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### FINAL ASSEMBLY: YEAR 12 CLASS OF 2009

**SPEECH BY STELLA FOSTER, CO-HEAD CAPTAIN 2009**

Throughout our years here, our teachers have played a crucial part in each of our lives, not only as our educators but they have also watched each of us grow, develop and mature into the people we are now. And now in the final year of our education, when we have needed them more than ever, they have been here for us, interested and willing to support us as best they can. They have assisted us in as many ways as possible as well as putting up with our bad moods and stress. I think it is extremely important to recognise the lengths they have gone to over this year to prepare us for our upcoming exams, and for that we thank you.

We also owe a great amount of gratitude to the rest of the staff and students here, from the canteen ladies and the office staff to the student teachers and our peers, thank you for making our time here at Thornbury High worthwhile.

This year promised from the very beginning to be quite a demanding time in each of our lives, and there is no way it would have run as well as it did if it weren’t for our amazing VCE staff, who supported us and kept us going through our highs and lows. In particular, I would like to thank our incredible co-ordinator Ms. Farmakis, for all of her hard work and concern over the past year, you have no idea how much we appreciate everything that you have done for us.
In the last few weeks I have come to realise something about our school: Thornbury High is totally unique. In large part that is due to Mr. Egeberg, he has created something wonderful out of this school and I don’t think that should lay forgotten. And while Mr. Egeberg and all of our teachers have worked so hard to produce such a distinctive learning environment they can only do so much for us. In the end it is up to you, to do the very best you can with the opportunities they have provided. Every single person here has a role in this school, and has the power to make the most out it. So you can kick up a fuss and dig your heals in, or you can wake up and realise that this is it, this is your education, so take control and enjoy it. Don’t under estimate your teachers, they aren’t just a bunch of old people hell bent on making your life miserable, they’re people too and if you make the effort to get to know them you’ll find out that they know a lot more than you think.

In little over a week our exams will begin, and everything we have learnt will be tested. And although they seem daunting all we can do is try our best and have faith in ourselves, because now is the time to really show yourselves off, you are all amazing people with individual talents and attributes and you should be so proud of yourselves.

Remember that while we are close approaching the end of this chapter and although it can feel overwhelming and sad we will soon be taking the next step in our lives. Whether it’s becoming a doctor, a designer, an engineer or a musician there are many ways of reaching what you want. Congratulations on making to where you are now, and the best of luck goes out to each of you in your individual pursuits. I am proud to have represented this school and proud to have the pleasure of knowing you all. Thank you for all making this year an enjoyable and memorable part of our lives.

Stella Foster Co-Head Captain 2009

SPEECH BY ARETI LOUZIS, CO-HEAD CAPTAIN 2009

My journey began six years ago, when I first arrived here at Thornbury High School. As when making any decision, there are many factors that may influence your train of thought. My decision in coming to Thornbury High was based partially on family connections, as I already had first and second cousins who had attended the school and spoke to me about their positive experiences. The other factor that influenced my decision was...when Mr. Egeberg took me on a tour of the school following an enrolment enquiry. His passion and vision for the future improvement of the school impressed my parents and me.

Throughout my years at Thornbury High School, my fellow students and I have been fortunate to have teachers who are dedicated and who encourage students to achieve their best. The student/teacher relations here at Thornbury High are very positive. The teachers are passionate and knowledgeable about their subject areas. Students and the teaching staff have a mutual respect for one another which helps foster a positive learning environment. The staff really cares about the welfare of the students. It is good to know that there is someone who will offer you a shoulder to cry on during tough times.

As a student here, I have had many opportunities to further my skills beyond the classroom. For example, I have always had a keen interest in sport and have represented the school in sports such as hockey, tennis, girls basketball, outdoor soccer and girls indoor soccer. I always wanted to strengthen my public speaking and leadership skills, and there was no better way in achieving this than being a part of the SRC from year 7 up to year 11. I was also a Peer Support leader in year 10, a program designed specifically to help year 7’s transition into the school. The school also has a very strong reputation in debating and I was fortunate enough to participate in some debating competitions in my junior years.

Students at Thornbury High School also have the option to attend pastoral care camps in years 7, 9 and 11. In year 7 the camp provides an opportunity for the students to bond with teachers and make new friends. Other activities offered by the school include participating in the music program. The music groups attend a yearly camp where they have the opportunity to perform in public arenas. Students can also participate in public speaking competitions, drama performances and Class TV productions, just to name a few.

From my experiences in the classroom over the last six years, the learning activities have been varied, interesting and challenging. For example, in year 7 history we made a model of an ancient civilisation, which proved to be challenging but also a lot of fun. In year 8, we studied weather patterns and incorporated this with media in creating our weather report. In year 9, we were introduced to Quest which combines the English, History and personal development curriculums into one overall program where we were exposed to different styles of thinking and learning. In year 10 science, we were required to design and build our own model car and then test its speed and acceleration using Newton’s Laws of Motion. Although boys have a fascination with cars, the girls actually produced better models! In year 11 we had the opportunity to act out a scene from a novel we were reading rather than completing a more traditional oral presentation.

My experiences in Thornbury High School have been positive. I won’t deny that I have had the occasional
anxiety attack over a test or a SAC this year, however the support of both teachers and friends would always calm me down and pull me through in the end. Finally I would like to finish by saying that my time at Thornbury High School has provided me with many memorable experiences that will stand me in good stead when I leave to embark on my next journey. Although it’s scary knowing that I will be leaving this safe, caring environment, I feel confident that I have the skills to cope out in the big world thanks to Thornbury High School.

Areti Louzis  Co-Head Captain 2009

“It was a really cool but weird experience having my primary school friends, my family from both sides and my high school friends there to see me play. It’s a great feeling playing in a whole band and being part of something so awesome. I can’t wait until next year.”  Riah 7G

MUSIC PARENTS GROUP
Thank you to the Music Parents Group for yet again running successful fundraising activities at the End of Year Concert. Your hard work is appreciated greatly by all the staff and students involved in the Music Program here at Thornbury. Our final meeting for the Year is on Tuesday December 1st at 7:00pm. New people are always welcome so get involved!

PIANO / VIOLIN LESSONS
If you are interested in private violin or piano lessons please see Mr. Schutz for a notice. Lessons are Friday afternoons and can be individual or in pairs.
If you would like to learn guitar please let Mr. Schutz know also. A private teacher will be organised for 2010 if enough students want lessons.

CHAMBER CONCERT
A few students are performing in a Concert on Wednesday December 2nd. The performances will be done in small groups and if the weather is nice it will be on the Recording Studio Decking with a BBQ operating. Put the date in your planner and calendar and we hope to see you there!

Kyle Schutz  Head of Music Department

HAY DAY 2009: THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE STRAW BALE STUDIO
The biggest thing this year is HAY Day with:
- Live bands
- Circus performances and heaps of games
- Wet sponge throwing at teachers
- Sustainability short films premiere
- Awesome competitions
- Wicked prizes
- Tree planting
- Tasty food and drinks
So come on down on Friday November 20th from after school through to sunset. Bring your friends,
family and a rug to lie on. Everyone who’s anyone is going to be there.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

As the year draws to a close, just a gentle reminder to parents and to students that 4th term is not over yet! This term is a time of great importance to the students of the middle school. It is a time of consolidation and reflection of the years work and a time of planning and finalizing pathways and courses for 2010. Do not become complacent! CAT work must be completed on time for assessment and completion of all homework prepares students for final tests and exams. Teachers are now in the process making recommendations for students of year 9 who have expressed an interest in undertaking a VCE or VET unit 1 and 2 subject next year and they will be advised of their success shortly. Year 10 students have chosen their year 11 courses and these are also being finalized and will be sent home very soon so next year’s preparation can start! Some further course counselling will occur for a few students where there are issues with individual subjects.

While at school, you are still expected to follow the rules and expectations. These include wearing full school uniform including appropriate footwear, behaving responsibly both in the class room and outside at recess and lunchtime and being on time to form assembly in the morning.

Year 10 exams commence on the 26th November and then year 11 orientation on the 30th November. Year 9 students undertaking a VCE subject next year will also be expected to attend orientation at this time for their chosen subject as well as participate in the 8-10 orientation the following week.

This is a very exciting time of the year as students move into the senior years of their secondary education but with this comes responsibility. A simple message: keep focused and get that last bit of work done. Don’t stop yet!

Lyndal Roper  On behalf of Middle School Team

THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thornbury High School hosted a whole day Primary School Leadership Conference on Thursday 29th October. There were 48 Grade 5 primary school students from Westgarth, Preston South, Bell Street, Heidelberg, Pender's Grove & Wales Street Primary Schools invited to attend the event. Twenty Thornbury High School students from Yr's 8 & 9 facilitated the entire day. They ran workshops and information sessions in the areas of leadership, teamwork, communication, public speaking and brainstorming. All of the High School students involved did an exceptional job at not only educating the Primary students, but also entertaining them for the entire day. The highlights from the Primary School students were the games, showbags, certificates, lollybags and Subway they received for lunch. All of the High School students should be commended for their efforts, as they exceeded everyone’s expectations. They were exceptional and should be extremely proud of themselves. The day was a great success, well done!

Emily Graham  School Nurse

DEBATING ’09 IN CONCLUSION

The 2009 debating season saw 33 students from years 7-12 represent Thornbury High School in the Debaters Association of Victoria inter-school debating competition.

Many students returned for their third or even fourth season whilst some students had never debated before; it was brilliant to see so many newcomers give it a go with fervor and confidence.

So with a brimming pool of talent to choose from, our school enjoyed many wins and yet another chance to challenge perennial opponents Northcote High School and Ivanhoe Grammar. With topics from ‘we should legalize the sale of human organs’ to ‘Parents should not be allowed to smack their children’, our debaters
explored a range of contemporary issues whilst honing skills in research, analyzing and public speaking.

Thank you to all of the students for their hard-work and commitment this year-we look forward to another successful season in 2010. We must also acknowledge the effort and support of parents who provided transport to after-school training sessions and evening debates. Thank you again to Mr. Van Eeden for his assistance and support.

Johanna Apostolopoulos (Youth Worker)

**SCIENCE NEWS**

**YEAR 11 PHYSICS EXCURSION**

The year11 physics class recently visited the ‘Jet Engine Test Cell Facility’ at Melbourne Airport. Students were given the opportunity to observe the basic scientific principles applied to Jet Propulsion. Some of the areas that they were involved in included Bernoulli’s Principle applied to a moving fluid, Air flow and Acoustic phenomena, and Newton’s 2nd and 3rd laws relating to thrust and pressure difference. Students also looked at various career opportunities in the aerospace industry.

M.Foster.

**“UP-START”: BREAKFAST CLUB**

Thornbury High will be starting a student breakfast club on Monday the 9th November. This six-week pilot program will serve a variety of healthy foods including toast, scrambled eggs, baked beans, porridge, cereal, yoghurts, juice etc….for FREE!!

WHERE? Home Economics kitchen

WHO? Students from years 7-12

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of our school community members who have made this pilot possible: *Procal Dairies*, in particular Mr. Don Ryan (father of Bridgette and Cristy) who will be supporting the program with weekly donations of milk and yoghurt and thanks also to Mr. Flint who will be providing all the bread.

With an initial injection of school funds, the pilot program will be sustained with donations received from Coles supermarket in Northcote Plaza and Safeway supermarkets in Northlands, Murray Rd and Preston South (Cnr. Dundas St. and Plenty Rd.).

Hope to see you there!

Johanna Apostolopoulos (Youth Worker)

**SPORTS REPORT**

**YEAR 8 BOYS SOCCER TEAM REACH STATE FINALS**

Following an unbeaten run of 7 games in the District and Northern Zone Finals, our Year 8 Boys Soccer team [pictured below] qualified for the State Finals competition. The day started well for Thornbury as they opened their account with a 1-0 win against Gippsland champions Lowanna College. However, the second game proved more difficult and, despite dominating large periods, the boys went down 0-1 to Belmont Secondary of Geelong. Finally, the boys drew their final game 0-0 with Rowville Secondary College meaning they missed out on the grand final, finishing second in their group.

The individuals involved showed fantastic commitment to their teammates throughout, training twice a week after school for 4 months.

Mr Millar  Year 8 Boys Soccer Coach

**STATE ATHLETICS FINALISTS**

Well done to our three competitors at the VSSSA State Athletics Final; Jake Bridson, Fraser Maynard and Stella Radford. All three students put in a tremendous effort for their individual events and congratulations to
Jake who took out 3rd place in the boys 14 years Shot Put.

**INTERMEDIATE FUTSAL COMPETITION**
The Annual District Futsal Competition was held at Darebin Community Sports Centre on Friday 30th October. Thornbury High School was well represented, with three intermediate teams. It was a great day of competition with plenty of flashy skills on display. The 9/10 Girls team put in a consistent effort and managed 4th place. Both the year 9 and year 10 boys teams enjoyed more success; the yr9’s finished strong in 3rd place while our yr10’s stood proud at the top of the table in 1st place. Good luck to the yr 10’s who will go on to compete at the Zone Final on the 12th November.

**Miss Ruhe  Sport Coordinator**

**SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP OPENING**
The Secondhand Uniform Shop is Opening!
Monday, November 9 from 3.00 – 4.00pm
Location: Boys’ Sick Bay (near Reception)
And will be open every Monday after that with December 7 being the last time for 2009. The shop will re-open in 2010 on the first Monday of the school year.

There are huge savings to be made by purchasing pre-loved uniforms with stock being priced at least 50% off the new price, so come along and pick up a bargain.

**We still need more stock!** This is a great time to go through your children’s wardrobe and clear out any school uniform items that are still in good condition but are now too small. We would love to have your pre-loved uniforms to sell in the shop!

Items will be sold on consignment (you receive payment when sold). 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.

Please remember, we are only able to accept uniforms in good and clean condition for re-sale. Therefore, poor quality items will be regarded as donations. Uniforms with old logos and windcheaters cannot be accepted. Please place all uniform items in a plastic bag with your Seller’s Form and drop into front reception. Donated items are appreciated.

Additional Seller’s Forms can be downloaded from the school website along with details on Conditions of Sale.

We hope to see you at the opening! Please contact Jenny Hutchinson at the school, on 9480 4066 with any queries.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**
A number of EMA cheques have not yet been collected. Please contact the school on 9480 4066 to allocate any unused portion of your EMA and to see if you have a cheque to collect so that it can be finalised for the year. Parents who have paid all outstanding charges and who have credits in their accounts have the option to be reimbursed the ema balance or to carry it over to be used in 2010. Also, all parents/guardians are reminded that they will need to reapply for EMA for 2010.

**REMINDER TO NEW YEAR 7s 2010**
Parents/guardians of students commencing year 7 in 2010 are encouraged to submit enrolment and associated forms as soon as possible. If you have misplaced these forms, please contact the office on 9480 4066.

**SPRING INTO COMPOST – TURN YOUR WASTE INTO FOOD FOR THE GARDEN**
Make good use of your household food scraps and improve the nutrition of your soil – start composting!

Until December 11, Darebin residents can buy discounted Compost Bins ($40), Compost Mates ($15) and Worm Farms ($55)*. All products come complete with instructions and delivery in Darebin is free!

To order your compost bin or worm farm, simply fill out an order form at one of Council’s Customer Service Centres or download one at www.darebin.vic.gov.au/composting.

Visit one of our Customer Service Centres for payment or post your completed order form to PO Box 91 Preston VIC 3072 with your cheque or money order.

Nearly half of the average resident’s household rubbish bin is made up of food scraps and green waste (leaves, grass etc). Most of this can actually be composted or worm farmed to make a fantastic natural fertiliser for your garden. Compost and mulch can also cut your garden water use by up to 30%, and is the most natural and environmentally friendly way to improve your soil and make your plants grow stronger and healthier with less water. This is a far more effective and sustainable way to make use of your every day household waste!

If you’d like to learn more about composting, worm farming or growing your own food, come along to our free workshops:

Spring into Composting and Worm Farming: Wednesday 18 November, 7 – 9pm

For more information: see www.darebin.vic.gov.au/composting or call Customer Service on 8470 8888.

*Worm farms do not come with worms. You can purchase worms from Ceres Nursery 9387 4403, The Environment Shop 9480 1905, or your local Bunnings or Garden Centre

**PROUD SPONSOR OF**
**YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2009&2010**
**GROCON**
Pre-season training commences for all interested U16 and U17 (Colts) age players with the Preston Bullants Junior Football Club on Monday November 30, 2009, 4.45pm to 6.30pm (venue TBA). Training will be on Mondays and Wednesdays until Wednesday December 16, and will resume on Wednesday January 27, 2010.

For further details, please contact coach George Wakim on 0427 122 228.

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**Parkside Devils Junior Football Club**

Are you turning 14 in 2010? Parkside Junior Football Club is recruiting players to hopefully field an U/14’s team in 2010.

We are located at Pitcher Park in Alphington (Just of Separation St) Are you interested? Then please call us on 9410 9903
SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As the year comes to an end we have been busy planning celebrations, exams and assemblies to farewell our Year 12 students.

Celebrations started with the opportunity for the Year 12 students to thank and farewell the school. On Thursday we were busy with fashion parades and judging best fancy dress costumes. On Friday the Year 12s managed to relax and enjoy some sunshine while teachers cooked them a BBQ lunch. The atmosphere during the last week was one of excitement but at the same time somewhat emotional as twelve years of schooling came to an end.

Since then the atmosphere has changed once again with the official exams under way. We wish all our students the best of luck as they continue their exam over the next week.

Year 11 classes officially conclude on November 13th, 2009. Exams begin on November 16th. We wish to remind that all students must attend exams in full school uniform. More detailed information on Year 11 exams and the Orientation Program will be distributed to students shortly.

Good luck to everyone as they prepare for the exams.

Senior School Team