

IMPORTANT DATES TERMS 4 2010

10 th November	Staff PD, 1.40pm Dismissal
12 th November	Out Of Uniform Day
15 th November	Year 11 exams commence
18 th November	Year 6 Information Evening, 7pm
22 – 24 th November	Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation
24 th November	Staff PD, 1.40pm dismissal
29 – 1 st November	Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation
2 nd December	Students sell books to booksellers
3 rd December	Report Writing Day [no school]
7 th December	Orientation Day Year 7's 2011
	Second Hand Book Sales
10 th December	School Picnic – Luna Park

13 th December	1.09 Dismissal
15 th December	Awards Evening

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	9458 6150
	Anne Herschell	9458 6150
Year 7	Grant Wason	9458 6168
	Helen Herouvim	9458 6170

PRINCIPALS REPORT

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS 2010

The Education Department surveys a random sample of parents each year in the areas of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Thornbury high survey results are excellent.

In answer to the question 'are you satisfied with the education your child receives at Thornbury High', the school has received its highest rating of 5.8 out of 7.



The categories that have the highest ratings are:

- Classroom behaviour (largest improvement from last year)
- connectedness to peers,
- student safety
- Social skills.

Compared to other secondary schools we rate in the top 5% of the state for:

- Student motivation
- School improvement
- Behaviour management

A selection of parent comments include:

THS is a very good school that provides an excellent education as well as a safe environment and teachers who care and are passionate about teaching my child

THS is a wonderful community which we hope does not increase in size too much

I would recommend the school to other because it looks after its students

THS is a good school which is constantly improving

We would like a homework/CATS website where parents can log on to see what work students should be completing.

In term 2 the school council invited parents to a forum related to last year survey and we will continue to inform and involve parents in the future in order to build on the very positive view that parents have of the school. The full parent survey results are on the web page.

Peter Egeberg Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Last Tuesday the music department held its spectacular End of Year Concert at the Furlan Club. The night was a huge success with 500 people in attendance. The standard of performance has again improved tremendously from the previous year and has left staff and students very enthusiastic about what is to come in future years!

Many thanks to all staff for attending, and especially Instrumental Music staff, Greg Parker (for organising lights and photography), Music Parents (for running the door, silent auction and raffle), parents/guardians (for being so supportive) and the students who put in so much work to make the night so successful.



CAR BOOT SALE / STATE ELECTION DAY / CONCERT

On Saturday November 27, to coincide with the Victorian State Election (as Thornbury HS is a polling station) the Music Department and 9/10 Sound Production students will be running a car boot sale, BBQ, Concert. Spaces are available for the car boot sale at \$15 for Thornbury HS people or \$25 General public.

Places are also available for bands to perform on the day, for which they will receive a small amount of recording studio time in return for their services.

If you are interested in a space, are in a band and want to perform or if you can help out on the day, please ring Kyle Schutz on 9458 6128 for more information. Of course, if you are voting on the day, why not vote here at Thornbury? The lines are basically non-existent, plus you can check out some great music, enjoy a sausage and grab some fantastic bargains!

AMEB RESULTS

Congratulations to Andre, Vinithri, Merryn and Dean who in the past few weeks completed AMEB performance exams on their instruments. All students passed with excellent results and they should all be extremely proud of their achievements. If any other music student would like to sit AMEB exams please speak to your instrumental teacher.

MUSIC PARENTS MEETING

A very important music parents meeting will be held on Tuesday November 9th at 7:00pm in the Music Office. The main item will be the discussion regarding the End of Year Music Concert and planning for the car-boot sale, for which we will require significant assistance. There is no ongoing commitment, so please come along and help support the music department to grow to its full potential.

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to Fionn O'Sullivan, Nicko Morganlowe and John Beckley who have been working in the Music Department as 'Pre-service teachers' and 'Teacher Candidates'. All three have been a fantastic asset to the department. Nicko and Fionn are sticking around to teach guitar and piano respectively. If you would like private tuition on these instruments at THS please grab a notice from the **Kyle Schutz, Music Coordinator**



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Last week we enthusiastically celebrated the last of formal classes with our current year 12 students. The school assembly was followed by the traditional dress up day and then a lovely day at the beach.

Year 12 Students and teachers celebrated the last day of classes in fancy dress. While the focus was not on teaching and learning, we must congratulate students on their excellent behaviour and positive manner. The colourful costumes set the pace for a festive, yet slightly poignant, day as students finished twelve years of schooling.

Today as students made their way into the English /ESL exam, the atmosphere was filled with excitement

and some apprehension. We wish students all the best as they complete the rest of their exams.

Of course, with all the festivities surrounding the Year 12s, our Year 11s may feel a little left out. Do not fear, they have been busy finalising their SACs, submitting Course Selection Forms and preparing for their exams which start shortly. Exam Timetables and Orientation Programmes will be distributed within the next few weeks.

Senior School Team, Maria Ioannidis, Mary Anagnostopoulos, Christine Farmakis

SCIENCE NEWS

APURVA GOING TO NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM.

Apurva Sharma from year 11 is one of only 400 students across Australia to be accepted into the Australia's top science program for high school students. After an intensive selection process, she was selected to go to Curtin University in Perth for 12 days in January with Australia's best science students. While Apurva is there she will attend lectures and conduct research with some of the most renowned scientists in Australia. We wish her all the best during her trip.



SCIENCE COMPETITION RESULTS

Last month, 52 students from Thornbury entered the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition. This is a national competition which tests scientific knowledge and understanding. Thornbury students achieved outstanding results including:

High Distinction: Harish Vallury

Distinction: Hugh Adrien, Beck Butler, Mariam Haliem, Hugh Heller, Joshlyn Tan, Kye You and Daniel Rogers

Credit: Caroline Alchin, John Block, Damon Crase, Warne Heland-Chaplin, Jessica Noormets, Meg Searle, Hayden Smith, Joel Smith, Maisie Strong, Madhu Takasaki, Henry Tran, Lily Watts, Vinithri Weerakkody and Andrew Piubellini.

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thornbury High School hosted a whole-day Primary School Leadership Conference on Thursday 29th October. Forty eight Grade 5 primary school students from Westgarth, Preston South, Bell Street, Heidelberg, Pender's Grove & Wales Street Primary Schools attended 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 for the Primary School students were the games, showbags, certificates, lollybags and the "Subway" 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

On the 28th of October our school hosted a Primary School Leadership Day. We had 48 grade 5 students from 6 local primary schools participated in a work shop on the importance of leadership and teamwork. Prior to this event, a training day was held for 20 year 8 & 9 students in which they were taught how they could train the year 5's. Two year 10's (Madeleine Seddon and Morgan Jones) facilitated this training using the skills they learnt from in the previous year.

The day was highly successful with many new ideas explored and much knowledge taken home. Lots of semi-formal discussions and brainstorms were held in which students expressed themselves and explored new possibilities. The highlight of the day (aside from basketball and cake) was seeing everyone interacting, growing in maturity and enjoying themselves!

By Maddie Seddon 10A & Beck Butler 8G

BUDDIES R US

School Council is looking for interested parents/carers of Year 7 and 8 students to become buddies to **new 2011** Year 7 parents/carers.

Yes – even big people need a buddy sometimes!

This innovative project is being established by the Thornbury High School Community Connections Sub-Committee to support and assist new parents/carers with the transition from primary school and to promote closer community connections within the school.

If your child is in either Year 7 or Year 8, you, with your recent experience of transition from primary school, could be an ideal person to get involved and be part of this volunteer group.

All enquiries about becoming a buddy, should firstly be directed to the school on 9480 4066 or by emailing thornbury.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au The fabulous office staff will then forward your details to us for reply.

We look forward to meeting you, buddy.

Deb Benetti, Kathy Dillon and Deb Munro
Community Connections

YEAR 11 PHYSICS EXCURSION

Last week the year 11 physics class visited the Jet Engine Test Laboratory at Melbourne Airport.

Our students were given the opportunity to observe the principles of physics that govern jet propulsion systems. These include: Bernoulli's Principles (applied to moving fluids), Air flow and Acoustic phenomena and, finally, Newton's 2nd and 3rd laws relating to thrust and differences in pressure. Students also looked at the various career opportunities in the aerospace industry.

M .Foster, J .Parry.



NEWS FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Year 12 students should continue to check the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au for updates and messages. New courses for 2011 continue to be listed at this site and these courses will require a direct entry application. By logging into your MYINFO site, you can also check for any messages relating to your VTAC application.

COURSE INFORMATION DAYS

Each of the Tertiary Institutions will be running Course Information/Change of Preference days during the week commencing 13th December. Information sessions and activities will be run for prospective students to gain further insight into course and to reassess their course preferences. Further information about the sessions and Change of Preference Course

Hotlines can be accessed at each of the individual institution websites.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)

Students interested in attending ACU Expo and Change of Preference sessions are asked to register online at www.acu.edu.au/youracu. Personalised campus tours are also available and can be booked by contacting Karolina Karon on 03 9953 3300

NMIT

NMIT holds an Open House once a month (on a Thursday) known as 'Super Thursday' at each of the six metropolitan campuses. These events are an opportunity for potential students to view the facilities at NMIT as well as talk to teaching staff about specific courses they are interested in. The full program of dates and times can be found at www.nmit.edu.au/super_thursdays.

SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The University will be offering an increased number of Commonwealth Supported Places into the Bachelor of Science in 2011. As a result of this increase students interested should keep their course options open during the VTAC preference period. Clearly-in Ranks are liable to change from year to year depending on demand and places available.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS IN 2011!!

Current Year 9 students who will be in Year 10 next year should begin considering options for work experience in 2011. Demand is high throughout the year for work experience placements and students who begin looking now for potential employers will have the widest options available to them. Work Experience will run from 20th June-24th June 2011 (towards the end of Term 2).

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD

The Change of Preference period for all VTAC applicants opens on Monday 29th November at 9am and closes on Monday 20th December at 12 noon. Students are advised to complete any changes well before the deadline, keeping in mind course prerequisites at all times.

VET COURSES FOR 2011

Students should have attended the Information Evenings for their 2011 VET courses. If you did not attend contact should have been made with the school hosting your VET selection. If you have any enquiries regarding your VET course please contact the careers office. Please note that each of the courses have an associated materials charge which must be paid prior to commencing the course in 2011. No tuition costs

are charged. Further details will be provided regarding materials charges at the beginning of the new year.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YEARS 10-12

Students with an interest in design and the built environment have the opportunity to attend the Architecture and Design Summer School at the university from 13th to 16th December. This school offers a learning experience for students who might be looking at careers in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design or other design related careers. Students have the chance to work and interact with professionals at the forefront of the industry, while meeting people of their own age with a like minded interest. A range of hands-on activities will include design and multi media presentations including Photoshop and digital photography, drawing and architectural graphics, life drawing and model making. A cost of \$450 covers all materials and lunches. Further information and registration can be found at www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/summer. A flyer is also available from the careers office.

WHAT IS THE ULTRANET?

The Ultranet is a website that will connect you, your child and your child's teachers online. It will give every Victorian government school community the opportunity to participate in a learning environment of the future. The Ultranet will allow you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about your child's learning at school. It is a statewide, secure website that you can access via the internet.

As a parent, the Ultranet will give you more detailed and timely access to information so you can monitor and support your child's learning. Information about your child and their school will build over time as schools progressively implement and use the Ultranet's many functions. In just a few clicks, you will be able to see your child's latest attendance records, learning progress information, teacher feedback, in-class or at-home tasks as well as their timetable.

At Thornbury High School, we are trialling the Ultranet with small groups of teachers and students as there is a lot of work and training to be done before it is useful. We will then let you know how to log on and what you will be able to do and see.

The Thornbury High Ultranet lead teachers.

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. A Seller's Form appears on page 8.
- We still need more stock! Don't forget to go 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.

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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. Also, all parents/guardians are reminded that they will need to reapply for EMA for 2011.

IVANHOE EDUCATION CENTRE

IVANHOE EDUCATION CENTRE has put together a program to cater for the needs of students in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. This program will be ideal for students who have completed the NAPLAN tests and also for students who will be sitting the NAPLAN tests next year.

We have customised programs which specialise in literacy and numeracy and these programs will provide for the needs of the individual student. With over 25 years' experience in the field of education, we possess the knowledge and capability to deliver results.

Do not delay! Time once lost can never be recovered. Give your child a chance before it is too late. Call us to enable your child or children to excel in their studies or even if they need help in attaining the desired results. We will conduct an assessment at no cost to you and customise a program to suit their needs.

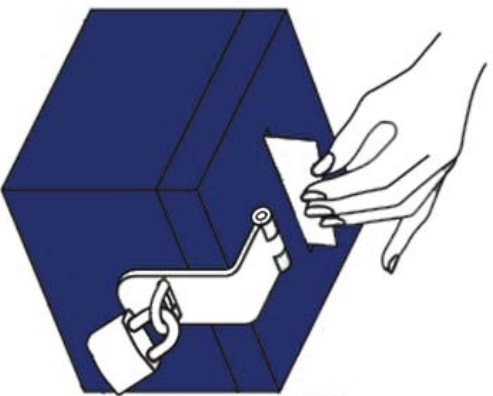
Please call 0419-553-697 or send an email to ivanec@optusnet.com.au

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SATURDAY 27TH
NOVEMBER

Live Bands



Sausage Sizzle

Drinks

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CAR BOOT SALE

SATURDAY 27TH
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\$25 for a spot

\$10 discount for friends
of the school

To secure your place or for more information
contact

Kyle Schutz on 94-586-128
before 20th November