LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY 2015
Friday’s whole school leadership assembly was to acknowledge the appointments of all our School and House Captains and present them with badges in recognition of them being chosen as the successful applicants. Students were presented with their badges and blazers by the Hon Luke Donnellan, Minister for Roads, Road Safety and Ports, and the Principal, Sue Peddlesden.

Student leaders have a significant presence in many aspects of school life, they will be seen presenting regularly at assemblies and be part of the organisation of many school activities. They’ll have the opportunity to further develop their own leadership skills, be given the chance to experience new challenges and to see a different side of school life.

To take the risk of applying, to put yourself out there, to be judged by your peers and adults, to try, knowing there is the risk of failing, to learn from this and then pick yourself up again, are all gutsy decisions that make for a stronger person.

Getting the position is one thing, retaining it and gaining respect from those you represent is quite another. These young people have gone through a rigorous process and been judged by their peers and teachers as being the most suitable candidate for the position.

They were selected on merit - that is, how well they wrote their applications, what they had already accomplished and been involved in and how they responded to a panel of 4 people during an interview. Now that they are in the position of leader they are charged with the responsibility of representing their school in all duties they perform. They will be expected to be good role models in all aspects of school life and will be judged on how well they fulfil the role in their respective areas. Good leaders are remembered for how they behave and what they do. Good Luck!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2015

COLLEGE CAPTAINS & DEPUTY CAPTAINS

Pictured (Back row, left to right) Ms Peddlesden, Principal; Josh Kannemeyer, Hon Luke Donnellan Minister for Roads, Road Safety and Ports; Jarrod O'Donnell, Monique Shaw, Mikayla Newton, Madelyn Crunden, Claudia Morrison, Natalie Erdossy

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
Regular school attendance is important if students are to do well at school. Thank you to those parents who have been contacting the school before 10.00am to inform us that their children are ill or not attending for a particular reason. Parents can expect a telephone call from our Attendance Officer if their child is absent without approval.

Please remember to provide a letter of explanation to the Home/Mentor Group teacher for VCE students immediately when your child returns to school after a period of absence. If your child is away for a length of time (e.g. medical problem, holiday) please advise the Home Group or Mentor teacher in writing as soon as you are aware so work can be prepared for your child to do whilst they are away. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
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Leadership Role                  Student               HG
College Captain                  Madelyn Crunden       12MF
College Captain                  Claudia Morrison       12MF
College Captain                  Mikayla Newton       12D
Deputy College Captain           Natalie Erdossy        11F
Deputy College Captain           Josh Kannemeyer        12F
Deputy College Captain           Jarrod O’Donnell       11G
Deputy College Captain           Monique Shaw           12MF
Junior Captain                   Noora Chattrary       9E
Junior Captain                   Kameron Lai           8E
Performing Arts Captain          Cameron Anderson        12D
Performing Arts Captain          Guillaume Gentil       10H
Deputy Performing Arts Captain   Hannah Halton           9E
Deputy Performing Arts Captain   Georgia Kristalyn       8J
Sport Captain                    Brooke Holland          12H
Sport Captain                    Sue Tominiko           12E
Deputy Sport Captain             Resalene Lavaka        9F
Deputy Sport Captain             Canis Nugroho          9E
Activities Captain               Fatima Mozaffari       9E
Deputy Activities Captain        Aiman Rizvi            8E
House Captain Falcons            Josh Kannemeyer         12F
Deputy House Captain Falcons     Pauare Tupekea         9K
House Captain Harriers           Natalie Erdossy         11F
Deputy House Captain Harriers    Sarah Ghassali          8A
House Captain Kestrels           Monique Shaw           12MF
Deputy House Captain Kestrels    Kehan Amarakoon         8E
House Captain Kites              Jarrod O’Donnell       11G
Deputy House Captain Kites       Meena Waziri            7C

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos were taken on Tuesday, 24th February 2015. After having their photos taken, students were given a docket with their name, barcode and log on code. Photos are available for viewing from Monday, 2nd March 2015 by accessing the website and using the docket details www.schoolphoto.com.au.

By ordering photos on-line you have the flexibility and lots of choice:
- Preview images – more than one photo was taken!
- You can choose which image is printed in your pack.
- Choose different group layouts.
- You can choose set packs or make a unique pack from components.
- Choose from many designs.
- Incorporate different designs into your pack.
- Create packs to sit your budget.
- Pay for all children together the easy way.

A catch up photo day was scheduled for Thursday, 26th February 2015 for students who were absent. When the photographs are available for collection we will advise parents of the details via the Newsletter and website.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

MR THORNE’S BYE BYE
After five years of being here at Gleneagles Secondary College, Mr Thorne has sadly decided to leave us. There was a gasp as Mr Thorne announced at the school assembly on Friday, 20th February 2015 that he was leaving his position as an Assistant Principal on Friday, 27th February 2015 to become a Real Estate Agent. “If you ever want to buy a house, come to me and I will help you out,” joked Mr Thorne. He also said that he was leaving to spend more time with his two daughters.

Our friend, role model, colleague, teacher and Assistant Principal, Mr Thorne will be missed. He was pleasant, approachable, professional and noble for advice or help and he was always there if you needed someone to talk to. So for that I and the whole of Gleneagles Secondary College would like to thank him for being an Assistant Principal and friend.

By Beau O’Brien, 9C

Pictured: Mr Thorne and Beau O’Brien, 9C
Applications for entry into the 2016 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. The SEAL Information Night will be held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.00pm in the Shed at the College. No booking required. Applications close on Monday, 27th April at 12 noon.

Testing for entry into the SEAL Program for Year 7, 2016 students is scheduled for Saturday, 9th May 2015. Please let family members or friends who may be interested in this program know that they may obtain the application form and further details through the college website.

STUDENT WORK CELEBRATED BY CITY OF CASEY
The drawings of student Stacey Chan, 8E has been fortunate enough to be picked up by the City of Casey for an upcoming exhibition. Her artwork “I Dream of a Galaxy” was included in Casey’s Art Spaces preview launched on Wednesday 18th February 2015. The drawing was inspired by Stacey’s admiration and desire to understand and learn about the galaxy and beyond. Stacey’s work will be showcased at an upcoming exhibition exploring portraits and identity which runs from 8th July to 21st August 2015.

Ms Dang, Science Domain Leader

Pictured: Stacey Chan 8E and her drawing

HOMEWORK CLUB, THURSDAYS, 3.00PM - 4.30PM
Our very popular weekly Homework Club began for 2015 on Thursday, 26th February 2015 from 3.00pm-4.30pm in the Library. This is supervised by a number of staff and volunteer tutors from the community through our links with the Migrant Resource Centre, the City of Casey and The Smith Family. All students attending are required to sign in at the library desk. It is important to note that students should only be attending if they want help with work or a place to study/attend to complete homework and assignments.

Parents/Guardians and students please note that the Homework Club is not just a place to wait and catch up with friends until you get collected after school; if you are there you need to be focused on your work and understand that other students around you need you to be working quietly. We have created a great Homework Club and teachers volunteer their time to help out enthusiastically, so let’s all make it an even better year than 2014! It would be much appreciated if any families would be able to donate a packet of biscuits to contribute to our catering for the students. At the end of a busy day at school, I think the students need a snack so they can re-focus for the Homework Club. Any contributions are welcome and they can be dropped off to Debbie at the office. Phill Start from the City of Casey drops off apples most weeks and this is most appreciated by the students.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM, FRIDAY MORNINGS, 7.30AM-8.10AM
The Breakfast Program runs from 7.30am until 8.10am each Friday morning in A3. Healthy breakfast and good company available. All students and staff welcome.

The first Breakfast Program for the year is Friday, 27th February 2015. Come along and check it out! Looking forward to my helpers and some new apprentices as well.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

WELLBEING TEAM NEWS

ADOLESCENT HEALTH NURSE
Dear Parents and Students, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Adolescent Health Nurse within the Wellbeing Team at Gleneagles Secondary College. I am employed within the Department of Education & Training and my main role within the school is:

- Health promotion and primary prevention
- School community development activities
- Small group work focussing on health related discussion and information
- Individual student health counselling (confidential)
- Advice and referral to assist young people in making healthy life style choices.

I am located in the Wellbeing Office at the end of H block every Monday and Tuesday and I look forward to working with the school community this year.

Claire Logue, Adolescent Health Nurse
Year 10 Work Experience
Year 10 students should now be planning their week of work experience for Monday 17th to Friday 21st August 2015. Please organise your placement in advance as many workplaces require an application form and interview, or submission of a resume. The work experience form was in the Year 9 booklet handed out after exams in 2014. Year 10 students that are new to the college should visit Chris Wood in the Careers office as soon as possible.

Tax File Number Change Of Process
The Australian Tax Office has changed the way that secondary students apply for a tax file number. Students can no longer apply through school. Students who are Australian Citizens need to go to the ATO website, download the form and have their identity confirmed through a brief interview at the local Post office (must bring in identification documents). Website: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/ Students who are Permanent Residents with a foreign passport, but not citizens apply via the website: https://iar.ato.gov.au/IARWeb (then press ‘Next’ to enter your details).

Insight into Paramedicine
Monash University’s Peninsula Campus is once again offering an eight week Insight into Paramedicine program for students in Years 10-12 with an interest in Emergency Health. The course will take place at the Peninsula Campus on Monday evenings from 4.30pm-6.30pm between 16th March and 11th May 2015. Places are strictly limited, so please register as soon as possible. Visit the website for more information and return forms no later than 6th March 2015: www.med.monash.edu.au/cehhp/insight/index.html

Antipodeans Abroad - Gap Year Information Session
Are you in Year 12 and would like to take a Gap year overseas in 2016? Find out about Antipodeans Abroad 2016 Gap Year Volunteering and Paid Work programs. Antipodeans has a 20+ year track record in youth travel programs to developing and first world destinations. There are over 30 destinations on offer for 2016. Information session: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Thursday 9th April 2015. Registration essential, students need to register online at: www.antipodeans.com.au/info-nights

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator