**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**COLLEGE COUNCIL BALLOT PAPER**

The Ballot paper for the Parent Representative for the School Council closed at 4.00pm on Friday 11th March 2016. The results of the Ballot will be in next week’s Newsletter.

**DISMISSAL AT THE END OF TERM 1, 2016**

**THURSDAY, 24th MARCH, 2.30PM**

We remind all members of the school community that dismissal time at the end of each Term is 2.30pm. The City of Casey will not provide crossing supervisors before 2.30pm on any school day and school crossings will only be supervised within the nominated school zone times which are 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The bus companies have been informed of these times. First day of Term 2 is Monday 11th April 2016.

**INFORMATION NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL 2016, 7.00PM**

**FOR YEAR 7, 2017 STUDENTS**

Applications for entry into the 2017 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. The SEAL Information Night will be held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Shed at the College. No booking required. Applications close on Wednesday, 27th April 2016 at 12 noon.

Testing for entry into the SEAL Program for Year 7, 2017 students is scheduled for Saturday, 7th May 2016. 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, Quicklinks on the Homepage.

**OPEN NIGHT, TUESDAY, 19th APRIL 2016**

Open Night provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the academic programs and diverse co-curricula activities on offer at Gleneagles. We will answer all of your questions as you seek to make the right decision for your child’s secondary education. Our Student Leaders will run guided tours of our facilities and discuss the many opportunities on offer at the College.

**Tuesday, 19th April 2016**

4.30pm to 6.30pm Tours of the School

6.30pm Principal’s Address

We will explain how to enrol your child at Gleneagles Secondary College for Year 7 in 2017. We will also address questions regarding enrolment boundaries/protocols that are in place. Senior staff, teachers and student leaders will be available to answer all your questions, so please come along and join us. No bookings required, families welcome.

**PARKING**

The City of Casey have advised the College that their officers will be monitoring parental parking outside the College both at the commencement and conclusion of the school day. They will particularly target vehicles illegally parked, double parked, parked on nature strips, across driveways and crossings and impeding buses. Fines will be issued to offending vehicles.

_Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Rhonda Greelish_
PFA

PFA with the help of WIN Foundation ran a Multicultural luncheon on Tuesday 8th March 2016 for International Women’s Day. With over 70 parents and friends of the school attending it was an overwhelming success. There will be a report on the website soon. Our next PFA meeting will be in the College staff room at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 19th April 2016. We will be running a parents and students Cultural Understanding workshop at 7.00pm on Monday, 16th May 2016. More details to follow.

Please feel free to email or SMS the PFA Coordinator with feedback, suggestions or ideas.

Contact: Jamel@culturaleducation.com.au, Mob 0413 425 912

ACCESS MONASH SCHOOL LAUNCH

Year 11 and 12 students involved in the Access Monash Mentor Program had their first mentor meeting during Homework Club on Thursday. All mentees were eager to meet their mentors, find out a little bit more about them and decide how the Access Monash Mentor Program could best support them. The program enables our mentees to access tutoring, study support sessions and the opportunity to attend university classes with their mentor from Monash, form industry connections and gain a really strong understanding of what their future study and career may look like. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students and we look forward to hearing more from our mentees about the program in the near future.

Miss Reynolds, VCE Team Leader


WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH 2016

Thirty-eight degrees and still enjoying a splash!
The heat wave on Tuesday 8th March 2016 saw a large number of students (and teachers) take part in the annual swimming carnival at the Doveton “Pool in the Park.” From the doggy paddlers to the speedy sharks, the students enthusiastically swam in the spirit of their House. This year saw an increase in participation from the previous years and a couple of snorkelers too! The four Houses battled it out in the pool, novelty activities and a massive house chant. Many students also enthusiastically participated in the 10 minute midday plunge. The racing ended with the mighty Mr Bowen taking on some of the toughest relay teams in the school. After a tiring and sweaty day, the mighty Kites took the title of the 2016 swimming carnival. The full results were:

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We would like to commend everyone on displaying such great sportsmanship and team spirit, especially those who jumped in the pool and had a go. It was such an exciting day and the increase in participants made the day more entertaining and enjoyable. Also a huge thanks to all the teachers and students who assisted with running the day. Without your help, the carnival would not have been as successful as it was!

Article by Canis Nugroho 10E, Sport Captain

MUSIC NEWS

The sounds are definitely loud and proud from the Music Department at Gleneagles Secondary College. February was a busy month for all of our new students being exposed to lots of new instruments and culminating in an incursion with the group ‘Brass Bedlam’ (pictured). What a busy Term we have had with our existing students continuing their studies from last year and so many recruits from our new Year 7 cohort joining our program. We welcome everyone and look forward to adding more students where we now have spaces still available. Though most of our music classes are now full, we still have availability with instrument hire available for 2 Trumpets, 2 Trombones, 2 French Horns and 2 Oboes. We are also lucky to have the teaching services of Mauro Perez, a practising musician/percussionist. He is our drum teacher and is also extending his teaching availability. Mauro is now available to teach for another lesson. Please contact the Music Department for further information if interested but don’t miss your opportunity to join us. Please contact Mrs. Horvat to discuss the opportunity to study any of the above.

Ms Horvat, Instrumental Music Director
MANAGING CHILDREN’S TIME ONLINE

Spending time online is a regular activity for many children who enjoy communicating with friends, sharing information and playing games. A child’s life is full of opportunities for them to spend time out of school with community groups, sporting clubs and their friends. Lately, we have noticed more students reporting that they were up quite late at night due to online activities and seeing more students coming to school without enough sleep.

Whilst there are no guidelines for the ‘right’ amount of time someone should spend online or gaming, if your child is being negatively impacted by excessive use it may be time to discuss how they can take action to maintain a healthy balance.

- **Look** for indicators that your child may be spending too much time online, such as a declined interest in other activities, talking constantly about an online game or activity, a decline in grades, or irritability.

- **Discuss** how other aspects of their life are being affected. Excessive use can impact on someone’s health and wellbeing, family, relationships, work or education.

- **Consider** establishing rules about when your child can play games or use the internet and how long they can play for. You might make a mutual agreement to set a balance of online and offline activities. You may need to establish consequences for rule breaches. Depending on the age of the child you may also set passwords that they do not know.

- **Locate** the computer in a shared or visible place in the home so you know how much time is being spent online and what your child is doing online.

- **Seek** support if you have concerns. If you or someone you know wants to talk about online issues, visit the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner’s website: [https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/role-of-the-office](https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/role-of-the-office) which has links to Kids Helpline, reporting cyberbullying and other resources.

Mr Van der Westhuizen, Cyber Safety, E Winger SL Manager / IT / Maths

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**Year 10 Work Experience Update**

Year 10 students have all received a copy of the Work Experience arrangements form and should be finalising their placements as the deadline for returning forms is only 3 weeks away - Thursday 24th March 2016 (last day of Term 1)

It is also compulsory for students to complete their ‘General’ and ‘Industry’ safe@work certificates prior to undertaking Work Experience. These should be completed online ASAP at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/Pages/introduction.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/Pages/introduction.aspx)

Work Experience week is Monday 20th to Friday 24th June 2016.- Students can see Chris or Catherine in the Careers Centre for ideas and assistance with finding an appropriate placement or contacting employers.

**Gleneagles Parents - Can you help?**

Parents - are you or any of your friends/family able to assist a Year 10 student with Work Experience this year? Offering a work placement to an eager student is a great way to build relationships with and contribute to your school and broader community. Please contact Catherine Oldham in the Careers Centre to discuss: oldham.catherine.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Career Education Opportunities**

Students - come and visit us in the Careers Centre to find out more information about how you can explore your future options. Upcoming opportunities which may be of interest include:

- **Excursion to South East Careers Expo & ‘Try A Trade’, Year 10**
  - **Tuesday, 19th April 2016 - Cranbourne**
  - We will be transporting a limited number of Year 10 students to the South East Careers Expo and ‘Try a Trade’. Trades on display will include carpentry, plumbing, tiling, bricklaying, painting, engineering and hair & beauty. Interested students should visit the Careers Centre to express their interest in attending.

- **Excursion to Cerberus Naval Base, Year 10 & 11 Students**
  - **Thursday, 26th May 2016, Mornington Peninsula**
  - Students with an interest in attending an excursion to Cerberus Naval base, the Royal Australian Navy’s Primary training facility located on the Mornington Peninsula should visit the Careers Centre. Limited spaces available.

- **University of Melbourne Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences Open Day**
  - **Saturday 19th March 2016, 10.00am-3.00pm, Werribee**
  - Explore the popular Bachelor of Agriculture, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Diploma in General Studies programs. Attend course information lectures, discuss a range of careers in science, veterinary nursing and equine studies with other education providers and tour the world-class Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Werribee. Register for free online at [www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au/werribee-open-day-2016/](http://www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au/werribee-open-day-2016/)

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
Catherine Oldham, Careers Assistant
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SEAL INFORMATION EVENING
SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM
FOR YEAR 6 2016 – INTO YEAR 7 2017

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2016
7:00PM – 8:00PM

APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 PROGRAM CLOSE WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2016

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TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016
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PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS 6.30PM