

## IMPORTANT DATES TERMS 3 & 4 2008

11 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent/teacher/student interviews
13 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Queensland Camp
19 <sup>th</sup> September	End of term 3 [1.09 dismissal]
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 Commences
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7,9,10 Girls' immunization
15-17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Music Camp
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Girl's Night Out
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Final Day Year 12s
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Music Concert Evening
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 9 Party Safe Day Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 12 Exams Commence
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Pupil Free Day
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Day [No School]
12-14 <sup>th</sup> November	Outdoor Education Camp
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Exams Commence

20 <sup>th</sup> November	Information Evening Year 7s 2009
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Quest Evening Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Year 10 Exams
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Correction Day [No School]
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Orientation Day Year 7s 2009
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day years 7-9/ Reports distributed
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Awards Evening

### 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

## THORNBURY HIGH RECEIVES A \$200,000 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT



Our school has been chosen from among 2000 applicants across Australia to receive nearly \$200,000 in funding from Healthy Active Australia.

The money will be used to implement an innovative multimedia project called Healthy Teen Bytes! The program will encourage young people to eat healthily and become physically active.

The school media department will use Class TV as a vehicle for students to make and showcase short healthy eating and cooking segments (Move over Jamie Oliver!).

We will also use our 'You Tube' style Website Classnet to promote physical activity and specific sport skills. How do you bowl a leg break in cricket? Each segment will be able to be downloaded to a mobile device, such as your phone. It is a peer-to-peer strategy that will allow our students to educate their fellows in a healthy active Australia!

Grants, such as this, demonstrate that Thornbury High is seen by the Federal Government as being at the cutting edge of 21st Century digital literacy.

**Colin Thompson and Paul Van Eeden Media Department**

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents/guardians are reminded that the mid-year Parent/Teacher interviews are on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. 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 have been issued with a Parent/Teacher booking sheet. 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 8<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any concerns please ring the school on 94804066.

**Curriculum Team**

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AFTERNOONS TERM 4 2008

Staff professional development afternoons will continue to occur during Term 4, 2008. All staff at Thornbury High School will be participating in professional development activities on the following Thursday afternoons between 2.15 pm and 4.45 pm:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

The purpose of these afternoons is to further develop the teaching and learning practices of staff. This is part of the performance and development culture initiated by the Education Department and has been approved by the School Council.

**All students will be dismissed at 1.40 pm on these days.**

## SUSTAINABLE BUILDING IN THE 7/8 AREA.

Last week we signed off with the company "EME Design" to construct our new SUSTAINABLE double classroom and office on the old bus garage site.

The building has numerous features built into its construction to ensure maximum insulation, air flow and light.

One striking feature of the building will be the sloping roof that rises towards the current 7/8 building.

The 2 buildings will be connected via decking with sustainable plastic lockers around the new building for the students.

**Meredith Stephenson Assistant Principal**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### VTAC COUNSELLING

A reminder to all year 12 students: please make an appointment with Mr Barlow for course selections for 2009. The process needs to be finalised by the last week of term 3. This includes SNAP, PPP, SALT, SEAS applications which must be completed by Friday 19th September.

### YEAR 11 PASTORAL CAMP –QUEENSLAND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

Students have been issued with the itinerary, medical forms and a 'what to bring?' list. Camp meetings will be held in the last week to answer any questions.

All payments must be made by the end of the week. The tour company must be paid 7 days before the camp.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM (Monday 15th September to Friday 19th September)

- All year 11 teachers will be arranging class work for all year 11 students.
- Students attending camp will be required to complete this work during the holidays.
- All students not attending this camp will be required to attend school for periods 1 and 2 during the week of the camp, at which time they will complete the set work.
- These classes will be supervised and it is compulsory for students to attend.
- Students will be dismissed at recess time.
- A letter outlining these arrangements will be sent home with the students during this week.

**VCE TEAM (Mary Anagnostopoulos, Christine Farmakis and James Stoicov)**



## LIBRARY NEWS

Children's Book Week was a great success, with many students dressing up as their favourite book characters. The three librarians set the standard by coming as Prince Charming, an ugly stepsister, and the Pumpkin. Judging was by the English Coordinator, Helen Walsh and student Mary McCloskey, while the Principal did a great job as MC. We'd like to thank everyone who took part, especially those who went to the trouble to make their own costumes. Outstanding efforts were Areti Louzis (11B) and Jasper Myers (8B).

## YEAR 7/8 SUBSCHOOL REPORT

What a happy term it's been in Year 7 and 8! With indoor soccer, Thornbury Idol auditions, Interschool sports, debating, music camp, Principal for the day and Beijing Olympics challenges, the centre is alive and buzzing!

This term, several classes at Year 7 and 8 have been on strict work effort and behaviour cards. Students who appear on these cards have recently undertaken weekend detentions. I am pleased to say, however, that most students have responded very well to this system of identifying and tracking those who are falling behind in their classes.

All students are expected to complete CATs (Compulsory Assessment Tasks) in each of their subjects. The junior students are currently awash in a

sea of knowledge as their inspirational teachers lead them towards academic greatness. I've recently seen evidence to suggest that our freakishly capable students are among the hardest working in Australasia!

We would like to introduce a couple of our great Year 7/8 teachers...

**Mr Charles Lunghinis**

- Subjects:** English/SOSE/Italian
- Favourite Drink:** Champagne
- Favourite Food:** Italian and Indian
- Favourite Music:** Classical
- Best City in the World (other than Melbourne):** London or Venice
- Favourite TV show:** Any live telecast of Geelong!
- If you were able to compete at the next Olympics, what event would it be in?** Talking!
- One thing you would do as Principal for the day:** Implement Mr Rudd's policy that every student have their own laptop at school.

**Ms Giovanna Liapis**

- Subjects:** English/SOSE
- Favourite Drink:** Cosmopolitan
- Favourite Food:** Italian
- Favourite Music:** Jazz
- Best City in the World (other than Melbourne):** Paris
- Favourite TV show:** 2 and a half Men
- If you were able to compete at the next Olympics, what event would it be in?** Men's beach volleyball!
- One thing you would do as Principal for the day:** Beauty make-overs for all staff, including: massage, pedicure, manicure, facials, waxing and exfoliation.
- REMINDER:** Please make sure that your child makes appointment times to see all of their teachers at next Thursday's (September 11<sup>th</sup>) Parent-Teacher meetings.
- Junior School Team** [Mark Gillies, Anne Herschell, Robert Basso]



**VCAL BUILD GARDEN BEDS FOR YR 7 STUDENTS FOR 2009!**

Year 11 VCAL students have created garden beds for each of the yr 7 classes to use in 2009. It is hoped the students will grow their own vegetables and work on the gardens throughout the year.

**Melissa and Liam 11V**

**MAKE POVERTY HISTORY**

Recently, a few year nine students attended a make poverty history conference in Federation square along with lots of schools. We listened to a few different speakers who very strongly delivered the message that climate change is affecting the poorest first and the worst and that we can do lots of things to help.

As a group we have decided to raise awareness of what we learnt through forming a sustainability group at Thornbury High. We have had our first meeting and will be recruiting more members to help us make Thornbury a more sustainable school.

**Bridget Radford 9B**



**SCIENCE NEWS**

On the week of 18th-22nd August we celebrated National Science Week 'Planet of change'. The students were given this theme and asked to come up with some ideas and to make a poster. The results were wonderful and the students made some lovely posters to put up in the passage way. When you're able to come to the school please have a look at the students' work. The Science team made a room available with this theme, and put different experiments around the classroom for the students to do.

Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to the next year's theme.

**M Foster Science Coordinator**

**MUSIC NEWS**

**YEAR 8 MUSIC CAMP**

Earlier this term the Year 8's went on their music camp, a three day trip to Philip Island. They had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Some of their activities included surfing (yes, in the freezing cold!) bowling and watching the Penguin Parade. The band played at a local primary school and also performed for people waiting to see the Penguins.

Morgan, a trombone player, writes: *"On the music camp we went surfing, played at a primary school and at the penguins. The water at Philip Island was colder than cold and it was difficult to surf on rough water. At the primary school, all of the little kids looked admiringly at the band and at all of the soloists. The*

*Penguin viewing was busy and cold but enjoyable. All up the camp was fun and we enjoyed every bit of it."*



### DAREBIN MUSIC FEAST SEPTEMBER 6-21

A diverse program of over 100 concerts, workshops and performances, including the Schools Concert at Preston Town Hall. For further information visit: [www.darebin.vic.gov.au/dmf](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/dmf)

### MUSIC DATES

Yr 8 Band at Darebin Feast	16 Sept
Year 7 Music Camp	Wed 22-Fri 24 Oct
End of Year Concert	Tues 28 Oct

### REMINDER TO NEW YEAR 7'S 2009

Parents/guardians of students commencing year 7 in 2009 are encouraged to submit enrolment and associated forms as soon as possible. If you have misplaced these forms, please contact the office on 9480 4066.

### NEWSLETTER MAIL OUTS

The school is trialling mailing out newsletters on a regular basis as a result of concerns raised that many newsletters do not make it home when distributed to students. Please be advised that newsletters are produced every three weeks and are readily available for viewing on the school's website:

[www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au).

### STUDENT WELLBEING REPORT

Term three is nearing its end and a few things are happening in these last three weeks. Earlier this week year 10's attended a talk from the local police on safe partying, drugs and alcohol and the law presented by Sophie Leete of the Northcote Police Station.



Year 10's also attended a presentation on Keys Please for students, which looked at the changes in the law regarding their licence to drive a car. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September the Year 7's will attend a spectacular

multimedia presentation that tackles the issues of bullying, resilience and self-esteem. This will be followed up by workshops in class over the fourth term by the school nurse, Emily Graham, and youth workers from Darebin Youth Services.

A similar presentation will be offered to the Year 8's on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Ask your child about these events and what they thought about them. Any feedback is appreciated. It is also a great start to talk to your child about what issues were raised in the presentations and discuss what strategies they use if they are bullied etc. at school, at sport and so on.

Last week, Derek Kickett, a former AFL footballer, came and spoke to our indigenous students and their friends about the wonderful Kick Start Program.



Indigenous students are selected from various parts of Australia to attend a tour of South Africa to play football against the South African youth who are also learning AFL football. Let's hope someone has been inspired and reaches for this opportunity in the future. Till next time, keep smiling. ☺

**Barbara Carydis Student Wellbeing Coordinator**

### WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU PUT AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER, A PLUMBER AND A NUTRITIONIST IN THE SAME ROOM? A THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION!

Last Wednesday night the graduates of 2007 once again stormed the halls of Thornbury High school with their energy, laughs and banter.

This time around there were no coy excuses for late assignments or imaginative reasons for missing class to be heard, instead graduates chatted with teachers and shared stories of their journey since leaving school. News of an engagement, overseas travel, apprenticeships, work and tertiary study soon filled the staffroom.

From an organisational point of view the night was a great success, with an impressive turnout and enough food and drink to fill bellies (thank you VCAL students!). However, perhaps the most special element of the night was the sheer opportunity to celebrate the confident and successful young adults these ex-students had developed into.

During the six years we spend at high school we unavoidably become members of a group, a community that is as unique as those that make it up. For some this membership is a tedious necessity. For

others it is where we forge life-long friendships, some might even meet 'the one'! Unfortunately all too often young people complete school and their connection to that community fades.

However what was clear on Wednesday night was that many of our 'ex-students' still feel that connection. Several expressed a desire to come back and complete their tertiary work placements at Thornbury High as teachers and welfare workers, whilst others made offers to volunteer their time as music tutors. Over the next few months and into next year we hope to turn some of these ideas into action.

Thank you again to Meredith Stephenson and her year 12 VCAL students, Cynthia Dempster and James Perkins in particular, who prepared the delicious food on the night. Thank you to Mr. Parker who did a wonderful job on the BBQ, Mr. Lee who shared himself between the 'bar' and entertainment and of course Mr. Egeberg for funding the evening.

**Johanna Apostolopoulos Youth Worker**



**PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY...BEN D [8A]**

The start of being principal-for-a-day wasn't a good one - I came in late for the staff meeting. I introduced myself and had a few jokes with the staff and introduced my personal assistants.

Then the day started. I went into my office with Hayden Sly, my first P.A., and got a feel for my office. It was very exciting. I walked around the school and went into classrooms and asked all the students to stand when I entered. I had a few interviews with a multimedia class and, before I knew it, my first period was over.

Then I walked around with my second P.A. for the day, Jye Brennan. We pretty much did the same thing as period 1 and Mr Egeberg made Jye and me a coffee with 6 sugars! After that I took a guy called Greg Dee, CEO from Channel 31 [also acting principal for the day] for a tour around the school. He was very happy and impressed with how the school worked.

With my third period PA's [Jordan Lucas & Jake Tham], I took Greg to a meeting with the School Captains who talked about their time at the school. After that we took Greg to see Mr Smith and Mr Barlow to talk about pathways for students. We had more coffee and tried to get free food at the canteen but it didn't work.

At lunchtime I got a front row seat for Thornbury Idol. Then it was period 4 and my P.A. was Nathan Di Vito. We mainly supervised the garbos and had fun.

It was a really fun experience and it was one of the best days of school this year!



Year 12 Captains 2007 at the Reunion

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Second instalment EMA cheques can now be picked up from the General Office. Could parents/guardians receiving EMA please contact the school to allocate any unused portion of their EMA so that it can be finalised for the year. Also, a reminder to all parents/guardians that they will need to reapply for EMA for 2009.



**Do you want to know more about Representative basketball?  
Rep Introductory Session Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Collingwood College gym McCutcheon Way, Collingwood  
11am - 1pm**

For Girls & Boys born 1990-99 with competitive basketball experience.

A parent / guardian is also expected to attend.

Register your interest or find out more from

Megan Rouse on 9419 3439

[www.collingwood.basketball.net.au](http://www.collingwood.basketball.net.au)

**PROUD SPONSOR OF  
YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS[2008]:  
GROCON**



**KIDS FANCY DRESS/ DISCO**

For all 5-15 year olds

Date: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 6pm-10pm

@AAL 2 Watts Street Thornbury

\$2- entry fee

Parents/Guardians must be in attendance

Drinks and Hot Dogs will be on sale

Prizes to be won

*Bring ya friends and 'dance it up' in your choice of fancy dress!!!*

All proceeds go to FitzroyStars Little Athletics Club

