IMPORTANT DATES TERMS 3 & 4 2010

15th September  VCE Soiree 7pm
16th September  Parent Teacher Interviews
17th September  End of Term 3 [1.40pm dismissal]
4th October  Term 4 Commences
13th October  Staff Development [Early dismissal 1.40pm]
14th October  Year 7 Injections
             Year 9 Information Evening
26th October  End of Year Music Concert
1st November  Year 12 exams commence
2nd November  Melbourne Cup Day [no school]
15th November  Year 11 exams commence
18th November  Year 6 Information 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  Ryan Miller  9458 6150
            Anne Herschell  9458 6150
Year 7  Grant Wason  9458 6168
                   Helen Herouvim  9458 6170

GREASE …THE MUSICAL

A big thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have been involved in Grease the musical. It has been an amazing 6 months of work with students involved from year 7 right through to year 11. Rehearsals started in March with literally hundreds of students keen to be involved in the school’s first musical in many years. The energy and excitement at the auditions was awesome and has continued throughout the weekly rehearsals.

Another highlight of this year’s production is the stage and set construction. The set was first constructed in the Kaye Coghlan, was painted and then moved into position for rehearsals. I would like to thank Cameron Baird for his amazing construction work, and Peter Lee and Greg Parker for all their assistance and creative ideas!

I’m so proud of all the hard work and dedication shown by the cast, crew and staff. I can honestly say this has been the highlight of my year! And now…. We can all look forward to the next show!!!

Emma McCulloch Media/Drama Coordinator
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

DISPENSING OF PARACETAMOL
As of Term 4 we will not be issuing paracetamol to students without written consent from the parents. In the past we have rung, but this has been both time consuming for staff and at times not acceptable as we have not been able to make contact.
We ask that all parents complete the attached form on page 7 and return to the general office.
Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE
Parents/guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.
The DEECD does not hold accident insurance for school students
Is other insurance cover available? Yes.
The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also provide school accident insurance.
For more information on JUA Underwriting Agency, please see www.studenthealth.com.au
Meredith Stephenson, Assistant Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
Hello and welcome to another update of what seems to be the busiest few weeks of the year in the Music Department. After returning from the Year 7 and Year 8 Music Camp, the Year 8 Band performed at the Melbourne Bands Festival, meeting at school at 7:30am on a Sunday morning. I didn’t even know there was a 7:30 in the morning on a Sunday! The students did a magnificent job performing and the reports from the adjudicators were literally “Outstanding”. Special thanks have to go to Dean Iovenitti who sat in with the band without a rehearsal and did such a great job. The following Saturday our Senior Concert Band performed very well and picked up a Silver Shield! What a fantastic achievement for all involved, special thanks going to Diana Norton, Nick Dean and Sean Nihill who conducted, assisted, warmed up and thoroughly prepared the students for performance.

Now, finish this sentence: Last year Bronze Shield, this year Silver Shield, next year…

GREASE
Special thanks to the band involved with Grease this week. The band sounded amazing and the cast certainly benefited from the professional sound produced.

RECORDING STUDIO
The recording studio is now fully functional and open for business. The space is available for hire with a technician on site. The Year 9 and 10 Sound Production students have been recording each other and some outside musicians in the past few weeks and results have been very pleasing.

BBQ FUNDRAISER
We are after some helpers for Saturday September 11 to run a BBQ at BBQs Galore. I am also after some small musical acts. If you can help either way please speak to me in the music department.
Kyle Schutz, Music Coordinator

CURRICULUM NEWS
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parents/guardians are reminded that the mid-year Parent/Teacher interviews are on Thursday 16th September. These interviews provide an excellent opportunity for you and your child to discuss his/her progress and to build communication between parents and the School. Interview time blocks are as follows: 10am—1pm, 3pm—5pm and 6pm—8pm. These are short interviews – 5 – 10 MINUTES ONLY. If a parent would like a longer interview, please ring your student’s subject teacher to arrange it. All students will be issued with a Parent/Teacher booking sheet on Tuesday 7th September. Parents are encouraged to make interview times with their child’s teachers.
There are no scheduled classes on this day, but students are expected to accompany their parents to interviews. The mid-year report will be mailed home on Friday 10th September. If you have any concerns, please ring the school on 94804066.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AFTERNOONS TERM 4 2010
Staff professional development afternoons will continue to occur during Term 4, 2010. 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 13th October
- Wednesday 27th October
- Wednesday 10th November
- Wednesday 24th 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
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 2010

We had a spectacular book week this year with most of the characters from Alice in Wonderland represented and our very own ‘Mad Hatter’s Tea Party’ in the library. We also had many other book characters and our annual Cosplay event with students dressed as their favourite anime characters. Highlights of the week were a visiting author, William Kostakis, and daily lunchtime quizzes run by our very own Tim Polwarth.

Many thanks go to Collins Booksellers Northland for organising the author visit, and to the publishers that supported us by donating some great book prizes: Penguin, Allen & Unwin, Pan Macmillan, Simon and Schuster, Hachette and Text Publishing.

CAREERS OFFICE NEWS

This is a busy time for all students from Years 10-12 who are planning courses for both the VCE years and their post secondary education. All Year 12 students need to have completed their VTAC enrolment and SNAP/SALT applications prior to the end of this term.

NMIT SUPER THURSDAYS

This semester NMIT is all about providing students interested in studying at NMIT in 2011 with the opportunity to experience NMIT firsthand. What is a Super Thursday? A Super Thursday is an NMIT Open House that occurs once a month on a Thursday! NMIT is opening every metropolitan campus door, Collingwood, Epping, Fairfield, Greensborough, Heidelberg, and Preston on the third Thursday of every month for the rest of this year. This is a great opportunity for potential students to check out the facilities and join in many events ranging from information sessions to interactive classes.

http://www.nmit.edu.au/information_enrolment/super_thursdays.aspx. Please note that the events will differ from month to month.

SWINBURNE Parents and VCE Students Information Evening. The transition from secondary school to tertiary education is a big step. This evening will make the step less daunting by giving parents and students the chance to speak about entry, fees, scholarships and pathways. Thursday 16th September, 6.30-7.30pm TD Building. Room 121Swinburne Hawthorn Campus. Find out more and register at www.swinburne.edu.au/parents

MONASH Parent Information Evening An excellent opportunity for parents to find out more about the range of course and campus options at Monash University, including applications and selection, equity and access schemes etc. Wednesday, 8th September, 6.30-7.30pm, Monash University, Caulfield Campus. Find out more and register at www.monash.edu/study/events/parents

MONASH Engineering Information Evening This evening is for prospective students and their families with academic, student and graduate speakers followed by a light supper and the opportunity to talk with the presenters. Thursday 9th September, 7.00-9.30pm, Lecture Theatre C1, Building 63, Clayton Campus. Register online at www.eng.monash.edu.au/infoevening

VIC UNI The VCE Lecture Series consists of preparatory lectures designed to assist Year 12 students in getting ready for their Year 12 assessments. Lectures are offered free of charge and are delivered by qualified VCE assessors and teachers. Enrol at http://www.vu.edu.au/future-students/secondary-schools/year-11-and-12-students/vce-summary-lectures

VIC UNI ARTS, EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION NIGHT at FOOTSCRAY PARK CAMPUS

Come and find out all you need to know about courses in Arts, Education and Human Development and studying at Victoria University. Get all the information and advice you need from teaching staff and course advisers, attend information sessions, find out about career outcomes and pathways and talk to lecturers and students. Register at http://www.vu.edu.au/events/courses-information-night-faculty-of-arts-education-and-human-development

KANGAN INSTITUTE Offer a wide range of Certificate and Diploma courses. In the coming months they are offering a number of Information Sessions for areas such as Children’s Services, Sport,
Massage and Fitness. Dates for these evenings can be obtained from the Careers Office.

AUSTRALIAN FILM, TV AND RADIO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM for 13-17 year olds includes Introduction to radio and Introduction to Animation. Places are limited and a cost is involved. Further details can be obtained at www.openprogram.aftrs.edu.au/courses/

SECONDHAND BOOK MONEY
There are still number of cheques that were distributed to parents for secondhand books sold at the end of 2009 that have not yet been banked. Please bank these cheques as soon as possible.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 10 INTO 11 COURSE COUNSELLING
We thank all parents and students who attended the Year 10 into 11 Information Night on Thursday August 19th. Since then, the Counselling Team has met with most Year 10 students to discuss career pathways and plan out suitable, challenging and rewarding programs for 2011. We remind students that promotion into Year 11 is not automatic and we encourage all students to remain focused on their studies and continue to do their best. If there are any further questions regarding programs for 2011 please contact Ms. Maria Ioannidis in the Senior School.

YOUR 12 COURSE SELECTION FOR 2010
Our Year 11 students have already participated in a straw poll and will soon be asked to select their 2011 program. We hope to complete this before the end of term. We remind VCE students to choose 5 of their current subjects to continue with in Year 12 in order to ensure the best possible outcomes in Year 12. If students wish to discuss their selections for 2011 they are encouraged to see a member of the Senior School Team.

VTAC APPLICATIONS
We appreciate and thank all families who attended the VTAC Information Night on August 12th, 2010. Ms. Gill and Mr. Smith have been busy meeting with Year 12 students in preparation for their VTAC Applications. We wish to remind all Year 12 students that VTAC applications and SEAS Forms must be finalised before the end of term. Students must read their VTAC 2011 Guide and plan possible courses for next year before the make their final appointment to meet with the careers team. We wish you all the very best of luck!

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER MENTORING PROGRAM
A number of Year 10 students have applied to participate in the Big Brother Big Sister mentoring program for 2011. Interviews will be conducted at the Northcote Library over the next few weeks. We wish all students the best of luck.

We would also like to congratulate Cristy Tourtsakis, Andy To, Rachael Mountney, Pap Beeskow who have successfully completed the mentoring programme this year. Mentors included a primary school teacher, radiologist, photographer and lawyer. We hope the experience has been useful and provided students with some insight into their chosen career pathways.

END OF TERM
As we approach the end of term we encourage all Year 11 and 12 students to finalise Outcomes for each subject. Year 12 students should use the term break to start revising work. Past exam papers can be found on line on www.vcaa.vic.edu.au. We encourage you to make good use of your study time and the school resources.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Second instalment EMA cheques can now be picked up from the General Office. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact Vicki in the front office [9480 4066] to allocate any unused portion of their EMA 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 2011.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

It’s an exciting time for our Year 10 students who are involved in course counselling and selecting pathways for next year and beyond. Most students have had their interview and have selected their courses however they need to understand that they need to work hard to complete Year 10 to the best of their ability to be able to be given the opportunity to be promoted to the senior school.

Year 9 students are working hard completing CATS and meeting work requirements. Parents are reminded that all Year 9 students have a Homework Timetable and should have homework every night.

All students are also reminded that school starts at 8.50am and they need to be on time ready to start the day. Students who accumulate 3 LATES will be given a detention and if they incur a second detention it will be a Saturday morning detention. Students need to develop good habits and realise the importance of being on time.

BUDDING ARTIST BRET WATKINS

Year 10 student Brent Watkins was selected to exhibit a collection of his art work in a joint exhibition with two other artists at Federation Square Melbourne last week. The exhibition named “In Your Wildest Dreams” was part of the local Arts Initiative. The folio of 9 drawings and mixed media pieces was a culmination of a year of hard work for Brent. He is often found with a sketchbook in his hand and has spent considerable time in the art room working on his beautiful intricate designs. His designs overlay a combination of traditional indigenous and contemporary imagery but express a urban political message.

Brent entered a competition last year for indigenous youth and won the major prize. He has since received funding and mentoring from the art community to help him achieve this first goal of an exhibition. Fellow year 10 students were surprised and delighted to see his work on display when they were on an excursion to the city last Friday. Several of the pieces were developed during their class time and now were presented as beautiful finished artworks.

Brent is also excited that he has actually been approached by people to purchase some of his work and indeed has actually made a sale! Well done Brent!

Lyndal Roper Year 10 Coordinator

YEAR 11 QUEENSLAND CAMP 2011

We ask all Year 10 parents to take a few minutes to complete the Year 11 Queensland Camp form for 2011. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

CLASS TV NEWS

It’s been a huge month for ClassTV and we have been all over Melbourne filming and Interviewing. Nu Tran and Mary McCloskey in year 11 co-hosted with Myf Warhurst (Spicks and Specks) at the ICT Expo at Fed Square. Nu and Mary also interviewed Bronwyn Pike and others at the Principals Big Day Out.

More recently ClassTV has been commissioned by the State Library and Australians Children’s Television Foundation to film 13 leading book illustrators and Authors for an upcoming exhibition that will tour nationally. The interviewers are Alice Kavanagh Federici Elodi King, Riah Stanley, Emma Reese White and Nu. We have met Shaun Tan, Anne Spudvillas, Leigh Hobbs and many more. There is also a chance of the content airing on ABC 3. We also covered the “Nothing Beats the Real Thing” Conference where students workshopped the impact of illegally downloading movies. Gemma Zerna interviewed award winning International director Nadia Tass (Movies span from “Malcolm” “The Big Steal” to her latest “Matching Jack” with Richard Roxburgh and James Nesbit. Jarryd Reid and James O’Connor also interviewed on the day.

For those of you who still haven’t found the joy of Channel 31 on digital just go into menu and it select auto scan for channel 44.

Paul Van Eeden ClassTV
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK AT THORNBURY HIGH

BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

The buildup: After a heated interclass competition, six champions were chosen to compete against other Victorian Schools in the **Aurecon Bridge Building Competition** at Scienceworks. There were a male and female team each comprising of three members: Boys team had Luke Naumov, Hugh Heller and Matthew Huang; Girls team had Michelle Lopez, Erica Nguyen and Vinithri Weerakkody.

**Competition day:** After watching 30 other school teams have their bridges tested our students finally got to test their bridges. The girls’ bridge held 7kg and the boys’ held 17kg before breaking. The competition guidelines were very difficult and the Thornbury bridges were better than most of those entered.

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

**James Cornelious** of 9D produced an amazing poster showing the different species of Australian stick insects (phasmids) complete with his own drawings. James has a natural skill for drawing and his poster is sure to impress the judges of the competition. Good luck James.

Members of 8G have also entered the **Science Talent Search.** Questions they answered are: Are all 30+ sun creams the same? Could we power cities if the roads were made of solar panels? Are free-range eggs stronger? How super is Superglue? The **Science Talent Search** pits our students against some of the best young scientists in the state. This year we had 22 entries – videos, posters, creative writing and experiments. This included another brilliant animation from **Harish Vallury.** All entries were in the best traditions of scientific endeavour. Judging was on August 14 and results will be available soon.

YEAR 8 ZOO EXCURSION

All of year 8 was treated to an excursion to Melbourne Zoo to learn more about environmental issues which they have been studying in ecology. Students were given free time to explore the zoo and learn as much as possible about the amazing animals there.

They also took part in a class which made links between everyday items and endangered animals. One of the metals used in mobile phones only exists underneath Gorilla habitats. So if you want to help to save the Gorillas in Africa you can start by recycling your mobile phone. We will be collecting as many mobile phones and chargers as we can at school so if you want to help, send them to the year 8 co-ordinators office.
IVANHOE ROOSTERS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
Green Street, Ivanhoe - As the Football Finals are fast upon us so is the countdown to the CRICKET Season! Ivanhoe Roosters Junior Cricket Club invites Girls & Boys from 5 - 9 years of age to join in the Milo In 2 Cricket Program. Also U/11’s to play Wednesday Nights in the New Kookaburra Competition. U/13, U/15, U/17’s to play in the Friday Night Twilight competitions commencing October 2010 – Come along and join the fun, all equipment including bats, pads & helmets are provided – Junior Information & Registration Day Sunday 12th September 11 - 2pm FREE BBQ. Further enquiries can be made to the Club President, David Dillion Phone 0418 593846

KINGSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Celebrating 50 Years Come along on Saturday 4th September, 2010 between 10.00am and 3.00pm The day’s events will include: Art Exhibition & Sales Memorabilia Displays, Time Capsule, Planting of Memorial Tree Music & Entertainment, Balloon Character Making, Super Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzle Tea & Coffee and lots more! A perfect opportunity to meet up with past staff, Students & friends of Kingsbury Primary. Also create a memory of the day by making a purchase of a 50th Year Commemorative Mug or a Commemorative Paver inscribed with your name. For More Information Tel. 9462 2711 or go to kingsbury.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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PLAYERS WANTED
Presently Cobras Cricket Club is currently looking for new players for our under 11s through to Under 17s; we also run a beginners program (Milo In2 Cricket) for ages 5-10yrs. Training commences for the under 13s, 15s and 17s Friday the 15th of October at the ground starting at 5:30pm finishing at 7pm.

Host Families interested in hosting an Exchange Student
Should you and your family be interested in hosting a 15-18 year old boy or girl for a term or two or longer from late next January, can afford an extra person at mealtimes and have a spare bed or room, please call Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279. If your circumstances change, I will move them for you at any time, as there is no remuneration. You can choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Japan, Brazil, USA, Austria, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden. Hope to hear from you.

CONSENT TO DISPENSE PARacetamol TO STUDENT
For the duration of my child[ren]’s enrolment at Thornbury High School, I consent to my child[ren] being issued with paracetamol, if considered necessary, by first aid staff or teachers. My child can have one/two paracetamol (please circle) if required.

Student’s Name (please print): _________________________________________ Home Group ___
_________________________________________ Home Group ___
_________________________________________ Home Group ___

Parent/Guardian name [please print]: _________________________________________

Parent/Guardian signature: _________________________________________________

Contact Number: ______________________________________ Date: __________

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