

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2008

5-6 th June	Year 10 Exams
9 th June	Queen's Birthday [No School]
10-12 th June	Year 11 Exams
10-13 th June	Year 9 City School
10-13 th June	Year 10 Work Experience
11 th June	School Council SubCommittees
11-12 th June	Year 12 Exams
13 th June	GAT
16 th June	Correction Day [No School]
18 th June	Full School Assembly School Council

23-27 th June	Year 9-12 Sydney Music Tour
27 th June	End of Term 2 [1.09pm dismissal] Reports distributed

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	Caroline McLachlan	9458 6167
Year 8	Robert Basso	9458 6170
Year 7	Anne Herschell	9458 6168



Peter Egeberg, pictured with 2008 Year level Student Representatives [from left: Martha 10C, Sam 7E, Joshua 8B, Mary 9A, Jayden 10B, Max 9B, Kristina 8D and James 7A] will stay on as Principal of Thornbury High for another five years.

PRINCIPAL ACCEPTS ANOTHER FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AT THORNBURY

The School Council has been notified by the Regional Director that our Principal, Peter Egeberg's, contract has been reviewed for the next five years.

In making the decision to renew Peter's contract the Regional Director, Wayne Craig, has sought input from the School Council as well as from other sources of feedback. Whilst the answer to that question was obvious to us all, it was great for us to hear and to be able to pass on to the Region, the positive comments from parents, teachers and students on School Council.

Some comments about Peter's qualities as Principal at Thornbury:

- Vision
- Leads by example
- Has strong links with the students
- Knows all the students by name
- Asks for and acts upon feedback
- Strong leadership

- Determined focus on the direction of the school
- Ability to adapt to new situations and processes
- Has forged links into the wider community, with staff and students
- Very approachable
- Participates in all school and community activities
- Teaches
- Seeks opinions from all participants in the school community

The second part of our task was to look to the future and submit to Peter some ideas that he may reflect upon in his next 5 years at the school. Some of these suggestions were:

- Go and observe other educational settings. This may enable assist in your vision for the next 5 years
- More sustainable focus for the future
- Stop and delegate more tasks
- Look at the growth of the school and put a cap on the number of students

Congratulations Peter on all that you have achieved in your first five years as Principal.

Deb Munro School Council President

IMPROVEMENTS TO STUDENT REPORTS

The end of semester student report will have an additional section related to Compulsory Assessment Tasks (CAT). Earlier this year the CAT's for each subject at each year level were mailed home to all parents (eg. in year 7 Maths there are three CAT's – tests, project and homework tasks).

Each Compulsory Assessment Tasks must be completed to an acceptable standard for students to be considered for promotion.

In particular:

- Each CAT will have an acceptable standard specified by the subject faculty.
- Common acceptable standards will be consistent at each year level.
- Students will need to complete a number of classroom tasks as preparation for the CAT's.
- CAT's will vary in form from extended tasks, to tests, to folios, to presentations and investigations
- Students can be given up to 5 days extension on CAT's if both the classroom teacher and level coordinator approve.
- Students who need additional time (on top of the 5day extension) to reach an acceptable standard will have to attend Saturday catch up classes.
- Parents will be notified of extensions and catch up classes.

CATs will also have five levels of performance – High Distinction (highest level), distinction, credit, satisfactory (lowest level) and unsatisfactory. These

levels of performance will be established by using a common assessment rubric.

If parents have any concerns please contact the curriculum team (Karen McCarthy, Carmel Ryan and Christine Bartsh) at the school.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT TERM 2: RE EARLY FINISHES

Parents please note that there will be no more early dismissals in this term.

During term 3, early dismissals will take place on selected Thursday afternoons. Dates will be published in the next newsletter.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

ALPINE SCHOOL

Congratulations to Mary McCloskey, Barnaby Reilly Williams, Anthony Murphy and Sarah Miles who have been accepted to attend the Snowy River Campus in Marlo in Term 4. The Alpine School is a school of leadership and life skills and students have been selected after a long process. Students attending the Alpine School need to work on a community project and our students will be focusing on working on a website to help students and parents deal with Cyber Bullying. WELL DONE!!



ATTENDANCE

As the cold weather is approaching and the days are getting shorter just a reminder to parents to be more supportive with students and be vigilant about them attending school. Attendance is very important especially in year 9/10 when students need to stay connected to school and focused in their studies. Students also need to be at school on time. Please feel free to contact the 9/10 team if you need to discuss this or any matter with us.

IMPORTANT DATES:

5th June Year 10 English and Science Exam

6th June Year 10 Maths and History Exam

During these two days all year 10 students will be required at school only for Exams. The exams will start at 9.30am and conclude at 1.10pm both days.

Students can study in the library if parents are unable to make other arrangements.

10th-13th June
10th-13th June

Year 10 Work Experience
Year 9 City School

*All forms for both Work experience and City School need to be returned to school as soon as possible. If there are any problems, please contact the team.

Middle School Team [Ann Vassos, Lyndal Roper & Caroline McLachlan]

RECONCILIATION EXCURSION

On Friday 23rd of May 13 students went to Federation Square to be involved in the Reconciliation Dreaming Together event to celebrate indigenous culture.



As part of reconciliation week, students participated in cultural activities and dance workshops and were entertained by indigenous

performances including Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Sister She and hip-hop workshops. Students enjoyed exploring through various exhibition tents showcasing different indigenous art. Students had the opportunity to collect information about education, training and career opportunities relevant to aboriginal culture.

Kelly Murphy[9B] & Merinda Slater [9B]



SRC NEWS TERM 2

YEAR LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES 2008 HAVE BEEN ELECTED!

Each year we ask students to vote for SRC representatives they feel will best represent their year levels needs, interests and ideas. Students base their votes on speeches delivered at whole year assemblies. This years candidates treated us to some fantastic speeches that were entertaining, funny, well-articulated and thoughtful.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their peers to represent them in 2008:

Year 7 Samantha Torre 7E & James Anderson 7C

Year 8 Kristina Tachtsis 8D & Joshua Foletti 8B

Year 9 Mary McCloskey 9A & Max Turnbull 9B
Year 10 Martha Arkalis 10C & Jayden Cornish 10B

WE look forward to your positive contributions to our school community in 2008

Jo Apostolopoulos (Youth Worker)

SRC SPEECH BY JOSH FOLETI [YEAR 8]

Hello I'm Joshua Foletti and I'm here today to talk to you in the hope that you see me fit to be your year level rep. Now I want to see a show of hands: So if you think you are a leader, raise your hand. Ok. So only some people think they're leaders. Everybody should have raised their hand, no matter what you think; you are a leader, I am a leader. Everything you do, the way you act, speak and the language you use influences the way other people do things. For example, T.V. is a huge influence and particularly celebrities. T.V. influences everything from the clothes we wear to the toothpaste we buy.

The next thing I would like to address is bullying. In this day and age you are more likely to experience bullying and all forms of it. Now I would like to start by saying that bullies and bullying is a huge problem, not so much in this school, but we still can't say that it doesn't happen. But if we tackle bullying together we can rid it from our school and show others the way. There are many different types of bullying - there's PHYSICAL-hitting, kicking. VERBAL- name calling, insulting, making racist or sexist jokes; INDIRECT-spreading nasty stories about someone, CYBER- any type of bullying that is carried out by an electronic medium, over the internet and mobile phones.

It happens more in high schools than in primary schools and involves, boys more so than girls. Why is this? There's a new study just released that says that boys are more likely to muck up because of a hormone the brain releases in the teenage years, which makes males more aggressive, this can also lead to depression and anxiety. The bullies might have turned on others less of power because of family problems or they might be the result of being bullied themselves.

This doesn't give bullies an excuse, but if there's something going on in your life, and you feel that your parents and teachers don't understand, then we can talk, and I can be a mediator and help you through it. And, of course, I will keep it absolutely confidential. I will also attend homework club on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and I can assist you with your homework, especially if you have maths. Teachers can help a lot, but there's only so much they can do, so if we all team up together - students, parents, teachers and the broader community alike - we can teach kids that bullying is wrong and stop it when they're young, so it doesn't escalate into another case of bullying.

I would also like to add that the term 'Being cool' is a huge contributor to bullying. Having to be in a so

called cool group, acting a certain way, and teasing anyone that's remotely different. "Oh look! That kid walks funny, let's go and make fun of him; that kid's retarded, let's go and make fun of him". That's bullying. Everything you do damages that kid, you know who you are. I call you a coward. Nothing more, nothing less.

In the end, whether bullies decide to change their ways is up to them. Some bullies turn into great kids. Some bullies never learn.

Thank you and give me the tick, and bullying the flick.

Joshua Foletti 8B

MUSIC NEWS

SENIOR BAND SYDNEY TOUR

The Senior Band tour of Sydney is 'all systems go' and students should now have their final notice with the itinerary, what-to-bring list and medicals. Please get the medicals in ASAP and the full payment of \$500 to the office by 10 June.

We are leaving on **Monday 23 June** and return on **Friday 27 June**. Our tour will include an overnight stay in Wollongong enroute to Sydney, where we will perform at Manly Corso, Bondi PS plus two other places yet to be confirmed. We'll also have a tour of the Opera House, Paddy's Market, the Monorail, Manly Beach and Bondi Beach.

COMMUNITY BAND

The Thornbury High School Community Band is a group of current and ex-music student from THS as well as other musicians from within the wider Darebin community and beyond. We even have players who travel from Doncaster to play! We encourage anyone who is free every second Tuesday to come along and have a play. It is a great place for people who have played music in school bands in the past who miss playing and want to get back into it. We mainly play Stage Band material with saxophones, trumpets, trombones, keyboard, guitar, bass and drums, but we are able to accommodate most other instruments and musicians of all ages and abilities.

Our next rehearsal is on **Tuesday 3rd June** in the THS music room at 7pm concluding at 8.30pm. For enquiries please call **Nick Dean on 0418 349 411**.

MUSIC PARENTS

We have a very enthusiastic group of **Music Parents** this year but always appreciate new members. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday the 3rd of June at 7pm** in the music room and lasts for about an hour. All parents/guardians of music students are welcome to attend. The next meeting is dedicated to planning fundraising activities for the **Mid Year Concert on Tuesday 22 July**. If you would like to help out on the night but can't make it to the meeting please call the **Music Dept on 9458 6128**.

RAFFLE PRIZE

Everyone is talking about the white BMX bike in the foyer at school at the moment. It is the first prize in the Music Dept **Mid Year Concert Raffle** to be drawn on the **22nd July** at the concert. Second prize is a mobile phone and third prize one night of accommodation for two at the luxurious hotel 'Ryldges on Bell'. We also have a heap of ticket-seller prizes so if you're interested in either buying or selling tickets get in touch with the Music Dept now!

AMEB

There are only two more sessions left for those wishing to do AMEB exams this year. Please check with your instrumental teacher for further details.

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR OPEN AUDITIONS

All students at Victorian government schools aged 10-18 have the opportunity to attend the open audition day for the **2008 Victorian State Schools Spectacular**. Lead vocalists and students with speciality acts in drama, dance, music or sport are being sought. Students must register to attend. Contact **Joining the Chorus on 03 9637 3906** to register and find out more.

ST. MARTINS YOUTH ARTS THEATRE JULY PROGRAM

Julius Events College will be running accredited courses in Technical Production, Theatre and Events in South Yarra during the July school holidays. At the end of the course students are able to attain the **Certificate III** in this subject. This would be interesting for those senior music students contemplating a career in sound and lighting or theatre production. For more info contact **Julius Events College on 1-800-635-514 or www.juliusmedia.com**

Dates

Senior Band Sydney Tour	Mon 23-Fri 27 June
Mid-Year Concert	Tue 22 July
Yr 8 Music Camp	Wed 6-Fri 8 August
Yr 7 Music Camp	Wed 22-Fri 24 Oct
End of year concert	Tue 28 Oct

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

EXAMS – (UNIT 3 AND 4)

VCE Exams Navigator – 2008, Student Information and Timetable. This booklet was distributed in an assembly for all students doing unit 3 and 4 exams. It is the official booklet from VCAA and contains information on the GAT, Special Provision, Examination timetables (for the whole year), examination rules and approved materials and equipment.

All year 11 students undertaking a unit 3/4 subject are

required to sit the GAT on Friday June 13th. All exams will run according to VCAA guidelines.

Year 12 students that are sitting for these subject exams do not have to attend classes on Tuesday June 10th. They can use this day as a study day.

JUNE EXAMINATIONS AND GAT TIMETABLE

Wednesday June 11th	Biology (9.00am-10.45am)	Physics (11.45am-1.30pm)	Accounting (2.45pm-4.30pm)
Thursday June 12th	Psychology (9.00am-10.45am)	Chemistry (11.45am-1.30pm)	
Friday June 13th	GAT 10.00am-1.15pm		

YEAR 11 EXAMS

The year 11 exams will begin on Tuesday the 10th of June. Students should be preparing for these exams by summarising their notes according to topics and studying.

UNIT 2 AND UNIT 4

Unit 2 and Unit 4 begin on Monday June 16th. The last two weeks of this term are semester 2.

VCAA WEB SITE

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority website [vcaa.vic.edu.au] has everything you need to know about the VCE. Study Designs, past exams and examiners reports all appear on this site. It is very important that students look up these materials.

FORMAL NEWS

Formal tickets will be available at the end of next week. Students can purchase these tickets from the general office for \$75 minus their deposit if they have paid one. Year 12 students who plan to bring a guest must see Miss Farmakis for a Guest Registration form.

A special thank you to Emese Tran of 12B for a magnificent effort in designing the formal ticket.

YEAR 11 QUEENSLAND CAMP

There are a few places left for this camp. Students need to get their deposits in as soon as possible. Many students are helping fund their trip by selling chocolates. Please help them by purchasing the chocolates. Any other year 11 students who wish to sell chocolates should speak to Miss Anagnostopoulos.

Senior School Team [J. Stoicov, C. Farmakis, M. Anagnostopoulos,]

MEDIA STUDENTS WORK TO BE SCREENED IN KOREA.

Our Year 11 Media Students have made a number of Community Service Announcement (CSA's) short films for Privacy Victoria. This year they are running a short film competition to help celebrate Privacy

Awareness Week. The competition will be hosted on Thornbury High's www.classnet.com.au and is open to students from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Korea.

Privacy Victoria paid the media department to make CSA's for Channel 31 so we in turn held our own competition (judged by Privacy Victoria) to determine the best ad made by Thornbury students with cash prizes; to reflect an "industry brief" where they supplied a product for a customer. The top three ads/csa's will be taken to Korea in the next few weeks by the Victorian Privacy Commissioner to inspire Korean students. The best CSA was made by Dylan Elliot and Stephanie Coulston, second prize went to Liam McCauley, Josh Commerford and Martin Beacham and third prize, Nicholas Callender and Kristen Theodoropoulos. All 12 CSA's made by the students are currently screening on our ClassTV and NexGen shows, 4.30 pm Tuesdays and 10 pm Thursday nights. Congratulations to all.

Paul Van Eeden

EMA CHEQUES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE. If you have any queries about EMA please call Vicki on 9480 4066.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

CATS

Parents should check with their child to ensure that they have completed all of the Semester 1 Assessment Tasks for each subject. The coordinators will be identifying those students behind with work over the coming weeks.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The year 7 trivia night has been cancelled. Thanks to Lily Watson and Sam Torre for their help with the tickets. A social gathering will be organised for later in the year. Date T.B.A.

MEDIEVAL INCURSIONS

Miss Liapis and the SOSE department recently organised a group to come into the school to run various workshop activities for the Year 7 and 8 students.

Year 7 focus was on Ancient History - gladiators, weapons, armour and the daily life of people.

Year 8 focus was on Medieval History - weapons, armour, medieval games and tournaments.

A fun day was had by all. The group of Medieval presenters looked fantastic considering they were almost 800 years old!

NAPLAN

Year 7 students have recently completed the Nation wide Literacy and Numeracy testing. These 5 tests

gave students a taste for being tested under exam conditions.

WELCOME

Welcome to new students Avalon Tebonaras (7D) and Laurie Bui (8B). Welcome back to a familiar face, Victoria Sweetman (8A).

THE GOOD

Mouhamed Khalil's work in Year 7A Maths.
Jack and Josh in Year 8B for doing great work and simply being 'good guys'.
Year 7C for their near perfect attendance!
Mr Gillies' dancing during Thursday Hip Hop classes.

...THE BAD

Nothing to report. Year 7 and 8 are close to perfect!

...THE UGLY

Nothing to report. We are also extraordinarily good looking!

Lots of Love,

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAM [Mark Gillies, Anne Herschell & Robert Basso]

PROUD SPONSOR OF YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS[2008]:
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**DAREBIN BLUE
LIGHT DISCO**
30TH MAY 2008
@ Preston Town Hall,
Gower Street Preston.
Entry is \$5.00 each, and
refreshments are
available for sale inside
the hall.
6:30pm-9:00 pm.
NO PASSOUTS



Reconciliation Excursion 13th May 2008