



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3 2007

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| 29 th June | Last day of term 2 [Dismissal 1.09pm] Reports distributed |
| 16 th July | Term 3 begins |
| 23 rd -25 th July | T-Factor |
| 27 th July | VCE formal |
| 31 st July | Year 7 AIMS English |
| 1 st August | Year 7 AIMS Maths |
| 9 th August | Year 12 Information Evening |
| 14 th August | VCE group performance [Evening] |

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES:

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

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| 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 |



THS Rugby team wins Round Robin Tournament [see inside for detailed report]

THORBURY HIGH - CATERING FOR THE NEEDS OF ALL

On Track Victoria has recently published the results of its annual survey, revealing the destinations of year 12 students in 2006, based on phone interviews with the 70% of students who agree to be surveyed.

Thornbury High School is extremely pleased with this school's results: 92% of our students received a tertiary offer which compares very well to both schools in our region and other schools in the State. Of the students who received offers, approximately 60% were offered a university course and 40% a TAFE course, with 44% taking up a university place and 31% a TAFE course.

You might wonder why there is this difference between offers and places accepted. An excellent example is Fiona Dawson. She was a successful VCE student with a good ENTER score, who was offered a place at Swinburne

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University to study Forensic Science. But Fiona had always harboured a desire to become an electrician, so instead of taking up her place at Swinburne, she applied to do an electrical pre-apprenticeship through Vic Tech. She sailed through the course because of her strong background in mathematics and has now secured an apprenticeship with The United Group, a company that services Connex trains and provides sophisticated electronic expertise to an important industry.

Many parents see a university degree as the best outcome for their child ignoring the emphasis that has been placed on the need for more skilled tradespeople in our society. Fiona has wisely chosen to help fill that gap and will be well rewarded financially for her choice. Our school is proud of those students like Fiona who have chosen employment or apprenticeships as their pathway.

David Smith MIPS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ACCOUNTABILITY

This term has seen the school involved in an unprecedented array of accountability processes. In every case the school has come through the process with a glowing report and, in many cases, it has reinforced examples of best practice within the Education Department.

The Quest program at year 9 is funded through the **Leading Schools Program**. The program aims to provide 'authentic curriculum', integrating English, SOSE, Personal development and ICT as well as allowing students to work in teams and developing community links. The evaluation was conducted by a leading teacher Marcia Ottman (Flora Hill SC) who has experience teaching in a similar program at her school. In evaluating the program, she observed the students working in the Knowledge Centre during one of their lessons and spoke to a number of teachers - some not involved in the program as well as a small group of students.

Marcia was 'incredibly' impressed by the atmosphere in the Knowledge Centre. Students were excited about their learning, working independently on a range of activities and positively interacting with other students and their teachers. Students who were later interviewed spoke in glowing terms about their learning experiences this year, about their close working relationships with each other and their teachers and of the unique environment within the Knowledge Centre. Teachers interviewed commented

on the effective team building, sharing and support within the team as well as the program providing strong stepping-off point for future innovation in other areas of the school.

An enrolment audit, financial audit and a human resource management audit has been conducted by the Education Department with a strong endorsement of the processes in place at Thornbury High School. Theresa Daly, our business manager, deserves much of the credit for this outstanding result.

The International Student Program at Thornbury was also evaluated and has resulted in the school being nominated as a priority school for international students. This will mean a significant increase in fee-paying overseas students over the next couple of years.

The School Review was conducted by Peter Fotheringham and has analysed school progress over the past four years as well as setting goals for the next four years. The review has acknowledged a number of areas where significant improvement has occurred such as VCE results, attendance, retention and enrolments. Peter also singled out our student survey results as the best he has seen! The next newsletter will outline the future goals for the school.

The bullying survey, Staff and student surveys were also conducted during term 2. The results of the bullying survey were published in the last newsletter and the staff and student surveys will be available in term 3.

Thanks to the school community for their continued and strong endorsement of the innovative programs at the school.

Peter Egeberg Principal

YEAR 11 HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

All year 11 students are invited to participate in the first Thornbury Homework Challenge. The winner will be eligible to receive \$500 donated by a Thornbury High parent. The challenge is for term 3 2007.

What is the challenge?

To complete a minimum of 2 hours of homework on average each night from Monday to Friday and a minimum of four hours each weekend for term 3.

How to enter?

Compete an application form available from Ms Bartsh and obtain a signature from your parents by Monday of the first week of term 3.

How will students prove that homework has been completed?

MUSIC NEWS

MID YEAR CONCERT

Tuesday 19th June saw the second twilight setting for our Music Department Mid Year Concert. This is proving to be a very successful format with food stalls selling hot soup, BBQ sausages and veggie patties, chicken and beef souvlaki, sandwiches, a wide variety of cakes and desserts as well as tea and coffee from 6 o'clock, before the music started at 7pm. The night was cold but thankfully the rain stayed away for most of the time and everyone was very cosy eating in the canteen area before the show started.

The music in the Kaye Coghlan started with the Senior Concert Band conducted by Craig Harrison. They set the scene for a very entertaining night, performing a wide range of pieces from a Circus March to a Hungarian Dance complete with Xylophone solo, a beautiful Flute and Clarinet duet featuring Tuyen Huynh and Murray Gillin and a Rock'n'Roll medley. Although the numbers may be down in our senior years the standards are still incredibly high with great performances by individual soloists as well as great ensemble playing.

Next up was the Year 8 Concert Band conducted by Diana Norton and Kent Fisk. They have shown great progress, performing the three pieces they will perform at the Melbourne Bands Festival in August this year. Even though they have only been playing these pieces for a few weeks they performed them very well producing a fantastic full sound worthy of a band with much more experience.

They were followed by the Year 9/10 Concert Band conducted by Craig Harrison, which also produced a very impressive sound despite its smaller numbers. These students have been giving up half of their lunchtimes each Tuesday to get to their impressive standard. Well done guys!

The last of the Concert Bands was the Year 7 Concert Band conducted by Sean Nihill, which is always an audience favourite. They did an awesome job of Bunyip Blues, Ode to Joy and Power Rock which made all their parents very proud!

Junior Stage Band were up next, conducted by Nick Dean, with the Latin chart "Mexican Jumping Bean", the Soul classic "Stand By Me" and finished up with "Get Ready" which really rocked and featured a trumpet solo by Nathan Sinnott.

To end the night on a high was the Senior Stage Band which featured vocalist Ben McCloskey. He sang "It Don't Mean A Thing" as well as a great arrangement by their band leader Sean Nihill of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot". Their final piece was "A Night in Tunisia" which featured a tasteful bass solo intro by Glen Dawson and a screaming trumpet solo by Ben Warren.

Parents must sign a homework log which needs to be submitted to Ms Bartsh every Monday during term 3. When necessary, teachers will be asked to verify that homework has been completed. Ms Bartsh will be the final arbitrator on this matter.

How will the school decide overall winner?

All students who prove they have completed the minimum amount of homework will have their names submitted for the \$500 reward. If necessary Mr Egeberg will draw a name 'out of a hat' at a year 11 assembly in early term 4.

RUGBY REPORT

On the 21st of June our school along with eight others went to Melbourne Uni ground to play off in a round robin Rugby tournament. Eighteen kids from year 7 & 8 represented our school. There was only one person in our team who plays rugby union outside of school and the rest pretty much picked it up during the training that Mr Wason organised for us on Tuesday and Thursdays, along with a Victorian Rugby Union representative Chris Evans.

On the day we all got to school at 8:30 and left at 9:10 travelled together by bus and arrived at the venue at approximately 9:45. Our first game was against Roxburgh. It was a close game and ended in a draw and at the end of the day we met them again in the grand final.

We played several games before the grand final and we defeated Box Forest, Craigieburn white and blue. In the semi final, we beat Hillcrest twenty six to nil.

We eventually won the Grand Final by 26 points to 19 or four tries to three. We had eighteen players and everyone contributed to the win.

The team was Riki Mason, Brent Watkins, Joshua and Joseph Foletti, Morgan Jones, Houssein Wannous, Daniel Castors, Nikora Teaute, Aaron Tsamasiros, Max Turnbull, Johnny Madafferi, Michael Morgan, Emanuel Plesiotis, Felix Punua, Shaymis Makiri, Jaylon Thorpe, Taylor Saunders, Nikola Vujinovic and Jamie Kohu.

Michael Morgan & Daniel Castors [8A]



Term 2 LOTE Incursion: Commedia Del Arte

Big thank you's to all the instrumental staff who prepared the students and ensembles so well, to Jane Farnan for another great job behind the mic as MC, Greg Parker for his technical expertise with lighting and photography, Kent McPherson for sound and stage set ups and all the staff that assisted on the night during this crazy report writing time, including Peter Egeberg, Meredith Stephenson and Carmel Ryan.

Last but by no means least, a huge thank you goes out to our fabulous Music Parent's Group who do an incredible job every year. Many of them were up late for nights before the concert preparing food and buying supplies on top of the regular meetings planning for the event. This year's food was the best yet and produced a great result financially for the Music Department which is always appreciated with the tight budgets we continue to work with. Thanks again and we'll see you at the End of Year Concert at the Furlan Club on Tuesday 30th of October.

If you would like to join the Music Parents Group please email Lydia Christie at christie@rdns.com.au
Nick Dean Instrumental Music Coordinator

SENIOR STAGE BAND PLAY NMIT BIG BAND NIGHT

On Wednesday 6th June the Senior Stage Band were invited to perform at the NMIT Greensborough campus Big Band Night. The evening included performances from the two NMIT Big Bands and two Stage Bands from MacLeod High School. This is the fifth time we've been asked to play and the students excelled again, playing a great range of styles from Latin to Swing and even Gospel with the whole band singing! Thanks to Sean Nihill their band leader for continuing to get such great results from our senior musicians.

TERM 3 STAFFING

At the end of this term we see quite a few of our staff going on long service leave: Paul Van Eden [term 3], Mary Anagnostopoulos [term 3], Matthew Kokkinakis [term 3] and Sharon Bonnici [terms 3 and 4]. To all of them have a great break and we look forward to your swift and safe return.

Thankyou to Alisha Remnant, Louise Cooke and Sandja Desilva for stepping in for Term 2 to replace Anne Herschell, Alan Williams and Christine Farmakis.

David Hysen will be year 11 coordinator for term 3 following the excellent job he did as year 12 coordinator in term 2.

YEAR 9 QUEST PROGRAM IN THE CITY SCHOOL

On 4th June, Ms Carydis and Ms Stafford's QUEST groups headed to the City for their City Centre week.

The train trip to Melbourne Central in peak hour was an experience and adventure in itself.

The staff at the City Centre commended Thornbury High School for its polite, enthusiastic and focused students. During the week students researched using surveys, interviews and one other research tool for a hypothesis they had developed at school in QUEST prior to attending the City Centre.



This is how three students described the week:

We attended the City Centre along with Cranbourne Secondary College. It was a wonderful experience, not only to meet new people but to move out of our comfort zones. The experience has increased our confidence and teamwork skills. One of our main activities was to do our research topic, for example my group's hypothesis was 'Most people in Melbourne have not embraced multiculturalism'. The things we had to do was ask people around the city to fill out our surveys, we had to call people up that related to our topic and book an interview with them so they could help prove or disprove our hypothesis. Some of the other activities we participated in were a scavenger hunt, this helped to familiarise us with the city. We had two guys come out from 'Reach' to speak to us about making judgments towards other people. We went to 'Urban Seed' which helps homeless people with food and understanding and to 'Fitness First' at the Queen Victoria Centre where we had a strenuous work out with Pat Ray aka GOD. At SYN FM we recorded our own radio show and at the Lexus Centre Ben Davies spoke to us about being in the AFL. One of the special activities was being able to see the Dalai Lama at Rod Laver Arena. We had the best time and were sorry to leave on Friday.

Kalimna, Jacque and Rachael [Year 9]



SCIENCE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the year 12 Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Psychology students who recently completed their mid year exams. The Science staff is very proud of your efforts thus far. As you are all aware, you will need to continue to work harder throughout the remainder of the year (including holidays) in order to improve your overall result. Remember, *you only get out what you put in.*

M. Foster Science Coordinator

FORENSIC SCIENCE

On Wednesday the 20th of June the Year 9/10 Forensic Science class went off to the CSIRO in Moorabbin. We worked in small groups to solve a crime. This was a real crime that happened 30 years ago. We did DNA tests, fingerprinting, ballistics, oil stains, and other tests for each piece of evidence given.

Overall we were successful in analysing the evidence and making valid conclusions. The program organiser was very impressed with our technical skills and work ethic.

Because we were all good students, Mr. Bason and Mrs. Parry took us to Southland for lunch.

Emilia 9B



"I have super skills with the Face Maker ..." **Shazin 10C**

"I think it was a great experience for all of us. I thought solving the crime by doing lots of tests was exhilarating and I would go again any day...."

Christie 10B

"It was so awesome. Rach and I got a happy cookie and a cheese burger...." **Cristy 9A**

"I got a pink car...." **Emily 9A**

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

SUSTAINABILITY: 8D RAISES AWARENESS:

8D have been looking at the sustainable household challenge. We have used the de Bono thinking hats for our questions.

White hat: *What does The Sustainable Household Challenge ask people to do? How do people join in the Challenge? What does the Sustainable Challenge aim to do?*

1. Take a four-minute power shower and take reusable bags to shopping.
2. They sign up on the sustainables website.

3. They tell us that everyone can help to save our environment.

Black hat: *What will happen if we don't live sustainable? How might this affect the environment and us?*

1. If we don't live in a more sustainable way the world, especially the environment would become very polluted and we would not be able to live properly.
2. People would get extremely sick and unhealthy. The environment would be extremely polluted from greenhouse gases, petrol driven cars and factories.

Green hat: *What can we do to get people to live more sustainably? How can we help people live sustainably? How can we communicate with people to live more sustainably?*

1. By advertising sustainability
2. Do the 10 sustainability rules.
3. With advertisements.

Red hat: *Which of the ten suggestions in the Sustainables Household Challenge would you like to do? Do you think everyone should try to do them? Which ones do you think are the most important?*

1. Take reusable bags to the shops.
2. Yes we do think every one should do the ten actions to help the environment.
3. We think the most important action is switching off appliances at the switch

Yellow hat: *How will the environment and we benefit if we live more sustainably?*

1. We'll live longer. The environment will be more healthy allowing plants to grow healthy.

Blue hat: *How can we get people involved in the sustainables household challenge?*

1. We can advertise it on TV or on the radio. Teachers could teach it to students, like Ms Liapis has taught us about it. Or how about advertising it on the net or on my space were many teens and kids would read about it

Katerina & Chantelle [on behalf of 8D]

MEDITERRANEAN AND SISTER SCHOOL TOUR NOVEMBER 2007

Any student who is interested in participating in this tour needs to contact Ms. D'Amore on 9480 4066 as soon as possible. A final count of numbers will occur in the first week on Term 3.

E. D'Amore

OPEN DAYS

Selected open days for Universities, TAFES & private providers [for a complete list and opening hours, see the VCE Noticeboard]:

Sunday 5th August

Deakin University (Melbourne Campus –Burwood)

Monash University (Melbourne Campuses)

Monday 6th August

Box Hill TAFE

Saturday 11th August

JMC Academy/Holmesglen TAFE

Sunday 12th August

Australian Institute of Public Safety

Institute for Design Entertainment & Arts (IDEA)

Victoria University (Footscray Park Campus only)

William Angliss TAFE

Sunday 19th August

Footscray City College School of Film & TV

Photography Studies College

RMIT (City & Bundoora Campuses)

University of Melbourne (Parkville)

Monday 20th August

Australian College of Natural Medicine

Australian Catholic University (Melbourne Campus – Fitzroy)

Victorian College of the Arts

Sunday 26th August

LaTrobe University (Bundoora Campus)

Swinburne University (all campuses)

University of Ballarat

Burnley campus of University of Melbourne

Saturday 1st September

Elly Lukas College (see also other dates)

crossings during zoned times, either morning or afternoon.



1 vs 100 Student Special is scheduled for telecast on **Monday 9th July at 8:35pm.**

DO YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR EMA?

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 either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 [16 July 2007].

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **3rd August 2007** for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$210** for primary students and **\$420** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. Parents with continuing eligibility who were paid the first instalment of 2007 through this school **will not** be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who have transferred children from another school after 30 January 2007 and prior to or on 4 August 2006, must reapply at this school for the second instalment. Application forms are available from the school office. Please contact Vicki on 9480 4066 if you have any queries.

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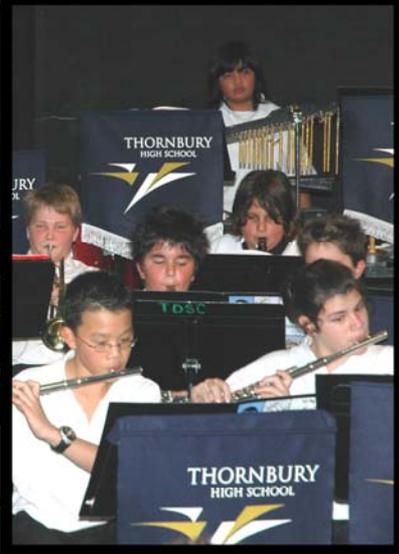


All students and staff and members of the community are invited to **TONIGHT'S** "One Sustainable Evening" concert at Preston Town Hall managed Thornbury High students to promote awareness of sustainable issues at the school and beyond. Tickets \$5 under 18 and concession, \$16 family & \$8 adults.

All money raised will be used to incorporate new sustainable initiatives into the school.

TRAFFIC WARNING

The Traffic Operations Branch recently sent a message to the Region requesting that school communities be made aware of a planned traffic operation in the Darebin area that will be undertaken next term, commencing first day back at school after the July school holidays. The Traffic Operations Branch will be targeting speeding motorists at random school



Mid Year Concert