

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3 2007

16 <sup>th</sup> August	Cyberbullying Discussion 7pm
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Melbourne Bands Festival
	<b>Students early dismissal 1.30pm</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Year 10 VCE/VCAL Info Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> August	VTAC Counselling
7 <sup>th</sup> September	South Street Competitions
19 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
21 <sup>st</sup> September	End of Term 3 [ <b>Dismissal 1.09pm</b> ]

## 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	David Hysen	9458 6138
VCAL	Barbara Carydis	9458 6103
Year 10	Mark Gillies	9458 6112
Year 9	Lyndal Roper	9458 6113
Year 8	Caroline McLachlan	9458 6171
Year 7	Robert Basso	9458 6170



Spiros Soulis with year 11 students Jillie Ly, Shelby Cree, Abdul Yussuf and Michael Huynh [see report page 3]

## OUTSTANDING STUDENTS SURVEY RESULTS FOR THORNBURY HIGH

Only recently our school reviewer commented on our outstanding student survey results in 2006 - the best he has seen. Again this year (2007) the results are outstanding with further increases in eight out of eleven categories. In fact, for student wellbeing the school is in the top 1% of all secondary schools in the state.

Every year the Education Department surveys all students across the State about their views concerning school and in early term 2 all students at Thornbury High were surveyed. The results place our school in the top 1% to 20% compared to other secondary schools in the following categories:

**Student Wellbeing:** The extent to which students feel positive at school - [**Top 1%**]

**Connectedness to Peers:** The extent to which students feel socially connected and get along with their peers - [**Top 5%**]

**Student Safety:** The extent to which students feel they are safe from bullying and harassment - \* [**Top 20%**]  
(\*given that the bullying survey is completed at the same time I believe this has a negative impact on the student response to this category)

**Teacher Effectiveness:** The extent to which teachers deliver their teaching in a planned and energetic manner - [**Top 7%**]

**Teacher Empathy:** The extent to which teachers listen and understand student needs and assist with learning - **[Top 5%]**

**Stimulating Learning:** The extent to which teachers make learning interesting, enjoyable and inspiring - **[Top 15%]**

**School Connectedness:** The extent to which students feel they belong to and enjoy attending school – **[Top 4%]**  
**Student Motivation:** The extent to which students are motivated to achieve and learn – **[Top 5%]**

**Learning Confidence:** The extent to which students have a positive perception of their ability – **[Top 2%]**

Staff and students need to take the credit for these outstanding results. Clearly students at Thornbury High feel positive, supported, motivated, confident, safe and have a strong sense of belonging.

**Peter Egeberg Principal**

**Year 7**

Steven Fuao	Jonathan Crocaris
Jessica Lamb	Maddie Seddon
Gemma Zerna	Annie Angus
Jemma Dominutti	Allene Heins
Jessie Hollingworth-Lucas	

**Year 8**

Josh Bryan	Jasmine Fuao
Paul Giang	Renee Glanville
Damien King	Mary McCloskey
Brittany Reed	Merinda Slater
Christopher Stuart	Natasha Valerio
Sagal Yussuf	Lily Zhuang-Griffin

**Year 9**

Phillipa Young	Sarah Salgram
Jayden Cornish	Tara Degraft Hayford
Chloe Michael	Kyle Schache
Emilia Pertama	

**Year 10**

Sarah Clapton	Lakshani Fernando
Katie Fuao	Chrystalla Georgiou
Patrick Giang	Khalid Ismail
Woroud Kanjou	Vasilis Kyprianou
Jan Nguyen	Terry Plesiotis
Phen Pucciarelli	Tailah Scott
Jeremy Seddon	

**Year 11**

Jillie Ly	Fatima Wannous
Asmaa Shehata	Megan Kivivali
Helen Croatto	Sean Mountney
Andy Pertama	Biljana Celeski

**SCIENCE NEWS**

**8B SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION**

As a follow-up to class work, 8B recently had a fantastic day at Scienceworks, visiting Sportsworks and the Electricity show. The staff (Caroline, Julie, Sue, and Glenn) had an excellent day as well. As a special treat a small crew were also allowed into pumping station 2 to experience the smell of Melbourne in the 1890's. They were terribly brave.



**AWARDS RECIPIENTS SEMESTER 1 2007**

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

These students have received outstanding results across a number of subjects. With the new report format these students have received B's in some subjects which indicates that they are working at a standard almost 6 months above their year level.

**Year 7**

Kristina Tachtsis	Morgan Jones
Riki Mason	Ben Degraft Hayford

**Year 8**

Morgan Christie	Dylan Dalla Via
Jack Dalla Via	Rebekah Dibenedetto
Oliver Matthews	Nu Tran
Seraphim Kyprianou	Katerina Faulks
Simeon Christou	Katerina Kyprianou

**Year 9**

Stella Foster	Angus Hackett
Courtney Burgess	Emily Miles
Martha Arkalis	Cristy Tourtsakis

**Year 10**

Suchira Gunathilake	Areti Louzis
Mohamed Shafeer	Anastasios Tourtsakis
Anh Hoang Tran	Mona Wannous
Yue Yang	

**Year 11**

Shelby Cree	Michael Huynh
Murray Gillin	Emese Tran
Trion Paleologou	

**CONSISTENT EFFORT**

These students have received an excellent rating for both classroom behaviour and effort across all subjects as well as producing very good work. They are the quiet achievers of their year levels.

To celebrate **National Science Week**, the Science department will be running a series of hands-on activities during lunch time, from Monday 20/8/07 to Friday 24/8/07 for any students interested.

All you need to do is go to room 88 during lunch time (via the rear entrance), and perform a series of fun activities. You will then be asked to provide a very brief explanation (of the various scientific principles involved for each activity) on a response sheet with your name on it, and you will receive a prize for your efforts.

Major prizes will also be awarded for the best responses for each year level.

The timetable will be:

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 8
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 10
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Catch up day for any year level including years 11 and 12		

So come along and have fun testing your knowledge!  
**ScienceDepartment**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL

On Friday 27 July, the annual year twelve formal was held at the luxurious Nine Darling Street, South Yarra. The night was a magical experience for all the students and teachers who attended. Everyone looked like they belonged on the red carpet of some exclusive event (and even the teachers didn't look too bad either). The food was tasty, the music was great and the flashes of the cameras didn't stop all night. The event was a memorable moment in our school lives, as it was one of the last opportunities for all the year twelves to come together as a group and have a good time. The formal was glamorous and everyone danced the night away.

**Slavica Jovanovic and Kagiso Manaka, 12A**



### A 'THANKYOU'

I would like to thank and acknowledge the hardworking members of the Formal Committee – Mariam Ibrahim, Peggy Papadopoulos, Rachel Li,

Rachel Ferretto, Jessie McDonald, Suellan Jones, Kagiso Manaka, Nathan Phan, Nak Assavatheptavee, Matt Commerford, Mathew Karanicolas, Ben McCloskey, Marcus Lamble, Rhys Kelly, Sinead McAuley, James Crocaris, Slavica Jovanovic, Charles Arthur and Leezeth Recana.

The Committee were responsible for all aspects of the evening – ticket design, menu selection, seating arrangements, DVD production, music selection etc.  
Ms Farmakis

### VCE JUNE EXAMINATIONS AND STUDIO ARTS RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who completed mid-year VCAA exams and the Art SAT's. Some excellent results have been achieved. These results were released to students on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August. All students have been given the opportunity to discuss the possible implications of their results for post-VCE outcomes with appropriate school staff - Year 12 Coordinator – Miss Farmakis, Careers Teacher – Mr Barlow, or MIPS Coordinator- Mr Smith. Any parent requiring any information regarding these results please contact any of the above mentioned staff.

### VTAC COUNSELLING

A reminder to all year 12 students to make an appointment with Mr Barlow for course selections for 2008. Counselling begins Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August and needs to be finalised by the last week of term 3 (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September)

### YEAR 10 TO 11 TRANSITION NIGHT

Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Kaye Coghlan Centre

Agenda: Information to parents and students regarding the transition from year 10 to VCE or VCAL. The VCE Handbook/VCAL information and subject selection grids will be given out on this night. Appointments for counselling into subjects will also occur on this night. Invitations to this evening have been handed this week to all year 10 students. The reply slip needs to be returned to the form teacher by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

### MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, the Year 11 students attended a session with motivational speaker – Spiros Soulis, an ex-Thornbury High School student who graduated in 1986. Spiros has many fond memories of school life and believed it was time to give something back to the school that gave him so many opportunities. Spiros was expedition manager of a group of men that were successful in climbing Mt Everest in 2004. The short film, slides and talk were amazing and held the students captivated for the whole session. He stated that “We all have our own Everest to climb.” This is food for thought for our students as

they approach the challenges of their final year of schooling.

**Senior School Team (David Hysen, Christine Farmakis and Christine Bartsh )**



### SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

On Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August the Sustainable Troops, came out to the school to put on a performance for the years eight students. They did performance on the ten commandments of sustainability. Main areas focused on were:

- Saving water
- Organic cleaning products
- Recycling
- Electricity saving power (waste wise)
- Walk or bike instead of driving the car
- Packaging- Green bags over plastic

Their performance was entertaining and the year eight students were excited about the new style of learning. It was aimed to educate teenagers and hopefully provide them with information and ways for them to be sustainable in their homes. This was an initiative of the Sustainable Futures Group at the school.

**Leezeth Recana and Samantha Sly**  
Sustainable Futures Group

### QUEST TERM 3, 'ALL ROADS LEAD TO AUSTRALIA'

Since the beginning of term year 9 students have participated in a number of activities outside the classroom.

We visited local shopping centres to survey immigrants to Australia. This provided students with the opportunity to collect data to be collated and used in class. The aim of the surveys was to learn about the reasons people leave their homeland and migrate, the countries people have come from, and their reasons for choosing Australia.

We visited the Ian Potter Gallery at Federation Square to gain an understanding of the migration experience through art. Students also learnt about the effects of migration on indigenous art.

At the Queen Victoria Market students created a photomontage representing 'Multicultural Melbourne'. A scavenger hunt involving twelve multicultural sites added to the fun of the day.

Some student comments:

*I enjoyed the interesting art. This told me a lot about Australia's history. (Walid)*

*At the Station Street Shopping Centre I learnt that people are not always what they appear and you should not judge people by their appearance. (Jacob)*

*The Gallery was a great experience as I saw different people's perspectives on Australia through art. (Emilia)*

*It was interesting to talk to people and learn about why they left their homelands. (Anonymous)*

*The Ian Potter was 'fun' because we saw all the different artworks and while we did the photomontage we made new friends. (Kalimna)*

Members of the community were willing participants in the student surveys and were keen to share their experiences. Red Symons was interviewed by an enthusiastic team of interviewers at Fairfield Shopping Centre.



### SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the students who represented Thornbury High at the Zone Athletics Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Those who achieved top three places were: Johnny Madafferi [3<sup>rd</sup> B/14 discus], Allan Norris [2<sup>nd</sup> B/14 Javelin], Sarlina Madafferi [3<sup>rd</sup> G/13 discus], Tuan Duong [2<sup>nd</sup> B/21 discus], Mariam Ibrahim [3<sup>rd</sup> G/21 400m], Mariam Ibrahim, Maria Michael, Tarnie Hiah & Tara Harvey [G/21 Relay Team]

### MUSIC NEWS

#### KORUMBURRA WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August the Music Department hosted a touring band group from Korumburra S.C. Our Senior Concert and Jazz Bands combined with 30 visiting students, teachers and adult musicians to form two fantastic ensembles. The event even reacquainted one of our own music staff Craig Harrison with one of the Korumburra staff who had both played in the same school band themselves at Kingsbury Tech somewhere around 1973! We rehearsed all morning

and played a concert to a full Kaye Coghlan Centre of junior music students who were most appreciative of a well performed and varied program. Great fun was had by all in an event which showed the socialising benefits of making good music.



### YEAR 8 BAND TO MONASH

This week the year eights (plus 2 year 7's) will be performing at the long-awaited Melbourne Band's Festival. They have rehearsed extremely hard for this and have learnt music which is very advanced for their age. We are sure they will 'do us proud' and hopefully gain something positive from the experience. We wish them all the best.

### SENIOR STAGE AT 'BIG BAND BOOGIE'

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August the Senior Stage will perform at Northcote HS as part of the 'Big Band Boogie'. This will be a great night with six other stage bands from Melbourne schools performing, including those from Princes Hill, Williamstown and De La Salle. The evening commences at 7.30pm and parents and friends are welcome to attend.

### WHY 'DO' MUSIC ANYWAY?

Last month we looked at ways in which learning a musical instrument can enrich a child's intelligence. Sometimes students feel that music doesn't 'lead' anywhere career-wise, or that it is better to 'drop' music in favour of traditionally accepted academic subjects. There are many courses at tertiary level which allow music to be studied jointly with another discipline, such as Music/Commerce, Music/Law or Music/Engineering. Alternatively, a knowledge of music at a higher level can lead to work in related fields, such as film and TV, theatre, event management, cultural development, arts administration, music administration, music journalism and emerging work in IT and animation, sound engineering and recording.

#### Dates:

- 15<sup>th</sup> August Senior Stage perform at Northcote HS
- 17<sup>th</sup> August Yr 8's to Monash
- 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Aug Music Career Expo at Darebin Arts Centre
- 30<sup>th</sup> October End of year concert

### CONGRATULATIONS to Nick Dean [Music



Department ] and his wife Eva on the safe arrival of '**Oliver James Dean**' who was born on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 9:18am - 12 days early! He weighed 7lb 13oz and was 50.5cm long.

### Youth Music Careers Expo – YMCE

Meet music retailers. Check out music courses, workshops & career paths, DJ Hip Hop sessions and music clinics. Check out leading Australian musicians, hear music industry leaders, listen to up and coming bands, school music performances.

@ Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre  
Bell Street Preston Saturday 10am – 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

### CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE

The Darebin Council wishes to advise all parents that if they have a daughter in years 7, 10, 11 or 12 in 2007, she is eligible for the **FREE** cervical cancer vaccine. If your daughter has missed a dose at school or you wish start the course, please contact Darebin Immunisation Service on 8470 8562 to find out where to go to receive the vaccine.

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Jasmine Fuao at Scienceworks Excursion



## CYBER BULLYING

For young people the Internet is an important research, communication and information tool. They are accessing the Internet and using Internet services such as chat rooms from an increasingly early age.

Adults, charged with the care of the next generation, feel as though they are shut out, neither knowing nor understanding what happens in this on line world.

This presentation by Robyn Treyvaud will explore:

- Cyber bullying
- Problematic usage which includes chat rooms, games and mobiles
- Publishing on the web (myspace etc)
- Strategies for parents and schools

(Robyn has 30 years experience as a teacher and school leader. Recently Robyn has taken a lead role in the area of Cyber safety in Australia establishing the 'Cyber Safe Kids' Project.)

**When: Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm to 8.30pm**

**Where: Thornbury High School  
238 Collins Street Thornbury  
9480 4066**

**Cost: \$10 per person or \$15 per family**

### Cyberbullying Presentation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

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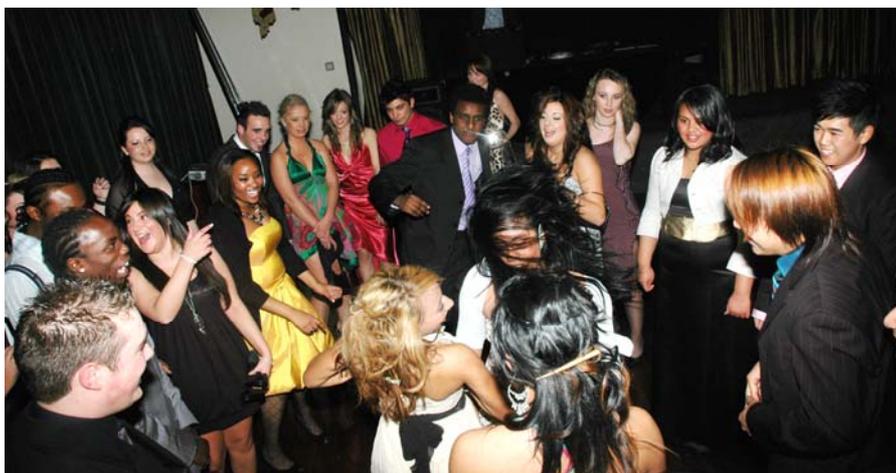
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**FREE INFORMATION EVENING IN MELBOURNE – 23 AUGUST 2007**

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