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### 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 | Ann Vassos | 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 |

## NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM - SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2010

The school captains for 2010 are: Michael Amato (Preston Primary), Martha Arkalis (Penders Grove), Walid Abdo (Preston South), Chris Smith (Westgarth), Tara Degraft-Hayford (Bell Primary), Beau Dorian (Fairfield Primary), Rachael Mountney (Penders Grove) and Cristy Touletsakis (Clifton Hill).

The selection process started with teacher recommendations which resulted in 25 students being shortlisted. These students were then invited to participate in two half day leadership programs where their skills and ability was observed and tested. After some further consultation with teachers and current school captains eight students were selected. The head school captain will be selected after their address to the whole school assembly next week.

The quality of candidates this year has been outstanding and thanks goes to all students who put their names forward.

**Peter Egeberg  Principal**

THS News  October 15th 2009
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

BUS INFORMATION
We recently received a letter from Dyson’s Bus Company informing us that on early finish days the School Bus on Dundas Street will not be available for students and that they are to walk up Collins Street and catch the scheduled public bus. They thank us for our cooperation.
This should cause little disruption to our students.
A teacher is rostered on each afternoon for bus duty at the top of Collins Street.
Thank you
Meredith Stephenson  Assistant Principal

FROM THE CURRICULUM TEAM

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent-teacher interviews offer you the opportunity to speak to your child’s teacher. It enables you to discuss your child’s progress, both academically and socially.
We encourage you to attend the interviews with your child, and believe that together we can plan your child’s future learning. Our attendance figures for the Semester Two parent/teacher interviews continue to be strong and we see this as an indication of parents willingness to become involved in their child’s learning and provide support where needed.
(Percentage of parents/students attending based on English teacher figures for semester two interviews)

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2009 SURVEY OF YEAR 7 PARENTS
At the parent/teacher interviews in late term 3, fifty-nine year 7 parents completed a survey. The results are shown below

Do you believe that the school has provided a safe learning environment for your daughter/son?
Yes - 100%

Is the level of communication between you (home) and the school satisfactory?
Yes 90%  No 5%  Unsure 5%

Are you satisfied with the overall standard of education at the school?
Yes 98%  No 2%

Is the homework timetable working for you and your child?
Yes 83%  No 12%  Unsure 5%

Has your child been able to develop skills in an area of interest such as music, sport, debating, leadership, art, media etc?
Yes 91%  No 2%  Unsure 7%

Overall are you happy with your daughter’s/son’s first year at Thornbury High School?
Yes 100%

Parent comments included:
- We are very pleased with our daughter’s progress. She has done exceptionally well. She has been encouraged to work hard and hence has achieved a high standard. The teachers are doing a great job with our kids. Thank you all.
- I am very happy with everything
- Great – very supportive
- I am very happy with my son going to this school, he is a lot more confident and happy than he was in primary school
- Overall we are very pleased but some extra homework would be good.

Thank you to all parents for their feedback as we continue to look at ways to improve. The area of homework has been identified as requiring more attention and as a staff, we will continue to work on this issue. Overall, we see these results as an endorsement of the school’s teaching staff, curriculum program, learning environment and extra curricular activities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AFTERTOMS TERM 4 2009
Staff professional development afternoons will continue to occur during Term 4, 2009. All staff at Thornbury High School will be participating in professional development activities on the following Wednesday afternoons between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm:
- Wednesday 14th October
- Wednesday 25th November

The purpose of these afternoons is to further develop the teaching and learning practices of staff. This is part of the performance and development culture initiated by the Education Department and has been approved by the School Council. All students will be dismissed at 1.40 pm on these days.

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

CLASSTV WIN’S $50,000 AND TURNS 4!
Thornbury High’s ClassTV has won a Schools First Impact Award for it’s fantastic community partnership with Channel 31. The Award is a new initiative put together by the Foundation for Young Australians and the National Australia Bank (NAB) to recognise schools that have impacted on the wider community through developing programs beyond the walls of the classroom through community partnerships.
ClassTV is world first, a unique program that gives teenagers a weekly “free to air” television publication platform. The show allows young people to be creators of their own media to an authentic audience of thousands. We celebrated our 5th year on air with the local ALP member Fiona Richardson, Nab Bank and FYA representatives, the general manager of C31, ex students and ClassTV. Nu Tran and Mary McCloskey hosted the event and accepted the $50,000 Novelty Cheque (funds will be direct credited).

ClassTV airs content from schools across Melbourne as well as making documentaries and covering all manner of youth events from The Melbourne Comedy Festival’s Class Clowns to Youth Parliaments. Most recently we filmed the State wide Cyber Responsibility Forum at the MCG where Gemma Zerna and Bree Pettinella interviewed the premier John Brumby.

Paul Van Eeden

On Thursday October 22nd Year 12 students sit their final classes dressed in their most creative fancy dress wear. We will have a fashion parade at recess and prizes will be given out for the most creative costumes. We encourage all students to come and join the fun. On Friday, we drive out to St Kilda beach for our annual Year 12 Picnic.

Students then begin their exam preparation We wish them well and look forward to seeing some very pleasing results in December.

Senior School Team

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

END OF YEAR CONCERT
The Annual End of Year Music Concert will be on Tuesday 27th October at the Fogular Furlan Club: 1 Matisi Street Thornbury. The night starts at 7:00pm with doors open from 6:30. Everyone is welcome to attend so bring a picnic supper (sorry no BYO alcohol) and grab your table early. Pizza and Fish and Chips are available on the night. Drinks at bar prices. There are raffle tickets on sale already with the main prizes being a Portable DVD Player and a 10MP Digital Camera.

RECORDING STUDIO
The recording studio has been built and all that is needed to finish is painting inside and carpet to be laid. There is a working bee this Saturday 17th October from 10:30am.

The official opening of the studio will take place on Friday November 20th after school until approximately 8:30pm. There will be music, food and sustainable activities. Bring your family and friends for a great afternoon and evening.

The Recording Studio will be available for hire after the official opening day. See Mr. Schutz for more information.

CHAMBER CONCERT
The THS Chamber Concert will take place at the school on the studio decking on the 2nd December. It will showcase some of Thornbury’s most talented students performing different styles of music in small ensembles. There will be food and drinks and wonderful music, so put the date in your calendar and come along.

PIANO/VIOLIN LESSONS
Piano and violin lessons are now available at school on a Friday afternoon. Payment for lessons is $25 per 30 min individually or $17.50 sharing with a partner, paid monthly in advance. If you are interested see Mr. Schutz for a form.

GUITAR LESSONS
There have been a few requests to have a private guitar teacher come to the school to teach next year. If you
would like to have guitar lessons at school can you please put your name down in the Music office. If there are sufficient numbers I will organise a teacher for 2010.

MUSIC PARENTS
Thank you to the Music Parents group who have been attending meetings all year and helping to fundraise for the Music Department. Your hard work is appreciated greatly by all the staff and students in Music. Our final meeting for the year will be on December 1st. everyone welcome.

Kyle Schutz  Head of Music Department

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2009
On August 6th, 60 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. All students are to be commended for their involvement and, as in previous years, the results were outstanding. All students will receive a certificate recognising their participation and detailing their performance in the competition. Congratulations to all participants!

Year 7 High Distinction  Matthew Huang
Year 7 Distinction  Hugh Heller
Year 7 Credit  Mariam Haliem, Samuel Benetti-Baker
Year 8 Distinction  Dean Iovenitti, Harold Arquiza
Year 8 Credit  Krystal Reynolds, Alan Tat, James Arnott-Virth
Year 10 Credit  Jack Dalla Via, Barnaby Reilly Williams, Ka Shing Cheung, Katerina Faulks, Michael Tsolakis, Hayley Allen, Pei Yu Hung
Year 11 Credit  Jing Yang
Year 12 Distinction  Nicholas Stanley
Year 12 Credit  Yue Yang
A special mention to Harold Arquiza for achieving the Prudence Award. Harold has achieved the school’s highest number of consecutive correct answers.

Thank you to the Maths staff for their assistance in preparing the students for the competition. I look forward to even greater numbers participating next year.

Sue Lee  Mathematics teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS
All Year 9 students have been given the Year 9/10 Handbook and they need to be finalising their choices for electives for 2010. Parents are reminded to discuss these choices with their children as there are costs involved with some subjects and need to be paid at the beginning of the school year. Some Year 9 students will have the opportunity to study a VCE subject in year 10, however recommendations will depend on student level of achievement and results in Year 9. All Preference Forms need to be signed and returned by Thursday the 22nd of October.

Reminder to current Year 8 students their Elective Preference Forms for year 9 2010 also need to be signed and returned by the Thursday 22nd of October 2009.

Year 10 Parents need to be aware that Caroline McLachlan will not be coordinating the Year 10s this Term. Caroline is ill and we all wish her well and a speedy recovery. Parents who need to contact the school to report an absence or any other matter regarding Year 10 students need to contact Ann Vassos on 03 94586 167.

Year 10 students are also reminded that exams will be on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th of November 2009. All Year 10 students should be working hard completing all set work and revising for exams.

Middle School Team

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP
This is a good time to go through your children’s wardrobes 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! Thank you to the people who have already completed forms and handed in uniform items to be
sold, but we still need more stock before we can open.

There are huge savings to be made by purchasing pre-loved uniforms with stock being priced at least 50% off the new price.

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 or windcheaters cannot be accepted.

Please place all uniform items in a plastic bag with your Seller’s Form [printed on page 8 and available from the school website] and drop into front reception. Donated items are also accepted.

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

We hope to be inundated shortly, and look forward to your support. Please contact Jenny Hutchinson at the school, on 9480 4066 with any queries.

OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE

This term the year 11&12 VCAL classes attended Scope. Scope is a beneficial workplace for disabled people. It was established over 60 years ago and was previously known as the Spastic Society. These days Scope provides a service and workplace for all disabilities not just Cerebral Palsy.

As part of the Young Ambassadors Program, we studied issues that affect people with disabilities and we met with Viviana who has cerebral palsy and communicates through a communication device. The last activity was to attend High Point Industries to help them with their work and meet and socialise with some people with disabilities. We had a really great time and it changed our view about disabled people. After this program we don’t just see the disability we see the people and they are normal, just like everyone else.

“This term the 11&12 VCAL classes went to Scope. Scope is a work place for people with a disability, it changes my view because it is something that we do not do and see everyday. The one thing I learnt was look at the person not the disability.”

Shaun Dominutti

“It was kind of hard for me to do the job in that environment since I initially felt sorry for them. But by helping them with their work made me feel better. I enjoyed helping the people there and had fun.”

Tom Tzallas

The year 11 VCAL class along with a small number of year 10 students also attended a program at the Alfred hospital called the P.A.R.T.Y program, (Prevent Alcohol Related Trauma in Youth). This was in conjunction with our Safe Road Users Unit in PDS. While there, we got the opportunity to visit areas of the hospital including the emergency unit, ICU and a high dependency ward. We met trauma patients and got to see how they managed everyday life first hand. This experience changed our view on life massively, because seeing what these people went through and how young some of them are made us think that this could happen to anybody at anytime.

Stephen Fox

“We were introduced to guy in a induced coma named Tim. He was bashed at a party and has been in a coma ever since. His family spoke to us about what happened to him and how a small poor decision has had such devastating consequences for the family, friends but most of all Tim who may never regain consciousness or has suffered major brain injury.”

Ricky Wehmeyer

“I was the blindfolded and led around. It was hard! Other people were in wheel chairs and braces to mimic other injuries. At the end we met someone that is a quadriplegic. He plays wheelchair rugby for Australia. He missed out on the Beijing team by one spot. He also talked about how he got his injury. He jumped into a shallow river on a hot day when he was 17 years old now he is 22.”

Shaun Dominutti

NB: The Alfred Hospital is running a special appeal for men’s health and issues surrounding mindless violence and trauma related injuries in youth. The Intermediate VCAL group will be holding fundraising events to raise money for this cause.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

There are still a number of EMA cheques that have not yet been collected from the General Office. 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. Also, a reminder to all parents/guardians that they will need to reapply for EMA for 2010.

SPORTS REPORT

Last term we had a number of teams from yr7 – yr10 competing in both Table-Tennis and Basketball. Our yr 7 Boys Basketball team found themselves at the top of the leader board early in the day after winning their first three matches. They continued playing well
against Mill Park pushing their opponent right until the final siren, but unfortunately were unable to go away with the points. Our Yr 7 Table Tennis team were also unlucky, narrowly losing by just one point!!

Our Yr 8 Boys Basketball Team

Yr 8 Girls Basketball Team

TERM 4 SPORT

Already we have been busy down in the sport department this term, with students competing at the Northern Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 7th October. Despite the cold and often wet conditions, all athletes put in a super effort and Thornbury managed to come away with a number of medals. Well done to all students who competed on the day and a special congratulations to Jake Bridson, who won both the Boys 14yrs Discus and Shot Put, Stella Radford who finished in 1st place for the Girls 14yrs 1500m and 2nd in the Open Age 3000m events and Fraser Maynard for his 2nd place in the 15yrs 1500m walk. We wish these three students all the best when they compete at the State Finals on the 20th October.

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocated a Victorian Student Number [VSN] to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all student in government and non-government schools and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student’s school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student [name, gender, date of birth].

The introduction of the VSN will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through and, departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement and to analyse trends and identify future needs. You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations and exit confirmations.

YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR SISTER!

climate change? further education? cultural differences? language? study habits? careers?

AND WHAT FUN TEACHING HIM/HER ABOUT AUSTRALIAN CULTURE.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

CONTACT : 1800 500 501
email scceast@scce.com.au
www.scce.com.au

PROUD SPONSOR OF YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS [2009]

GROCON
SCIENCE NEWS

We’re very pleased to announce that 7F’s video on natural disasters was awarded a “Highly Commended” certificate in the recent Geologi short film competition. This national competition highlights the importance of Earth Science to everyday life. The video was produced at very short notice, and wouldn’t have been possible without a fantastic effort from the student presenters and the Class TV crew.

Science Team

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

PROMOTION TO YEAR 8 and 9

Students are expected to complete all CATs by the due date at an acceptable standard. Please keep a close eye on your child’s progress with all CATs this term.

Promotion to Year 8 and 9 is available to students who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to their studies, who have worked consistently throughout the year, who have completed all Compulsory Assessment Tasks in all subjects to an acceptable standard and who have achieved 90% attendance.

A panel consisting of the Year 7/8 Co-ordinators, parents, student and Form Teachers will determine promotion of students who do not sufficiently demonstrate the above.

Junior School Team

REMINDER TO NEW YEAR 7’S 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.

COFFINS BOOKSELLERS NORTHLAND
Invites the students staff and family members from THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL to a VIP Night to be held on the 3rd of December 2009.

On presentation of the flyer you will receive 10% off the price of your book purchases. In addition, we will donate 10% of the sales price to your school. The more you buy, the more your school receives. Now is a great time to start planning for Christmas so you can pick up some real bargains, and help the school at the same time.

This offer is only valid for the 3rd of December 2009 and no further discounts apply.

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

Fairfield 9486 4000
Pascoe Vale South 9354 5588

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