IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2010

17th February  Staff Development [Early dismissal 1.40pm]
22nd February  School Swimming Trials
25th February  Year 12 VCE Information Evening
2nd - 5th March Year 9 Raymond Island Camp
3rd March Staff Development [Early dismissal 1.40pm]
8th March Labour Day [No School]
9th March District Swimming Sports
10th March Sub Committees School Council
11th March Year 6 Information Evening 7pm
17th March School Council
18th March Parent/Teacher Interviews
22nd - 26th March Year 11 Queensland Camp
26th March End of Term 1 [1.09pm dismissal]
12th April Term 2 Commences

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
Subschool Managers
Year 7/8  Mark Gillies                                 9458 6171
Year 9/10 Ann Vassos                                    9458 6112
Year 11/12 Maria Ioannidis                             9458 6137

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
A summary of the Principal's address to the whole school assembly

This year we welcome forty students across years 8-12, 206 new students at year 7 and 12 new staff members. This means we now have 750 students at the school, with close to 900 expected in 2011. This also means that unless we are able to extend the gym there will be no whole school assembles in 2011.

Many of the new students are attracted here because this is a school which values achievement and in 2009 those achievements included:

- Best VCE results in 20 years
- District Athletics champion
- Bronze Shield in music
- Subject competition awards in maths, reading and science
- Outstanding student survey especially in the areas of safety, behaviour and motivation
- Awards for debating and Classtv
- Career Pathways for all year 10, 11 & 12 students

Exstudent Clarisse Slater Hoffman opened last week’s General Assembly with the Welcome To Country Ceremony.
Past dux, Georgia Lawrasia and Zaki Benamar, have identified the following as the keys to success:

- Making effective use of class time
- Managing time (using a planner, meeting deadlines)
- Having a good working relationship with your teacher and other students
- Attending regularly
- Completing homework

The classroom will be a strong focus for teachers throughout 2010:

- Literacy across all subject areas with the continuation of John Munro strategies, the early intervention program and the Koorie literacy program
- ‘Quality of the task’ initiative will ensure that we look at setting assessment tasks which cover the different levels identified in the revised Bloom’s taxonomy
- Investigate student discipline strategies which result in increase learning and engagement on the task.

A larger school size will mean greater competition for space in the classroom, in the yard and in the canteen. It can mean that some students who are less confident or shy can get lost in the system.

On the other hand, a larger school population will mean a greater range of electives and a greater range of VCE subjects. It will also result in more new teachers who will bring with them new approaches and new ideas about teaching and learning. A larger school also results in new facilities, such as the straw bale studio, the new year 7 classrooms and the new food and hospitality centre.

Given the nature of the current students at the school, I am confident that as a school community we will look out for each other and support each other. So the challenge for the school is not just to limit the school population but, most importantly, to manage growth in student numbers.

Finally, I am looking forward to hearing lots of good stories about student achievement in 2010.

Peter Egeberg    Principal

CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS 2009

This is the third year that this award has been given and it is chosen by the Principal and carries a reward of $1500.

Students can be a positive role-model for citizenship at Thornbury High by doing the following:

- Showing concern for the success and safety of others.
- Doing the right thing, especially when it is difficult.
- Doing the right thing, even when no one is looking.
- Taking responsibility for their actions and reflecting on how their actions affect the welfare of others.

This year there are joint winners for the citizenship award who are two very unique boys from year seven 2009: Brendan Spencer and Tass Bardakos. Both boys have demonstrated all the citizenship qualities we expect from students at Thornbury High.

One of the unique characteristics of Thornbury High is the willingness of students to embrace diversity, whether it be students from different countries, religions and cultures, students with disabilities, students with different ways of learning, or students with different interests and behaviours.

From time to time students come to the school who have the ability to bring out the best in people. These students have the ability to bring others together. They could be a student who could be forgiven for only caring about themselves but who is always cheerful and concerned for others; a student who takes everything in their stride and always sees the positive things in life; a student who is able to get others to look beyond their own needs to the needs of others.

These two boys have developed a unique friendship of mutual trust, support and care and have had a significant impact on others at the school.

Congratulations to Brendan and Tass.

Peter Egeberg    Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everybody. I seem to have a lot to say this newsletter. All is important so please have a read and discuss with your child.

PERSONAL GOODS BOUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal
property bought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage of such property. We urge parents to talk with their child regarding the issue. From time to time we do have lost phones and ipods and whilst Coordinators work with the student to locate these goods (and often do), ultimately it is the child’s responsibility.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP OF STUDENTS
With the increase of student numbers the dropping off and pick up of students is becoming dangerous. Here are some tips for making the area safer for our children:

- Use Matisi Street car park. Enter via ENTRY ONLY gate opposite Fogular Club – clearly marked – follow signs and arrows. Exit via EXIT ONLY gate at bottom of car park. There is plenty of parking
- Do not park in no standing points at the front of the school, that includes just stopping to drop off students or to pick them up.
- Do not enter the side drive on left as you enter the front gates. This is a major walk area for students
- Have your child walk to Jones Street
- Pick up your child in Matisi Street
I hope this helps us all to ensure the safety of everybody.

SCHOOL BAGS
Many parents have requested a school back pack. Whilst this will not be compulsory they will be available from both the Thomastown and school shops as of March. The cost will be $71, they will have a 3 year warranty and I am assured that if looked after, they will last the secondary school life of the child – time will tell!!!!!!!

BUSES
We think we have nearly resolved the overcrowding issue of the buses on Station Street at the end of the day. The students catching the 552 will leave the school via the Dundas Street gates, walk up Dundas Street, cross with the lights and catch the 552 at the Dundas Street bus stop. The students catching the 567 will walk up Collins Street cross with the lights and catch the bus at the Station Street stop. Crossing supervisors are currently at the Station Street crossing and we are in negotiation with the Darebin Council for more crossing supervisors on the intersection of Dundas and Station/Albert Street. Students travelling towards Fairfield still have the school bus available – pick up on Dundas Street or the option of walking up Collins Street. This side does not seem to be an issue thanks to the school bus.

We did try to increase the number of school buses that left from Dundas Street; however the Department of Transport felt that they were not required!

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance is available from the private insurance market. JUA underwriting agency is one such private insurer. Parents/guardians are encouraged to see website www.studenthealth.com.au for more information.

Meredith Stephenson  Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

HOMEWORK TIMETABLE TERM 1
All students in year 7 to 9 will be given homework on the day assigned as per the homework timetable. A copy of the homework timetable is included in this newsletter along with guidelines on homework implementation. Please ensure your child completes the required homework as set out in the schedule.

CATs
The CATs are common tasks which have been developed by the teachers of the year level (7 to 10). Each CAT has consistent assessment criteria across the subject and year level.
- These tasks were developed to assess student progress, to ensure acceptable work standards and to help students manage their time and meet deadlines.
- Many of the CATs will be completed in class, but some parts of the work will have to be completed outside the class room. Students will need, in some cases, to complete a number of classroom tasks as preparation for the CATs
• Students at years 7 – 10 must work towards completing all CATs to an acceptable standard. Integration students may have modified tasks.
• The CATs may consist of tests, assignments, work folios, oral presentations or homework tasks.
• A list of all Compulsory Assessment Tasks along with the Policy for submitting CATs is being mailed home with this newsletter. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the CATs.

A list of Semester 1 CATs for years 7 to 10, along with the process for submission of CATs is being mailed home with this newsletter and is also now available on the school website:

www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au

EARLY DISMISSALS FOR ALL STUDENTS, TERM 1
The Professional Development afternoons for teachers will continue in 2010. All students will be dismissed at 1.40pm on these afternoons. Please note there will be only TWO professional Development afternoons in Term 1:- Wednesday 17th February and Wednesday 3rd March.

Curriculum Team (Judy Stafford, Carmel Ryan and Christine Bartsh)

FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Not only is this a year filled with opportunity for you and your child, but it is also a year of opportunity for Thornbury High School. 2010 sees the introduction of new School Captains: Martha Arkalis, Walid Abdo, Chris Smith, Tara Degraft-Hayford, Beau Dorian, Rachael Mountney, Christy Tourtsakis and myself, Michael Amato. We bring new ideas and can help make Thornbury High an even better school.

Here is what the school captains have to say about their own goals in 2010:

Beau:
Beau aims to achieve a high ENTER score and enjoy his last year of high school as much as he can. He will achieve this by working to the best of his ability and keeping his goal in mind every time he studies.

As a school captain, Beau is determined to make Thornbury High an even better school than it is.

Cristy:
Cristy wishes to stay motivated, focused and work hard. She aims to spread her time between work, friends and get help from teachers whenever she can. She will do this by working hard every day, completing 2.5 to 3 hours of homework a night.

As a school captain, Cristy aims to be a positive role model to her peers and make Thornbury High an even better place.

Rachael:
Rachael aims to achieve an ENTER score above 75 and will achieve this by putting in the hard yards and aiming for 2.5 to 3 hours of homework a night.

As a school captain, she aims to organise a cancer fundraiser this year.

Chris:
Chris wishes to find himself a part time job, enjoy life and beat Northcote High in something.

As a school captain, Chris wishes to make sport more important at Thornbury High.

Martha:
Martha wants to achieve the best she possibly can and be happy with the end result. She aims to get into the course of her choice.

As a school captain, Martha hopes to leave a lasting impression at Thornbury High so that the School Captains of 2010 will be remembered for years to come.

As for myself:
I hope to get an ENTER score above 85 and wish to become more confident when speaking in public. I will do this by studying hard, doing lots of homework and talking a bit more in public.

As a school captain, I wish to become a better newsletter writer.

Michael Amato 12A

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome all students into the Middle school and extend a special welcome to all our new students and families. We hope you all have a safe, memorable and academically productive year.

A special thank you to all our Year 10 Peer Support students who came to school a day early and assisted our new Year 7 students with their transition into secondary school. The day was full of fun activities and their assistance and leadership was appreciated.
Our goal in the Middle school in 2010 is to improve our students’ work ethic and pride in their school and ensure that all our students can achieve their personal best in a safe and happy environment.

A reminder to all parents: students need to be at school by 8.45am in full school uniform. If your child is absent please ensure you contact the relevant coordinator by 9.00am. All students have been issued a planner and can parents assist us by ensuring they check it weekly and use it as a communication tool to teacher when necessary.

We encourage all our Year 10 students to start finalising their WORK EXPERIENCE placements for 2010. Work experience dates are Tuesday 15th June until Friday 18th June 2010. Parents are invited to assist their children in finding a suitable placement. Forms that need to be signed by employers will be given to students in the next few weeks. Students who need assistance need to see Ms Gill or Ms Vassos.

All Year 9 students are off to Camp 2nd March to 5th March 2010. This camp is an adventure camp with a pastoral and curriculum focus related to Term one learning program. All Year 9 students are encouraged to attend and parents are reminded to make final payments should be made by Friday the 12th February. Please ring Ms Vassos with any queries on 94586112. All information about what students need to bring and consent forms will be given to students in the next few days.

Middle School Team
Lyndal Roper Year 10 Coordinator
Georgia Stavrakis Year 9 Coordinator
Ann Vassos 9/10 Manager

Year 7 Transition Day: 4 Square was just one of the activities Year 10 Peer Support helped to organise.

MATHLETICS
This year, as in previous years, students in Years 7 to 10 will have free access to Mathletics, a fantastic online Mathematics resource that encourages students to practise Mathematics and improve their results.

Students will use Mathletics in one of their lessons per fortnight throughout the year, but will also be encouraged to use it at other times including at the school’s homework club and at home via an internet-connected computer. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so there’s no excuses!

The Mathletics activities are set up by your child’s maths teacher and closely match the topics covered in lessons. However, students can work at their own pace and excellent online support is available as they work. It also provides immediate feedback as well as recording scores and progress. This week students will receive their own Mathletics username and password which needs to be remembered or kept safe whenever they use it. Mathletics can be accessed at www.mathletics.com.au

If parents need any further information regarding Mathletics or other Mathematics matters they are welcomed to contact me via the General Office or email me directly.

Simon Townley, Mathematics Coordinator
townley.simon.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
Things are as mad as usual in the Music Department, only with more students and more music. This year is sure to be massive, with a Senior Band tour to Tasmania, Year 7 and 8 camps as well as South Street and Melbourne Bands Festival competitions, not to mention the numerous concerts and performances we have organised. We have been fortunate enough to gain the expertise of Zac Lister who is here for first term assisting with Classroom Music, teaching guitar and bass as well as assisting with vocals.

Music Parents Group
The Music Parents group meets once per month during the year. The first meeting is on Tuesday March 2nd at 7:00PM. Any parents of music students or interested individuals are welcome to attend. The music department doesn’t function without this group raising vital funds so the more the merrier!

Extra instrumental tuition available at school
Private instrumental teachers have been organised for this year. 30 minute Piano and violin lessons are available at a cost of $30 (individual) or $19 (Paired). Guitar / bass lessons are also available at $25 (individual) or $15 (paired). See Mr. Schutz for more information and a form.

Recording Studio Update
The recording studio is officially open and usable, and will be available to hire very soon. The space will also be available as a rehearsal space. If you or someone you know is interested in hiring it please contact me.

Myself and the Music staff are very much looking forward to a busy but fantastic 2010 in Music.

Kyle Schutz  Head of Music Department
Welcome back to all students, old and new! We’ve had a busy start to the year, enrolling students and finalising programs for our current students. A very warm welcome goes to all our new enrolments in Year 11 and 12. We hope your time with us at THS is enjoyable and your studies are fruitful.

UP COMING EVENTS

Year 11 Pastoral Care Camp to the Gold Coast. We have one full bus and are currently investigating the possibility of a second bus. Thank you to the families who made their second payment on February 5th. A reminder that the final payment is due on March 12th 2010.

Year 12 VCE Information Night is on Thursday February 25th, 2010. Families will receive invitations this week. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Form Assembly:
We wish to advise students and families that Form Assembly is compulsory and necessary. A great deal of important information is distributed during this time and it is an important avenue of communication between us and the students.

Year 11 & 12 Form Assembly Days for 2010 are:

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Note: 11E Form Assemblies will be confirmed shortly.

We look forward to a rewarding year for all our students especially our Year 12s who embark on their final year of studies. A reminder that parents can contact us directly on the following lines.

Senior School Team

Mary Anagnostopoulos Year 11 Coordinator 9458 6138
Christine Farmakis Year 12 Coordinator 9458 6141
Maria Ioannidis Sub-School Manager 9458 6137

LOTE FACULTY NEWS

ITALIAN SISTER SCHOOL VISIT
MONDAY 22ND – FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Our sister school – the Istituto Gianno-ne from San Marco in Lamis, Italy, will be visiting Thornbury High School for their 3rd visit since 2003. There will be a group of 30 students and 2 staff, Angela Cristofaro and Prof Antonio Cera – the Principal. The group is accompanied by the Mayor of San Marco in Lamis.

E. D’Amore

YEAR 7/8 SUBSCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 7

What a smooth start it has been for the biggest Year 7 group in about 20 years! With over 200 new Year 7’s it has certainly been a busy time with students receiving new lockers, planners, timetables, house bags, computer logins… the list goes on! Now in their second week of High School our Year 7’s have moved on from the formalities and are now making new friends, getting to know their teachers and beginning to do some fantastic work! Feedback from Year 7 teachers has been EXTREMELY positive and we congratulate the students on their start.

Camp reminder: Please return your Expression of Interest form with the deposit to the front office ASAP.

YEAR 8

We welcome Mr Alan Williams to the Junior School Team. Alan Williams joins Anne Herschell as Year 8 Coordinator. Both Coordinators are already impressed by the their new group. After being 'The Group' of 2009 (maybe I'm biased!), Year 8 of 2010 has a lot to live up to. Of course they have already started to prove that they will be a 'Power Group' of the school in 2010!

Mark Gillies (Junior School Manager)

SAUNDERS HOUSE UPDATE

All Year 7 students have been allocated their House stripes for their time at Thornbury High School. If you have received a RED bag, this means that you are in SAUNDERS. This also means that you have been chosen as the lucky ones.

Some interesting facts about Saunders House:
* We are 15% better looking than all other houses put together!
* We are 4 times more likely to be able to work out the above Mathematical equation than other houses.
* Our students have cleaner lockers.
* Our students are less likely to be affected by the heat.
* We have come last at every School Athletics Carnival for the past 5 years.

Forget about the past...this year is going to be a RED year!

Saunders House Mascot
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Secondhand Uniform Shop is Open:
When: Every Monday (during each term), 3.00 – 4.00pm
Location: Boys’ Sick Bay (near Reception)

• There are huge savings to be made with stock at least 50% off new price.
• At this stage, the shop is only able to accept CASH or EMA entitlements. However, in some circumstances, goods may be held for up to 48 hours by office staff until payment is made. After 48 hours, stock must be returned to the shop for sale.
• We still need more stock! Please go 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. We are only able to accept uniforms in good and clean condition for re-sale. Donated items are appreciated.
• Additional Seller’s Forms can be downloaded from the school website along with details on Conditions of Sale.
• Items will be sold on consignment so you receive payment when sold. The seller will receive a credit to their school account for 40% of the sale price for items in good or excellent condition.
• Poor quality items will be regarded as donations. These items require washing, soaking, mending etc. by the volunteers. Any item submitted in poor condition that cannot be brought up to a minimum acceptable standard for THS will have to be disposed of at our discretion, without notification to the seller.
• Uniforms with old logos and windcheaters cannot be accepted. These items will be disposed of, if submitted, without notification to the seller. We look forward to meeting you at the shop. Please contact Jenny Hutchinson at the school, on 9480 4066 with any queries.

NEWS FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

The Careers Office in 2010 will be staffed by Meredith Gill, Steven Barlow and David Smith and students are welcome to visit at any time. A busy year ahead is predicted!!

This week marks an important event for Thornbury High School with our first class of 20 students commencing their VET Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations). A brand new commercial kitchen has been installed to meet the needs of this program.

The VET program now sees a number of students visiting other schools in the area to undertake VET studies in areas as diverse as Beauty, Electrotechnology, Live Production, Theatre and Events, Community Services and Building and Construction. The majority of these classes take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

We would like to congratulate our Year 12 students of 2009 on their success. Many thanks to Mr Barlow and Mr Smith on the work they did with these students which has seen the majority of students receiving their first or second preference in the first round of tertiary offers.

Meredith Gill

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2010

To all the greenies at Thornbury High School and their friends and families: This year we are going to clean up Darebin Creek behind Thornbury High School. This creek provides a crucial habitat to many species and is also studied as part of the ecology curriculum in science.

Bring as many family and friends as you can to help out on the day as well as a hat and gloves. The project is on Sunday 28th February from 9am to 12pm and will completely clean the creek on both sides for a total of 5km along the creek. We will meet at the entrance to the park at the end of Theobald street behind the school. Rubbish bags are provided but more would be handy. You can check out the site and register at http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/Darebin+Creek

Put the date on your calendars and hopefully we will see you on the day.

Shaun Ferris

YEAR 7 SCHOOL START BONUS

The School Start Bonus was introduced in 2006 to assist parents/guardians of Prep and Year 7 students to meet the start-up costs associated with commencing Primary and Secondary schooling.

Most students enrolled for the first time in Prep and Year 7 in Term I are eligible for the bonus. The School Start Bonus is separate from, and additional to, the Education Maintenance Allowance.

If you have not received your school start bonus or have misplaced it, please contact the school office on 9480 4066.
2009 AWARD RECIPIENTS – IVANHOE CENTRE

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Year 7
Mariem Haliem  Academic & Sport Award
Amal Abikar  Academic
Jennifer Truong  Academic
Fergus Neal  Sport Award
Julius De Antonis  Principal’s All Rounder Award
William Hettrick  Principal’s All Rounder Award
Anna Diacos  Music Award
Brendan Spencer  Principal’s Citizen Award
Tass Bardakos  Principal’s Citizen Award
Gerty Daly-Buick  Matisi Citizenship Award

Year 8
Dean Iovenitti  Academic & Music Award
Stuart Hackett  Academic
James Karmis  Academic
Stella Radford  Sport Award
Jake Bridson  Sport Award
Nathan Hawkeswood  Principal’s All Rounder Award

Year 9
Kristina Tachtis  Academic
Gemina Zerna  Academic
Raka Supriatna  Principal’s All Rounder Award
Breanna Petinella  Sport Award
Andrea Fakos  Sport Award
Morgan Jones  Matisi Citizenship Award

Year 10
Katerina Faulks  Academic
Jack Dalla Via  Academic & Sport Award
Rebekah Dibenedetto  Principal’s All Rounder Award
Candice Sassano  Sport Award
Kristin Winiata  Matisi Citizenship Award
Edward Chamberlain  Music Award

Year 11 Subject Awards 2009
Jing Yang (Nicki)  Accounting, English (ESL)
Jack Dalla Via  Biology
Beau Dorian  Business Management
Simeon Christou  Business Management
Michael Amato  Chemistry, Physics, General
Mathematics, Mathematical Methods
English  Gloria Glennon
Bryanna Allen  Food Technology
Kalimma Andy  Food Technology, Foundation
Mathematics
Anthony Amato  History: 20th Century, Legal
Studies, Literature
Quoc Hai To (Andy)  General Mathematics
Rebekah Dibenedetto  Music Performance
Rachael Mountney  Psychology, Photography
Luke Bongailas  Visual Communication & Design
Shaun Dominuti  VCAL: English & Furnishings
John Dimitroulis  VCAL: Furnishings

Year 12 Subject Awards 2009
Georgia Lawrasia  Accounting, English (ESL), Legal Studies, Further Mathematics, Psychology
Gloria Glennon  Biology
Rachael Mountney  Business Management
Mona Wannous  English (ESL)

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Sylvia Caddy Trust Scholarship
Yr 10 – Dannielle Cavallo & Katerina Faulks
Yr 11 - Michael Amato & Ivy (Nguyen Anh Thu) Tran

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Scholarship
Yr 10 – Mary McCloskey
Yr 11 – Martha Arakalis
Yr 12 – Lilly (Anh Hoang) Tran

The Martin Ferguson Consistent Effort Award – Gloria Glennon

Dux of School – Kaye Coghlan Award – Georgia Lawrasia

Caltech Allrounder Award - Virginia Fillopolou
VCAL Award – Daniel Kapitan
Head Captain – David Gillin Award – Stella Foster & Areti Louzis

Northcote RSL Scholarship – James Todorov & Georgia Lawrasia

The Catherine Helen Spence Award – Stella Foster
The H.V. Irving Award for Sport – Beau Dorian
11/12 Subschool Music Award – Nathan Sinnott
Matisi Citizenship Award – Dylan Elliott & Areti Louzis

SECOND HAND BOOK SALES 2009

Due to the fact that second hand book sales are still occurring, the processing of payments to students/parents has been delayed. Book sales will be finalised soon, with payments then being processed. When payments are ready to be collected, students will be notified in the school bulletin.

Thankyou for your understanding.

J. Wason  Second-hand bookshop coordinator

HOMEWORK CLUB

The HOMEWORK CLUB runs on both Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.20pm until 4.00pm. Two teachers are available to assist during each session. Students from all year levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ms Stojanovski & Ms Gill

EMA 2010 – DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?

The 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.

Parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (27 January 2010 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (12 July 2010).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 26 February 2010 for the first instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $450 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February 2010 and prior to or on 6 August 2010, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

DISCOVER THE WORLD ON A STUDENT EXCHANGE!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students to participate in 2010/11 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students and parents can choose from more than 26 countries, including France, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Spain.

Give your child the opportunity to have an international experience and gain the personal, social and academic skills that are so important in today’s world.

Upcoming information evenings 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- 2 March Kingston Arts Centre 979 Nepean Highway Moorabbin
- 4 March Northcote Town Hall 189 High Street Northcote
- 23 March Hawthorn Library Centre 884 Glenferrie Road Hawthorn

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**Semester 1, Term 1, 2010**

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- The subject teacher is to decide when that homework is due.
- Homework for Art, Technology, Music, PE will be set when required.
- Teachers should ensure all students have homework on these nights and that it is written in the planner.
- Teachers should avoid giving homework on other nights unless students are not using their class time effectively or have a test or assignment due.
- Teachers need to decide on a consequence if homework is not done (eg. A note in planner and a teacher detention for a repeat offence).
- Please also refer to Student Planner page (iii) Homework