March 31st
School Assembly at 3.00 p.m.

April 4th
Last day Term 1 -finish 2.30 p.m.

22nd Tuesday
School Resumes at 9.00 a.m.

Unfortunately school photo date has changed to Monday 12th May, 2014

Could all Parents please check their children’s hair, as lately there have been a number of cases of head lice. If children’s hair is checked on a regular basis, we hope that this issue will be kept under control. Thank you

SCPS School Assembly
Next fortnightly assembly will be held Monday 31st March, 2014, at 3pm.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

- Pale Blue or White General Notices
- Gold Excursion Incursion
- Orange Important Messages
- Bright Pink Fundraising

Please read this newsletter, as it is an important communication between school and home

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

Wow what an exciting week it has been!!!

Firstly, on Tuesday we had 3 researchers from eD Partnerships International here to interview staff on the success of our student learning outcomes and our teaching approaches. The Department of Education has asked these researchers to do a Case Study on 10 high performing Victorian schools and we have been chosen to be one of those schools. We are very proud of being chosen and I will keep you informed as to the outcome.

Secondly, Wednesday was a sensational Harmony Day. Once again this day proved to be a huge success for us all. The children and teachers always look forward to this day and the opportunity we have to share beautiful food provided by our wonderful community. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who was involved in making this day such an enjoyable one. Thank you to all of the fabulous parents who took time to create the beautiful food for our shared luncheon. I know Mr. John Keyser, our guest from the Regional Office of the Department of Education was highly impressed. I would also like to thank all of the staff and in particular Mrs Angeline Singh who was the leader and coordinator of the day. Lastly thank you to our beautiful children who always join in and make the most of this day. Congratulations to everyone on such a success!!!

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead

Averil Nunn
Principal

As mentioned in the calendar on the front cover, unfortunately our school photo day has had to be changed from next week. The new school photo day is now:

Monday, 12th May, 2013

Please retain your student envelope until the new date and for those parents who have returned their envelope to the school office, we will keep them safely at school until the required new date.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.
Harmony Day

Harmony day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Participating in Harmony Day activities, allows us to learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds, equally belong to this nation helping to enrich it.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day - through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. It was established in 1999 as an Australian programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day of Racial Discrimination.

There are some fascinating facts about Australia’s diversity that can be found at: www.harmony.gov.au such as:

- Around 45% of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.
- People from over 200 countries make up the Australian community.
- More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes.
- Apart from English the most common language spoken in Australian homes are Mandarin, Italian, Greek, Cantonese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.
- There are more than 60 Indigenous languages spoken in Australia.

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SEAL Opportunity for Current Year 6 Students 2014 (Year 7 Students in 2015)

Gleneagles Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL)

Gleneagles Secondary College is one of 36 schools accredited to offer Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) in Victoria. One SEAL class of 25 students is offered at each Year level from Year 7 to 10.

The SEAL program provides an opportunity for high potential students to undertake a challenging, concept-based curriculum in the company of like-minded peers. Instruction is designed to stimulate and inspire this highly motivated group, and emphasis is placed on developing creativity, independent inquiry and research skills.

SEAL students complete the same subjects as other students in the year level but curriculum delivery is differentiated to provide faster paced instruction and minimal repetition. The concepts explored in class are often more complex, abstract and challenging.

Entry into the SEAL program is via formal testing and interviews. To be eligible for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program, students need to apply and complete the selection process.

Prospective students and parents are encouraged to attend:

**SEAL INFORMATION NIGHT (FOR YEAR 7 2015 STUDENTS)**

**TUESDAY, 1ST APRIL 2014, 7.00PM**

**GLENEAGLES SECONDARY COLLEGE, THE SHED**

Come along and hear more about the program and collect an application package. No booking required, all family members welcome.

For further details, please visit the Gleneagles website: [http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-process/](http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-process/) or contact the SEAL Manager, Julie Mullins on Tel 9708 1319 or email gleneagles.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Applications close for Year 7, 2015 SEAL program on midday on Tuesday, 29th April 2014.

Attention Parents:

Please take the time to have a look at our wonderful Art Displays in the Office area and the corridors. Mrs Graham and the students have worked very hard on their artwork and the displays are constantly changing.

Thank you

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Does your child love to run, jump, climb, hang, swing, bounce & tumble?
If you answered “yes”, then

GYMNASTICS IS THEIR SPORT!

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- Girls (WAG) & Boys (MAG)
- Kindergarten & Recreational Classes
- State, National & International Classes

Present this ad for your child's FREE TRIAL CLASS

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MINI-BALLERS
Basketball Camp

Presented by Ivan Platenik, in association with MINIBALLERS

A great opportunity to be coached by some of the best coaches in the state/country and from Europe

To develop and enhance your basketball skill and have “FUN” doing it!!!

Hurry
Limited Places Available!!!

DATE: Thursday 18th April
Friday 19th April

TIME: 9am - 3pm daily

VENUE: Hallam Secondary College
Fremley Rd, Hallam 3803

COST: $80 per player
cost for 2 days

AGES: 5 yrs - 12 yrs of age

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Cooking

JELLY BISCUITS
Monday 7 April

LASAGNE
Monday 14 April

Please bring a container to take your goodies home

Easter Art
Wednesday 9 April
Wednesday 16 April

TIME: 10.30am - 11.30am
COST: $7.00 per session, per child

For more information contact DNLC on 9791-1449
Limited spaces. Bookings essential by Friday 28 March

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