Tuesday 3rd December - SEAL Orientation Day for Year 7, 2014 students

Wednesday 4th December - Instrumental Music Concert, the Shed, 6.30pm-8.00pm

Thursday 12th December - End of Year Activities (12-16/12)

Friday 6th December - Year 9 Program (6,9, 11/12) - VCE Media Excursion (selected students)

Monday 16th December - Presentation Night, Year 7-11 Students

Tuesday 17th December - Special Program (17-20/12)

Tuesday 29th January - First Day of Term 1, 2014

YEAR 9 TIMELINE
Year 9 students completed exams early this week and have returned to their normal timetabled classes until the Careers Transition Program commences on Friday, 6th December. All students are expected to attend school and to actively participate in these classes and the program. Year 9 students will not attend on Tuesday 10th December (Year 7, 2014 Orientation Day), but are required at school every other school day.

2014 SCHOOL YEAR
Students return to school for 2014 on Wednesday, 29th January 2014 and all students are expected to attend on this day. If your child is intending to travel overseas or take an extended holiday beyond 29th January, parents/guardians must supply a note to the College before leaving which indicates the return date to school. Students should return these notes to their Home group teachers. Gleneagles is becoming a very popular destination for many families and we receive a number of enquiries for enrolments for 2014 every day. It is essential we know if you are intending to return to school any later than 29th January 2014 to retain your place at this College.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
The End of Year Activities Program will operate on 12th, 13th and 16th December for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. This program provides students with the opportunity to take part in a variety of learning experiences different to those provided in the regular timetable. Payments for activities and the permission forms have now been finalised. More information about this program can be found on the Gleneagles website.

BOOKLIST AND PARENT CONTRIBUTION
All students have received their booklists for next year as well as relevant information for the second-hand book sales. Every year the PFA run a second-hand book sale to enable students to sell and buy books. It cuts down your costs and also brings in some useful dollars $$$ The PFA takes a small commission on each sale and then spends that money on making improvements for the students at the school. This is a very valuable service, so please take the time to read all the information provided, a lot of work goes into making this very helpful for you and your child. You must sign the permission form indicating you support the sale of your child’s books, without this we cannot accept the books for sale.

Year 12 students will be getting a cheque for their sold books at the end of the year so get those books in as soon as possible. The book company is Link Educational Supplies who have an outlet in Waverley Road, Mount Waverley. The booklists are easy to read and there are options for purchasing your new texts, so please read these details carefully on the front page.

SECOND HAND BOOK SALES
The Second Hand Book Sales commenced this week. In addition to the information being sent home with the students, all the dates, times, booklists, permission forms and collection details are on the College website on the Quick Links section on the Homepage.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 1.30pm – 3.30pm at the front office. This will continue for the remainder of the year.

SCHOOL CROSSING
A reminder to students to use the school crossing and to always follow the instructions of the crossing supervisor. When the flags are displayed all students should use the crossing. Stay alert - keep looking and listening for traffic. Make sure all traffic has stopped before stepping on to the crossing. Parents are reminded to follow the speed limit around the school and the school crossing. We have noticed cars double parking and U-turning in Reema Boulevard near the school crossing. This is potentially dangerous and can be expensive. The City of Casey officers do patrol school zones and will book drivers who double park and/or U-turn near the school crossing.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
Joseph Halliwell 7E and Mahee Hossain 7E are both members of the Year 7 Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program. Both students were State winners in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) program conducted by the University of NSW.

On Monday 25th November 2013 the students attended the ICAS Medal Presentation Ceremony at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne to be presented with their Medal.

HPV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH CAMP
The HPV (Human Powered Vehicle) Energy Breakthrough camp was held last weekend in Maryborough. The students were graded out of five different events:

1. Display and Presentation
   Students performed a skit about all that they have done throughout the year and demonstrated their knowledge.

2. Design and Construction
   Students talked about the design process of the HPV and how it all worked and the modifications that they made. All students were very good at talking about the car which was fantastic.

3. Obstacle Race
   Students weaved in and out of hay bales and cones and over bridges etc. Students performed well, we finished second in our heat.

4. Time Trial Race
   Flat out sprint with driver changes after each lap, again great effort.

5. Endurance
   Eight hours of racing on track trying to complete as many laps as possible. Students completed approximately 180 laps which was around 180-200kms for the day. This was very exciting towards the end as we were trailing another car until the last 15 minutes when one of our students overtook them.

All of the students had a fantastic time and it was great to see how they interacted with one another and other teams. They represented our College in the highest manner and I was extremely proud of all of them. Overall we came 6th in our division which was great to see, considering the level of competition that we were up against. I would like to thank everyone that had a part to play in organising this event especially Mr Currie and Ms Carver. For further details about the event, check out the below link www.racvenergybreakthrough.com.au and you might see some video footage of the “Eagles” flying past.

Mr Bowen, Year 9 Team Leader

Pictured below: Joel Sargeant 10A and Jack Perry 9B.
Year 9 Career Transition Program
Friday 6th December is the first day of the three day Career Transition Program. This is Campus Experience Day and includes a tour of a University or Institute. Due to large numbers there are four different excursions – to University of Melbourne, Swinburne University, Deakin University and Academy of Interactive Entertainment. Students have already put in their preferences via a survey – they will be advised about their excursion next week in Home group. Please ensure that students attend all three days of the program. Any students going on holiday from 6th December must see Chris Wood in advance to complete their Safe@work certificates. Students attending the University of Melbourne excursion also need to have a Myki card for tram travel.

Work Experience – Year 10 2014
Congratulations to the students who have already handed in their work experience forms for 2014. Please see Ms Wood in the Careers Office if you need help to find a work experience employer. It is very competitive – dates are 16th to 20th June 2014. Discovery students (10D) will need to find multiple placements, one for each Term.

Hospitality Training for Market Day
On Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November, 25 students from Year 9 will be undertook training with Hospitality Training Australia in preparation for their role at Gleneagles Market Day. On Thursday they will complete a Food Safe Handling Certificate and on Friday the students are travelling with Ms O’Brien and Ms Wood to the city to complete a Barista (coffee making) course using an industrial coffee machine. The students will have nationally recognised certificates to help them with their future employment.

Tax File Numbers
Students who hand in a Tax File number application from now on will not receive their TFN from the Australian Tax office until January. Application forms are available from the Careers Office.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

STUDENT NAME  |  HG  |  REASON FOR MERIT CERTIFICATE
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Bridget Dilorenzo | 7L | Outstanding Student Leadership
Ayah Dleikan | 7L | Outstanding Student Leadership
Atul Krishna | 7L | Outstanding Student Leadership
Gavin Perera | 7L | Outstanding Student Leadership

GLENEAGLES MARKET DAY IS ONE WEEK AWAY!
SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 10.00AM – 3.00PM
FUN FAMILY DAY

6 x $100 raffle prizes to be won !!!
For students present at 12.30pm – prize for one student from each Year level.

Over 70 Stalls
Come and support your school and the local community
CHOOSE YOUR OWN FRESH CHRISTMAS TREE

(All proceeds support education and training programs in East Timor)

Saturday December 7th 2013

Come and choose your own Fresh Christmas Tree from The School Friendship stall @ Gleneagles Secondary College Market Day, Endeavour Hills.

Price of Trees from $40.
Delivery $5

For more information, contact the school on 9708 1319. Ask for Lynne Moller

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