**Gleneagles College Newsletter**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**INTERIM REPORTS**

Parents should have received the Interim Report for Year 7 to 10 students that were posted recently to students’ home addresses. The VCE Mentor Reports will be posted early next week in preparation for the Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, 18th September, 2013.

**PARENT TEACHER NIGHT BOOKINGS**

The Parent teacher evening is quickly approaching and will be held on Wednesday 18th September, 3.00pm – 8.00pm. All bookings must be made over the internet using the school website, the same as it was earlier in the year. All you will need is an internet connected computer. If you do not have access to one of these, your child will be able to make bookings on your behalf using the computers at school.

When you receive your child’s interim report or Mentor Report, enclosed with it will be your access details for the Parent-Teacher Online booking program as well as an explanatory letter. Please take the time to read the letter as it contains vital information regarding when bookings will commence. The system will open for parents to access from midday on Monday, 9th September. Should you have any difficulties please contact the school.

**PARENT TEACHER NIGHT – EARLY DISMISSAL**

All students will be dismissed at 2.30pm due to Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, 18th September. The bus companies have been notified of this alteration to arrangements.

**PFA MEETING, MONDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM**

The PFA are planning a Gleneagles Market Day for Saturday, 7th December 2013. If you would like to be part of the planning group, you are most welcome to attend the PFA meeting on Monday, 9th September, 7.00pm in the staff room.

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

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

Do not let your child leave the vehicle until the car is parked safely in the kerb. Frequently students are leaving vehicles whilst the car is on the road or at the roundabout which is very dangerous.

- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.
- Discuss with your child the need to use the School Crossings at all times.
- 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, or over the drive ways of the local residents.
- U Turns in Reema Boulevard and Hanna Drive must be avoided at busy times.

Traffic Police have been in attendance monitoring traffic conditions and speed around the college. 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.

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BUSES - MYKI
The bus companies have advised that a large number of students are still failing to touch on or off their MYKI when travelling. It is important that students always touch on and off on every trip on the buses where a MYKI machine is installed, even if they are using the pre-paid MYKI pass (weekly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly). The bus companies monitor patronage via the new MYKI system electronically, which could mean that if students are not touching on and off properly, the message the PTV gets from the systems is that the demand for passengers on routes relevant to our school are very low, and in some cases so low that no service is required. This could result in the bus service to our school being reduced or lost.

THERE’S NO ARGUMENT
OUR GLENEAGLES DEBATERS ARE THE BEST!!
Debating is a great way to improve your English skills, develop confidence and become a more proficient public speaker. We are at the halfway point on the debating calendar this Term as we move from the senior competition to the junior speaking program. Students represented the school in the senior debating competition of the Debaters Association of Victoria. The senior debating teams have completed a very successful season with many best speaker awards and wins across the competition. We have had a large number of first time debaters who have all grown in confidence and skill with each debate. On Tuesday, 3rd September at the Cranbourne East Secondary College, the Junior Debating Program kicked off with its first session, a training night where students were introduced to the basics of debating. Over the remainder of the year they will compete in three debates with a demonstration debate on one of the nights and an extended adjudication on another.

Ms Carver, Debating & Public Speaking

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY EXCURSION
On Wednesday, 28th August the Year 12 Biology class went to Melbourne University to attend the GTAC centre for genetics. They were able to participate in a program where students model meiosis and use fluorescent probes to explore the inheritance of genes using a fluorescence microscope. They used DNA technology to determine the inheritance of alleles for these genes and constructed pedigrees to predict the inheritance outcomes for the offspring of parents. The outcomes of meiosis for inheritance of alleles and chromosomal mutations were explored.

Mr Barker, Year 9-10 Sub School Leader/Maths/Science

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES FORMS
The End of Year Activities for Year 7, 8 and 9 is happening on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Monday 16th December this year. Various options are available including school based activities for Year 7 and shopping/movies for Year 8 and 9 students, as well as a BBQ at Lysterfield Lake. Please note that some activities are on a first come first serve basis. The End of Year Activities forms have been sent home with reports and all payments are required by Friday, 1st November.

Mai Dang, End of Year Activities Co-ordinator

VCE STUDIO ARTS EXCURSION
On Tuesday, 3rd September, the VCE Studio Arts classes travelled to Monash University of Art (MUMA) in Caulfield and Ten Cubed Collection in Glen Iris. The purpose of the excursion was to compare and contrast public and private galleries in preparation for exams and the Senior Art Show at the beginning of Term 4. The excursion gave us a first hand look at how the art world operates and the many aspects of the art industry. It was a fantastic day that we all enjoyed and we all learnt valuable information.

By Ebony Johnson M09

MR THORNE DAY
To celebrate the school production ‘On The Verge’ on Monday 2nd September staff wore suits, ties and shiny shoes to surprise Mr Thorne on ‘Mr Thorne Day’ and they succeeded!

By Ebony Johnson M09
Deakin University events – Year 11 and 12

Monash University Year 11 Experience Day
Wednesday 26th September (during holidays) at the Caulfield Campus of Monash University from 11.00am - 3.00pm for Year 11 students and their parents. Attend workshops, find out about course options, pathways and meet academic staff. Due to expected large numbers, you must register in advance at www.monash.edu/year11-day.

Work Experience for 2014 – Attention Year 9
Applications are now open for work experience placements at Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary or Werribee Zoo (16th-20th June 2014). You will need to complete the application form, write a covering letter and ask Ms Wood in the Careers office to email it to the zoo. Go to: http://www.zoo.org.au/get-involved/volunteer/work-experience

Victoria Police takes only one work experience student from each school. Please submit your resume to Chris Wood in the Careers office by the end of this Term, with a covering letter saying why you would like to work in the Police Force. There will be a selection process and you will be notified in writing. Students wanting to do work experience at a child care centre or private kindergarten must apply for a Working With Children Check (WWC). Complete the form and take it to a post office. Go to the website: http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

Virtual Careers Fair – until 8th September
Career One is offering an on-line Careers Fair for all senior students – sign up at http://virtualfair.careerone.com.au (you need Adobe flash player). This Fair continues until Sunday 8th September. You will need to register to have access to the interactive features (chat with employer or upload your resume). There are 22 companies represented and each day has on-line workshops.

Students Who Are Changing Schools – Years 9-11
Gleneagles needs to know if you are moving to another school other than Hallam SC next year. Please let your Home Group teacher know as soon as possible. If you are going attend TAFE or a Community VCAL program in 2014, you will also need to complete a Department of Education School exemption form. Please see Chris Wood for more details.

RSPCA Holiday Programs
Book now for a full day session at the Burwood East shelter:- http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/
- Animal attendant for a day – Thursday, 3rd October, ages 13-18 years, 9.30am-3.00pm, cost $100.
- Vet for a day – Tuesday 1st October, ages 15 to 20, 9.30am to 3.00pm, cost $100.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
R U OK? Day is our national day of action on the second Thursday of September (12th September 2013), and dedicated to reminding people to regularly check in with family, friends and colleagues by asking R U OK? By reaching out to one another we can support and help each other through life’s ups and downs.

**HOW CAN A CONVERSATION CHANGE A LIFE?**
Research shows that people who have strong relationships are less likely to consider hurting themselves as an option when struggling with life. Regular, face-to-face conversations can help us to build and maintain strong relationships with friends and family.

**WHO CAN TAKE PART ON R U OK? DAY AND HOW CAN I START A CONVERSATION?**
Anyone who knows someone struggling with life. If you’re not sure still ask! Check out the R U OK tips at www.ruokday.com/resources-for-you/how-to-ask-r-u-ok for connecting with someone.

**WHAT IF SOMEONE ISN’T OK?**
- Talk to a Gleneagles Secondary College wellbeing team or staff member
- Call a crisis line for immediate help
- Lifeline – 13 11 14
- Kidshelpline – 1800 55 1800
- 1800RUOKDAY (7865329) to connect with crisis lines
- Visit your doctor, counsellor or trusted health professional
- Talk to a trusted adult or friend
- Access on-line support
- REACH OUT – http://au.reachout.com
- Beyondblue - www.beyondblue.org.au and Youthbeyondblue - www.youthbeyondblue.com

**FURTHER INFORMATION**
Go to: www.ruokday.com

**WHO WILL YOU ASK RUOK?**
Anne Clancy – Adolescent Health Nurse (Tuesday and Friday)

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**GLENEAGLES FILM FESTIVAL 2013**

Entries are now open for the Gleneagles Film Festival 2013 which will be held on Tuesday, 15th October 2013 at Hallam Senior Secondary College Theatre. The Film Festival is an annual event that celebrates screen based work of students throughout the school.

Videos need to be under 5 minutes and be received by Mr Young by Monday, 16th September to be considered for the Film Festival. For further details, contact Mr Young.

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**PFA MARKET DAY**

**Calling all Parents and Students – don’t forget to book a stall for Market Day.**

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

A good chance to raise some money and have some fun.

- Contact Jamel for information regarding stalls: - Mob: 0413 425 912
- Go to our website for ideas and Expression of Interest Forms: -
  - www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au/events
  - then click on December.