

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

26th July **Andrew Fuller Evening 7pm**
28th July Nak's evening 7-9pm
2nd August Year 7 AIMS Test – Maths
3rd August Year 7 AIMS Test – English
4th August Year 10-11 Information Evening

8th – 12th Aug Year 10 into 11 Counselling
7th August School's Reunion & Mid Year Music Concert*
*Year 11 SRC reps required as guides for the past students day
11th August VCAA evening for Year 12's
22nd August Parents & Friends Association meeting 7pm

DAMNED LIES AND STATISTICS

Yet again the newspapers have produced a table comparing schools (Sunday Herald Sun, July 10th). This time it ranks schools based on the number of year 12 students offered university places, the more university places the higher the rank. While our ranking was respectable the implied assumption of this kind of data is that all students should be aspiring to a university education.

We all know that this is ridiculous. Only 30% of all students across the state are offered university places and only approximately 20% finish a degree.

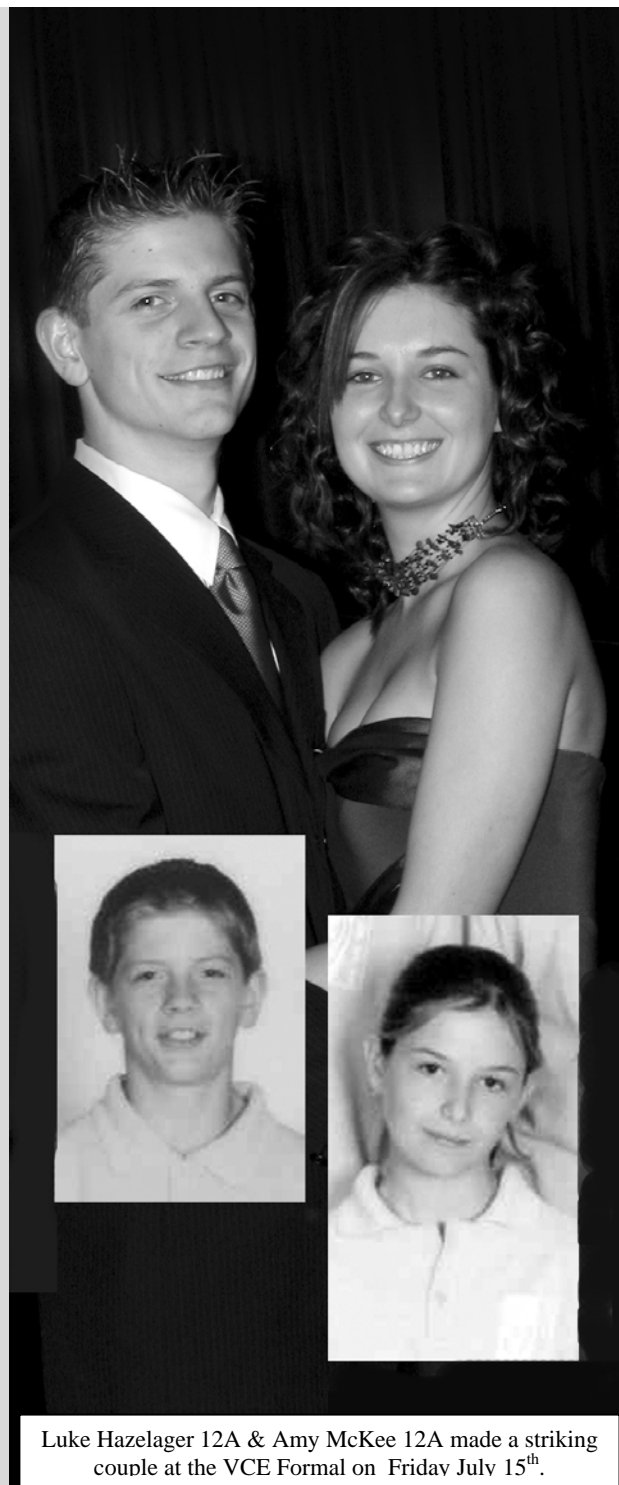
You will be aware of the current debate about skill shortages in Australia. We are being told plumbers or bricklayers can earn as much as doctors. Our society needs a wide range of skills. Most are not learnt at university and a school doing its job well provides a meaningful pathway for all students. For many this means an apprenticeship, a TAFE course, a traineeship or employment.

Our school prides itself on the wide range of choices its students make at the end of year 12. While we value academic excellence and are justifiably proud of those who achieve high ENTER scores, our aim is to direct students towards a career that is meaningful and fulfilling for them. While about 20% of our year 12 students receive a university offer over 80% receive their 1st or 2nd preference suggesting that they are doing what they really want. We are equally pleased with the number of students leaving to enter apprenticeships and traineeships.

Many students need to explore a number of options after they leave school. Our Pathways team regularly counsels past students who are seeking a change in direction. We see that as an important part of our role as a school community. Newspaper rankings reflect a one dimensional view of education and the expectations of young people.

Thornbury High School provides a much more personalised education with a strong culture of guidance and support.

David Smith MIPS [Managed Individual Pathways]



Luke Hazelager 12A & Amy McKee 12A made a striking couple at the VCE Formal on Friday July 15th.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR 21ST CENTURY SUCCESS

On Tuesday July 19th, all staff from schools in the Northcote cluster were involved in a professional development day.

The Northcote cluster includes:

- Thornbury High School
- Fairfield Primary School
- Wales Street Primary School
- Penders Grove Primary School
- Croxton Special School
- Distance Education

Over the past two years teachers across the cluster have been sharing good practice, developing better ways to help students make the transition to Secondary school and working in teams on issues such as technology, literacy and assessment.

All schools spent the morning working on issues related to the new Blueprint. After recess all staff attended workshops conducted by teachers within the cluster with a special focus on the Essential Learnings.

In the afternoon Peter Ellyard gave the keynote address to over 250 staff at the Darebin entertainment centre.

Overall the day was a great opportunity for schools to work together to ensure the best possible education for students from prep to Year 12.

Peter Egeberg

REUNION

An invitation is extended to all past students and teachers (1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's and 2000's) from

- Northcote Technical school
- Thornbury High School
- Darebin Parklands Secondary College
- Thornbury Darebin College

to attend a reunion being organised by the Thornbury Past Students and Teachers group. The event will take place on Sunday August 7 from 2pm – 5pm at the Thornbury High school site.

Activities include

- Tours of the school
- Performances by the school bands
- Range of food and drinks provided by the LOTE department
- Video of schools history
- Other memorabilia
- Launch of past students group

For more details contact Deanne Catmull [email deelish21@yahoo.com.au] or Peter Egeberg [Principal 9480 4066]

"NIGHT FOR NAK"



The school community has organized an evening to raise money for Nak. The venue will hold up to 250 people.

We are hoping to sell tickets at \$10.00 per head (no cost to students performing) and to raise additional funds through the art auction and the sale of drinks.

The evening will include:

- Thornbury High Stage Band
- Cook Island dancers
- 'Bridge the Gap' community choir
- Art Auction
- Multicultural nibbles and wine for sale

When and Where

The fundraising evening is being held at Clifton Creative Art Centre [314 Church Street, Richmond] at 7pm on Thursday July 28th.

For further details contact Sue on 9428 1676

Due to the School's name change from Thornbury Darebin College to Thornbury High School could all cheques be made payable to Thornbury High School from this point forward.
Theresa Daly Business Manager

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

THE FORMAL

What a terrific night was had by all – the food, the dancing, the clothes, the photos, the video. We are always staggered by the transformation of our students in such a short amount of time and Friday night was no exception.

The night was such a success thanks to the tireless work of Christine Farmakis and her committee. Well done to you all.

Photos will be available shortly at \$7:50.



YEAR 11 PASTORAL CAMP

Please note that regardless of your payment method, the FINAL PAYMENT must be completed by Monday 25th July.

The left over \$20 is to be in cash. This money is to be used for meals on the bus both up and back. It is to be handed to Christine Bartsh who will return the money on the bus.

Medical forms are to be returned to Anne Herschell ASAP.

SCARF The Year 12 scarf with student names is now available. The cost is \$30. Payments and collection of scarves is available through the General Office.

Senior Team

SENIOR FORMAL 2005 – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The long awaited night had finally come. Everyone took great care with their appearance and all arrived in style. [One Year 11 limo called up Nova 100FM and announced our occasion on radio.] The foyer was filled with laughter and excitement, and everyone was looking in awe at each other's dresses, suits and hair.



After a number of photographs and when everyone was seated at their assigned tables, we listened to short speeches by Ms Farmakis [the woman that made the whole night happen] and the rest of the organising committee.

The Year 12s were given awards, such as Gary's 'side-show Bob' and Rein's 'most charming, neat freak whose mum cuts his lunch' awards. The Year 11's were very supportive.



The dance floor was very energetic and colourful. People showed off their moves, including the teachers,

especially Mr Manning. The DJ played much loved new and classic favourites, getting everyone singing along.

The food tasted good, but Jack Saad still managed to sneak a Big Mac.

The photographer was kept busy with everyone constantly lining up to have their photos taken with their dates, friends and teachers.

Overall, the night was a huge success and all the hard work put into it really paid off. Everyone rose to the occasion and really got into it. The attitude towards the formal was fantastic and made the night very fun and enjoyable.

Anita Samardzija 11A

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The Department of Education, Science and Training has approved our application for the establishment of a homework centre for Indigenous students. We will require a coordinator and an assistant coordinator to supervise the centre on one afternoon a week between 3.15pm and 5.00pm.

If you are an indigenous parent and wish to apply please contact David Smith on 9458 6103

David Smith

MUSIC NEWS

MID YEAR CONCERT *CHANGE OF DATE*

A reminder that we have changed the date of the Mid Year Concert to the same **Sunday** as the Back to Thornbury Day, **August 7th between 2 and 5pm**. We hope to attract a large crowd with the Silent Auction final bids being held on the day.

SILENT AUCTION

This year we are trying a new fundraising idea called a Silent Auction. If you have any services you can offer (eg. Holiday home for rental, Lawn mowing, tickets to events, Massages, Music Lessons, etc) please let us know and we will add it to the list that is displayed on the school website thornburyhs.vic.edu.au These items can be bid for by email or by phone to the highest bidder and all proceeds will go to the Music Department. Please contact the music department on **9458 6128** or email us at tdcmusic@hotmail.com with your bids or items for auction. The final bids will be taken on Sunday 7th August at the Mid Year Concert between 2 and 5pm. See the attached list of items available for bids at the end of this notice.

MELBOURNE BANDS FESTIVAL DATES

We now have the dates for the Senior Concert and Senior Stage Band performances at the Melbourne Bands Festival. The **Senior Stage Band** will be

performing on **Tuesday 23rd August between 6:20 and 8:40pm** and the **Senior Concert Band** will be performing on **Wednesday 24th August between 6 and 8:50pm**. We will give out notices regarding this but all students will be required to be at school to depart in the school buses approximately one hour before the performance times and will return to school approximately 40 minutes after they finish at Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University Clayton. All parents, family and friends are welcome to come along and support us.

SOUTH STREET EISTEDFODD

The dates have been confirmed for the Senior ensembles competing at South Street, Ballarat. Senior Stage is on Friday 2nd September (morning session) and the Senior Concert Band is Saturday 3rd September during morning and afternoon sessions. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries now. We may look into staying overnight in Ballarat if the majority of band members can stay.

AMEB EXAMS

Any students wishing to undertake AMEB exams to be held in the fifth session must have their money in by this Tuesday 26th July. Those wishing to be in the final [sixth] session of the year must have their money and forms to the general office no later than 16th August. Please speak with your instrumental teacher ASAP if you haven't already received appropriate documentation.

USA TOUR REHEARSALS STARTED!

The first rehearsals have started for the USA concert band, made up of past and present students and staff. It's all sounding great and their first performance will be at the Mid Year Concert on Sunday August 7th. The next rehearsal is Friday 22nd July - see you then.

YEAR 8 BAND NEW START TIME 8:45am ON TUESDAYS

Please note that all year 8 music students are required to be in the band room at 8:45 on Tuesday mornings for rehearsal as specified in their Music Contract.

STAFF CHANGES

Lance is taking a well-earned break from teaching this term and is being replaced by Kent Macpherson in the VET and VCE classes. He is joined by Emma Glynn who will be taking some VET classes and junior music classes and will be classroom co-ordinator. Please make them feel welcome.

YEAR 9 TASMANIAN TRIP

On Monday, June 20th, thirty eight Year 9 students and five staff sailed the seas overnight to Tasmania. Unlike the trip two years earlier, we had a pleasant sail across Bass Strait without one student or staff member

suffering from sea sickness. It might have had something to do with the fact that we all made sure we had our sea sick tablets beforehand!!

We arrived in Devonport at 7 o'clock in the morning and headed towards Port Arthur,



having lunch on the way at the historic town of Ross. All of us enjoyed the ghost tour of Port Arthur that night after dinner. We returned the following morning to Port Arthur to take part in a day time tour of this historic site. In the afternoon we headed towards the city of Hobart where we stayed for two nights.

Over the next couple of days we climbed, in the bus, Mount Wellington, walked Mountfield National Park, shopped at Salamanca Place and, of course, toured the Cadbury Chocolate factory where we were continually fed with chocolates- one of the highlights of the trip.



Those playing in the band had the opportunity to play with Tasmanian schools and, on Friday morning, before we headed back to Devonport via Launceston and the chairlift, the band performed outside the Council Chambers in Glenorchy, a suburb of Hobart. Their performance was appreciated by the passing audience.

We sailed home again on Friday night to arrive in Melbourne on Saturday morning. All of us enjoyed the experience on the boat. The food and the accommodation throughout the camp was the best many of us have ever experienced on a school camp. The bus driver was friendly and helpful and all the students were a credit to their school, family and themselves.

Thanks must be extended to Lance Cross and Nick Dean who organised the camp and to Sean Nahill and Kent Fisk who assisted with looking after the students on the trip.

Mary Anagnostopoulos and Carmel Ryan.

TRIP TO BEIJING, CHINA NOVEMBER, 2005

Itinerary and price for the trip to Beijing, China, will be available in the next two weeks. I am currently waiting for confirmation of flights and prices. The trip will be **less than \$2,500** which will include all flights, meals, accommodation, transfers, tours, visas and travel insurance. We are hoping to leave Melbourne around November 11th and return home via Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, approximately 9 days later. Please contact Carmel Ryan if you require any further information at this stage.

Carmel Ryan

ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TESTS

The organisation of electrical and communication employers [NECA] is once again holding pre-selection tests. These tests are highly regarded by employers looking for new apprentices.

The test is about an average Year 10 standard, with questions in Maths [calculators allowed], English and Science. The test costs \$35. It will be held at NECA headquarters in South Melbourne on **Saturday 15th October**.

Application and payment must be received by **Monday 10th October**.

See Mr Barlow for an application form.

Mr Barlow Careers Teacher

EMA – EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be a parent/guardian of a student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Parents/Guardians must submit applications to the school by **5 August 2005** to be eligible for the second payment.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2005 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to this school to another school after 25 February 2005 and prior to 5 August 2005, must reapply for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office. If you have any queries, call Vicki on 9480 4066.

LEGACY – PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The following is a transcript of a speech made by Michael Gray 9B [pictured here with Legatee Ian Harrison, MC] at the Legacy Public Speaking Competition held at Santa Maria College on June 8th.



Legacy. Ladies and Gents I am here to talk about someone I feel most embodies the spirit of legacy: my dear friend Kigeri Gasana who was a child soldier in Rwanda. He, I believe, embodies all the aspects of legacy loyalty, comradeship, compassion and self-sacrifice. Kegeri, Kige to his friends, was eight when he and his brothers were inducted into the Rwandan Patriotic Army. Kige was the youngest of three brothers, Mutara the oldest at thirteen and Gahiji was ten.

Kige's brother Mutara died on Kige's tenth birthday – shot twelve times in the chest by Government soldiers during a raid on a copper mine in northern Rwanda.

Now before I continue I want to make clear that not all my information is correct. Kige doesn't like to talk about his life before coming to Australia. And when I convince him he usually has to be really drunk.

Gahiji and Kige were placed into the same brotherhood. Basically it meant they slept, ate and fought together. [I just want to remind everyone this wasn't a war per se but sort of a big feud and mostly a guerrilla war.]

So Kige's older brother Mutara's body was left to rot near the mine. [Child soldiers are expendable] So I'd like to bring your attention to Kige's first major act of loyalty. Two nights after Kige learnt that his brother was dead, he snuck from the camp and travelled over twelve kilometres to the mine to retrieve Mutara's body and marched back to the camp with it on his shoulders.

A young man of about seventeen named Habimana was the leader of Kige and Gahiji's Brotherhood. [He] led them on their first raid to blow up a crucial refuelling point for the old steam trains. Kige and his brotherhood approached the train station, which appeared near empty except for two guards patrolling the platform.

The night was dead silent and Hibimana motioned for Kige to surprise the guards. From behind a new figure appeared ... on the platform and spotted the boys. Kige's memory is a little fuzzy at this point but he distinctly remembers the sound of gunfire and the smell of his own blood as he was pitched backwards by three rounds to his right shoulder, which now has a limited range of movement.

Kige spent the next month or so confined to a cell at his own camp for what Habimana called 'criminal stupidity'. The old adage 'Let the blame roll downhill' really works.

Finally Kige was allowed to return to his Brotherhood and was sent into a small battle consisting of about two hundred a side. Sometime during this battle Kige's brother Gahiji was thrown into Kige as a landmine went off ...throwing shrapnel into the right side of Kige's face and eye.

Now a trusted member of his brotherhood, at thirteen years of age Kige had lost his mother, father, and two brothers. He had been near crippled by wounds to his shoulder and face and sports many other wounds from bayonets and the like.

In 1991 a detachment of Argentinean peacekeepers landed near Kige's brotherhood camp. Kige, now thoroughly brainwashed by the Patriotic Army, first reaction was to grab his gun and rush the Argentineans shooting dead one and injuring two others before he was shot through the left knee.

Kige was taken on a journey by boat, where he was nursed by an Australian nurse...who [later] adopted..[him]. Kige has been living in Melbourne for the last fourteen years during which time he and I became good friends. Kige has also donated one lung, a kidney and a portion of his own liver to various people .and he donates blood regularly.

So my friend Kige I believe is the person who most embodies the spirit of legacy, loyalty, comradeship, compassion and self sacrifice.

Thank you all and good day.

Michael Gray 9B

REPORT FROM THE STUDENT WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Welcome back to Term 3. It will be an action packed term for students at Thornbury High School from the student wellbeing point of view.

- Students from THS have been selected from Years 7, 8 and 9 to participate in a joint Darebin Youth Service project to look at issues concerning students at school and in the community. The group will meet once a week with Youth Workers to work on how to gather information from their peers and use this to produce a radio program and to help plan and organise the **Year 7/8 Health and Wellbeing Day planned for August 26th**.
- As part of the Personal Development course, all Year 10 students will be participating in **CPR training**. Each session will take half a day to complete. Students will be notified of the date of their session. This opportunity is a free service provided by St John's Ambulance Service and we are very grateful.
- Year 9 classes will be introduced to Yoga in School at various stages in term 3. Research has shown that Yoga helps young people to improve their focus and social behaviours while also discovering the benefits of a healthy body and mind. A small fee will be required for these sessions.
- Finally a reminder to all parents that **Andrew Fuller** will be speaking to parents about **'HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED'** this coming **Tuesday 26th July** in the **Kaye Coghlan Centre** starting at **7.00pm [registration] and 7.30**

[presentation] Places are filling fast but are still available. Call the school to make a booking or for more information.

- I would also like to take this opportunity to thank one of our staff, James Stoicov, who has been instrumental in getting Peer Support funding from Northcote Rotary. We value support from organisations such as Northcote Rotary and Northcote Lions Club.
- Don't forget to check out the regular positive parent hints that will appear in forthcoming newsletters.

Til next time, keep smiling, ☺ Barbara Carydis SWC

GPI - REPLACEMENTS SKIRTS

Are now available in the GPI uniform shop. You must bring the old skirt with the wrong pattern – for a replacement.

FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ART SHOW - FAMILY DAY

Sunday 31st July 2005 10am-4pm

\$2.00 entry – Children free

Kids Art Activities • Café & Wine Bar • Sleep on Art [design your own pillow case] • The Art of Dance Costume Display • Art on Chairs Auction • Dance Performances • Works for sale by local Artists •Fairfield P.S. Student's Art •Thornbury H.S Art • Kindergarten & Creche Art

Langridge Street, Fairfield Ph. 9489 2966

THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

All parents are warmly invited to the Term 3 meeting of the Parents & Friends Association to be held from 7 til 8.30pm on Monday 22nd August. This is your opportunity to meet informally with the Principal and other parents, to find out about what is happening at the school and to discuss anything that you would like to bring up.

At our last meeting we had a good turn up, and heard a report on the planning for the Night for Nak to be held on Thursday 28th July. The PFA will be helping on the night and we urge you to come along and have some fun while contributing to the important fund raising effort the bring Nak back.

We also heard a report at our last meeting about how the newly formed Past Students Association is coming along. It will be great to see past students visiting the school on Sunday 7 August. Why not come along and see some of our shared history, while enjoying the mid year concert by the Music students - always a wonderful day! Let me know if you would like to go onto the PFA email list to receive occasional messages about the Association and its activities.

Barbara Romeril, PFA President ph: 0407 94863

HOMEWORK TIMETABLE FOR 7-9 SEMESTER 2 2005

YEAR LEVEL	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7B	Mathematics	LOTE	English Science	English Mathematics	SOSE
7C	Science	LOTE	Mathematics	SOSE English	Mathematics English
7D	English SOSE	LOTE	Mathematics	Science English	Mathematics
8A	English SOSE	Mathematics	Mathematics	LOTE Science	English
8B	English Mathematics	SOSE (GWK) English	SOSE (BWK)	LOTE Science	Mathematics
8C	SOSE Science	Mathematics	English	LOTE English	Mathematics
8D	English Mathematics	English	Mathematics(B WK) SOSE	LOTE Science	Mathematics (GWK)
9A	English	English (GWK) Mathematics	LOTE English (BWK)	Mathematics Science	SOSE
9B	SOSE(GWK) English(BWK)	SOSE(BWK) Mathematics English(GWK)	LOTE English (GWK)	Mathematics Science	English
9C	English	Mathematics SOSE	LOTE	English Science	Mathematics
9D	Mathematics SOSE	English	LOTE	English Science	Mathematics

BWK-Blue Week only GWK- Gold Week only

The day the subject appears on the homework timetable means that this is the day the homework is set in that subject but it is up to the teacher to decide when that homework is due.

If students do not make effective use of their classtime, they may receive additional homework on each night.

Homework for Art, Technology, Music, PE will be set when required.

DONATIONS FOR

THE SILENT AUCTION

The following businesses have generously donated goods for this year's Music fundraiser. Bids can be made to our email address: tdcmusic@hotmail.com or you can call in your bids to the music department **9458 6128**. Check the school website thornburyhs.vic.edu.au for regular updates of new items for bidding.

Donation: Bed Shed pillow Donated by: Grant Smith of <u>Bed Shed</u> Estimated value: \$25	Donation: Bed Shed pillow Donated by: Grant Smith of <u>Bed Shed</u> Estimated value: \$25	Donation: Gift Pack (Onalia perfume 50ml, Fizzy Tea/Lily Prune perfume 30ml, Bath Pearls 50g, RFM Shave soap in travel jar and Quadra Photo frame.) Donated by: <u>Community Pharmacy Fairfield</u> Estimated value: \$60
Donation: Forty Winks pillow Donated by: Mark McNamara of <u>Forty Winks</u> Estimated value: \$15	Donation: Forty Winks pillow Donated by: Mark McNamara of <u>Forty Winks</u> Estimated value: \$15	
Donation: Big Value Pack (Fairfield seafood) Donated by: Con Kamvissis of <u>Fairfield Seafood</u> Estimated value: \$30	Donation: Meat Voucher Donated by: <u>Gourmet Meat Rack</u>, Northcote Plaza Estimated value: \$25	Donation: Queen Quilt Cover Set (Gingham) Donated by: <u>The Sleeping Giant</u> – Northland Estimated value: \$89
Donation: Harley Davidson Ride Donated by: <u>Cole Pritchard</u> Estimated value: \$165	Donation: Spray Tan Donated by: Leona Gilbert of <u>St. Tropez Tan</u> Estimated value: \$30	Donation: One hour Reiki Treatment with Helen O'Connor Donated by: Reiki Cottage Preston Estimated Value: \$60
Donation: Best Food Mains (cookbook) Donated by: Christine of <u>Fairfield Newsagency</u> Estimated value: \$12	Donation: Good Food Fast (cookbook) Donated by: Christine of <u>Fairfield Newsagency</u> Estimated value: \$12	Donation: Single bed Quilt cover (doona and pillow cover) Donated by: <u>Sydney's Lounges</u> Estimated value: \$100
Donation: Wicked (cookbook) Donated by: Christine of <u>Fairfield Newsagency</u> Estimated value: \$12	Donation: Slims (cookbook) Donated by: Christine of <u>Fairfield Newsagency</u> Estimated value: \$12	Donation: Family Bowling Pass - 4 games of Bowling incl Shoe hire Donated by: <u>Northcote Bowl</u> Estimated value\$46
Donation: Napoli Pizza stone 3 piece set Donated by: <u>Freedom</u> Estimated value: \$25	Donation: Exhaust Fan Donated by: <u>All Cheap Electrical</u> Estimated value: \$50	Donation: Ceiling Fan Donated by: <u>All Cheap Electrical</u> Estimated value: \$100
Donation: 10 Visit Family Swim Passes Donated by: Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre Estimated Value: \$75	Donation: "A Night with Rein" Donated by Rein Kivivali Estimated Value: Priceless!	

