



# Gleneagles College Newsletter



## Start to the School Year

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.

I commend the Newsletter to students and staff as a key way to stay informed about key dates and important developments at the College. The Newsletter will be posted to the College website and via Newsfeed on Compass every fortnight. Compass can be accessed via the web or the Compass App can be downloaded to your mobile device.

## Year 7 Welcome BBQ

I look forward to meeting parents at our Year 7 Welcome BBQ on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5.00p.m. It's a great opportunity to meet your child's Home Group teacher, key staff and other parents in a relaxed atmosphere. Have a night off from cooking and let us cater for your family's dinner.

Is your child keen to learn a musical instrument? You'll have the opportunity to learn more about our instrumental music program and sign your child up to learn an instrument. After you have enjoyed your meal come along and hear about our excellent music program and the wide range of musical instruments that students can learn.

Parent information session about Ongoing Reporting and Compass will commence at 5.30pm.

## College Carnivals

The College Swimming Sports will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February and we look forward to all students attending. If students are not going to compete in swimming events they can still support their house, perhaps help with the running of the event and so much more. **We need all parents to complete the electronic permission slips that are on Compass.** It'll be waiting for you at the top of your News Feed bar when you log into Compass. See Compass Corner on next page for a guide to this process.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
ATHLETICS	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April

## House Captain Applications

We would like to encourage as many students as possible to apply for a House Captain or Deputy Captain positions. One each per house.

House Captains: Year 10, 11 & 12 students

Deputy House Captains: Year 7, 8 & 9 students

Information on the application process will be available on Compass Newsfeed earlier next week.



## School Council Elections

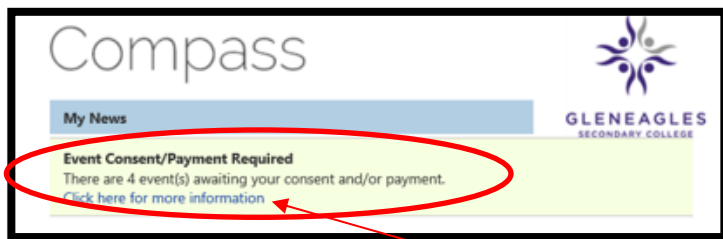
This year Parent Representative and DET Employee Representative positions will fall vacant and a new category for a Student Representative will be included. Please read the next page to find out more about what is involved in being on Council. Interested parents and students may also like to contact the Principal, Sue Peddlesden to discuss the opportunity.

Nominations will open on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and close on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. Further details on how to nominate will be published via Compass News Feed and on the College website. Nominations will be assessed and if an election is required, the ballot will be held between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Elected Councillors would commence their duties at the next Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Council meets a minimum of eight times per year and currently meetings are held at 7.00pm on a Monday night. Future dates can be located on the College website. Being on Council is a great opportunity to contribute to development of the College and its policies.

## Compass Corner

Are you aware that excursions can now be approved online? Any events (excursions, sports activities etc) that require consent, can be now be done simply and quickly using Compass.

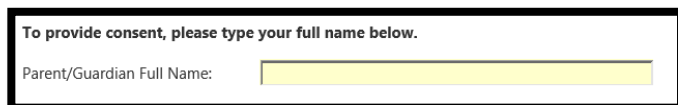
1. Events requiring consent will appear at the very top of your newsfeed (in a shaded green box).



2. All you then need to do is press on the 'Click here for more information' link and then select the big red button next to each event.



3. Check that the details listed are correct, type your name in the box at the bottom of the page



4. Click 'Submit details'.

If you have forgotten your password, or need your login details, please contact the College on 9708 1319.

## Late to School

In order to minimise disruption to class and maximise learning opportunities for our students, we would like to remind you of the school policy regarding late arrivals to school. Students are expected to be at school at 8:15am. A locker bell rings at 8:20am and class begins punctually at 8:30am. If your child is late for any reason, please notify the school by phone on 9708 1319, through Compass or by writing a note in the student's diary explaining the reason.

If no explanation has been received, students will be given a lunchtime detention.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2018

## **WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

## **WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?**

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Gleneagles Council has five parent members, three community representatives and four DET members including the Principal.

## **WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

## **HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

## **DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

## **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?**

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

## **REMEMBER**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

For further details, contact **Sue Peddlesden, Principal of Gleneagles** ([peddlesden.sue.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:peddlesden.sue.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)).

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 11 Camp Phillip Island</b> <b>Year 12 RMIT, Deakin and Monash Peninsular Campus</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Year 7 Welcome BBQ from 5.00p.m</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Includes Information session on Compass &amp; Ongoing Reporting and</i></li> <li>• <i>Instrumental Music Information Session.</i></li> </ul>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 11 Politics Excursion
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School photos – all students need to be in full school uniform to be in the photos, sports uniform not to be worn on this day.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Intermediate volleyball, tennis and baseball
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	College Swimming Carnival – all students
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 7 Camp Group 1</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School photos for students absent on 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Assembly Period 1 – unfortunately no parents can be invited as we need to seat all the students in the Gym and there is no space left
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Yr 12 Geography Excursion to Phillip Island
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 7 Camp Group 2</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 12 Sociology Excursion – Melb. Museum and river walk
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Senior volleyball, tennis and baseball
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Division swimming - tbc
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO CLASSES
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 12 Legal Excursion to Supreme and County Courts – Group 1
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 7 Volleyball, cricket and tennis. Softball – all levels <b>7E SEAL Parent Night</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 10 Coast Excursion Yr 12 Legal Excursion – Supreme and County Courts – Group 2
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 7 Excursion to National Gallery of Victoria – home groups will be advised
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 10, 11, 12 Visual Communication & Yr 10 Wood Tech to National Gallery of Victoria
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Yr 7 Immunisation (HPV + Boostrix)</b> Yr 8 Volleyball, cricket, tennis Yr 7 & 8 and intermediate baseball
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	CURRICULUM DAY – NO CLASSES
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Yr 7 Excursion to National Gallery of Victoria – home groups will be advised
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Southern Metro swimming Media and Studio Arts Excursion - Top Screen and Top Arts
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Carnival
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START – GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



**ENDEAVOUR HILLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Registration Day**  
Sunday 11th February  
**10am to 2pm**

**Charles Green Reserve**

115E James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills

\*Early Bird Discount applies to payments made on the day.

**Boys & Girls**

**PLAYERS WANTED**

**Under 8's - Under 17's**

for more information contact  
**registrar@endeavourhillsjfc.com.au**