



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2010

7 th – 11 th June	Year 9 D & E City School
7 th – 10 th June	Year 11 Exams
8 th -9 th June	Year 10 & Year 12 Exams
11 th June	Report Writing Day
14 th June	Queen's Birthday
15 th –18 th June	Year 9A,B,C City School Year10 Work Experience
24 th June	Year 7 & 10 Immunizations
25 th June	Last day term 2, 1.40pm dismissal
12 th July	First day 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	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



Lake Dewar Camp 2010: Year 7 students had a great time at camp participating in a range of activities [See report page 4]

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2010 BULLYING SURVEY

Four weeks ago all students completed the annual bullying survey. This is the seventh year that the survey has been held. This survey allows students to have a say about issues to do with bullying at the school.

So, what have we learnt and what are we going to do with the information?

Taking into account our larger student numbers the results are on par with those from last year. The survey results are clearly saying that the level of bullying at Thornbury is low with the majority of students (80%) having answered to "never" to having experienced the different types of bullying described in the survey. Whilst these figures are impressive, we are still aware that some students, even occasionally, are in need of support. The school encourages all students to keep us informed if they experience or see bullying.

Students have indicated that name calling is the main type of bullying from 7-12. The Year 7/8 SRC, along with their School Captain reps, will be looking at this issue and will be presenting the staff with some ideas that we could trial in Term 3.

Naming of students

This year few students were 'named' as bullies and the majority of those named were named only once. Across the school there were 2 students named more than 15 times. These students will be monitored closely (with zero tolerance in future cases) as well as being provided with counselling and meeting with parents.

All students that were named as bullies have been spoken to by coordinators and will be monitored for the rest of this year. In some cases parents have been informed.

What happens when students report bullying?

If student reports a bullying incident to a teacher or coordinator they will be asked how they want the problem dealt with. This may initially mean:

- Discussing strategies to deal with the bully
- Altering teachers so that they can monitor the problem
- Speaking to the bully
- Organizing a meeting the bully and victim

What did we work on from last year's results?

Areas that students felt uneasy in 2009 were the locker areas, toilets and the canteen. So what did we do?

In 2010 we:

- spread the lockers out to ease congestion and placed the lockers in well-staffed areas
- Changed the queues in the canteen and dismissed the Year 7s earlier than the rest of the school at the busiest break of the day
- Relocated the girls' toilets and increased the numbers of toilets for the boys. We are still working on this issue as the girls in Years 8-10 are unhappy with the location of their toilets

Clearly the above strategies have been successful as the results have indicated that students feel a lot more comfortable in these areas. In fact, the toilets don't even rate in the top three.

The full survey results will be presented to all Year levels prior to the end of this term.

A very clear message was sent to us that the majority of students wish to continue the bullying survey in 2011.

IPOD TRIAL

For the last 4 weeks of this Term, we are trialling a ban on iPods in classroom and corridors. This comes as a result of a session that the staff undertook on one of our Wednesday afternoons. We were looking at the concept of starting all lessons with a positive attitude and found that some staff were starting their lessons battling the issue of iPods in students' ears.

In the last week of the term we will be undertaking a review of the ban led by our 9/10 SRC students with the assistance of their Year 12 Captain reps.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students for the mature and understanding way in which they have accepted this ban. As always, I am impressed by their willingness to trial new ideas.

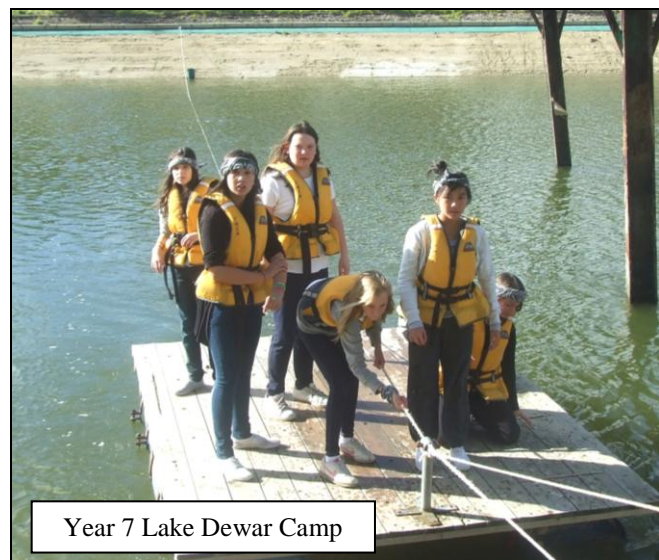
Well done to you all.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS PETER EGBERG?

Currently quite close. Peter has been spending his time in and around Melbourne – for now. However, as of Monday he flies out to New York, London, Paris, Hungary, Singapore (where he will buy all our presents!!) and finally back to Melbourne.

We wish him safe travel and look forward to all the new ideas he will bring back to the school

Meredith Stephenson Acting Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Now that the weather is getting colder, we have noticed that students are coming to and from school wearing non-school jackets. Can I remind everyone that the only acceptable jackets are the official school ones and ask for parents to support us by ensuring their child is wearing it when leaving the house?

Also, girls have the option of wearing black stockings or white socks but not both at the same time. It breaks school rules, as well as fashion ones. Girls - choose one or the other!

I should say though that uniform compliance is generally very good this term and students are representing Thornbury High very well when outside of school.

YEAR 9 & 10 CURRICULUM REVIEW

As part of an ongoing process started last year with Years 7 and 8, we are reviewing the curriculum for Years 9 and 10. These middle years of secondary education represent a significant stage in a child's education as they prepare for VCE, VCAL and beyond.

Within the school, a review working party has been set up and is currently collecting opinions from staff and students in years 9, 10 and 11. I would like to take this opportunity to invite parents to offer any opinions they might have regarding our Year 9 and 10 curriculum. Please send opinions to the following email:

thornbury.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

Simon Townley, Acting Assistant Principal

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS STATE FINALISTS

The Northern Zone Athletics finals were held on Wednesday 26th May at Meadowglen Athletics track in Epping. Forty nine students from year 7 – 11 represented Thornbury High School and a number of outstanding achievements were gained throughout the day. Seven students will go onto compete at the State Athletics Finals in October; Joseph Foleti (15yrs Javelin), Fraser Maynard (16-20yrs 1500m walk), Stella Radford (15yrs 1500m), Jake Bridson (15yrs Shot Put), Julius De Antonis (12-13yrs 100m), Adam Garganis (12-15yrs 1500m Walk and 12-13yrs Javelin) and Johnny Madafferi (17yrs Shot Put). Congratulations and thank you to all students who have competed throughout the athletics carnivals and best of luck to our state qualifiers.

Miss Ruhe: Sport Coordinator



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

EXAMS

Mid Year Exams for Year 11 and 12 commence next week. Timetables and exam rules have been distributed at Level Assemblies and we encourage all parents/guardians to ensure their child is familiar with

their exam timetable. Any questions regarding exams can be directed to the Senior Sub School Office.

We start Unit 2 and 4 on June 15th. Students in Year 11 who wish to change their course for Semester Two need to complete the necessary forms by Monday June 7th.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents are reminded that Thornbury High School provides several opportunities for parents to discuss their child's progress with subject teachers. Interviews for Senior School Students will be held on the evening of Thursday 15th July, 2010. Interview forms to request an appointment time will be distributed with the students' Mid Year Reports. It is most important that parents, especially Year 12 parents, make appointments to see all subject teachers.

MENTORING PROGRAMME

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Melbourne.

Mentors for young People

Brief information about the Young Achievers Program
A workshop and mentor Program for Young People.

This program is aimed at supporting high achieving students currently in years 10-12. (In 2011, these students will be in years 11, 12 and first year uni.) These young people are ambitious and talented either academically or in other fields such as sport, art, music, public speaking, leadership. They often just need a break. There are varying reasons why these students would benefit from having a mentor and attending workshops. For example, they may not have an adult in their life that is able to guide them in their choice of career or area of high achievement, their families may not have the financial resources to support their child's talents or the parents may come from other countries and not have contacts and networks in Australia. These are just some reasons.

There is no cost to the program and we would encourage students to apply for the program. Application forms can be collected from the Senior Sub School Office.

SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL:

As most students know, our annual Senior School Formal is fast approaching. The celebrations take place on Friday July 30th, at Nine Darling Street, South Yarra. (7.30pm-11.30pm)

Please make sure that all payments have been finalised before end of term.

Senior School Team

KOORIE PATHWAYS

A group of year 8's and 10's were invited to attend a deadly pathways event at Northland Secondary

College on Friday 21st May. They were lucky enough to have hands on experience in a variety of career opportunities including electronics, mechanics, construction, metal work and business management. Thanks to Haydn Love for speaking to the group, which included students from four neighbouring schools, about his experiences in construction. Congratulations to all involved especially Luke Murphy and Kaitlin Kralik who each received an award for their excellent contributions to the day.

Penny Saunders Aide to Koorie students

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It's been another big term for the Junior School. NAPLAN testing was completed and, for the first time, our library held over 200 students for an exam. Students were tested across 5 areas in Literacy and Numeracy.

Students are reminded that it's '**C.A.T season**'. Year 7 and 8 students have been completing C.A.Ts in class throughout the term. Please check that your child is aware of all submission dates.

Year 7 students recently spent three days on **camp**. They headed off to Lake Dewar which is not far from Bacchus Marsh. A massive thank you to all the teachers who attended camp this year. Every year teachers give their own time to attend school camps. On this occasion they were on hand throughout the week to help supervise over 150 students! Some of the student's stories are printed below.

Junior School Team

This year the Year 7 classes attended camp at Lake Dewar. At the camp there were many activities such as the Gorge Trek, Canoeing, Dual Flying Fox and Bike Riding. We also took part in many games like table tennis, billiards, rugby and football. The food was good overall and the funniest thing that happened was when Michael Soufis got kicked in the head by a kangaroo! We also took part in the Survivor Challenge where we learned a great lesson in life, to know how to live in the bush. At the end of the camp, all of us joined in for the Amazing Race. In order to win we had to score points in several events throughout the camp. The Black Team ended up winners of the Amazing Race!

Manga and Niko 7B

*On camp, the funniest and freakiest moment happened to cabin number 6. This was Emily, Murphy, Jessica, Maria, Julie, Kay, Brooke and Milica's cabin. It was a **BUG INFESTED** cabin! In their room they found all sorts of insects such as: a huntsman, bull ants, moths, centipedes and flies. Eventually, Murphy got too scared of these insects and slept up in Jessica's*

*bunk with her, but didn't end up sleeping because she was so frightened! The huntsman was located in the bathroom under everyone's clothes which then prevented anyone of going into the bathroom. The bull ants were on Brooke's bed and no matter how much we stepped on them, they wouldn't die! As for the moths - they were **EVERYWHERE!** The centipedes were on the roof and floors and Kay was the one to take them all out. That was cabin 6's scary experience! Lesson 101 in camping; don't leave fluorescent lights on and doors open when in the bush!!*

Murphy and Emily 7F & J

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

As the semester draws to an end all students have been busy completing CATS and preparing for tests and exams.

Year 9 students are preparing for their Urban week experience and parents are reminded to make final payments if they have not already done so. All students need to be in full school uniform in the city and must be on their best behaviour at all times. Students have been given instructions on emergency numbers and they need to be in their groups at all times. No student is allowed to be on their own at any time during the program. All students need to sign in at 9am and are dismissed from the City at 3.10pm
9D and 9E are going from 7th-11th of June and 9A, 9B and 9C from the 15th -18th June 2010.

All year 10 students are busy studying for their first Exams Exam Dates: Tuesday 8th June English & Science; Wednesday 9th June Mathematics and History or Business & Civics.

All Year 10 students should have organized their work experience placement and students will have completed their The Safe at Work and Industry placement modules. Work experience starts on the 15th until the 19th of June. Students who have not organized a placement must attend school during this time.

Middle school Team

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

MID-YEAR CONCERT

On Wednesday 2nd June all the instrumental students took to the stage in a fantastic night of entertainment. With concert bands (Year 7, 8 and Senior), Junior Jazz Band, Celtic Stars, Balkan Brass Band and Unit 3 VCE Music Performances the night was a huge success. Many thanks to the staff and students involved. Extra special thanks go to the Music Parents Group for helping organise the silent auction, food,

drinks and door entry. With so many attendees I think next year we will have to look at a larger venue!



MUSIC CAMPS

A reminder that money and forms should now be in for all music camps. If you have not done so please get them in ASAP.

MUSIC PARENTS GROUP

The Mid-Year Concert showed the fantastic work that the Music Parents group does for the Department, but we are after more members. Our next meeting is Tuesday 3rd August at 7:00pm in the Music Room. Come along and have a glass of wine, cheese and crackers, meet other music parents and help the Music Department raise much-needed funds!

RECORDING STUDIO

Our recording studio is up and running and free for bookings most nights and some weekends. If you or someone you know is interested, please get them to contact me at school.

Kyle Schutz, Head of Music Department

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY & NUMERACY [NAPLAN] TESTING – YEAR 7 & 9 STUDENTS

Students at years 7 and 9 have now completed the NAPLAN tests – national assessment program literacy and numeracy tests. The tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and it is compulsory for all students to conduct the NAPLAN. All year 7 and 9 students were required to sit these tests in English and Mathematics. Later in the year you will receive your child's personal report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child

performed in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about these tests please consult the NAPLAN website:

http://www.naplan.edu.au/home_page.html

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AFTERNOONS

Professional growth afternoons will continue on a Wednesday in term 3. Dates will be published in the next School News.

Curriculum Team.

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.

CAREERS OFFICE NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience for Year 10 students will take place during the week after the exams, 14th – 18th June. Congratulations to students who have organised their placement and completed the appropriate paperwork. We would encourage parents to discuss the placement with their son/daughter. This can include location and travel arrangements, hours of work and the need to arrive on time and appropriate dress for the placement. We wish students the best for a successful and rewarding placement.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY Access All Areas is a program which is designed for Year 10-12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the University of Melbourne. The session occurs on 9th July from 9.00am -2.00pm and places are limited. Find out about courses and career pathways, entry requirements etc. Register online @ www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY also continue their Focus Seminar Series with Focus on Law on Tuesday 8th June ,7pm; Focus on Environments, Thursday 10th

June ,7pm; Focus on Arts, Wednesday 16th June ,7pm; and Focus on Science, Tuesday 22nd June ,7pm. For further information and registration visit: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY is hosting a Year 10 event, aimed at providing students and their parents with information that will assist them as they begin to consider subject selection, university courses and careers. This Year 10 Information Evening will be held at the Melbourne campus at Burwood on Thursday 10th June from 6.30-8.00pm. For further information visit www.deakin.edu.au

RMIT UNIVERSITY offer the Get Real Experience school holiday activities which are events designed to give real insight into the world of science, engineering and health. For information and to register visit: www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience

THE NORTHERN CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO will be held on 22nd June at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre between 3.30pm and 7.00pm. This expo is designed for parents and students and will provide information on TAFEs, Universities, Apprenticeship centres etc. Entry is free.

YEARS 10-12 STUDENTS ARE YOU UNDERTAKING TRAINING with your employer and have signed a training plan? If this is the case, and you are hoping to have the qualification recognised as part of VCE or VCAL, it is your responsibility to provide the school/careers office with a copy of the training plan and employer details.

NEW HANDBOOKS and GUIDES from UNIVERSITIES and TAFEs are arriving daily in the Careers Office. They provide the latest information on courses and requirements. Please enquire at the Careers Office.

Meredith Gill Careers Coordinator

KEEPING YOUR LIFE IN BALANCE

Keeping the balance in today's society can seem impossible, especially for people with high levels of responsibility and commitment. Balance in life isn't something that can be kept; you have to constantly adjust your life and the amount of time you portion to certain things in order to keep this balance. Keeping balance in your life is important so you don't burn out or get overstressed.

Sleep. If you aren't getting eight hours – or there about – you can forget it. Sleep is essential and can be thought of as 'recharging your batteries.' If your batteries aren't full at the start of the day, you most likely won't make it throughout the day. It's a common thing for students to be staying up into the late hours, getting a mere six hours of sleep and

studying for far too long – which is a recipe for disaster.

Keep your mind clear. Think of your mind as the hard drive on a computer. If the files on a hard drive are 'all over the shop', the computer runs slowly and it's a treasure hunt to find what you want. Similarly, if you have 101 things on your mind, it is often hard to prioritize those things and complete tasks effectively. Write things down that need to be done for the day and actually complete them.

To clear your bogged up, stressed mind, do some light to moderate exercise.

Make time for yourself. Putting aside eight hours for sleep means you have 16 hours to do the things you enjoy. This might seem selfish, but it's not, as we need time to take ourselves away from the daily grind. Without the 'me-time', it is not possible to achieve balance in life.

To adequately balance our lives, we need to effectively manage our time, our social life, our health and set goals that are realistic.

Michael Amato School Captain

HAVE YOU BANKED YOUR SECONDHAND BOOK MONEY YET?

Cheques have now been distributed to all families who elected to be directly reimbursed for second hand books sold at the end of 2009. If you have not yet received a cheque, please check with your child or contact the school. Parents are requested to please bank these cheques as soon as possible.

EMA CHEQUES AT SCHOOL OFFICE

There are still a number of first instalment cheques still to be collected from the Office. Students may pick up on behalf of parents if they bring a signed note authorizing them to do so. Parents are encouraged to contact Vicki on 9480 4066 to organise payment of fees with unallocated EMA funds.

CLASS TV NEWS

Channel 31's gone digital so retune your digital TV's to pick us up on Channel 44 – Class TV airs 4.30pm Tuesday & midday Saturdays.

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