

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2009

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Report Writing Day [Student free day] |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 9-12 Music Tour                  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 10 Work Experience               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 9 A&B City School                |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                    | Mid Year Music Concert                |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Year 11/12 Report night               |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Last day of term [1.09 dismissal]     |
|  | Reports Distributed                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Term 3 Commences                      |

## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES:

Please notify the relevant coordinator as soon as possible if your child is absent:

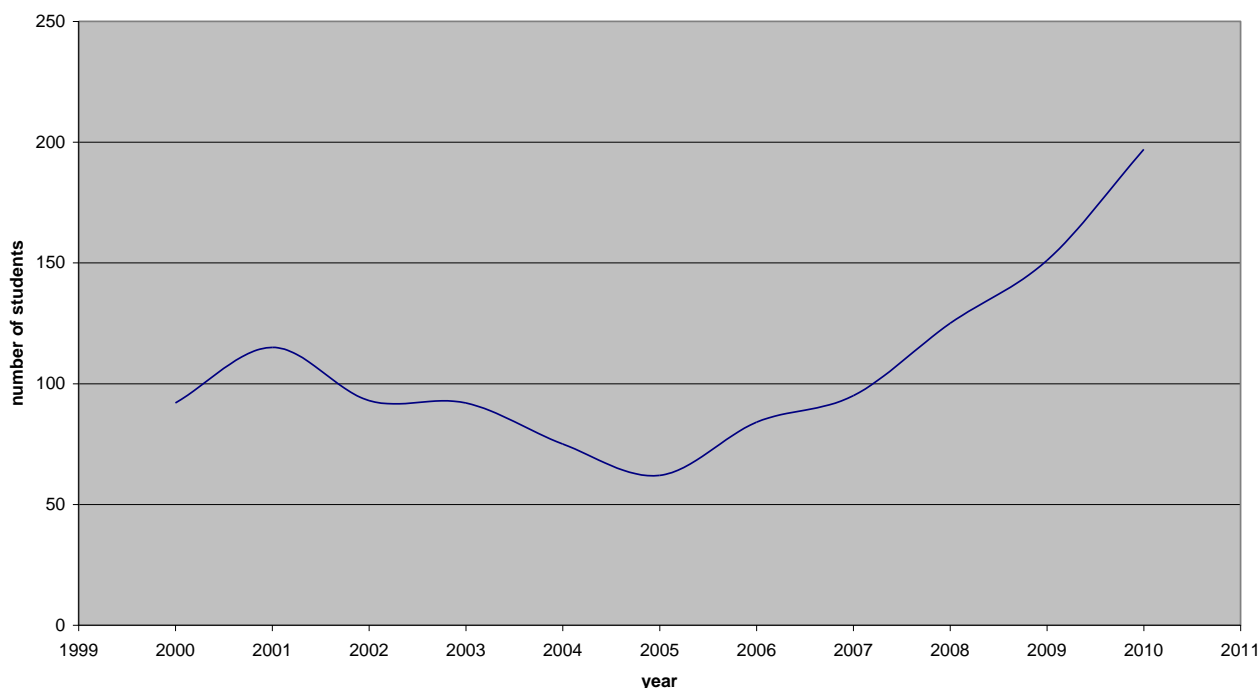
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| Year 12 | Christine Farmakis         | 9458 6141 |
| Year 11 | Mary Anagnostopoulos       | 9458 6138 |
| Year 10 | Caroline McLachlan         | 9458 6167 |
| Year 9  | Lyndal Roper               | 9458 6113 |
| Year 8  | Anne Herschell [8A,B,C]    | 9458 6150 |
|         | Georgia Stavrakis [8D,E,F] | 9458 6133 |
| Year 7  | Grant Wason                | 9458 6168 |
|         | Helen Herouvim             | 9458 6170 |

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### 33% ENROLMENT INCREASE POSES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES FOR THE THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

With the arrival of first preferences from the primary schools the Year 7 enrolment for 2010 will be around 200 students - up from 151 this year – this is a 33% increase in enrolments since 2009 - see year 7 enrolments chart below.

Year 7 Enrolments



There has been a significant increase in the number of girls enrolling for 2010 and the school will continue to offer a girls' only class at year 7.

Our largest enrolment numbers are coming from following primary schools: Preston, Penders Grove, Wales St, Preston South and East. There has been a substantial increase in students from the following areas: Alphington, Clifton Hill, Heidelberg and Preston West.

With this massive increase in student numbers, the school is already carefully planning for a total student population of at least 850 by 2011. This means

- the building of new and improved facilities (currently in negotiation with the Education department),
- the employment of new staff
- the introduction of new subjects and
- the induction of students and parents into our unique school culture.

If unchecked the total school population will be close to 1000 by 2012. As a school community we must make decisions about the size of the school we want.

**Peter Egeberg Principal**

### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**UNIFORM** Nearly all our students are now wearing correct uniform including shoes and jackets and I would like to thank the parents who have made the effort to ensure this has happened. If you get caught short and your child's uniform is wet, please do not hesitate to send it to school by 8:30 and I will pop it through the dryer.

A Reminder – jumpers can go through the dryer at a low heat.

**MOBILE PHONES** We have had a major blitz at school with children using or fiddling with their phones in class. Staff have been instructed and students warned that if a mobile phone is seen in the classroom the child will receive an instant school detention. So lately we have had pretty full detention classes; however the numbers are starting to subside.

**CHEWING GUM** is totally banned on the school premises. Students have been warned and detentions are now being issued.

### SWINE FLU UPDATE

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in the modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

- Visit [www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au)
- Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**
- Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)
- Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

**Meredith Stephenson Assistant Principal**

### SPORTS REPORT

#### CHAMPIONS ON THE GOLF COURSE

The Northern Zone Metro Golf Championships were held at the Growling Frog Golf Course on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Komang Pertama of 9C represented Thornbury High School in the Junior Boys Division and claimed 1<sup>st</sup> place with an outstanding score of 80. We wish Komang all the best when he competes in the Victorian State Golf Championship in late October.

An Ambrose competition was offered for the first time this year. Max W, Daniel R, Chris W, Josh C and Mr Oosterloo made up the five man team and surprised everyone by also finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

#### NORTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS FINAL POSTPONED.

The Northern Zone Athletics Carnival that was due to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May has now been postponed until Term 4, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Athletics training sessions will be held later in Term 3.



Max W, Mr Oosterloo, Chris W, Josh C & Daniel R proudly display their medals and the technique that helped them finish in the lead at the Northern Zone Golf Finals.

## 5% OFF AT REBEL SPORT

Did you know that you get a 5% discount when you shop in-store at Rebel Sport? Simply cut this card out above and take it to Rebel Sport at your next visit to receive your own personalized MVP card. Not only do you benefit from a 5% discount but the school also receives rebate points that we can use to purchase new equipment from Rebel. So why not take advantage of this great program and get into Rebel Sport?

If you would like an extra MVP card for your friends and or family please see the PE Department to collect extra card templates.



## MUSIC NEWS

### MID-YEAR CONCERT

The Mid-year Music Concert for 2009 will be held at THS in the Kaye Coghlan Centre on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm onwards. There will be a BBQ and drinks on sale with vegetarian option also available. There will be a raffle happening as well. This night is always an important night on the Thornbury High calendar so I would encourage as many family members and friends to come along and support the fine young musicians performing.

Donations for the raffle are greatly appreciated and can be left at the Front Office or the Music Office.

### CANCELLATION OF ADELAIDE TOUR

Unfortunately a difficult decision had to be made to cancel the Senior Band Tour to Adelaide planned for June 15 – 19. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused anyone. As an alternative, the Senior Band will tour Gippsland and Phillip Island from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. This will allow the students to perform with some wonderful schools in the area and also put together a full THS Music Ensemble with every music student in the school involved, something all the staff are very much looking forward to. Any student that has paid the \$50 Adelaide deposit can roll over this amount to the Gippsland / Phillip Island camp.

### ATTENTION PIANO TUNERS

The Music Department wants to sell a few pianos, but they are in desperate need of tuning. If you are a piano tuner and you have a few hours you wouldn't mind donating, please contact me in the music office on 9458 6128.

## BAND REHEARSALS

Even as winter rolls on, it is still important to turn up on time to all band rehearsals. Too much time is being wasted by a serious lack of haste. Your teachers know it's cold; that's why we get there before rehearsal and put the heater on. If you can't turn up or are running late ring the music office.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Sam Dunscombe, who has filled in for Jane as clarinet teacher for Term 2. Sam has been a wonderful asset to the music programme here at THS and I wish him well for future endeavours.

## ARE YOU IN A BAND???

If so, Triple J are running their unearthed competition for High School students. Come see me in the music office for details. If you're not in a band, get going for next year's competition!

**Kyle Schutz** Head of Music Department

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Year 9C and 9D have had a great week at City School. It has been a huge learning curve as they have learnt the value of working as part of a team and developing further their social skills. Year 9A and B will be attending City School from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Part of their city experience is to undertake research and it will be interesting in the final week to view the presentations and the findings of this research.

Year 10 students should all be experiencing life in the workforce. Hopefully this experience will be rewarding but would also jump start their research in their future career choices.

Have a safe holiday. See you next term.

**Middle School team.**

## STUDENT WELLBEING REPORT

We have had an eventful few weeks with regards to our students and staff at THS. We are now back on track. It is disappointing that due to the school being closed, our guest speaker, Lorin Nicholson, had to be cancelled. Hopefully, when he returns on his next tour of the southern States, the Year 7 students will be able to listen to his inspirational talk.

I am bringing to your attention a public seminar that is open to all parents and guardians of young people. This seminar is presented at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June (this Saturday) from 6pm to 10pm. Australia's leading experts on children and teenagers will be presenting sessions that will undoubtedly provide informative and useful help and hints. I encourage parents and guardians to attend, as this is a unique event. The cost is \$45 and it is an affordable experience considering what you will come away with that will help develop



your relationship with your child. For more information please visit [www.gennextseminars.com](http://www.gennextseminars.com).

The Year 8/9 girls group is well and truly up and running. A boys group is planned for next term. Till next time stay safe and healthy.

**Barbara Carydis SWC**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### EXAMS

As you read this newsletter, all our Year 11 and 12 students have completed their Mid Year Exams. For Year 11's the results will guide them as to where they should focus their efforts in Semester 2, while for our Year 12s their efforts will be the starting point for their Study Scores.

We start Unit 2 and 4 on June 15<sup>th</sup> and have managed to accommodate all requests for subject changes. We hope that all students use part of their term break to revise work and prepare for their Semester Two studies.

### MENTORING PROGRAMME

Our students have an opportunity to be involved in a Mentoring Programme in 2010.

**The Young Achievers Program (Big Brothers and Sisters)** is aimed at supporting high achieving students currently in years 10-12. (In 2010 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 scenarios.

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 School Office.

### SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL

As most students know, our annual Senior School Formal is fast approaching. Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>

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

**EMA CHEQUES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE.** If you would like to allocate your ema to outstanding charges or if you have any queries about EMA, please call Vicki on 9480 4066.

## GIRLS ON THE GO



The "Girls on the Go" group is a weekly gathering of sixteen year 8 and three year 9 students who participate in group activities and discussions about different things. On the first excursion we went to Laser Skirmish and Ms Stephenson and Jo got us lost! Everybody was very disappointed and upset because we were all pumped and excited. Jo and Ms Stephenson made it up to us by getting ice-creams. The next week we had a complete "Girls on the Go" day which was a mix of pampering and warfare! The first part of the day was pampering by the body shop. Some girls got facials. The ladies from the body shop taught us how to apply make up properly and what was healthy for our skin. It was interesting. Something we learnt was to wear sunscreen everyday even if it's not sunny. It can help prevent cancer and wrinkles. We played laser skirmish in the afternoon. We didn't get lost this time! The first game we played was by ourselves and then we did groups. The blue team won; we all had so much fun. In last week's session we did yoga- many of us had never done it before and at one stage, the instructor got us howl like dogs. It was very amusing! We are looking forward to the rock climbing activity which is this week.

We have enjoyed the "Girls on the Go" group so far and hope it continues to be good.

**By Shae McDonald 8F and Barbara Fakos 8D**  
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## SOS FOR HOST FAMILIES

It is the dream of many teenagers to visit our vast and 'exotic' country, Down Under. Their dream can only come true with your help. STS High School Foundation urgently needs volunteer host families for students arriving in July 2009 from Europe. If you would like to join a unique and growing group of families in Victoria, we need to hear from you now.

Contact us at [stsf@people.net.au](mailto:stsf@people.net.au) or call 1800 263 964  
Website: [www.sts-education.com.au](http://www.sts-education.com.au)

## Girls Get Active- *Together!*

**This is an invitation to the girls and women of Thornbury High School to get together and get active in a fun and social environment- for FREE!!!**

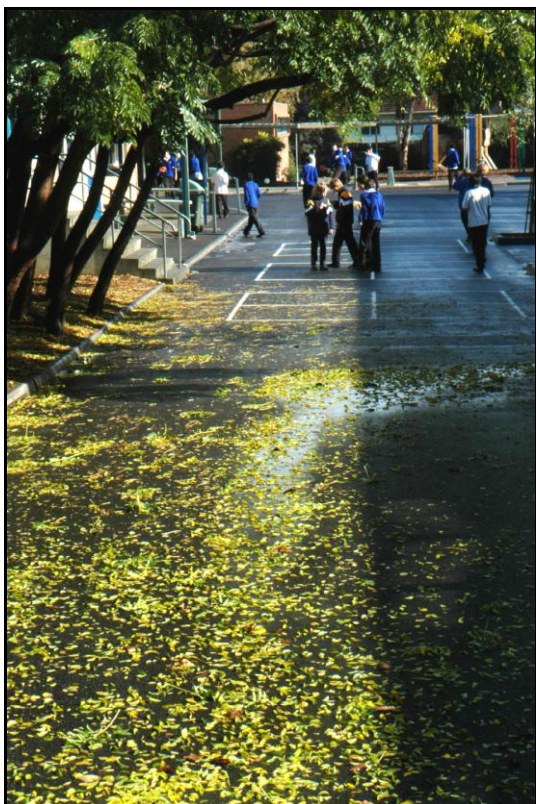
Ex-student Kellie Curtis will run weekly sessions throughout Term 3- for FREE. Kellie is an accredited fitness trainer who is also studying Teaching/Physical Education at La Trobe University. Kellie will be assisted by Jo Apostolopoulos, the School's Youth Worker.

At this stage we are looking at holding sessions on Wednesday evenings from 6pm-7pm (negotiable depending on your feedback).

Activities will include circuit training in the school's newly fitted gym, walks in the local area as well as fun games and activities. Students are encouraged to bring along an important woman in their lives- mums, guardians, aunties, sisters, grandmothers...

**For more information/expression of interest please contact: Jo Apostolopoulos on 9458 6171 or email [apostolopoulos.johanna.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:apostolopoulos.johanna.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) .**

**Reminder:** 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.



## REMINDER RE CHEQUES FOR SECONDHAND BOOKS.

A reminder to parents who have yet not banked cheques received for second hand books to please do so as soon as possible. Any cheque which is not cashed or is lost will incur a \$15 charge to parents.

## PROUD SPONSOR OF YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS [2009] GROCON

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



Fairfield  
9486 4000

Pascoe Vale South  
9354 5588



The Sustainability Group, with Mr Ferris, have been volunteering their time at recess/lunchtime to prepare garden beds and plant vegetables.







**Thornbury High School  
Music Department**



**Proudly presents their**

**Mid-Year Concert '09**

**CELEBRATION**

**OF MUSIC**

**BBQ sausages • Vegetarian option • Drinks • Raffle**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6:00 PM**

**@ Kaye Coghlan Centre**

**Thornbury High School**

**WANTED**

- **Items donated for raffle, big or small. Items can be left at the music office or main office.**
- **Piano tuner to donate time tuning school pianos.  
Contact Kyle Schutz on 9458 6128.**