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

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2011

Every third Wednesday at 6.30 pm the School Council meets.

The membership of the Council is

Parents
Pat Wood [President]
Deb Benetti [Vice President]
Kath Dillon [Secretary]
Jane Spracklan
Rebecca Gray [New member]
Bill McCaskill [New member]

Teachers
Meredith Stephenson
Simon Townley
David Hysen
Kyle Schutz

Community Members
Murray Gillin [Past Student]
Harold Arquiza [Student and Assistant Secretary]

Sub Committees
- Finance, Buildings and Grounds - Second Wednesday of every month 5pm.
- Policy and Grants – Second Wednesday of every month 6pm.
- Community Connections – First Wednesday of every month 6pm.

Members of the school community are welcome to join a subcommittee. Please contact the Principal.

Peter Egeberg, Principal

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

HAVE YOU PAID FEES?
Financial statements have been sent out to all families this week 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 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 2. Please contact the General Office on 9480 4066 if you have any queries regarding your statement or would like to discuss payment methods.

Meredith Stephenson, Assistant Principal

BULLYING IN THE NEWS
Most of us will be aware of the recent news story concerning a conflict between a Year 7 student and an older student in a Sydney school. It made the national news because the incident was captured on video and was uploaded to the internet where it went viral.

The video shows the younger boy picking a fight with the older one and the older one retaliating aggressively. Of course, more details explaining each boy’s reasons for this have emerged through the media, in particular the older boy’s history of being bullied at school.

There are many issues within this story that we can reflect on as parents, teachers and students – Why did this conflict occur? Had the boy’s bullying been dealt with in the past? Why did nobody step in to stop the conflict? How did it come to be filmed and uploaded to a Facebook page?

Many of the hundreds of comments online about the video seem to celebrate the violent reaction of the older boy, many others generally laughing at the situation.

For us at Thornbury High, it reinforces the need for our strong line on bullying - we don’t tolerate it. We ask that students report it immediately and we deal with it decisively and effectively. Incidents such as the one in the news are often not random acts, but are caused by a build up of smaller bullying incidents. Thankfully it almost never gets to this stage in our school and is certainly never celebrated by our students. In fact, our students feel a real ownership of our anti-bullying policy and are often first to report incidents. We are very fortunate to have this culture here and it goes a long way to creating the safe environment that students, parents and teachers enjoy.

Simon Townley, Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parents/guardians are reminded that the Interim Parent/Teacher interviews are on Thursday 31st March. Interview time blocks are as follows: 10am - 1pm, 3pm - 5pm and 6pm - 8pm. These are short interviews; 5 – 10 minutes. If a parent would like a longer interview, please ring your child’s subject teacher to arrange a suitable time. All students will be issued with a Parent/Teacher booking sheet on Wednesday, 23rd March. There are no scheduled classes on the day, but students are expected to accompany their parents to interviews. The Interim Report will be mailed home on Friday 25th March. If you have any concerns, please contact the school on 94804066.

EARLY DISMISSALS FOR ALL STUDENTS, TERM 2
The Professional Development afternoons for teachers will continue in term 2. All students will be dismissed at 1.40pm on these afternoons. Term 2 dates will be: Wednesday 25th May, Wednesday 8th June and Wednesday 22nd June.

Curriculum Team

YEAR 8 NEWS
Our Year 8s are about to go out for a series of different sports activities. We wish them luck and more importantly hope that they have fun out there!

Uniform and attendance continues to be great for the vast majority of the Year 8s.

Thank you to the Year 8 parents who continue to call us to inform us when their child is ill and/or absent from school.

If you notice that your child’s planner looks like it should have more in it considering the time of year – give us a call and we will follow up and find out if they are writing in their homework.

THE YEAR 8 TEAM

Coordinators:
Absences and Lates – please call
8 A - D  Mr. Williams  94586 133
8 E – H  Mr. Millar  9458 6150

Year 8 Manager:
Ms. Maharaj  9458 5120

Preeti Maharaj, Year 8 Manager

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY ON DAREBIN CREEK

On Sunday March 6th a bunch of teachers, students and community members helped out to clean up about a 1km stretch of Darebin Creek. We met at 8am behind Thornbury High School and worked for about 3 hours.
We had five teachers: old hands Greg Parker and Shaun Ferris as well as new environmental superstars Sarah Brain, Emma McCulloch and Fionn O’Sullivan. We also had help from one student (James Cornelious), two teachers from Greensborough High School and eight community members. In total we collected two ute loads from the creek, mainly plastic that had been washed down. Remember: everything in drains ends up in the creek.

‘Camp was great made new friends, stepped outside my comfort zone, tried different things’ Enver.
‘Overall the whole experience was amazing and we would love to do it again. We would like to thank the teachers for making it possible and we are sure that the whole of year 9 enjoyed it as much as we did’ Lucy & Elodie

Parents are also reminded about Parent Teacher Interviews which are held on Thursday the 31st March. Your child needs to make appointments with all their teachers. We look forward to meeting you on the day.

**Middle School Team**

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**Middle School News**

Now that we have settled into a regular routine, it is important that all Middle School students start forming good habits by focusing on some important basics including punctuality, uniform, and treating fellow classmates and teachers with respect. All students should ensure that they report to Form Assembly by 8.50am every morning in correct uniform and ready to learn. Students who are constantly late will incur school detentions. Parents should also ensure that medical appointments are made outside school hours where possible because students need to attend regularly.

**Year 9 Camp**

In the last few weeks, Year 9 students attended the Year 9 adventure camp. The camp involved activities such as canoeing, bike riding, sailing, climbing a High Ropes course and water tubing. The camp was very successful and the staff who attended were absolutely delighted with the way in which students represented our school. All students enjoyed the camp and gained many valuable experiences. Please enjoy reading some students’ reflections about the camp.

*I thought the camp was great we took part in great activities and built great relationship with our classmates*’ Alex W.

*‘Camp was awesome I made heaps of new friends’* Julius.

*The camp was adventurous I got to do things I wouldn’t normally do*’ Arkan.

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**Sports News**

Great news for our cricketers as the Year 8 and Year 9/10 Boys teams have made it to the Northern Metropolitan Region Finals. Both teams had comprehensive victories at the Regional Carnival and will play their finals on Tuesday 22nd March, good luck boys.

**Year 9/10 Boys Cricket Team**

Also we have 10 swimmers who will be representing the Darebin Division at the Northern Metropolitan Swimming carnival on Thursday 24th March. These
swimmers qualified at the Regional trials which were held at the Northcote Aquatic Centre on Mon 21st February: Tamara Bartlett, Celik Zenelovski, Levi Rattray-Wood, Vangel Pilinis, James Glare, Candice Sassano, Luca Rossi, Harrison Reid, Sarah King, Daisy Rattray-Wood.

The Term 1 sports that we will be competing in are volleyball, tennis and baseball. Hopefully, we can achieve more great results.

Saleem Nasser, Sport Administration

ANNOUNCING OUR 2011 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following VCE students whose applications for House Captain were successful. Thank you to everyone who applied.

**BLAIR** - Captains: Dylan Dalla Via & Brianna Date
Vice Captain: Julio Melo Barba

**SAUNDERS** – Captains: Oliver Matthews & Eddy Chamberlain
Vice Captain: Komang Pertama

**ONUS** – Captains: Allan Norris & Candice Sassano
Vice Capt: Kristina Tachtsis

**NICHOLLS** – Captains: Billy Tachtsis & Katerina Kyprianou
Vice Captain: Merinda Slater

Carla Ruhe Sports Co ordinator

CAREERS OFFICE NEWS

Two Marine Careers Discovery Days will be run during the 2011 school holidays: Friday April 15th, Friday 8th July at the Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre.

Presenters include biologists, managers, chemists, tourism operators, education officers, PhD students and fisheries officers. Students will tour behind the scenes and participate in a fish dissection.

Students interested in attending are required to complete an online booking form- www.dpi.vic.gov.au/mdc.

For any further enquires please contact Pam Haebich on 5258 0238 or via email- pam.haebich@dpi.vic.au

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

Work experience week runs from June 20th-24th. Students need to be securing their work experience placements as soon as possible! If any student is having trouble finding a placement they can see me during recess or lunch, Monday-Thursday.

Catherine McCrann Careers Advisor

YEAR 11 QUEENSLAND CAMP

This year we have 53 students participating in the camp to Queensland. Unlike previous years, this fortunate group will be flying up, instead of spending 20 hours in a bus. We depart on Monday April 4th. It will be an early start with students expected to be at the airport at 6.45am. Students will enjoy five days on the Gold Coast before flying back on Saturday April 9th. Look forward to seeing photos in our next Newsletter. A reminder that any outstanding money must be finalised by Monday March 21st.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We wish to remind parents/guardians that the attendance requirement for the Senior School is 90%. If your child is absent it is essential that you phone the relevant coordinators. A phone call before school is greatly appreciated and ensures that our records are accurate. If the student visits the doctor they should ask for a medical certificate. This is especially important for students who miss out on Assessment Tasks due to illness.

Messages can be left on:
Mary Anagnostopoulos (Year 11 Coordinator) 9458 6138
Christine Farmakis (Year 12 Coordinator) 9458 6141
Maria Ioannidis (Senior School Manager) 9458 6137

UNIFORM

A reminder that full uniform is compulsory. As the cooler weather sets in, parents should ensure that students have the school jumper or the school jacket. Our uniform store is opened on Wednesday at 1.00pm.

VCAL MATTERS

We wish to remind parents and students that all VCAL students must organise their Structured Work placements this term. Many of our students have already organised work placements and are enjoying the experience of working one day a week. It is important that all students have their places finalised before the end of this term.

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EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE [EMA] 2011

The first instalment of EMA will soon be paid to the school. Those applicants who chose the EFT payment option should have received payment into their bank account by Monday 21st March. For applicants who chose the cheque payment option, cheques should arrive before the end of term 1. The school portion of EMA has been automatically allocated against essential charges and subject fees as per the current Thornbury High School and DEECD policies. Parents are welcome to use their portion of the EMA to pay for any charges that the school portion does not cover. If you have any queries regarding your EMA, please contact Vicki at the school office on 9480 4066.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

GUITAR/BASS/PIANO/VIOLIN/VIOLA LESSONS

Private teachers have been arranged to teach from Thornbury HS. Lessons vary in price depending on instrument and teacher but are still cheap compared to outside the school. See Mr. Schutz in the Music Office (Rm. 99) for signup sheets and more information.

YR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT

Congratulations to the Year 8 Band on their efforts at the Year 7 information night. Thanks to Nick Dean for conducting also.

SYDNEY/CANBERRA SENIOR MUSIC TOUR

The deposit and forms for the tour were due back three weeks ago. Attendance on this Tour is compulsory for Senior Music Students as part of your Instrumental Music Contract. If parents have concerns they will need to talk to me via email or phone.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT

A reminder to Senior Band students that there will be an ‘open rehearsal’ on parent teacher interview night. Students are to be in school uniform.

SCHOOL VOCAL GROUP

Thornbury’s vocal group is back up and racing ahead with new songs. We also have a vocal specialist, Bec, who is leading the group in 2011. If you love singing, come along to the Recording Studio every Tuesday lunchtime. You don’t have to be a great singer, you just have to join in!

MUSIC PARENTS MEETING

Thanks to all who attended the meeting a few weeks ago. What a fantastic turnout. From that meeting we have elected five great leaders of the group. Congratulations and thanks go to: President: Carol Tramontana

Vice President: Garnet White
Secretary: Elizabeth Diacos
Assistant Secretary: Leonie Delaney
Treasurer: Rhonda Pollock

I am always after some more parents to come and lend a hand. It’s also a great opportunity to meet other parents of music students. The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 5 at 7:00pm.

SHOPPING FUNDRAISER APRIL 6

The back page of this newsletter outlines a fantastic fundraising opportunity being run by the music department. On April 6 an exclusive night is being run at Diana Ferrari where 20% of all takings is donated to Thornbury’s Music Department. Book your spot now. More information is at the General Office.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started again. Students aim to read 10 books from the set list and 5 of their own choice, earning money for their school in the process. Certificates this year will be designed by a mystery guest illustrator. More information will be provided to year 7 and 8 students in their wide reading classes. Any interested year 9 and 10 students can see Ms. Anagnostopoulos or Chelsea in the Library to register.

YEAR 7 NEWS

YEAR 7 CAMP

A couple of weeks ago, the Year 7’s went to camp at Lake Dewar. The road there was misty and long. We were told that the drive would be 2 hours but it felt more like 1 hour. Probably because of all the fun we were having on the way. When we arrived it started to rain but then it stopped. The first thing we did was enter the Lodge and get introduced to the staff and to the camp itself. We were told who was in our cabins and where they were. I got exactly who I picked! They
gave us a few moments to settle in and then we were off starting our activities. Once we finished our activities we ate dinner. My favourite meal – spaghetti! It wasn’t that good until I had it with some salad. The first day wasn’t great but the others were the best! The best thing on camp was the Flying Fox. At the end when it was time to go home, I didn’t really want to leave. I wanted to stay forever, but I couldn’t. I think that this was the best camp I’ve been on so far. I gave it a ‘10 out of 10’!

Edip, 7B

Lake Dewar camp was a fun experience for all Year 7’s. Everyone was very excited as camp came closer. We anxiously sat in the lovely modern lodge and waited to hear our cabins. Everyone was happy who they were with and the cabins were clean and comfortable. Our first activity (The Amazing Race) was lots of fun and our group bonded together as we worked as a team through a series of challenges. One of my favourite activities on the camp was the Flying Fox. It was great because we could race with a partner and if people were nervous and scared they felt more confident doing it with a friend.

Another fun activity was Tunnelling. My group worked really well together to complete this task. The food at camp was great, except for the chicken on Thursday night! All the camp leaders were very kind, and would help you try your best and work as a team. The teachers at the camp were fantastic too and they also put on great activities like the Trivia and Movie nights which I enjoyed. Overall camp was a great experience that all Year 7’s loved!

Jacob, 7B

Each year a number of dedicated staff volunteer to attend Pastoral Camps. Many of these staff members have young families of their own yet still commit to 3 to 5 days away, showing great commitment to the school and their students. Although staff always return from camp having a rewarding and positive time away, the role for teachers on school camp is tireless to say the least. For staff, the day begins at about 7am and does not finish until the ‘night patrols’ are over and the last students are settled in their cabins (always well after midnight!). A BIG thank you to all the staff who attend school camps throughout the year.

Mark Gillies, Year 7 Manager

As part of National Youth Week 2011, Thornbury High School will host a week-long celebration that promises to deliver a fun, informative and inspirational 5 days! Under the banner “INCLUDED: you, me, us!” students will have the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities that celebrate diversity whilst fostering a spirit of inclusion and acceptance.

With a $2000 government grant and the help of School Captains, SRC and a committed team of student volunteers, students will enjoy some of the following activities:

- Cultural Diversity guest speaker & presentation (year 7) + multicultural morning tea
- Disability Awareness (year 8) including presentations + Wheelchair Basketball
- Anti-bullying workshop “NO BULL!” facilitated by Planetshakers youth group + street art demonstration (year 9)
- Demonstration Debate...Santa Maria V Thornbury High School ‘That Gay Marriage Should be Allowed”
- Kickboxing (years 10-12) Tuesday @ lunchtime
- African Drumming performance Monday @ lunchtime
- Fire-Twirling Tuesday @ lunchtime
- Hip-hop Dance workshop Tuesday @ lunchtime

Times, venues and activity sign-ups will be posted this week! Please see Jo.A for more info or if you would like to join the student volunteers team.

Johanna Apostolopoulos, Student Welfare
Mr. Egeberg and I have interviewed or are in the process of interviewing over the course of the last two weeks, the 51 applicants that we have had for the Student Representative Council.

We have been incredibly impressed by the calibre of all the applicants as well as their commitment to the students of Thornbury High School.

Here are the successful applicants thus far. Each student represents and is a voice for their entire year level. Keep an eye out for the next newsletter where the full team will be revealed as well as their perspective on the interviewing process and hopes for SRC for the year.

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Ms. Maharaj  
Student Voice Coordinator  9458 5120

Open: Every Monday (during term), 3.00 – 4.00pm  
Location: First Aid Room 1 (near Reception)  
• You get 50% of 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.

The School Start Bonus was introduced in 2006 to assist parents/guardians of Prep and Year 7 students to meet the start-up costs associated with commencing Primary and Secondary schooling.
Most students enrolled for the first time in Prep and Year 7 in Term I are eligible for the bonus. The School Start Bonus is separate from, and additional to, the Education Maintenance Allowance.
If you have not received your $300 School Start Bonus or have misplaced it, please contact the school office on 9480 4066.

Have you ever wondered how 3D movies like Toy Story and computer games are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop these holidays. Other courses in Science & Inventions, Movie Making, Architecture, Fashion Design, Writing and Engineering & Technology are on offer this April. For students aged 6 to 18 years. Tel: 1800 11 55 62 or Email: info@bubbledome.com or Book online at: www.bubbledome.com

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Thornbury High School are pleased to invite you to a

**Fashionable Fundraiser**

Enjoy a night of fashionable fundraising in aid of The Music Department.

6.30pm – 9.00pm
Wednesday 6th April 2011
at
**diana ferrari**
Shop G146, Westfield Doncaster
619 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Enjoy this exclusive shopping night where 20% of all store sales will be donated by diana ferrari to The Music Department.

Treat yourself to this night of fashion fun with friends, and receive complimentary drinks and canapés!

**RSVP**
Garnet White
garnetw@optusnet.com.au
by Wednesday 30th March.
Limited places available.