

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 & 3 2011

20 th June	Student Free Correction Day
20 th -24 th June	Yr 10 Work Experience
22 nd June	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
27 th June-1 st July	Senior Music Tour – Canberra/Sydney
1 st July	Last day of Term 2
18 th July	Student Free Curriculum day
19 th July	Students return term 3
21 st July	Year 11/12 Parent Teacher Interviews
5 th August	Year 12 Formal
8 th – 11 th August	Year 7 Music Camp
9 th – 12 th August	Year 8 Music Camp
15 th -19 th August	Thornbury Idol

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES:

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

Year 12	<i>Christine Farmakis</i>	9458 6141
Year 11	<i>Mary Anagnostopoulos</i>	9458 6138
Year 10	<i>Jan Wason</i>	9458 6125
Year 9	<i>Jan Wason</i>	9458 6125
Year 8	<i>Alan Williams [8A-D]</i>	9458 6150
	<i>Ryan Miller [8E-H]</i>	9458 6150
Year 7	<i>Grant Wason</i>	9458 6168
	<i>Helen Herouvim</i>	9458 6170



ALPINE SCHOOL

The following students will be attending The School of Leadership at Dinner Plain in Term Three. They will be representing Thornbury High School completing a community project and participating in a leadership program run by the Education Department. We congratulate them and wish them success and enjoyment in this wonderful opportunity and the experiences they will encounter. The students are: Beck Butler, Reginald Horton-Crundall, Gerty Daly- Buick, Alice Kavanagh -Federici, Vincent Hayes and Corey Smith.

Middle School Team

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2011 BULLYING SURVEY

Four weeks ago, all students completed the annual bullying survey. This is the eighth year that the survey has been held. This survey allows students to have a say about issues to do with bullying at the school. The results of the survey were presented back to students at year level meetings last week.

So, what have we learnt and what are we going to do with the information?

Taking into account our larger student numbers, the results are on par with those from last year. The survey results are clearly saying that the level of bullying at Thornbury is low, with the majority of students (80%) having answered “never” to having experienced the different types of bullying described in the survey. Whilst these figures are impressive, we are still aware that some students, even occasionally, are in need of support. The school encourages all students to keep us informed if they experience or see bullying.

One controversial aspect of the survey is the naming students who are seen bullying. This year, there has been a dramatic decrease in students named but with serious concerns with up to ten students. These students will be followed up by coordinators, with parents contacted and other strategies put into place.

There was also a question about cyber-bullying, with the students at Thornbury indicating that it was a low level problem, 35 students having had to deal with this issue related to Facebook.

Students have indicated that name calling and teasing are the main type of bullying from year 7-12. The SRC, along with their School Captain representatives, will be looking at this issue and will be presenting the staff with some ideas that we could trial in Term 3.

Peter Egeberg, Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

FIRST DAY BACK TERM 3 – MONDAY 18TH JULY WILL BE A PUPIL FREE DAY

This day will be used for Professional Development for the staff. On this day, staff will be looking at our whole school discipline and welfare procedures and policies.

UNIFORM

We would like to introduce a winter only uniform to be worn in Term 3.

For the girls – pants or winter skirt, white socks or black plain stockings/tights – one or the other, not both - no leggings, no long sleeve shirts under polo's and no hooded windcheaters.

Please refer to school uniform requirements on page x of the planner

For the boys – long pants only

We would like to introduce this due to the combinations of clothing being worn, in particular by the girls, under and over their summer dresses to keep warm.

If you have any concerns re this decision please do not hesitate to contact your child's coordinator.

HAVE YOU PAID FEES?

Financial statements have recently been sent out to all families with the expectation that payments will be made promptly for compulsory charges. Whilst most staffing and basic items are provided for through government funding, we need parent support through the payment of realistic charges that the School Council has set. Those families who have notified the school that they will pay on a term by term basis are reminded that their next instalment is due at the beginning of Term 3. Please contact the General Office on 9480 4066 if you have any queries regarding your statement or would like to discuss payment methods.

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents are reminded to notify the school of any changes to family and emergency contact numbers and addresses so that they can be contacted if their child is ill or in the event of an emergency.

Meredith Stephenson, Assistant Principal



CYBER-SAFETY EVENING

Thanks so much to all parents, students and staff who attended our recent cyber-safety presentation on May 25th. The evening was very well attended and I hope provided useful information and advice. I must particularly thank Bec Grimes, our school nurse, and the 6 students from Years 8 and 12 (Brooke Petrie, Nathan Khoun, Tyston Huang, Elle Cesario, Anthony Murphy and Mary McCloskey) whose presentations drew on personal experience of cyber-safety issues. I have rarely heard such clear and moving presentations and the reaction of the audience said it all.

This was the first in a series of evening presentations organised by the School Council's Community Connections sub-committee this year. I would encourage all parents to attend these informative and enjoyable events.

Simon Townley, Assistant Principal

NEWS FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

UNIVERSITY/TAFE OPEN DAYS – 2011

Students are encouraged to attend open days for potential universities/TAFE. It provides the opportunity to get a taste of their future and sample uni life. For further information about the open days please see me and/or visit the university's website.

UNIVERSITY/ TAFE	DATE AND LOCATION
ACU	14 August (Melbourne campus)
Box Hill Institute	28 August
Deakin	14 August (Warrnambool campus) 21 August (Geelong campus) 28 August (Melbourne campus)
Kangan (Fashion)	14 August (Richmond campus)
Latrobe Uni	7 August (Melbourne campus) 12 August (Shepparton campus) 14 August (Mildura campus) 21 August (Albury/Wodonga campus) 28 August (Bendigo campus)
Melbourne Uni	21 August (Southbank and Parkville campuses)
Monash Uni	6 August (Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula campuses) 7 August (Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses)
NMIT	7 August (La Trobe University Melbourne campus)
RMIT	14 August (City campus)
Swinburne Uni	21 August (Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran campuses)
VIC Uni	26 June (Footscray Park campus)

Catherine McCrann, Careers Advisor

MEDIA/DRAMA NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who are the cast of Thornbury's 2011 school production, "Beauty and the Beast".

The production will take place at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre on October 13th, 14th and 15th.

Natalie 9C, Raka 11D, Riah 9C, Jennifer 9A, Michelle 9A, Simon 10D, Elle 9D, Morgan 11D, William 9C, Harley 11E, Anna 9C, Harish 9A, Hayley 8G, Ashira 9, Sam 9B, Angie 8C, Izzy 8C, Tamara 8H, Hayden 8A, Joel 8A, Jacob C 7B, Meg B 8C, Jessica A 8E, Nikita 8G, Tyla 8G, Vini 9C, Alex 9F, Angie 8C, Izzy 8C, Tamara 8H, Steph F 8H, Griffin 8H, Daisy 8C, Claudia 8G, Nicolette 8G, Mariam 9A, Taylah 10E, Hayden 8A, Joel 8A, Avalon 10C, Faith O 7E, Anna 7I, Ella 7H, Miriam 7H, Mikaela 7H, Eleni 7H, Laura 7H, Peita 7I, Zoe 7E, Maria 7E, Nancy 7E, Rebecca 7D, Yasmin 7D, Tina Croxton.

Emma McCulloch, Head of Drama/Media

FROM THE CURRICULUM TEAM

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AFTERNOONS

Professional growth afternoons will continue on a Wednesday in Term 3. Dates will be published in the next School News.

MID-YEAR STUDENT REPORTS

We will be distributing the student mid-year reports on Friday 1st July.

Curriculum Team



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

As the semester draws to an end, all students have been busy completing CATS, preparing and sitting for tests and exams.

Each year level have had an assembly where Mr. Egeberg spoke to the students about the results of the annual bullying survey. The results this year from the Middle school students have been pleasing and there has been a marked decrease of bullying incidents. The results reveal that students in the middle school appear to be happy and feel safe to come to school, which is encouraging. We will also be following up any concerns that have emerged from the survey.

Year 10 students have completed their midyear exams and are now preparing for work experience starting Monday 20th June until the end of the week. Teachers will be visiting their students at their placements and we wish them all the best for this new experience.

CHANGES TO YEAR 10 REPORTS

Several changes have been made to the Year 10 report format this semester. These changes (including a satisfactory/ unsatisfactory grade for general coursework and overall satisfactory/ unsatisfactory) are designed to bring the format into line with the VCE format.

This now means that there is an addendum to the promotion policy page (vi) in the 2011 planner. It should now read "Promotion to Year 11 will be dependent on a pass in English in Year 10." Any concerns please contact Ann Vassos or Meredith Stephenson.

The Middle School team wishes all students a safe and restful holiday ready for a challenging semester two.
Ann Vassos, Middle School Manager

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

ROCK & ROLL DANCING

Many thanks to Rhonda and James Pollock who ran a wonderful Rock and Roll Dancing Session on Tuesday night. Everyone had a fantastic time and learnt a lot. There are rumours of a repeat session in late Term 3 or early term 4.

AMEB RESULTS

Congratulations go to the following students on their recent Australian Music Examination Board exam results:

Dean Iovenitti Grade Three Clarinet - A
Declan Delaney Grade Two Clarinet - A
Declan Delaney Grade Five Piano - B+

BUSKING

Fully supervised busking is happening on Saturday June 25 (Bell Primary Preston Farmers Market) and Saturday July 23 (Station St. Fairfield). Sign up at the music office ASAP.

SENIOR MUSIC TOUR

Our Senior Music Tour leaves on Sunday 26 June at 7:30am from the Music Department. All money should have been paid by now. We have some fantastic activities lined up including working with USA clinician Dennis Johnson.

MID-YEAR CONCERT

The Mid-Year Music Concert is being held on Wednesday June 22 in the Kaye Coghlan. Food and

drinks are available from 6:00pm with music starting at 6:45pm.

All instrumental music students are expected to be in attendance.

Kyle Schutz, Head of Music Department

SPORTS NEWS

This term has been jam-packed with Athletics. Starting with our own THS Athletics Carnival; yet again we had an outstanding number of competitors and, as always, an array of colourful costumes. The leader board changed a number of times and at the end of the day we had only 8 points separating Blair and Onus in first and second place. But with bonus points and javelin results still to be added.... the trophy could be anyone's!!! The official results will be announced at the next whole school assembly.



As reported in the last newsletter, THS sent 72 students to compete at the Darebin District Athletics Carnival. Having won the previous two years expectations were high and results didn't disappoint. Thanks to the effort and determination put in by all the athletes, Thornbury won the following age groups; **16yrs Girls, 16, 17 and 18-20yrs Boys** and finished top of the overall points tally – Well Done!

Forty two competitors attended the Northern Metropolitan Athletics Championships held at Meadowglen athletics track in Epping on Thursday 2nd June. Again all students put in a super effort and Thornbury took away a total of 25 medals, finishing 6th out of 36 schools in the total points tally.

Eight students have qualified for the State Athletics Finals and will compete in fourteen events – a new record for THS! Congratulations to the following students and good luck at the State Trials in October; **Harrison Reid** (12-13yrs 1500m), **Helen Bedilu** (14yrs 1500m) **Adam Garganis** (14yrs Javelin & 1500m Walk), **Grace Primikyrlidis** (15yrs 100m & Long jump) **Jake Bridson** (16yrs Shot put & Discus), **Stella Radford** (16yrs 3,000m, 800m, 1500m & Steeple Chase), **Hannah Garganis** (16yrs 1500m Walk), **Andrea Fakos** (20yrs 1500m Walk).

Outside of Athletics, students have also been busy competing in the Term 2 sports carnival. Our VCE students had some excellent results and will go on to compete at the NMR finals in Boys Football, Boys Table Tennis and Boys Soccer. Good luck to our Yr 7 and 8 teams who are also competing later this term.

Carla Ruhe, Sport Coordinator

THORBURY HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO CHINA AND MALAYSIA, NOVEMBER 2011

All Thornbury High School students, years 7 -12, have the opportunity to join our third school tour to China and Malaysia leaving on November 18th, 2011. The 10 day tour will visit Beijing, Xian (Terracotta Warriors), Hangzhou (West Lake), Shanghai and Kuala Lumpur. The total cost of the tour is \$3090. This includes all airfares, accommodation, meals, tours, visas and travel insurance. For more details, please contact Carmel Ryan.

Carmel Ryan, International Student Coordinator

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

Open: Every Monday (during term), 3.00 – 4.00pm

Location: First Aid Room 1 (near Reception)

- You get 50% off the selling price. See THS website for further details.
- 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 the school on 9480 4066 with any queries.

EMA CHEQUES AT SCHOOL OFFICE

There are still a few first instalment EMA cheques that can be collected from the Office. Students may pick up cheques on behalf of parents if they bring a signed note authorizing them to do so. Parents are encouraged to contact Vicki on 9480 4066 to organise payment of fees with unallocated EMA funds.

EMA 2nd INSTALMENT – DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently, parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as of the first day of Term 3 (18th July). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children from another school after 28 February 2011 and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must reapply at this school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

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