

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2010

3 rd March	Staff Development [Early dismissal 1.40pm]
8 th March	Labour Day [No School]
9 th March	District Swimming Sports
10 th March	Sub Committees School Council
11 th March	Year 6 Information Evening 7pm
17 th March	School Council
18 th March	Parent/Teacher Interviews
22 nd – 26 th March	Year 11 Queensland Camp
26 th March	End of Term 1 [1.09pm dismissal]
12 th April	Term 2 Commences

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES:

Please notify the relevant coordinator as soon as possible if your child is absent:

Year 12	Christine Farmakis	9458 6141
Year 11	Mary Anagnostopoulos	9458 6138
Year 10	Lyndal Roper	9458 6113
Year 9	Georgia Stavrakis	9458 6167
Year 8	Alan Williams [8A,B,C]	9458 6150
	Anne Herschell [8D,E,F,G]	9458 6150
Year 7	Grant Wason	9458 6168
	Helen Herouvim	9458 6170



VET Hospitality students in Thornbury High's new Industrial Kitchen

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SCHOOL CENSUS AND NEW TRENDS

With the school census completed last Friday, there are a number of interesting trends which will require careful management over the next couple of years.

- At Year 7 the school has 207 students (with 9 classes) which is the largest enrolment in over 20 years.
- The school now has 40 Koorie students which is our largest number ever.
- 24 fee paying international students are enrolled mainly at VCE.
- 11 new staff members on top of the 13 new staff in 2009
- Total enrolment for 2010 is 741 with a total of 891 expected in 2011

These enrolment trends have resulted in some crowding around lockers, in the school yard, canteen, corridors and the school gym. This is why the school is currently in discussion with the Education Department about the possibility of selling a small parcel of land in an unused area along Flinders Street. The money raised would initially be used to double the size of the gym to provide a multi purpose venue for School Assemblies, Sport and the Performing Arts as well as becoming a community hub.

The rapid growth of the school requires some innovative thinking and we are grateful to Fiona Richardson (our Local Member) and the Education Department for their support and encouragement.

Peter Egeberg Principal

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Parent/Guardians are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

HELP US KEEP THE CAR PARK SAFE: DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP OF STUDENTS

With the increase of student numbers, the dropping off and picking up of students is becoming dangerous.

Here are some tips for making the area safer for our children: -

- Use Matisi Street car park. Enter via ENTRY ONLY gate opposite Fogular Club – clearly marked – follow signs and arrows. Exit via EXIT ONLY gate at bottom of car park. There is plenty of parking
- Do not park in no standing areas at front of school, this includes just stopping to drop off students or pick them up
- Do not enter the side drive on the left of the front gates. This is a major walk area for students.
- Have your child walk to Jones Street
- Pick up your child in Matisi Street

Meredith Stephenson Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents/guardians are reminded that the interim Parent/Teacher interviews are on Thursday 18th March. These interviews provide an excellent opportunity for you and your child to discuss his/her progress and to build communication between parents and the School. Interview time blocks are as follows: 10am - 1pm, 3pm - 5pm and 6pm - 8pm. These are short interviews – 5 – 10 MINUTES ONLY. If a parent would like a longer interview, please ring your student's subject teacher to arrange it. All students will be issued with a Parent/Teacher booking sheet on Wednesday 10th March. Parents are encouraged to make interview times with their child's teachers. There are **no scheduled classes on this day, but students are expected to accompany their parents** to interviews. The mid-year report will be mailed home on Monday 15th March. If you have any concerns, please contact the school on 94804066.

Curriculum Committee (Carmel Ryan, Judy Stafford, Christine Bartsh)

GREASE SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Preparations for the September school production of "Grease" are now in full swing! Last week, both junior and senior auditions were outstanding, and showcased the exceptional talent of the students here at Thornbury High School. The difficult task of casting the show has now begun!

The year 9/10 auto class are presently constructing the car, the 9/10 animation class are involved in designing and creating the opening scenes of the show, and rehearsals will begin in the coming weeks.

Excitement is building, and 'Grease Fever' is taking over the school!

Emma McCulloch



DEBATING 2010 - OFF TO A WINNING START!

On Wednesday the fourth of March, three gladiators entered the lion den that was the Olympic Hotel. These gladiators went by the names of Nu, Mary and Jem. Equipped with only some cue cards, pens, pencils and a winning attitude, the three warriors found themselves in a vicious debate against the opposition, Northcote High.

Should Australia raise the drinking age to 21? That was the question. In front of an audience of lions and lionesses, young and old, friends and loved ones, the two sides locked in verbal combat, before a blood-thirsty adjudicator (speaking metaphorically, of course). The negative side, who were Team Thornbury, came out on top, just by the skin of their chattering, grinding teeth.

Mary was awarded equal best speaker of the debate.

As the winners were announced, Thornbury sighed a sigh of relief, and to the victor went the spoils. Spoils, which included, one thousand two hundred and fifty bucks, (for the school), and dinner for the winning team with the one and only, Mr. Egeberg. To conclude, what a cracker of a night it was! Thank you Lions Club for holding the event, and good job debaters! Keep it up! P.S. we beat Santa Maria to make the final.

Jeremy Graham 11A

D.A.V SCHOOLS COMPETITION Year 9, 10 and 11 teams COMPETING SOON

Round One will be held on Thursday March 11th 2010. The topics are:

B Grade (year11)- *"That the police should not carry guns on the beat"...*Thornbury will argue the **NEGATIVE**

C Grade (year10)- *"That Australia should adopt a National internet filter"...*Thornbury will argue the **NEGATIVE**

D Grade (year 9)- *"That we should ban cosmetic surgy"...*Thornbury will argue the **NEGATIVE**

ALL debating info will be available on the SRC Noticeboard, located opposite the sick bay. Any questions? Want to join a team? Please speak to Jo.A. ASAP.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC PARENTS GROUP

Thank you to the attendees who attended this weeks meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th April.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

I am trying to put on lunchtime concerts every Friday out on the Recording Studio decking. If you have an act or are in a band please see me to register your interest.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28

Is the date for the first Chamber Concert in 2010. Chamber concerts generally feature smaller acts rather than large ensembles. The night will be full of great music so come along!

SENIOR TOUR TO TASMANIA

The money and forms are due so please get them in ASAP!

RECORDING STUDIO

The recording studio will be fully functional and available for hire by the holidays. If you or someone you know is interested in recording their band or group please contact me in the Music Department 9458 6128.

Kyle Schutz Head of Music Department



Friday Music Concert

NEWS FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

All Year 10 students are expected to undertake **WORK EXPERIENCE** in Term 2 in the week commencing the 14th June. It is important that the placement is arranged as soon as possible with employers experiencing high demand for work experience positions.

A Work Experience Arrangement Form needs to be completed and signed by all parties involved, the student, parent, employer and school. This form is available from Miss Gill in the Careers Office. Prior to undertaking work experience, students will complete a number of related and important tasks at school including resume writing, exploring different careers and safe@work activities.

We would ask parents to encourage and assist their son or daughter to find placement in an area which they might see as a possible career option.

Meredith Gill

2010 WELLBEING TEAM

JOHANNA (JO) APOSTOLOPOULOS- YOUTH WORKER/STUDENT WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

2010 will mark my fourth year as Youth Worker at Thornbury High School- add that to my 6 years as a student here and my relationship with Thornbury High has been a long and positive one (though not as long as some staff!). During this time it has been an absolute privilege to witness the evolution of the school; the sense of connectedness coupled with pride in school and academic achievement is evident in our student community.

This year the Student Wellbeing team endeavour to further foster these characteristics. We will do this in three key ways:

1. Ensure every student at Thornbury High School is informed about the range of support staff and programs available to them and more importantly, *how* they may be accessed
2. Provide support to students through one-on-one counselling, extra-curricular activities and special wellbeing events
3. Work *with* students to identify and develop relevant and appropriate programs and activities

Jo is available from 9am-3pm Monday-Friday. Students may receive confidential one-on-one counselling with a referral (requested by parent/teacher/ co-ordinator) or they may self-refer.

EMILY GRAHAM SCHOOL NURSE

Emily has worked at Thornbury High since 2008 and during this time she has work tirelessly to nurture student wellbeing across all year levels. Emily has implemented a range of programs including the year 8 girls' group "*Girls on the Go*", the junior school

“Healthy Mind, Healthy Body” day and has also played a vital role in the delivery of sexual health education through Personal Development classes.

Emily also offers students support through confidential one-on-one counselling for a range of physical and mental health issues. Emily and Jo share an office and encourage students to visit them during recess and lunchtimes.

Emily is available every Thursday and Friday from 9am-3pm. Students may receive confidential one-on-one counselling with a referral (requested by parent/teacher/ co-ordinator) or they may self-refer.

ELIZABETH VIDRA- GUIDANCE OFFICER/PSYCHOLOGIST

Hi, my name is Elizabeth Vidra.

I have always worked in schools and with school communities. Initially I worked as a secondary school teacher, (teaching English, Humanities, Library and later Psychology), also held the role of Student Welfare Coordinator, then retrained as a Psychologist. I have been in this role for about 7 years.

This year I work in three primary schools and Thornbury High.

As my core work, I counsel, run social skills programs, advise teachers and families and do educational and cognitive assessments. I also support families in seeking appropriate outside welfare and community services.

Elizabeth is available every Monday from 9am-3pm. To see Elizabeth for one-on-one counselling, students must first obtain a referral and Parental Consent Form.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Secondhand Uniform Shop is Open:

When: Every Monday (during each term), 3.00 – 4.00pm

Location: Boys’ Sick Bay (near Reception)

- There are huge savings to be made with stock at **least 50% off new price.**
- At this stage, the shop is **only able to accept CASH or EMA entitlements.** However, in some circumstances, goods may be held for up to 48 hours by office staff until payment is made. After 48 hours, stock must be returned to the shop for sale.
- **We still need more stock!** Please go through your wardrobes and bring in anything that’s in good or excellent condition for sale.
- Please place all uniform items in a plastic bag with your **Seller’s Form** and drop into front reception. We are **only able to accept uniforms in good and clean condition** for re-sale. Donated items are appreciated.

- Additional Seller’s Forms can be downloaded from the school website along with details on Conditions of Sale.
- Items will be sold on consignment so you receive payment when sold. The seller will receive a credit to their school account for 40% of the sale price for items in good or excellent condition.
- Poor quality items will be regarded as donations. These items require washing, soaking, mending etc. by the volunteers. Any item submitted in poor condition that cannot be brought up to a minimum acceptable standard for THS will have to be disposed of at our discretion, without notification to the seller.
- Uniforms with old logos and windcheaters cannot be accepted. These items will be disposed of, if submitted, without notification to the seller. We look forward to meeting you at the shop. Please contact Jenny Hutchinson at the school, on 94804066 with any queries.



Thornbury High will be hosting another **SHAVE for a CURE** fundraiser on **Friday 12th March 2010** during lunchtime. On this day students can **colour their hair for \$3** or make a donation to see **Super Brave teachers Mr. Ferris and Mr. Oosterloo shave their legs!!**



This lunchtime event will be hosted by Alice Kavanagh-Federici of 8A, who will be sporting a new bald look after shaving her own hair on Thursday 11th March. Alice has already raised close to \$600 for the Leukemia Foundation! To sponsor Alice and Thornbury High School please check out the following internet links: www.worldsgreatestshave.com Select Victoria and search for “Alice Kavanagh-Federici” or “Thornbury High School”



IMMUNIZATIONS 2010

15th April Year 7 immunisations
24th June Year 7 & 10 immunisations
14th October Year 7 immunisations



Grease Auditions

YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! Need extra cash? Work flexible hours?

An exciting opportunity exists within the School Crossings Unit for motivated Relief School Crossing Supervisors.

The successful applicants will be responsible for the supervision of school crossings within the Darebin municipality. Crossings are covered 1 hour in the mornings and 50 minutes in the afternoons to assist children and families to travel safely to and from school.

The successful applicants will possess:

Good communication skills

English Language skills (reading and writing)

Good Interpersonal skills

Experience working with children or the general public

The ability to follow road safety procedures and laws

The ability to get to any of the 68 school crossings in Darebin (sometimes at short notice)

A current motor vehicle drivers licence and access to a reliable vehicle

A Working With

Children Check [WWCC] card (or proof of lodgement)

Applicants will need to meet the physical requirements of the position by passing Council's pre-employment medical and basic fitness examination.

Salary will be based on a standard hourly rate in accordance with the Band 1 of the Victorian Local Authorities Award 2001.

Applications in writing including a contact telephone number, should be addressed to: Marnie Benney, Coordinator - Amenity, School Crossing Unit, City of Darebin, PO Box 91, Preston Vic. 3072.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY

SOCCER THIS SEASON?

Alphington Junior Football Club under 13 Boys Team is looking for new players to join a core of talented, experienced & enthusiastic players for the 2010 season. Pre-season training has only just begun - so come along now and have a run with the team while there are still some places available. Some previous soccer experience is highly desirable. You will also need to be born on or after 1st January 1997 to be eligible for this age group. To find out more please contact the Manager (Andrew Donald 0409 869 096)

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HEY KIDS - ARE YOU MORE THAN YOUR MARKS? TELL US!

A national online survey, called 'Tell Us: Are you more than your marks?' invites all Australian secondary students to express their views on what success in school really means.

The Foundation for Young Australians believes success in school means more than just proficiency in numeracy or literacy. Young people tell us it means creativity, confidence, community involvement, caring for others, and developing a love of learning. We think that by amplifying the voice of young people, *Tell Us* will broaden perceptions about the meaning of school success and you can all help us achieve this.

If you are aged 13-19, visit www.tellus.org.au & take the survey now, and go into the draw to win some exciting prizes, including iPod touches.

Support the campaign by becoming a fan of *Tell Us* on [Facebook](#) or [tweet about Tell Us](#) or watch the *Tell Us* video on YouTube. *Tell Us* is open from now until Friday 30 April.



