

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2010

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	THS Athletics
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 Camp A
11 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 9 Naplan
12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 Camp B
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Development [Early dismissal 1.40pm]
18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 Naplan
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Development [Early dismissal 1.40pm]
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mid Year Music Concert Evening
7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 9 D & E City School
7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Exams
8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 & Year 12 Exams
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Report Writing Day

14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 9A,B,C City School Year 10 Work Experience
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day term 2

### 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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CEILING ON YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

The Northern Metropolitan Region has completed an enrolment limit review and has approved an enrolment ceiling of 200 Year 7 students for Thornbury High School from 2012.

The guidelines require the school to accept students whose closest school is Thornbury High as well as students who already have siblings at the school.

This ceiling will allow the school to have greater control in managing the significantly increased enrolments as well as giving us time to complete new facilities as the larger numbers flow through to VCE.

With this ceiling, as well as the usual retention rate, the school will grow to over 1000 students by 2012.

**Peter Egeberg Principal**

### VSSSA STATE SWIMMING FINALIST

After taking home four medals at the Northern Zone Swimming Finals, Luca Rossi of 7A, went on to represent Thornbury High School at the VSSSA State Swimming Championships on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April at The Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Luca put in a fantastic effort, narrowly missing out on a place in the Boys 12-13years 50m Breast stroke event.

**Carla Ruhe Sports Coordinator**



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS

Whilst we are still extremely congested at the Collins Street gates, all is going well at the Matisi Street end of the school.

For those who pick up in Collins Street, have you considered using the back Matisi Street carpark? Council has just approved the sealing of the road down there and it is far safer, less crowded and just easier to pick up your children.

A reminder to those few who continue to stop their cars directly outside the school: this is a non standing area for the safety of all. PLEASE DO NOT stop there, even just for a second.

### THS SCHOOLBAG & BLAZER

Thornbury High School is introducing a school bag and school blazer as options to complete the smart uniform that Thornbury High School already has. These items are on display in the Office Foyer.

The blazers are \$200 each which must be paid for at time of order. The blazers will be available later in Term 2.

The school bag will also be available for purchase at \$65 each. The bags come with a 3 year guarantee.

Any queries regarding the school blazer or school bag can be directed to **Academy Uniforms** on 9460 8011.

### UNIFORM

With the colder mornings approaching, please remember that students can only wear the school jacket to and from school. Jackets are available through the uniform shop. Thank you.

**Meredith Stephenson Assistant Principal**

## CAREERS NEWS

### THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO

The 2010 Age VCE and Careers Expo will be held at Caulfield Racecourse from Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. This annual event will have staff from participating Universities and Institutions on hand to assist with course and campus enquiries and seminars will be held on VCE subjects, tertiary and courses and careers. Admission is \$10.00 per person, and \$25.00 for families, valid for all 3 days. More information is available at:

[www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au)

### AT MONASH SEMINAR SERIES

The At Monash Seminar Series provides a unique opportunity to hear from academics, current students and graduates all in one place. There is also a question and answer session and a chance to pick up course information and ask individual questions of the speakers and faculty representatives. These seminars

commence in early May. For a full list of seminars go to: [www.monash.edu.au/atmonash](http://www.monash.edu.au/atmonash)

### IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING APPLYING FOR MEDICINE OR HEALTH SCIENCES:

If you are applying for medical or health science courses, you may be required to sit the **UMAT** (Undergraduate Medical and Health Sciences Admission Test). Registrations for this test are now open and will **close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. Before registering for the test students are required to carefully read the UMAT2010 Information Booklet, which will only be available online from the UMAT website at: <http://umat.acer.edu.au>:

Any interested students should make an appointment with the Careers Office to discuss courses and requirements as soon as possible.

### LATROBE TERTIARY INFORMATION (TIS) EXCURSION

All year 12 students will attend the Latrobe Tertiary Information Session on the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. This annual event has provided students with valuable information relating to courses and selection.

**Meredith Gill, Careers Office**

## DEBATING NEWS 2010

### ROUND 2 RESULTS ....

Year 11- Mary McCloskey, Anthony Murphy and Nu Tran were defeated by Ivanhoe Grammar Plenty

Year 10- Kristina Tachtsis, Harold Arquiza and Komang Pertama were defeated by Ivanhoe Grammar Plenty

Year 9- Hugh Heller, Nathan Hawkeswood and James Bozikis lost by 1 point to Marcellin.

Thank you to parents who were able to help out with transport on the night- very much appreciated!

### ROUND 3, THURSDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> ....

Year 11: BYE

Year 10 @ 7pm: Advised topic: 'Animals and the Environment' Ivanhoe Girls Grammar (AFF.) VS. Thornbury High School (NEG.)

Year 9 @ 8pm: 'That Australia should embrace nuclear power' Alphington Grammar (AFF.) vs. Thornbury High (NEG.)

\*Junior School Debating (years 7 & 8) will commence in August. For further details, please check your sub-school notice board over the coming week \*

**Jo Apostolopoulos, Youth Worker**

## SRC 2010

Choosing this year's SRC team has been one of the hardest yet! We received an impressive number of nominations and were pleasantly surprised to see lots of new names! If you have not been successful this year please do not be deterred - you will still have

plenty of opportunities to participate in leadership activities such as Debating and Public Speaking, Sport and Drama.

Congratulations to the following students from year 7-10 who have been selected for SRC.

- 7A- Sam Triantafillopoulos, Mathew Taylor
  - 7B- Jackson Bailey
  - 7C- Maisie Strong, Kara Robins,
  - 7D- Hayley Maguire
  - 7F- Brooke Petrie
  - 7H- Santoshi Queay
  - 7I- Hayden Smith, Mikayla Chadwick,
  - 8A- Vinithri (Vinnie) Weerakkody, Scott Nimos (Forward)
  - 8B- Arkan Habieb, Enver Sakiri
  - 8C- Julius De Antonis, Dayle Lewis
  - 8E- Natalie Voermans
  - 8G- William Hettrick, Hugh Heller, Riah Stanley, Gerty Daly-Buick, Michelle Lopez
  - 9A- Merryn Roe
  - 9C- Harold Arquiza, Nathan Hawkeswood
  - 9D- Lina Liouis
  - 9E- Sam De Zoete, Simon Huska, James V James Bozikis
  - 10A- Raka Supriatna, Brianna Date, Kristina Tachtsis, Emma White-Reese, Gemma Zerna
  - 10B- Pap Beeskow
  - 10C- Louise Davidson
  - 10D- Josh Taylor, Komang Pertama
- Jo Apostolopoulos, Youth Worker**

## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK



What an energetic start to Term 2! Our first week back saw students from year 7-12 enjoy a range of fun and informative activities including wheelchair basketball, henna tattooing, presentations from disability awareness spokesman Anthony Bartl and Guide Dogs Australia just to name a few. Year 8 SRC put on a yummy BBQ and raised valuable monies for other fun wellbeing activities.

Thank you to the funky folk at NYC (Northland Youth Centre) "Ute Crew" who put on an amazing Road

show! This day was full of music, fun activities and prizes!

NYC is a drop-in space for young people who want to hang out and have a coffee, chat about work or school or just hang out with mates! NYC is located at Northland Shopping Centre (near the Commonwealth Bank) and is open at various times after school. Call 8470-8352 and speak to one of the friendly staff.

The week was topped off by the year 8 "Healthy Mind/Healthy Body" day, organised by our wonderful school nurse Emily, the aim of this special event is to foster resilience, self confidence and the chance for students to try something new and challenging. Here is what **Skye Reddington** of 8C thought...

*"If you didn't know, on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> April we had "Healthy Mind/Healthy Body" Day. It was presented by FunFit and they offered a variety of activities such as Pilates, Poi (fire-twirling minus the fire!), Diabolo, Breakdancing, Hip-Hop dancing, Hulla-Hoop and Capporea (a mix of Brazilian dance and martial arts.*

*The day was fun and....just plain AWESOME! But by the end of the day everyone was aching, tired and pretty much zombies- including me! But it was all worth it! On behalf of the year8's I would like to thank Emily, our School Nurse, and Jo, our Youth Worker, for organizing such a fantastic day. A special mention goes to Mr. Ferris for TRYING to breakdance but ended up kicking Julius!"*

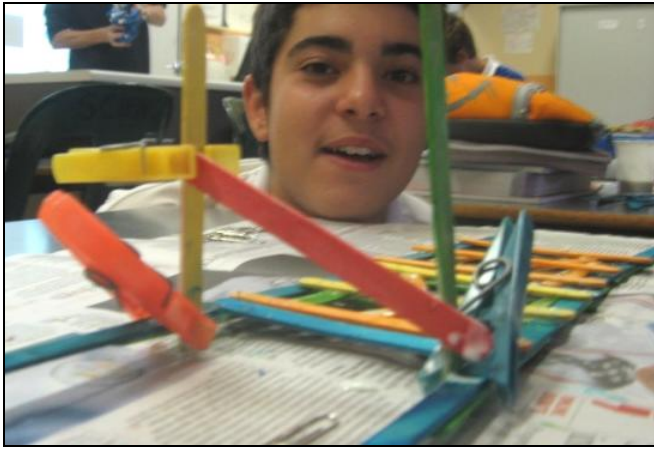
**Skye Reddington (8C)**

## SCIENCE NEWS

### YEAR 8 BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

Four year 8 classes are competing to take part in the Aurecon Bridge Building competition. The winning group of 3 from all the class groups will be able to enter into the competition which boasts as a first prize \$1500 for the school and \$200 for each student involved. There are some crazy designs being attempted, some of which just might work.





needs to be made by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010 to the General Office.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

We have had positive start to Term 2 and all students are working well using their planners and following their homework time table.

We ask parents to assist us by looking at their child's planner and ensuring that students are completing homework regularly. In the planner on page iii are guidelines that can assist parents with information about homework expectations. Parents are encouraged to sign the planner and use it as a means to communicate with teachers. Term 2 is a long term and students need to stay focused to complete all set work especially their CAT work.

### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All Year 10 students should be busy organising their Work Experience placement if they have not done so yet. Placements should be organised and forms completed and returned to school in the next few weeks. All Year 10 students will be completing the Safe at Work unit in the next couple of weeks. If students are still not sure about a work experience placement they need to see Ms Gill or Ms Vassos urgently. Work experience is on the 15<sup>th</sup> until the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2010.

### YEAR 9 URBAN WEEK

Term 2 is an exciting time for Year 9 students as they will be involved in the "Urban Week" experience. This Program challenges students to accept responsibility, work in teams and reflect maturely on a whole range of issues. Students use an inquiry learning approach outside the classroom, conducting interviews, surveys, research and lots of other activities in the Melbourne CBD. Supervision of the program will be provided between 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. More information and details will be provided to parents in the next newsletter.

Year 9D & 9E students will attend 7th June - 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 9A ,9B & 9C students will attend 15th June -18<sup>th</sup> June.

Cost of the program is \$80. Parents are encouraged to make payments as soon as possible? Full payment

### ALPINE SCHOOL

Harold Arquiza, Samuel de Zoete, Nathan Hawkeswood, Simon Huska, and Merryn Roe have been selected to attend the Alpine School for Student Leadership, Gnurad-Gundidj Campus, Glenormiston in Term 3. The School for Student Leadership is a co-educational, residential year-nine leadership school. This is a Victorian Government initiative whose mission is to deliver innovative, high quality leadership and enterprise educational programs to school students and actively to promote enterprise and leadership behaviours in the Victorian School Community. Students develop and complete a community learning project (CLP) on outcome of their experience. The CLP is an action project designed to allow the students to use their leadership and enterprise skills upon their return to their home community. Our students are busy developing their community project and we wish them all the best.

**Middle School Team**

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

### CELTIC BAND

Congratulations to the school Celtic Band and Diana Norton who performed at the Alphington PS fete a few weeks ago. I received excellent feedback from staff and students that were in attendance.

### CHAMBER CONCERT / VCE PERFORMANCE WED 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

The Music Department are holding a chamber concert and VCE performance concert this coming Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April in the Kaye Coghlan Centre.

The music will begin at 6:30pm, with food and drinks available from 6:00pm. The concert is a fantastic opportunity for younger performers to see what can be achieved within the Music Department, especially at a V.C.E. level. The concert should be finished before 9:00pm.

## FORMS AND MONEY FOR CAMPS

There are several students who have not returned forms and money for camps. If you are having difficulties making payments, please contact me ASAP so we can arrange payment plans.

## RECORDING STUDIO

The recording studio will be fully operational within days and available for hire. If you know of anyone that would like to hire it please tell them to contact me in the Music Office.

## SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

The mid-year concert will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and to fundraise we need donations for our silent auction. See me for more info.

**Kyle Schutz** Head of Music Department



Year 11 Queensland Camp

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to our Year 11 and 12 students. No doubt the Year 11 students who were on camp at the end of term one, needed some of the holidays to recover from the trip. The trip to the Gold Coast not only provided students with the chance to enjoy the sun and theme parks, but it was also a great opportunity to get to know one another in informal surroundings.

The staff would like to commend all students on their excellent behaviour and thank the parents for supporting the Year 11 Pastoral Care Camp.

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## YEAR 12 FORMAL

**Location:** 9 Darling Street, South Yarra

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Time:** 7.30pm-11.30pm **Cost:** \$80

All students wishing to secure a place must pay a \$30 [non refundable] deposit to the General Office by Friday April 29.

## COSI PERFORMANCE

Year 12 students have the opportunity to view a live performance of Cosi on Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Northcote Town Hall. This is an out of school hours excursion and will be supervised by Helen Walsh and Maria Ioannidis. We would encourage all students to attend. A reminder that permission forms and money need to be returned to the school by April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## YEAR 12 EXAMS

Students will receive a copy of their personal exam timetable and a copy of 'VCE Exam Navigator 2010' over the next two weeks. Students need to ensure that they following their study/homework timetables as we approach the end of term and the beginning of exams.

## EMA FIRST INSTALMENT

First instalment cheques are now available for collection from the General Office. Students may pick up on behalf of parents if they bring a signed note authorizing them to do so.

## SECOND HAND BOOKS

Cheques for the sale of second hand books will be distributed in the coming week via students, please check with your child to see if they've got your cheque.

## IMMUNIZATIONS 2010

24<sup>th</sup> June Year 7 & 10 immunisations  
14<sup>th</sup> October Year 7 immunisations

## THE SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

Open: Every Monday (during term), 3.00 – 4.00pm  
Location: First Aid Room 1 (near Reception)

- New pricing structure. **You now get 50% of the selling price.** See THS website for further details and Seller's Forms.
- We still need more stock! Don't forget to 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. Donated items are appreciated.
- We are only able to accept CASH or EMA entitlements.

Contact Jenny Hutchinson at the school, on 9480 4066 with any queries.

## YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR SISTER.

Climate change? Further education? Language?  
Cultural differences? Study habits? Careers?

And what fun teaching him or her about Australian culture !

Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2010 for 5 months from Europe and Scandinavia. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

If your family would like to have the opportunity to have a brother or sister from overseas for a semester, please call us now.

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