



Glenroy
College

GLENROY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL DETAILS

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SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Aspiring Together

SCHOOL VISION

“Students learn by using the strategies that enable them to confidently and independently engage with the curriculum.”

SCHOOL VALUES

Pursuit of excellence
Respect for the individual
Integrity
Teamwork
Healthy environment

2015 TERM DATES

TERM 1

29th January – 27th March

TERM 2

13th April – 26th June

TERM 3

13th July – 18th September

TERM 4

5th October – 18th December



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is my first newsletter for the year. For those who didn't know I have been on sick leave for the first three terms this year. I am very happy to say that I am back and feeling well.

It is no wonder no-one noticed my absence because, as should be expected the school continued to run with the focus on improving student outcomes. I need to thank Mr Ebbage for stepping up to the Principal's position during my absence. There was very little notice for Mr Ebbage to prepare himself – basically I stopped work on December 7th 2014 and didn't resume until October 5th 2015 – and he has done an amazing job. Of course he couldn't do it without other people stepping up to support him. I also thank the Business Manager Ms Demasi who was a strong support to Mr Ebbage and both Ms Korkoneas and Ms Tizian who both filled in as acting Assistant Principals at various times to backfill Mr Ebbage's position. This of course meant that Ms Korkoneas, classes and Ms Tizian's classes also had to be backfilled at various times which resulted in a number of new staff having to be employed. To their credit the new staff have filled in with a minimum of fuss. As I said staff have continued their focus on improving student outcomes by developing common assessment tasks



(CATS) in each domain and at each level along with developmental rubrics to guide staff and students in what they need to do to improve. Our NAPLAN growth rates have also been very positive. Average student growth from year 7 to year 9 has been better than the state in numeracy, reading, grammar and punctuation and spelling. Effectively students are catching up. Both the Student Attitudes to School Survey and the Parent Opinion Survey reflect general satisfaction with the work happening in the classroom. Year 12 and year 11 VCE students are currently completing their exams. Year 12 and year 11 VCAL students have completed work requirements for the year. Successful students have selected their subjects for year 11 and 10 for 2016. Year 8 students are in the process of selecting subjects for year 9. All subject selections should be done by students with their parents and they should be based on what the student wants to do beyond year 12 not what their friends are doing.

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Year 12 graduation is scheduled for Thursday the 19th of November. The year 7 to 11 Academic Awards night is scheduled for Monday the 30th of November. This is an invite only night so parents should keep an eye on the letterbox to see if their child is a recipient of an award and as such receives an invite. This year's key note speaker at both events will be Adrian Lee. Adrian completed year 12 in 2011 and was the Dux of the school for that year. Ms Korkoneas and Ms Pampanella have nearly completed visiting all the Primary Schools from which we receive students. Most of next year's year 7 students have enrolled, completed their placement tests and are preparing for orientation day on December 7th.

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to all 3,000 participants in the amazing "Spectacular" concert on Saturday 12th September held at the Hisense Arena. This is a wonderful opportunity for school students from across Victoria to experience the planning and presentation of a professional production. Glenroy College participated in the 1,000 voice mass choir - many songs need to be performed from memory, in 2 part harmony along with some fun dance moves!

Auditions are held in November as preparation for the September "Spectacular" in the following year. These auditions search for the best soloists, orchestra players and dancers to appear in "Spectacular" who will then rehearse most weekends

throughout the year. A truly high standard is achieved, making it difficult to remember that all the performers are young school students.

The "Spectacular" concert will be shown on TV later this year: Saturday 5th December on Channel 7 at 7pm.

Lynda Watkins
Music



TELESCOPE NIGHT

Unfortunately due to bad weather we weren't able to see much from telescope night in week 2, but there will be a telescope viewing day for students in week 7.

In the meantime, here are some pictures from Telescope Night in Term 3:



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The School Breakfast Program is one of the most important and unique programs run in the College. The program commenced at the beginning of 2014 in response to a growing awareness that students were going to school most days without eating breakfast. The Breakfast Program runs every Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the school café. Students have an equal opportunity to receive a wholesome, nutritious breakfast on a regular basis. The School Breakfast Program would not be possible without the generous support of our philanthropic sponsors. In particular we would like to thank Bakers Delight in St. Helena, Woolworths Glenroy and the Christian Council for their continual support and donations.

Kara Scifo
Youth Worker

EXCELLENT MUSIC EXAM RESULT!

Samantha Clarke has worked hard in preparation for the Australian Music Examinations Board (A.M.E.B.) Preliminary Grade Flute Examination. Learning how to produce a clear sound from a flute is an interesting challenge along with the skill to read pages of music notation. The required music pieces and scales were well presented on the day and the examiner's report praises Samantha for her "sound knowledge" of music theory and Italian terminology.

Congratulations Samantha!

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disruption to traffic conditions,
footpath and driveway access
around the school, as well as
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YEAR 12 NEWS

Hopefully you have applied for a
course through VTAC if you plan to
commence tertiary study next
year. You can still apply as a late
applicant now, but it will cost \$95,
not \$29.

Remember, you can change your
application (preferences) as much
as you like until November 10th,
then again from 23rd November
until 12 noon on the 21st
December 2015. VCE students will
receive their results on Monday
14th December, so you will have a
week to reconsider your VTAC
application. Use this time to
contact or visit tertiary institutions
if you are uncertain, or contact me
at school for advice.

Offers of places at tertiary
institutions commence on 18
January 2016, with more places on
offer later on (there will be five
'rounds' of offers in total). You are
advised to accept the first offer
you receive as most likely it will be
your only offer (around 80% of
applicants will receive one offer);
however, accepting an offer does
not mean you cannot receive
another offer in a later round of
offers.

The week after you receive your
ATAR is generally known as
Change of Preference (COP) week
(Mon 14th – Mon 21st December).
During this time tertiary
institutions run information
sessions, COP Expos, have phone
assistance available and will assist
you in any way they can. You can
also obtain assistance at school.

Thanks,
Sue
Careers

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