**SEMESTER REPORTS**

Semester 1 Reports have been included in this mail out. It is important that you read these reports carefully to support your child's success at school. The Principals and Student Managers will read many reports over the break and will send home letters to parents where appropriate. If you have any concerns regarding your child's reports, please contact the Home Group Teacher, Mentor or a Principal. Early next Term, we will recognise the achievements of students who performed above their year level or have shown improvement in their studies based on the Semester 1 reports. As part of this mail out, parents of these students have been invited to the presentation of certificates and share in a special morning tea as part of this celebration.

**SENIOR PROGRAMS INFORMATION NIGHT AND COURSE COUNSELLING FOR YEAR 10, 2015 STUDENTS**

On Wednesday, 15th July 2015 at 7.00pm at Gleneagles in the Shed, we will be holding an important Information Night for all Year 10 parents and students. Parents have been sent an invitation. At the Senior Programs Information Night, you will hear about the study programs available across the three Alliance schools (Gleneagles, Hallam and Fountain Gate Secondary Colleges). You will be introduced to the online course selection process and will be given valuable support material to support your child in making informed decisions about their senior program. We require all Year 10 students with their parent/guardian to attend a course counselling session to confirm the student’s program of study for 2016. This is an important session that will be invaluable in helping you and your child to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

**YEAR 9 – 10 VCE INFORMATION**

All Year 9 students will be receiving information regarding the 2016 Year 10 Elective Program, including all the options available and the process for selecting electives. If your child is considering a VCE subject in Year 10, it is essential that you and your child attend the VCE Information Night which will be held on Monday, 27th July 2015 at 7.00pm in the Shed. You will get a better understanding of why your child should or shouldn’t consider a VCE subject, the process for applying and the criteria we use to decide who is appropriate. You will also have an opportunity to find out more about the VCE subjects on offer.

**PSW QUALITY APPAREL WARRANTIES**  Reminder to parents that uniform items purchased through PSW Quality Apparel have a one year warranty on manufacturing faults. Therefore, if there are any issues with the clothing, the item should be taken back to PSW for repair or a replacement.

*Sue Pedlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth, Rhonda Greelish*
EXPERIENCE THE CBD OF MELBOURNE

When you spend five days travelling in a packed train to the Central Business District, swarming your way around the venues of the city square along with the other Year 9 students of Gleadles, you seem to sense a diverse yet welcoming ethnicity. With such a contrast in architecture, culture and interest, how does Melbourne become the home of a variety of backgrounds and hierarchies? Beyond our perception of straight roads filled with office buildings, fast food restaurants and parking areas, there is an experience for everybody in the CBD, from Melbourne and Australian history to extravagant and prestigious architectural designs.

Have you ever taken the time to realise the significance of Australian history in Melbourne? If Australia never federated in 1901, the 39 upturned Federation Bells of Birrarung Marr would have never been developed as the centenary celebration. It is also difficult to picture the Shrine of Remembrance if Australia did not agree to fight alongside the British Empire during the First World War, as the Shrine revolves greatly towards the commemoration of these courageous servicemen and women. What about the gold rush earlier in 1850? This era sparked a great deal of Melbourne’s infrastructural development including the State Library, maintaining its obsolete design, the Arts Centre, home of the Australian Ballet and even the MCG, which appears much modernised compared to the other two because of major redevelopments.

Did you know that even newly built structures such as the breathtaking Eureka Skydeck was built under the influence of the gold rush? The term Eureka was commonly used in this gold rush? The term Eureka was commonly used in this time to express the sensation of “I got it!” Besides providing tourists and citizens experiences of Australian culture, Melbourne also creates a multicultural vibe within its community. There is even a street dedicated to Chinese culture (Little Bourke Street) and the Chinese Museum which recounts their migration to Australia. The CBD also includes many facilities that cater for issues around Melbourne, such as Urban Seed which assists the homeless and the Magistrates Court, situated right next to the Old Melbourne Gaol (funnily pronounced “jail”). However, have you ever noticed how these messages are publicised? Most of Melbourne’s communication is actually conveyed within the CBD, such as SYM-FM radio station and The Channel video editing premises used for purposes such as advertising. These are only naming a few.

If you asked any of the Year 9 students who took part in the CBD Program between Monday 25th May and Friday 5th June 2015, they would agree that all of these factors contribute to making Melbourne one of the most liveable cities in the world. Whether you are rich, poor, indigenous or come from an extraordinarily unique background, the Melbourne CBD always has something that brings everyone together. That’s why, thanks to all the teachers that supervised this excursion and provided us with this opportunity - all the frustrations and train delays became a knowledgeable and worthwhile experience!

By Canis Nugroho, Deputy Sports Captain, 9E

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**YEAR 8 ART EXCURSION**

**OUT OF THE BOX, MONASH UNIVERSITY**

High Achieving Year 8 Art students were selected to participate in the ‘Out of the Box’ excursion. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a day as a university student at Monash University School of Art. All students produced amazing works of art in te

Ms Davies, Visual Arts Manager/Arts

Pictured: Jemma, Vivian, Jordyn and Natalie
PFA MEETING, TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2015, 7.00PM

We invite all interested parents to attend the PFA Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 28th July 2015, 7.00pm (3rd week of Term 3) in the college staffroom. PFA is a relaxed group of parents/guardians which meets casually to chat about school related things. There is no pressure to get involved, or to turn up every time.

We are always happy to consider projects which benefit the students and our school community. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions contact the PFA by email: pfa@gleneagles.vic.edu.au.

OUTWARD BOUND

On Wednesday 10th June 2015, 18 Year 10 and 11 Gleneagles students embarked on a five day expedition to the Snowy River National Park through the Outward Bound Program. Designed to challenge students and foster their leadership skills, the trip pushed students to their physical, mental and emotional limits. Students experienced long hikes with heavy packs, rock-climbing, abseiling and freezing conditions, while also organising and cooking their own meals and completing several leadership activities. Throughout the trip, all students showed amazing resilience and a positive attitude to achieve some fantastic personal results. They should be very proud of their efforts. As one student commented, the camp was simultaneously “the hardest and most difficult things I’ve ever done, yet one of the best experiences of my life. It was awesome.”

Mr Florence, Year 11 Co-ordinator

Pictured below Daniel with some fire personnel

Pictured above: Ben, Jayden and Zac at The University of Melbourne

CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 9 CAREERS WEEK

Last week was a very busy one for Year 9 students and staff – they have attended pre-employment and interview skill sessions, completed safe@work certificates and Career voyage surveys, learnt about the VCE and VCAL, Work experience and attended presentations from the Victoria Police, CFA, Apprenticeships and Traineeships and Student Edge. Here are some students with CFA staff from Hallam Fire Station. On Thursday there was a Wellbeing Day followed by the Campus Experience Day on Friday (visiting Universities in the city).

MONASH UNIVERSITY YEAR 10 & 11 INFORMATION SESSIONS - JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Year 10 Independence Day

Learn about the importance of prerequisites, subject selection and key considerations when choosing your course, university and future career.

Date: Thursday 2nd July 2015
Time: 11.00am - 3.30pm (light lunch provided)
Location: Clayton Campus
For further details, to view program and to register, check the website: destination.monash/year10-day

Year 11 Inspiration Day

Be inspired to make the most of your final school years, learn about available resources and recommended research strategies when considering study and career options.

Date: Wednesday 8th July 2015
Time: 11.00am - 3.30pm (light lunch provided)
Location: Caulfield Campus
For further details, to view program and to register, check the website: destination.monash/year11-day

Faculty based workshops will be available to students on both days. Upon registration students will preference four workshops, and will be assigned two. Workshops are assigned on a first come, first served basis, so it is advised to register for the event as early as possible.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator, Megan Oldham Careers Assistant
WANTED: VOLUNTEER PARENTS TO HELP OUT IN THE LIBRARY

Do you have a spare hour or two to come in and help out in the library?

What Sort Of Things Will You Do?
- Displays
- Data Entry
- Laminating
- Book covering
- Shelving

What Do You Get Out Of It?
- Find out about the school your child attends from the inside
- Meet your kid’s teachers informally
- Fun and companionship
- Learn new skills which you can use when you’re looking for a job

We’d love it if you could join us. Call Lynne Moller in the library and have a chat, Tel 9708 1319.

School expenses getting you down.....??

..... need assistance for Education Costs??

You could be eligible for a NO INTEREST LOAN!

Do you...
- Live in the City of Casey?
- Have a low income or a Centrelink Health Care Card?
- Receive payments from Centrelink?

Primary, Secondary School and TAFE (VCE/VCAL) students can get
flexible, affordable, interest-free loans for purchasing: Books,
Uniforms, School camps, Fees and other items... (eligibility criteria applies)

For more information contact a No Interest Loans Officer today!
Loans are also available for essential household items and some health aids.

Casey North Community Information & Support Service: 9705 6699
Suite 1&2, 90-92 Victor Cres, Narre Warren
Email: nils@casynorthcisss.com.au

The Casey No Interest Loan Program is available to all eligible residents in the City of Casey. The program is managed by Casey North Community Information and Support Service.