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17th September Parent/teacher interviews
18th September End of term 3

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  Caroline McLachlan  9458 6167
Year 9   Lyndal Roper  9458 6113
Year 8   Anne Herschell [8A,B,C]  9458 6150
            Georgia Stavrakis [8D,E,F]  9458 6133
Year 7   Grant Wason  9458 6168
            Helen Herouvim  9458 6170

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
THORNBURY IN TOP 1% OF THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS FOR STUDENT MOTIVATION

The ‘Student Attitude to School’ survey was released to all schools by the Education Department last Friday. This survey, completed in early term 2, provided students with an opportunity to comment on wellbeing, teaching and learning and student relationships.

The students have overwhelmingly given the school a ringing endorsement with all categories showing an improvement from 2008 (as was also the case in the previous year).

The school is in the top 1% of the state for Student Motivation. The questions for this category were:
- Doing well in school is very important to me
- I try very hard in school
- I am keen to do well at school
- Continuing my education is important to me

The school is in the top 2% of the state for:
- Student morale
- Feeling a connection to the school
- Learning confidence

The school is in the top 5% of the state for:
- Teacher effectiveness
- Teacher empathy
- Feeling connected to peers

The school is in the top 10% of the state for:
- Student safety
- Stimulating learning
- Classroom behaviour

These outstanding results reflect the significant time all staff and coordinators put into student attendance, retention, engagement and wellbeing.

Ashley B (7f) became part of the menu at A Maze‘N Things at the recent Years 7-12 Phillip Island Music Camp. See page.2
Students at this school have a very positive perception of their ability as students. They feel cheerful, relaxed, happy and energized at Thornbury High School.

The challenge for the school community is to maintain these results over the next years as well as to manage the significant growth in student numbers (close to 150 extra students next year).

For a copy of the complete survey go to our web site and follow the links to ‘about the school’ then ‘reports, plans and surveys’.

STAFF SURVEY RESULTS
The latest staff survey results are excellent with all but one category in the top 25% and the highest ranking, effective discipline policy, in the top 5% of state secondary schools.

The school over the past 12 months has put a lot of time and effort into:

- Improving appraisal and recognition and curriculum coordination
- reducing excess work demands
- involving all staff in decision making

The survey results are clearly indicating that we have made significant progress in all these areas with individual morale being the highest since the survey was introduced.

Peter Egeberg

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MOVE TO DISTRIBUTE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL
School Council has, at recent meetings, been investigating the significant costs – environmental and financial - associated with printing and mailing out the school newsletter. A decision has been reached to send the newsletter via email thereby saving considerable paper, time and money. This process will be introduced in phases. This week, parents of year 7 students have been sent, through their child, a letter requesting their email address and consent to receive future newsletters via email. We ask that you complete this form promptly and return to your child’s teacher.

SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE
Parents and Guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

- The DEECD does not hold accident insurance for school students
- Is other insurance cover available? Yes.

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd, that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also provide school accident insurance.

For more information on JUA Underwriting Agency, please see www.studenthealth.com.au

Meredith Stephenson Assistant Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL DEBATING: IMPORTANT INFO & DATES
The Debaters Association of Victoria Junior School debating competition is starting soon! Thornbury High School has registered four teams across years 7 and 8 in 2009- many students have already signed-up with Jo but there is still time to get involved!

Debating is a fantastic way to build skills in a range of ways: from researching and writing a speech to getting in front of an audience and having your say, debating will help you build confidence and use your muscle-your brain that is!

Below are some important dates for students and their parents:

TRAINING Wednesday 19th Aug.
ROUND ONE Wednesday 2nd Sept.
ROUND TWO Wednesday 16th Sept.
ROUND THREE Wednesday 14th Oct.

The Training night and ALL debates will be held at Ivanhoe Grammar, The Ridgeway in Ivanhoe (just off Lower Heidelberg road)

NOTE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Debating is an extra-curricula activity and thus requires a level of commitment from students and their parents/guardians. Students will need to make their own way to and from debates and we encourage parents/guardians to accompany their child for the duration of the debate (approx 1hour).

The school’s youth worker Johanna will be attending each night and looks forward to another successful Junior Debating season in 2009.

LIBRARY NEWS
August 22nd is Children’s Book Week, so pick a favourite book or manga character, get out the sewing machine and dress up for our annual Cosplay competition on August 27th.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP
For the first time in Thornbury HS history, Years 7-12 attended the Music Camp together. On Monday morning Years 8-12 packed the buses ready for a week of musical adventure. We stopped at Koo Wee Rup
S.C. on the way to Phillip Island for a workshop and performance with their students. Tuesday saw the arrival of our younger counterparts, who went surfing in the rain! Wednesday’s highlights included A Maze’N Things and a performance at the penguins, which was well received by all passersby (especially the THS version of ‘Beat it’). Thursday entailed surfing for the oldies, and was a day full of rehearsing and cross-age tutoring for all. Friday included fantastic indoor activities. Many thanks to all the staff who helped put this camp together and run it so successfully (Nick, Sean, Craig, Diana, Marc, Jane, Mark, Meredith, Greg and Emma).

MELBOURNE BANDS FESTIVAL
This Sunday 16th August while most of you are still in bed, our Year 8-12 Music Students will be competing in the Melbourne Bands Festival at Monash University, Clayton. Students are meeting just before 7:30am at school and will be driven by bus to the venue.

MUSIC PARENTS
The cold weather must be the reason for the dramatic drop in attendees at the Music Parents meetings. Music Parents meet once per month for approximately one hour, discuss ideas on how the program is running, meet other parents of music students and help raise much needed funds for student use. I love meeting new people so please, come along and show your support. The next meeting is Tuesday 1st September at 7pm.

VCE SOIREE
Saturday September 12th. Put this date in your diaries and calendars now. The VCE students are holding their VCE Music Soiree, performing the pieces they will be assessed on for their Unit 4 Performance Exam.

END OF YEAR CONCERT
Our annual End of Year Music Concert will be held at the Furlan Club on Tuesday 27th October. Put the date in your diaries and calendars. I am already accepting donations for the raffle on the night. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Kyle Schutz  Head of Music Department

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL
On Friday July 24th, Year 11 and 12 students and teachers of Thornbury High came together for the annual Senior School Formal at the very glamorous Nine Darling Street in South Yarra. Everyone made a great effort and looked amazing on the night. Students and teachers had the chance to meet some old and new faces. The food was delicious and the dance floor was full of activity all night. It was a great opportunity for the students and teachers to relax and socialise with each other, dance and watch a video full of great memories. It was definitely a night to be remembered by all.

Beth Joss on behalf of the Formal Committee.

THANKING FORMAL COMMITTEE
We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the Formal Committee. The students willingly gave up their spare time and coordinated their school work with their Formal responsibilities and should be congratulated. It was a very enjoyable and memorable night for all who attended. Many thanks and well done guys!!!!!!!!!!

The Formal Committee of 2009:
Jaky Bragianis, Arreh Elmi, Virginia Fillopolous, Stella Foster, Beth Joss, Rose Kanjou, Jan Nguyen, Tailah Scott & Max Wood
And, a very special thank you must go to Dylan Elliott for his expert assistance in the production of the year 12 Formal Video.

Christine Farmakis

COURSE COUNSELLING FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS MOVING INTO YEAR 11
Course counselling for all our Year 10 students has started.

On Monday 10th August we held a Subject Information Session for all Year 10 students. Year 11 teachers provided an overview of their subjects in order to help students better understand what is involved in each study area. Students received their ‘Senior School Handbook – A guide to course
selection 2010.’ We encourage all parents/guardians and students to read the programs Thornbury High School offers.

All year 10 parents/guardians have been invited to attend the annual ‘Year 10 into 11 Information Night’ on Thursday 20th August. This is an important and compulsory meeting whereby information on Post Compulsory Pathways will be distributed by the Senior School Counselling Team. Students and parents will receive further information on programs the school offers and parents will be asked to book an appointment time with the counselling team in order to discuss and confirm their child’s program for 2010. We look forward to seeing all Year 10 families on the night.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We thank all Year 12 students and their parents who attended the VTAC Information Night on Thursday August 6th. Each Year 12 student will now work with the counselling team to determine their tertiary pathway and enter their preferences on the VTAC website.

We encourage all students to attend the University/TAFE Open Days that are available and spend time carefully considering all options available to them.

Senior School Team

STUDENT WELLBEING REPORT

The Docs in School’s program is operating well at THS. Students who have booked appointments last month with Dr Ahern have given positive feedback.

Dr Ahern will be at THS again in early September. Students who wish to see him are asked to make an appointment. Parents are also encouraged to talk to their child if they feel they need to speak to a doctor. Seeing Dr Ahern is a familiar environment without leaving school is of great benefit.

As part of encouraging students to set goals and lead productive lives, all Year 10 students went to the Careers Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 24th July. Students found it interesting and helpful. Hopefully they will look out for future career expos and feel comfortable to go to these. Some feedback is given below.

I think the expo was very informative and had a wide range of careers to follow up. I found out a lot of things I never expected. Natasha Valerio

I think it was a great eye opener to have this experience; to get to know what certain jobs are like and how much training is needed and what courses to do. It makes me want to finish my VCE so that I can achieve the best I can through all courses. This day was very beneficial. Candice Sassano

All Year 8 students have been offered intensive personal development classes by Emily Graham and Jo Apostolopoulos. Students have been participating in fun and reflective activities to help build healthy relationships and self esteem. Please ask your Year 8 child for some feedback about this program.

Year 9 students have been presented information on nutrition and healthy eating. Students have found it very interesting to see how processed food can damage your wellbeing. Ask your Year 9 child to demonstrate the slice of bread activity and I am sure this will help generate a dialogue with your child about healthy food. Some students are still having high energy drinks such as V or Mother for breakfast and at school. Students need to eat high energy healthy foods like cereals with milk, eggs on toast or toasted cheese sandwiches on wholemeal or multigrain bread, not the artificial drinks that do not sustain students for the whole day or help them focus in class. Year 9 Party Safe Day is happening on 10th September, a small payment will be required from all Year 9 students to subsidize the program.

There is a lot happening, so stay tuned to the next newsletter but most importantly of all ask your child about what programs are running at THS.

Barbara Carydis SWC

RUGBY UNION GALA COMPETITION

Over the past 5 weeks students from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been training hard to represent the school at Under 14 and 16 levels in the Victorian Rugby Union Northern Zone Tournament.

The Gala took place on Thursday 6th August and proved very successful for all involved, with approximately 20 schools taking part. Our under 14’s was made up of players from years 7, 8 and 9, most of which had not played much rugby union before. It was therefore very impressive to see the levels these boys managed to reach in the four games they played. They did manage a single win against Grange Secondary College, but unfortunately lost out to eventual winners Craigieburn College. The under 16’s with a number of
more experienced rugby players fared better when they made the grand final after wins against Parade College and Sunshine College. Unfortunately they could not quite make it over the line, losing out to Brayburn College.

All individuals involved in this tournament should be very pleased with their efforts and Thornbury looks forward to more Rugby Union success in the near future.

Ryan Millar  Sports Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

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SRC REPORT: THORNBURY’S GOT TALENT

Organising Thornbury’s Got Talent was a great experience. We all had our jobs to do and, once we had them organised, we got straight into auditions; that was when the excitement started. Auditions were held on the 27th, 28th and 30th of July and the Grand Finale was on Friday 31st July.

We had students from across all year levels audition. And we saw some good talent. It was difficult to choose the finalists, however we eventually narrowed the list down to a final 10 acts.

Grand Final day went well; everything went smoothly; the teachers and students all enjoyed themselves and there weren’t even enough seats for everyone that came. We had a few special guests too! Marcia Hines dropped in (aka Mr Gilles with a blonde wig on), Mr Egeberg was our special guest judge for the day and Frank, the school’s maintenance guy, was our special guest performer. He proudly belted out a couple of songs in Italian but unfortunately didn’t take home first prize.

Congratulations to our Final 10:

Jeremy – year 10 (performed “Drive” by Incubus)
Natalie & Anna- year 7 (song by The Beatles)
Greek Band – Billy, Simeon & John year 10
Laura & Josh- year 12 (“The Climb” by Miley Cyrus)
Sam & Simon- year 8 (Comedy act)
Dylan- year 12 (made up on the spot Blues song)
Mutinta- year 10 (“I want candy”)
Ebony & Natasha- Year 7 (Dancing)
Nasos- Year 10 (“You Found Me” by The Fray)

Well done to them all (especially the year 7s!) and to all the students who auditioned. The winners were Sam and Simon with their Comedy act. Thornbury hasn’t seen comedy performed for the show for a few years; it’s difficult to do but these boys did it successfully! Also, thanks to everyone who auditioned we encourage you to come back next year!

Thank you to everyone in 9/10 SRC who helped out during the week. Thanks to Ms Vassos for helping us organise the event and special thanks to our judges and Mr Gilles for being MC for the special event.

Kristina Tachtsis 9B on behalf of 9/10 SRC

Professional Tutoring in
MATHS & ENGLISH for PRIMARY,
SECONDARY, VCE students

Fairfield 9486 4000
Pascoe Vale South 9354 5588

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GROCON

Girls & Ladies Walking Group

LEG WARMERS OPTIONAL

Wednesday GOLD week 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday BLUE week 2pm-3pm
DEPARTING from the YEAR 7 CENTRE
**STARTING Wednesday 5th August**
PRIVATE ART THERAPY - COUNSELLING SESSIONS
Art therapy is a new form of counselling & psychotherapy. It aims to offer:
* Greater focus on change and empowerment
* Stronger coping techniques for inner pain
* Improves personal development - direction and purpose in life
Private Child Art Therapy: $45 per 90 minute session
Private Adult Art Therapy: $55 per 90 minute session
Contact Eve Aydogar for further details on 0412 377 096

IVANHOE ROOSTERS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
Green Street, Ivanhoe -
As the Football Finals are fast upon us so is the countdown to the CRICKET Season!
U13, U/15, U/17's to play in the Friday Night Twilight competitions commencing October 2009 –
Come along and join the fun, all equipment including bats, pads & helmets are provided –
Junior Information & Registration Day Sunday 13th September 12 -5pm Further enquiries can be made to the Club President, David Dillion Ph 0418 593846

THS NEWS August 13th 2009
Secondhand Uniform Shop
(staffed by volunteers)

Opening Term 4

LOCATION: Conference Room – near the school reception
OPEN: To be advised

Buy and Sell secondhand uniform items
Save at least 50% off the cost of the price of a new uniform

We need to build up stock
Please place all uniform items in a plastic bag with your Seller's Form and drop into front reception

A Seller's Form is attached to this newsletter
Additional forms can be downloaded from the school website

Items will be sold on consignment (payment when sold).
Donated items are also accepted
We are only able to accept uniforms in good condition for re-sale
Poor quality items will be regarded as donations
Uniforms with old logos or windcheaters cannot be accepted

We want to support the school community with this project
We need your support in order for it to work. We thank you in anticipation

School Contact: Jenny Hutchinson on 9480 4066

CONDITIONS OF SALE OF UNIFORMS

The reimbursement for each item is subject to the condition of the item.

Uniforms are priced as follows:

Excellent: Clean, ironed, as new - we sell for 50% of the price of the item if new.
You will receive 40% of our selling price.
Eg: School Dress
New price is $59.00.
Secondhand selling price is $29.50 (50%).
You receive 40% of $29.50 = $11.80.

Good: Clean, ironed, may be a bit worn - we sell for 40% of the price of the item if new.
You will receive 40% of our selling price.
Eg: School Dress
New price is $59.00.
Secondhand selling price is $23.60 (40%).
You receive 40% of $23.60 = $9.44.

Poor: Stained, dirty, very worn, holes in fabric, missing buttons, broken zips, 'individualized' or badly repaired.
These items will be treated as donations to the school (we will sell them for 25% of the price of the item if new).
- Only uniforms with current logos will be accepted.
- Doing some repairs will increase your chance of a better price

Intake of items
1. Uniforms will be assessed and priced at our discretion according to the above categories
2. Poor condition items will be accepted for sale as a donation to the shop
3. Clothing left for sale that is not on the uniform list will not be returned
4. No receipt will be issued, but the Seller's Form can be consulted at the shop

Payments
1. The seller will receive a credit to their school account for 40% of the sale price for items in excellent or good condition. This amount can be used to pay school fees and other expenses, for camps and excursions and to purchase uniform.
To Sell Secondhand Uniforms

Thornbury High School, Contact: Jenny Hutchinson, Ph: 9480 4066

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Student name

Family Name that credit is to be applied to

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We will not accept:
Anything with the old logo or not part of the uniform (e.g. windcheaters)  
(They will be discarded if submitted)

Repair, wash, iron and fold the clothes you wish to sell. A little effort here may make the difference between you being paid for the item or not. Pin a note with your student ID on each item.

Fill in this form, listing one item per line. Use the bottom of the page if you have more than one of an item.

No receipts are issued but this form can be consulted at the shop. You should make a photocopy of this form for your records.

Shop volunteers will grade items:
**Excellent** = as good as new, sell for 50% of new price.
**Good** = the broadest category, sell for 40% of new price.
**Poor** = Stains, holes, broken zips, missing buttons, worn thin, poor quality repairs, hems undone, etc. sell for 25% of new price.

**Poor quality goods are regarded as donations – you will not be paid for them.**
You will receive a credit for 40% of the selling price of good and excellent quality items after they sell. Credits will be issued against the family of the student. The balance is retained by the committee for school fundraising.

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Signature of Seller: _____________________________________  Date:_________________