THORNBURY HIGH - DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

Thornbury High is once again the district champions in Athletics. There are six schools competing in the Darebin district. The team received 60 first places out of a total possible 130. What a remarkable effort to come close to winning 50% of the events. The teachers who were involved in training and preparing the students have done an amazing job. A special thank you to the sports teachers and the coordinator, Carla Ruhe.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

STUDENT ILLNESS
Over the last few weeks we have been sending a large number of children home each day due to illness. If your child is unwell in the morning please keep them home for the day and ring the Coordinator to inform them of the fact. It is VERY rare that a child “picks up” throughout the day. Parents are reminded to notify the school of any changes to family and emergency contact numbers so they can be contacted if their child is ill.

LOST UNIFORM
Each day there are a number of jumpers and other items of uniform found around the school. With names written on these items, we can quickly return them to their owners. Please label your child’s uniform.

UNIFORM - GIRL’S SUMMER DRESSES
With winter fast approaching, I have to wonder if the girls are warm enough in their summer dresses. There are plenty of skirts and long pants available in the Academy uniform shop which is open every Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00pm at the school. Or check out the secondhand uniform shop which is open Mondays 3-4pm.

SCHOOL JACKETS
A gentle reminder that the only jacket to be worn to and from school is school jackets which are also available via the uniform shops.

SCARVES
Students are asked to only wear single coloured scarves in the colours of navy, black or white.

MORE INFORMATION RE UNIFORM
All uniform information can be found in your child’s school planner on page x.
Meredith Stephenson, Assistant Principal

DAVID HOPKINS VISIT
On May 23rd we were very fortunate to have Professor David Hopkins work with a group of staff to discuss issues around teaching and learning strategies. David is a distinguished and world-renowned educationalist and has been working with many schools in the Northern Metropolitan Region.
To them, he presented a set of teaching and learning protocols that could help us all, however experienced, develop our teaching skills. In one example, he talked about the types of questioning techniques teachers used in a normal lesson and very specifically how much time we allowed for students to answer, ‘wait time’ as he called it. Research has shown that teachers only allow a wait time of 1 or 2 seconds in normal lessons – quite a pressure on students to answer! It also has a more subtle effect on the quality and depth of the questions asked – quick questioning implies superficial and easy answers. If we deliberately give students a few seconds longer, it could change the overall quality of learning in lessons.
Many other examples were presented and the challenge he left us with was to create a strategy to implement these over the next few terms within our new strategic plan. It was an enjoyable and motivating session for all involved.
Simon Townley, Assistant Principal

MEDIA/DRAMA NEWS
Auditions for Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” will be held in the Kaye Coghlan at lunchtimes on June 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.
All students in years 9 – 11 are invited to look at audition scripts, which are currently located on the STUDENT DRIVE (folder: 0. Beauty and the Beast).
All junior students (years 7 & 8) need to be prepared to sing a chorus number during the audition process.
Emma McCulloch, Media Coordinator

REFLECTIONS THE SRC TRAINING DAY
SRC REPRESENTATIVES LISTENING TO A STUDENT PRESENTATION ON LEADERSHIP AND THE ALPINE SCHOOL
“ Weird because it was like a normal school day even though it was on a Sunday. I learnt that everyone wanted to do things like raise money for charities.”
Jessica Abrahams (8E)
“Quite fun and we got to know people. Met students from other classes.”
Taras Duffy (8D)
“Informative. We learnt what we would be doing this year and we got organised. Got to meet SRC members from the other year levels.”
Meg Burns (8C)
“Entertaining. We got to learn stuff. We got to see what other SRC students had done in previous years.”
Kara Robins (8F)
“It was worth coming in for the whole day. We learnt a lot. I learnt about how SRC works and what we have to do.”
Tamara Bartlett (8H)
“We built our team-work skills so we could work better together in the future. It wasn’t boring learning. It was fun and we got to do stuff.”
Hayden Smith (8A)
“We got to know what we were meant to do as an SRC and what we were going to do over the year.”
Declan Delaney (8A)

These are the focus areas the students decided on at the SRC Training Day. Watch this space for more details and updates.

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Ms. Preeti Maharaj, Student Voice Coordinator.

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**SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**EXAMS**

2011 VCE Written Examination and GAT

**Year 12**

During the next week all students enrolled in Unit 3 and 4 subjects will receive the VCE Exams Navigator 2011 Student Information and Timetable. We remind students and parents that each examination commences with a 15 minute reading period which is included in the times shown in the timetable. Students should check the starting time of each examination and arrive at least 30 minutes before this time. This year, Exams will be held in the School Gymnasium, Library and the Senior School Centre. It is important that students carefully read their timetable to ensure there is no confusion. An electronic timetable for Year 12 Exams is available on the VCAA website [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)

Year 11

Year 11 Exams will begin on June 14th. Students will receive their individual timetable within the next week. All students must be in full school uniform for all their exams.

**SEMESTER CHANGE OVER – UNIT 2 AND 4**

Semester Two will begin on June 20th, 2011 following the Mid Year VCE Exams. Any student in Year 11 who is considering changing their VCE Programme must do so in writing by May 31st, 2011. Students must collect and complete the form ‘Request to Change Course.’ The Senior School team will then consider applications based on curriculum reason and availability of places in specific subjects.

‘STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE’

This week we were proud to acknowledge the efforts of all 2010 40 Hour Famine Participants. Bridget Radford from 12A, received the award 40 Hour Famine - High Achievement Award after organising the event in 2010. The award was presented to Bridget by Jacob Sarkodee of World Vision Australia. Bridget’s efforts helped Thornbury High School raise $1790 for the 2010 40 Hour Famine.

The school community gave up food, furniture and even technology for 40 hours to raise awareness and funds that would go towards helping people who are
chronically hungry and living in poverty. The funds raised in 2011 supported projects that fight hunger in Nepal, Cambodia, Laos, Tanzania and Kenya.

This year Bridget hopes to raise even more money with her sights on $2500. She encourages everybody, students and families, to do something ‘real’ like participating in the 2011 40 Famine. This year’s funds will go to support projects in East Timor including:
- Creating seed banks to produce extra crop for each harvest.
- Improving food storage facilities to promote longer life of harvest
- And establish kitchen gardens that will enable families to grow their own vegetables.

Bridget is currently preparing for her Mid Year Exams with the hope to continue her studies in Human Nutrition. She will be organising the 2011, 40 Hour Famine with Bree Pettinella from 11A. Watch this space for further information.

Deposit: $35 needs to be paid to secure a place. The deposit must be paid as soon as possible.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

MID-YEAR CONCERT WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

This concert is the second biggest of the year and will include performances from all our large ensembles. It will be held in the Kaye Coghlan Centre for the final time (as we fill it up too much) so please make sure you get here early to grab a seat. There will be a silent auction (so make sure you bring some cash for some bargains). Any donations for the silent auction are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the music office.

BUSKING

The Music Department and the Music Parents Group are organising opportunities for all students who play musical instruments, to showcase our wonderful music program by busking in different places in the City of Darebin.

At this stage we have 2 dates and locations – June 25 at Preston Farmers Market at Bell Primary School and July 23 in Station Street Fairfield. You must come in full music uniform and be prepared to play your instrument for either 15 or 30 minutes. You can do it alone or as a duo or trio. It will be fully supervised by members of the Music Parents Group and any money earned will be kept by the busker/s. See Mr. Schutz to sign up.

BAND UNIFORM

The logo design is organised and is being sent to the uniform shop now. The updated uniform will consist of Black business pants, black socks, black school shoes, music shirt (needs to be purchased – details to come), and Thornbury High School tie. Girls may wear an ankle length plain black skirt if desired.
CAMPS
Medical forms are now overdue for all music camps. Deposits should have been paid for compulsory Year 7 and 8 music camp and payments for Canberra / Sydney tour should be nearly completed. Please contact me regarding any issues arising from this.

ROCK AND ROLL DANCING
Please see the notice on the back page regarding this exciting event.
Kyle Schutz, Head of Music Department

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.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE [EMA] 2011
This is a reminder that the first instalment of EMA has been received at the school. The school portion has been automatically allocated against essential charges and subject fees as per the current Thornbury High School and DEECD policies. Cheques are now available for collection from the General Office. Students may pick up cheques on behalf of parents if they bring a signed note authorizing them to do so. 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 on 9480 4066.

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House Athletics 2011
The Thornbury High School Music Parents Group invites parents, guardians and teachers to a social evening.

Take away the winter blues and put on your dancing shoes. Come and learn how to dance 1950’s Rock ‘n’ Roll.

When: Tuesday 14th June 2011
Where: Kaye Coghlan Centre (Room 105) next to the Music Department
Time: 7.30pm to around 9.30pm
Cost: $10.00 per person (payable on the night)
What to wear: Comfortable clothing and flat shoes. You may also choose to wear 1950’s style gear.

Come along and join in the fun – no partner is required.

There will be a drink break half way through. Tea and coffee will be provided at the end of the evening. All proceeds will go to the Music Department. If you would like to attend please complete the section below and return it to Kyle Schutz in the Music Department by Monday 6th June. Alternatively, you can E-mail Rhonda Pollock at rmpollock@tpg.com.au

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I/We ____________________________________________________________ would like to attend the Rock ‘n’ Roll dance class on Tuesday 14th June 2011 at 7.30pm.

Number attending: ____________

Contact phone number or E-mail _______________________________