Industry OHS certificates must also be completed (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/safe@work/)

VCE AND CAREERS EXPO EXCURSION

On Thursday, 2nd May, 180 Year 10 students attended the annual VCE and Careers Expo at Caulfield racecourse. Each student attended at least one career or VCE subject seminar and had the opportunity to visit the 190 stalls attended by Universities, TAFE institutes, private colleges and employers such as the ADF and Victoria Police. Next week’s edition will have some photos. This weekend (Sat 4th and Sun 5th May 10.00am to 4.00pm) the Expo is open to the public – all VCE students are encouraged to attend.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE COMING TO GLENEAGLES

Next week members of the ADF Recruitment team will be speaking to all Year 10 students on Wednesday 8th May commencing at 8.30am in the Shed (Year 12 students may also attend if they have no classes on). Students will learn about the recruitment process, trade careers, officer selection and the Defence Force Academy.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

On Friday, 28th April Chris Wood attended a tour of the new facilities at the Waterfront and Waurn Ponds campuses of Deakin University in Geelong. If you would like to find more about the postgraduate Medical program, the new Optometry and Vision Science degree, Exercise Science program and the new Law, Business and Architecture facilities at Waterfront, please speak to Chris in the Careers office.

TRY A TRADE EXCURSION FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Students interested in a Trade career can sign up at the careers office for the ‘Try a Trade’ Expo at Cranbourne Racecourse on Tuesday 21st May. There are 50 places available – all 10D students will be attending. This is a free event and there will be hands on activities, stalls (TAFE, apprenticeship and employer groups) and career seminars. (note this is on the same day as some of the Intermediate sports).

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
# Merit Certificates

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## BOXERCISE / FITNESS CLASSES

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 7.30AM**

All students are invited to come along to the free new fitness club and boxercise class on Wednesday mornings! Starting at **7:30am** in the gym, students will work through a range of boxercise and fitness workouts, followed by a cereal breakfast, finishing at 8:15am. Come along and join in!

You will need a separate change of sports clothes. See you there at 7.30am!