IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2010

18th – 20th May  
Year 7 Naplan

20th May  
VCE arts evening

26th May  
Staff Development [Early dismissal 1.40pm]

2nd June  
Mid Year Music Concert Evening

7th – 11th June  
Year 9 D & E City School

7th – 10th June  
Year 11 Exams

8th – 9th June  
Year 10 & Year 12 Exams

11th June  
Report Writing Day

14th June  
Queen’s Birthday

15th–18th June  
Year 9A,B,C City School
Year 10 Work Experience

25th June  
Last day term 2

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES:

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

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

ANOTHER YEAR OF OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN DISTRICT ATHLETICS

This is the seventh year that Thornbury High has achieved winner or runner up in the District Athletics.

Last Thursday 80 of our students from 7-12 attended the District Athletic Carnival. Our junior students were exceptionally good, winning both the boys and girls sections.

With so many outstanding results it is difficult to single out any individual performances. All students who attended put in an amazing effort, both when competing and also when cheering and providing support from the sideline.

With just the relays to go, Thornbury High was only 30 points in front. And our relay teams didn’t disappoint. In twelve relays we crossed the line in 1st place four times and 2nd place on three occasions.

So by the end of the competition, Thornbury High was on top of the table with 1015 points, nearly 50 points in front of our closest rival, Mill Park.

Congratulations to all those involved for your great effort. We will be hosting a lunch for all athletes next week when the Year 7 students return from camp.

Carla Ruhe, Sports Coordinator

THS NEWS 14th May 2010
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

An amazing couple of weeks have passed since Peter Egeberg has left for his well-deserved long service leave:

1. Students undertook the school bullying survey – an evaluation of the results will be published in the next newsletter
2. Students undertook the Education Department’s student survey. Results available later in the year
3. Year 12s attended a session at Latrobe University looking at career paths
4. Year 7s have attended camp at Bacchus Marsh
5. Year 9s have completed their Naplan testing with Year 7s to undertake their tests next week
6. We have welcomed Simon Townley as Acting Assistant Principal
7. We have received money in the State Budget to undertake a master plan re buildings for our school. This is a major feat and our first step toward the extension of the gym to include more basketball courts, classrooms and canteen. Our thanks to Fiona Richardson for her support with this project
8. I have conducted many, many, many tours of prospective parents and their children. It is extremely humbling that so many students and parents want to make Thornbury High their first choice for Secondary Education and a credit to the hard work of all the current and past staff and students. Year 7 Enrolment figures will be available before the end of this term.
9. We won the District sports.
10. All SRC groups met to discuss goals for Term 2. These groups are attended by School Captains and Year 11 SRC reps.

Congratulations and thank you to all the Staff and students for making all the events above possible.

Meredith Stephenson, Acting Principal

Stop Press!!!

Thornbury High School has been named in the budget to receive funding to undertake a master plan of the school. This is the first step toward planned new facilities.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ADDITIONAL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

This week we welcomed two new crossing supervisors to the Thornbury High community. They are positioned at the corner of Dundas and Station Streets, a very busy junction where fast-moving traffic can come from all directions. We are especially pleased as the school has been campaigning for crossing supervisors here for some time as the crossing links the school to the relocated 552 to Reservoir bus stop on Dundas St. Students using this bus must ensure they leave the school from the Dundas St exit from now on.

Simon Townley, Acting Assistant Principal

CAREERS NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience commences For all Year 10 students the week beginning the 14th June (Queens Birthday). Students should be in the process of organizing employment for this week. Contact should have been made with prospective employers to negotiate a placement for students. A Student Work Experience Arrangement Form must be completed with the signatures of employer, parent/guardian and the student. This must then be returned to the school with all relevant details regarding the placement.

UMAT

Applications have opened for those students who are considering applying for a medical/health science course. Registrations will close on Friday 4th June. A list of courses requiring the UMAT, registration details and sample questions may be accessed at http://umat.acer.edu.au.

CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE AND SCIENCE SEMINAR (CISM 2010)

For students interested in a career in sports medicine and science, this seminar will introduce practitioners who will provide presentations about their profession and associated education pathways. Universities will also provide information on course entry requirements and an insight into life at their educational institution.

Student cost is $35 per person and parents $25 per person. For information and registration visit: www.sma.org.au.

FOCUS ON MELBOURNE

Evening seminars have commenced. They are presented by academic staff and recruitment advisors and students give detailed information about the options available within a particular discipline. These include: Focus on Biomedicine May 19th, Focus on the Victorian College of the Arts and Music May 25th and Focus on Information and Communication technology on May 27th. To register your attendance at these and other Focus seminars visit: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne

EMA FIRST INSTALMENT

First instalment cheques are now available for collection from the General Office. Students may pick up on behalf of parents if they bring a signed note authorizing them to do so. Parents are encouraged to pay fees with unallocated EMA funds. Contact Vicki on 9480 4066.
FROM THE CURRICULUM TEAM

COMPULSORY ASSESSMENT TASKS (CATS)
The Curriculum Team has worked on developing a philosophy / purpose statement for CATs. This purpose statement also includes implementation procedures. We would welcome input from the parent community in respect to this.

CAT PHILOSOPHY / PURPOSE STATEMENT
Each CAT:
- reflects what is important in the unit / subject
- provides for consistency across a subject at a year level
- provides for a range of levels of achievement
- has been developed in conjunction with VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards)
- assesses what is important in the subject

CAT IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES
- Each CAT is to be assessed against VELS
- Assessment procedures are consistent across the subject / year level.
- The minimum satisfactory standard for a ‘Satisfactory’ should be achievable by every student in a mixed ability class.
- In cases where students are operating at 1.5 levels below the expected standard then teachers may modify the CAT for those students.
- The task and assessment criteria should be moderated across the year level subject teachers.
- A cycle of moderation over the course of the year is to be provided through the Wednesday Professional Growth Afternoons and / or KLA Meetings for 7 –10 subjects taught at each year level.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Our plans for the senior tour of Tasmania are well under way and the plans are exciting. We have teamed up with some fantastic schools in Launceston, ensuring the tour is a fun and rewarding experience. A notice has been sent home this week with more details.

BOSCASTLE PIES
All music students are currently selling as many pies as possible to fund their music camps. We need everyone’s support to get these students out of the school and performing. The pies are amazing, so order now and eat up. The pies need to be ordered before Friday May 21, and will be delivered to the school on Tuesday June 1, ready to be eaten!

CHAMBER CONCERT/VCE SOIREE
Congratulations to all the students involved in the concert last week. It was a most enjoyable night involving students from Years 8-11. There were too many exceptional performances on the night to single anyone out and as such I want to congratulate everyone that performed.

MID-YEAR CONCERT AND DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION
Our Mid-Year Concert is being held on Wednesday June 2. Donations are being accepted for the Silent Auction being held on the night. All profits are poured directly back into the Music Department for all music students to benefit from. See me for more information and a donation sheet.

JUNIOR JAZZ BAND
The Junior Jazz Band is sounding fantastic but we are after a few extra players for the group. If you play piano, guitar or a concert band instrument and you think you might be interested, please see me for more information.

MUSIC PARENTS GROUP
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th May in the Music Room. All parents/guardians of music students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

HAVE YOU PAID SCHOOL FEES?
Families should have recently received statements of fees that are still outstanding to the school. Whilst most staffing and basic items are provided for via government funding, we need parent support through the payment of the realistic charges that School Council has set. If we are to maintain the quality facilities and programs we have at Thornbury High School, we need to have all families contributing to our school via payments of charges and contributions. Please pay outstanding charges as soon as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and/or would like to pay in instalments, please do not hesitate to make a time to speak to the Business Manager, Assistant Principal or Principal.

Year 9 students at work on their CATS

Kyle Schutz, Head of Music Dept.
STAYING HEALTHY IN WINTER

For many of us, winter means curling up under a blanket and sleeping in, hot morning coffees and plenty of hot food. Although it isn’t winter yet, it’s just around the corner and most of you would agree that there’s nothing more comforting on a winter’s night than hot food. Most of these foods aren’t good for you however.

It’s been found that we gain a little extra poundage in the winter season, but this can be combated by employing a regular exercise routine. The main problem most people face is keeping motivated during the winter months, however. Well guess what? You don’t have to sweat it out at a gym to maintain your weight over winter; how about finally finishing that outdoor decking? Or painting the fence? Or adding some wallpaper to a room in the house? Not only will it spruce up the appearance of your house but it will keep you active at the same time. It’s win-win.

Paramount in maintaining your weight, however, is eating a nutritional diet. Foods high in Vitamin E, A and C are contributing factors in weight management. Also, they help keep you from those dreaded winter coughs and colds, thanks to their antioxidant properties. Foods like this are berries, broccoli, tomatoes, red grapes, garlic, spinach, tea, carrots and whole grains – though there are plenty of others. If you want to get a bit creative, mix some berries into your vanilla yoghurt and hey presto! Antioxidant rich yoghurt.

Try your best not to fall into the winter trap. Exercise regularly, eat a nutritional diet and you’re bound to keep those kilos off.

Michael Amato, School Captain

FROM THE MEDIA TEAM

The VCE Performing & Visual Arts staff would like to invite you to the VCE ARTS EVENING 2010. This year, work will be exhibited from VCE Units 1&2 Art, Music, Visual Communication and Design and Photography, as well as a screening of the VCE Media films.

When: Thursday 20th May, 2010
Where: Kaye Coghlan Centre, Thornbury High School
Time: 6.30pm (screening to begin at 7pm)
Theme: ‘Garden Party’
Drinks and nibbles will be provided from 6.30pm
Please come along and support these talented budding artists!

Emma Mc Culloch, Media Team

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IMMUNIZATIONS 2010

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14th October Year 7 immunisations

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