IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

| Tuesday 9th February | - Year 9 SEAL Excursion (selected students)  
- Year 7 BBQ for students and families, 5.30pm-7.00pm  
- Year 7 Music Information Night, 6.30pm |
| Tuesday 1st March | - School Photos (catch up day) |
| Thursday 11th February | - Year 11 Politics Excursion |
| Tuesday 16th February | - PFA Meeting, 7.00pm |
| Wednesday, 17th February | - Whole School Assembly, Period 1 |
| Tuesday 23rd February | - School Photos |
| Wednesday 9th March | - Year 7 HPV Immunisations  
- Division Swimming (selected students) |
| Monday 29th February | - Year 7 Camp (29/1-2/3)  
- Intermediate Cricket, Volleyball & Tennis |
| Monday 14th March | - Labour Day, Public Holiday |
| Wednesday 16th March | - Year 10 Humanities (coasts) Excursion |

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES
The College has extensive protocols in place in the event of any emergency situation. These include evacuations and lock down/shelter in place procedures. These are fully documented (47 pages!) and are submitted to the Department of Education.  
All staff have a copy of the relevant pages and it is part of our induction process for new staff.

In the media this week there has been a lot of commentary on numerous hoax calls made to schools. It is important to note that at no time were any students in danger. None the less, each school calmly implemented their emergency procedures that included notifying the police and DET.

I would ask parents to trust that the school can handle an incident appropriately and refrain from calling or coming to the school. To do so, just risks pulling staff from their allocated duties under the College plan. You will be contacted by the school if we need you to collect your child.

As part of our emergency protocols we hold practice drills. This is to ensure staff and students would be able to calmly and appropriately implement the College plan. We will hold a drill this Term. When we hold a drill a banner will notify parents via the College webpage once the drill has commenced.

Clearly, for the drill to be effective it must simulate an event and this precludes forewarning the school community. It is inappropriate for your child to text you or post to social media about any evacuation or lock down/shelter in place event as they simply will not know whether it is just a drill. They could raise tension in the community unnecessarily.

As Principal, my highest priority is the safety of all students and staff. Trust us!

START TO THE SCHOOL
It was wonderful to welcome back all our students for the start of a new school year. Students spent time with their Home Group Teacher or Mentor, attended a Year level assembly, received their timetables and lockers. By Period 3 all students were settled into class and the education program was underway. Indeed it was the smoothest start to the school year I can recall. This is testament to the team of staff who toiled away to ensure everything was in place for the beginning of the new school year.

I commend the Newsletter to students and staff as it is the best way to stay informed about key dates and important developments at the College. The Newsletter is handed to Year 7-10 students each Friday and is also posted on the VCE App and College website.

A new portable has been installed during the holidays and is ready for use. This portable will provide an additional classroom space. It can be found next to the VCE common room and is called R0. We have also made some modifications at the front of the gym to create a new instrumental music practice space, and will be installing an additional small room near D1 for a second space to accommodate our expanding music program. These will be ready for use in the next two weeks.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS
Parents are requested to remind their sons and daughters of the rules that apply to school crossings and their behaviour on and around the crossings. This request comes as a result of complaints that students are not listening to crossing supervisors’ directions and also crossing away from the dedicated crossings, making it dangerous for both students and motorists. Proper behaviour and adherence to the rules when using the crossings is a vital safety aspect.
2016 STAFF

We would like to welcome the following staff to Gleneagles:

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<td>Katrina Wood</td>
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We also would like to welcome back Melissa Casley who was on Leave in 2015.

HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTY CAPTAINS FOR 2016

Applications for House Captains and Deputy House Captains for 2016 opened on Wednesday, 3rd February 2016 and close at 3.00pm on Wednesday 10th February 2016. Interviews will be held on Friday 12th February 2016. Application forms and details regarding the process are located on the College website, Quicklinks on the Homepage. Copies are also available from the school office.

TRAFFIC AROUND THE COLLEGE

Traffic and parking around the college before and after school is extremely busy. To reduce this traffic congestion we would like to encourage the families of students that travel by car to drop the students off at least one street block away from the college. Another option would be to drop students off at Heatherton Road and they could walk the remainder of the trip to the College. Not only will the students get some fresh air, they can chat with their friends, be more relaxed and not rushed. This will assist greatly to reduce traffic delays during peak hour times around the College.

BUSES

Students are reminded that when travelling on school buses that payment with a valid Myki card is required. Students need to touch on and off with their Myki when using all public transport. Transport inspectors are monitoring bus routes and issuing a fine of $150 if travelling without a valid ticket. Students should not be surprised if they are fined when travelling without a valid ticket. A reminder for students to continue to behave in an appropriate manner when travelling to and from school.

1:1 COMPUTER PROGRAM 2016 UPDATE

The uptake by parents for the 1:1 Computer Program has been very high across Years 7 & 10 which is excellent in our second year of the program. The current turn around time for orders being placed is between 2-3 weeks but the last few deliveries have all come in much earlier. A backlog of orders currently exists which will be filled in the order they were received. If you are yet to place an order for the device please follow the instructions about the 1:1 Computer Program at our website.

These computers will arrive directly at Gleneagles, where they are imaged (software updated and added to the school network) and then parents are notified within 24 hours by Edunet to collect their device.

Some other important reminders:

- Like the school uniform, the computer, charger, bag and stylus are identical so it is essential that it is easily identified before bringing in to school by using a permanent marker, sticky labels or engraving (please see notes on our website about engraving do’s and don’ts).

- Computers should always remain inside school bags on the way to and from school to ensure they are protected from damage.

- Students are reminded to keep their computer locked in their lockers during break times and during PE & Sport classes.

- Any family who is experiencing financial difficulties is encouraged to speak with Maxine Foster, the Wellbeing Coordinator, to explore financial support. Other options such as a take-home layby (Certigy Ezipay) or Zip interest free loans are accessible through the EduNet portal which also provides parents with more easily managed fortnightly payments for those who wish to apply.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday, 23rd February 2016. Aussie School Photos will take multiple images of each student to provide parents/guardians with more choices and greater value. Order forms and envelopes will be sent home with students two weeks prior to the photo day.

There are three options available when ordering photo packs:

1. Place orders on-line prior to the photo day.
2. Complete the pre-payment order form for your child to hand to the photographer on photo day.
3. You can choose to wait for five working days, then go online to view the images at www.schoolphoto.com.au

Further details will be issued in upcoming Newsletters.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Rhonda Greelish
YEARNING UP FOR EVENTS
Welcome to 2016! The first week of transition for the Year 7 cohort has gone very smoothly. The Year 7 students are starting to navigate their way around Gleneagles quite confidently and are settling into secondary life. There are two important Year 7 events that are fast approaching:

**Year 7 BBQ, Tuesday, 9th February 2016, 5.30pm – 7.00pm**

As part of the orientation program, Gleneagles Secondary College would like to invite the parents/guardians of all Year 7 students to attend a Welcome BBQ being held on Tuesday, 9th February 2016 from 5.30pm-7.00pm. Dinner will be provided along with the opportunity to meet and get to know your child’s teachers. The Music Department will also take the time to showcase some of the musical talent we have here at Gleneagles and give parents the opportunity to talk to the music staff about music lessons.

**Year 7 Orientation Camp**
The second event is the Golden Valley Lodges Orientation Camp at Flinders, which will be held from the 29th February – 2nd March 2016. Please note that there are limited spots available for the camp, so make sure your forms are returned as soon as possible to avoid the disappointment of missing out. Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Andrew Barker, Year 7-8 Sub-School Leader
Sophie Ivory & Simon Martin, Year 7 Team Leaders

YEAR 7 MUSIC INFORMATION NIGHT MEETING
**TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2016, 6.30PM, LIBRARY**

Parents of students wishing to learn a musical instrument this year must attend the important Music Information session on Tuesday, 9th February 2016 starting at 6.30pm (after the Year 7 BBQ) where parents will be able to register their child for music tuition. Gleneagles offers a wide variety of instrumental tuition which includes: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, french horn, euphonium, piano, singing, drums and guitar. Tuition availability on some instruments is limited and it is therefore important that parents attend the evening to gain as much information as possible prior to selecting an instrument. Parents will be informed about the associated costs for each of the instruments and are able to receive advice on the most suitable instrument for their child from music instrumental staff who will be available on the night. Further queries can be directed to the Music Director, Ms. Horvat at the College on Tel 9708 1319.

Ms Horvat, Music Director

GLENAGLES HOUSE SPORTS 2016

This year’s House Sports Carnivals will be held on the following dates:

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All students are expected to attend, participate and enthusiastically encourage their fellow House members. The Carnivals are a great opportunity for students of all abilities to participate and have an enjoyable day. Your child has previously received a House Carnivals’ Permission Form (additional copy on Page 4 of this Newsletter). The form should be signed and returned to the Home Group teacher by Friday 12th February 2016.  

Ms Cooper, Carnivals/PE/Sport/GE Cup

CAREERS NEWS

THE CAREERS CENTRE HAS MOVED

Careers is now located in the Sub-School area next to the library & VCE Study Centre. The careers staff are Chris Wood and Catherine Oldham. Please come in to see us. All Year 12 students are required to make an appointment in Term 1 to discuss their 2016 Course Preferences and career options. Year 11 students are also welcome to have an individual interview in Term 1 or 2. The sign-up sheet for appointments is on the internal Careers centre door.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10

Work Experience week is Monday 20th to Friday 24th June 2016 (last week of Term 2). Students should be finalising their placements now and will have received a copy of the Work Experience arrangements form in Homegroup. Work Experience is a compulsory component of the Year 10 curriculum. Teachers visit students on their placement and students complete a work experience diary. The final day to return forms is Thursday 24th March 2016 (the last day of Term 1), however students should organise their placements in advance due to competition from other schools in the area. Students are expected to find their own placement but can see Chris or Catherine in the Careers centre for ideas and assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015

Our Year 12 students from 2015 recently received their first round offers for tertiary places:

- 77% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three tertiary preferences.
- 68.5% will be going to University.
- 26.6% have been offered TAFE Diplomas.

The remainder will be studying at private colleges or working full-time. Below are our students’ top 10 destinations for 2016.

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Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
Catherine Oldham, Careers Assistant
EXCURSION/ACTIVITY PERMISSION FORM

Excursion/Activity Name: GLENEAGLES WHOLE SCHOOL CARNIVALS 2016

Date: Swimming – Tuesday 8th March  
Cross Country – Thursday 24th March  
Athletics – Friday 22nd April

Year Level/Home Group/s: All

Organising Teacher(s): Georgia Evans/ Beth Cooper

Details of Excursion/Activity:  
*Swimming Carnival– Doveton Pool in the Park (also includes permission for students that qualify for division swimming to attend on Wednesday 9th March)
*Cross Country Carnival – Gleneagles-Reema Boulevard Circuit 11am-1.30pm (also includes practice runs during PE & Sport Ed classes)
*Athletics Carnival– Knox Park Athletic Track

Equipment Required: Lunch, Hat & Sunscreen. Canteen facilities will be operating at each venue.

Uniform Requirements ALL STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR HOUSE COLOURS. IF NOT IN HOUSE COLOURS, FULL SPORTS UNIFORM IS REQUIRED (no baseball caps permitted)

Students will be transported by: Bus

Departure Time: 8.45am

Return Time: 2.50pm

Beth Cooper
Organising Teacher

Sue Peddlesten
College Principal

PERMISSION SLIP

Excursion/Activity Name: GLENEAGLES WHOLE SCHOOL CARNIVALS 2016

Organising Teacher: Beth Cooper/ Georgia Evans

Student ID number: ___________________  
Student name: ___________________  
Home Group: _______

I AUTHORISE THE TEACHER IN CHARGE OF THE EXCURSION TO CONSENT, WHERE IT IS IMPRACTICABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME, TO MY CHILD’S RECEIVING SUCH MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENT AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY

(Please indicate any allergic reaction to any drugs): ___________________

I EXPECT MY SON/DAUGHTER TO BEHAVE IN A GOOD AND PROPER MANNER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COLLEGE CODE OF CONDUCT, TO CARRY OUT ANY INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE TEACHER IN CHARGE, AND AGREE TO MEET ANY EXPENSES INVOLVED WITH ANY MISBEHAVIOUR

SIGNED: ___________________  
(Date)

(Parent or Guardian)

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER ON DAY OF ACTIVITY: ___________________

STUDENT’S MEDICARE NUMBER: ___________________

*This statement will remain in the possession of the Teacher in Charge of the party and a list of the participants will be filed at the School.

FORM DUE BACK FRIDAY 12TH FEB 2016