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**FROM THE VICTORIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT: ELENI DOES US PROUD**

Hi, my name is Eleni Fakos and I am 13 years old. I started playing soccer when I was 9 years old and have enjoyed it from the very start. I always train hard, listen to my coach and have lots of fun.

I was selected to represent Victoria in the Under 13 Girls team. The selection process included playing in the Victorian Champions League for Central City over the summer. Making it to this team, I was one of the 15 best girls within my region in the State. The competition included 12 teams from different regions, and out of 180 girls, 30 were chosen to trial for Victoria. The Victorian trials were intense and went for a month until a squad of 15 was picked to go to the state soccer championships in Canberra.

My team did well, winning a few games, but we were unlucky as we lost to New South Wales and drew a couple of games, missing out on the finals. At the championships there were 100 girls from all states competing to win. After this competition, the top 20 girls from all states were selected to represent Australia in the under 13 All Star team and I was one of the girls who were selected.

In 6 months, I will go to Malaysia to play in the National tournament that will be held there.

**Eleni Fakos, Year 8**

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**REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES:**

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

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

AFTER SCHOOL 552 BUS TO RESERVOIR STATION.

Finally, after years of nagging, we have a bus for the sole use of our students. It leaves from the bus stop in Dundas Street and terminates at Reservoir Station. It stops at all the usual bus stops along the way. Our students now have more room and do not need to wait.

Many thanks to the Reservoir Bus Company for their support in achieving this outcome.

Some reminders:
- Students need to purchase tickets
- We ask that students exit via the Dundas Street gate and walk up to the lollypop staff on the corner of Dundas and Station Street
- Students are requested not to use the Mansfield Street stop as we do not have staff on duty in that area.

THE MASTER PLAN

is now complete and we have approval from the Department to move to the next stage. We have established a committee consisting of staff, students, parents and the architect who meet regularly to discuss:
- The plans
- How we can manage the building program to cause the least disruption to our school
- Ensuring that we get the best possible facilities within the finance and the floor space as outlined in the DEECD guidelines

The project has been divided into 3 sections with the hope that stage one will commence around July 2012. Of course there are still many hurdles to jump before this date!!!!

The latest sets of plans are on display at the general office.

Meredith Stephenson, Assistant Principal

CYBER- SAFETY EVENING

Can I take this opportunity to invite parents to a presentation on cyber-safety that is taking place on Wednesday May 25th, 7.30pm. This session will tell you about the possible dangers to you and your child of using mobile phones and the Internet, in particular sites such as Facebook. We will also discuss risks involved with online video games. We guarantee that your eyes will be opened by the things that children experience online and recommend every parent attend.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details. I hope to see you there.

Simon Townley, Assistant Principal

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA

The theme for the trip to Malaysia was to compare and contrast indigenous cultures. Monique Kirby, Aaron Close, Dylan Harvey and Shawn Cooper were part of the group of 17 Koorie students from various schools across the Northern Metropolitan Region who had two weeks in Malaysia.

The first week was made up of attending boarding school and for 4 days, followed by a home stay experience with a family.

The school day was very different to Thornbury as the students woke up around 6 to start school at 6:45am! The uniform for the girls was a long blue skirt down to the ground and a long sleeve white top and for the boy was long green pants and white t-shirts. It was a great experience; the students at the school we visited treated us very well and swamped us with questions about life in Australia. The male Koorie students performed a traditional dance to the school which was greatly appreciated.

We did a home stay and that was better than I had expected. The family was great and it was interesting to be part of Muslim family and lifestyle and to understand that although our cultures were different, all the kids were the same in that we all liked to have fun! Most of the people over there knew English which helped with all the communication.

The second week we went touring around and sightseeing. We saw temples and visited the Batu Caves. The caves are a sacred place for Hindu’s. The limestone caves were discovered in 1892 and consist of 3 main caves connected with 272 steps from the foothill.
We also had a trip to **Kuala Gandah** where we visited the **Elephant Sanctuary**, a very rewarding experience. We enjoyed an elephant ride and learnt about the conservation program within the beautiful tropical rainforest. Penang was beautiful with many markets to explore and interesting food and culture. We all enjoyed our experience abroad.

*Monique Kirby year 10*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Rebecca and Yasmin check out our new book displays. Constructed by Cameron and Gaetano (Technology) and installed by Greg (Maintenance) the library foyer has three display cases to showcase new purchases and highlight major library themes.

**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY & NUMERACY [NAPLAN] TESTING – YEARS 7 & 9 STUDENTS**

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in years 7 and 9. Students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in English and Mathematics.

The dates for the Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests are:
- Tuesday, 10th May-Language Conventions and Writing;
- Wednesday, 11th May-Reading;
- Thursday, 12th May-Numeracy calculator test, followed by a non-calculator allowed test.

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers, about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. For more information about the tests please consult the flyer sent home with your child this week or go to the NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au).

**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
- Wednesday, 22nd June.

*Curriculum Team*

**YEAR 8 NEWS**

**UNIFORM**

Coordinators have spoken to students regarding uniform. There are a number of students who are wearing incorrect shoes. The options are either **black, leather lace up shoes** (boys and girls) OR **Harrison style T-Bar shoes** (girls). No other variations are acceptable, including slip-on shoes, black running shoes or Doc Marten T bars. Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform.

**PROGRESS INTERVIEWS**

We will be in touch with parents in Week 2 regarding meetings for students on contracts, concerns about absences and academic progress for particular students. It is best if we address these concerns at the start of the term to ensure that we can offer the best support to enable your child to succeed this semester.

*Preeti Maharaj*

**SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

Firstly we’d like to welcome back all Senior School Students. We hope you enjoyed your break, used some of the time to complete homework and took the opportunity to start revision for the upcoming exams.

**QUEENSLAND CAMP**

The Year Eleven students finished off term one with a camp to the Gold Coast. Fifty- four students participated in the pastoral care camp this year. While this group was fortunate enough to fly to Coolangata, they were a little unfortunate with the weather. To their credit, they did not allow the overcast, rainy days to dampen their spirits as we participated in a number of activities and visited several theme parks.
I’d like to thank the parents who supported the camp, the students for their impeccable behaviour (we won’t mention the sleepless nights) and a huge “thank you” to Mr. Hysen, Ms. Gill, Ms. Anagnostopoulos and Mr. Egeberg who volunteered their time and energy and provided students with many memories.

EXAMS
Exams will be the focus this term with both the Year 11s and 12s, however we start the term with a visit to the La Trobe Tertiary Talk on Thursday May 5th. This will provide Year 12 students with the opportunity to meet Tertiary Representatives and ask questions about their chosen career pathways. We depart school at 12.45pm and students will be dismissed from the La Trobe University Union Hall at 2.45pm.

Students enrolled in Unit 3 and 4 VCE subjects will receive specific exam information shortly; however we encourage all students who have Mid Year exams to visit [www.vcea.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcea.vic.edu.au). The site provides valuable information including past exam papers and strategies on how to respond to the questions.

UNIFORM
With the colder weather this term we have noticed that students are arriving to school in jackets that are not part of our uniform. Please remember that the College has an official school jacket and this is the only jacket students should be wearing. School jackets can be purchased from our Uniform Store every Wednesday’s between 1.00 -2.00pm.

SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL
Where: Lincoln of Toorak
When: Friday August 5th, 2011
Time: 7.30pm-12.00pm
Deposit: $35 needs to be paid to secure a place. The deposit must be paid by May 20th, 2011.
Maria Ioannidis, Senior School.

CAREERS OFFICE NEWS

YEAR 10 STUDENTS
All year 10 students should have their work experience placement secured now. Reminders have been sent via newsletters, student bulletins, and in person. This year students will be attending their work placements from June 20th- 24th. Students are welcome to approach me with any questions.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS
The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a 2 hour and 45 minute multiple-choice test developed and used specifically to assist with the selection of students into medicine and health science degree programs at undergraduate level. Candidates must be in at least their final year of secondary schooling, or above, to be eligible to sit UMAT i.e. they must be completing, or already have completed, year 12 in 2011. Year 11 students or students completing year 12 over 2 years are NOT permitted to sit UMAT.

UMAT practice Test 1 and 2 are currently available on the UMAT website and can be purchased for $35.00 each. UMAT practice 1 will be included with the UMAT 2011 registration.

UMAT KEY DATES
Registrations open- April
Registrations close – Friday 3rd June (5pm)
(Late registrations) close- Friday 17th June (5pm)
Applications for Special Testing Conditions- Friday 17th June
UMAT test date- Wednesday 27th July
Results released- late September

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES
You will need a UMAT score for applications to the following courses:
The University of Adelaide- Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health
Flinders University- Clinical Sciences/BMBS, Vision Science
Charles Darwin University- Clinical Science
The University of Newcastle/ University of New England- Joint Medical Program
The University of New South Wales - Medicine, Optometry
The University of Western Sydney - Medicine
Bond University - Medicine
The University of Queensland - Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science
Monash University - Medicine, Pharmacy, Pharmacy/Commerce, Physiotherapy
La Trobe University - Health Sciences (Dentistry), Oral Health Science
University of Tasmania - Medicine
The University of Western Australia - Medicine, Dental Medicine
The University of Auckland, New Zealand - Medicine
University of Otago, New Zealand - Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Dental Surgery, Physiotherapy.

Please note that at selected institutions international students may be exempt from taking UMAT or may be required to sit a different test. For details please refer to the websites of the universities to which you intend to apply.

UMAT test will be offered in the following (Victorian) locations - Bendigo, Geelong, Melbourne, Mildura, Sale and Shepparton

UMAT Registration fee is $200. Registrations must be submitted online via the UMAT website: [http://umat.acer.edu.au](http://umat.acer.edu.au).

For further information please see me.

Catherine McCrann, Careers Advisor

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FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

Youth. The dictionary defines youth as the period between childhood and maturity, especially during adolescence and early adulthood. As youths we are the future and are entrusted in ushering in the next generation. We are the future of the planet and are going to be trusted with making sure that the third rock from the sun which we call home, keeps spinning. As such, it is only natural that we get a whole week to celebrate the fact that we are wild and young and that’s definitely what we did. Recently, National Youth Week (NYW) passed us by from Friday, April 1st to Sunday April 10th with the theme “Own It!” For those unfamiliar, NYW is the largest celebration of the young people in Australia. This annual event is a whole week in which we ‘youngings’ get to share ideas, attend live events, have their voices heard on issues of concern to them, showcase their talents, celebrate their contribution to the community, take part in competitions and above all else, just have fun.

That’s exactly what we did at Thornbury High.

Between Monday the 4th of April and Friday the 8th of April, we spent each day offering plenty of excitement to students across our school. Our school decided to celebrate with a focus on ‘diversity and inclusion’ - we wanted to give students the chance to participate in presentations and activities that they might not get to try in everyday life. So with our $2000 NYW grant we wanted each day of the week to have it had its own sub school theme as well as fun and free lunchtime activities. Some of the lunchtime activities included kickboxing, fire twirling, hip-hop, Brazilian martial art/dance (capoeira). The carnival day featured a huge number of free yet exciting events like a cake eating contest, an egg toss, coin toss, wet sponge throwing as well as live music from the school’s student bands. Heaps of prizes and showbags were enjoyed too!

So who was responsible for such a great event? Well if I wasn’t the great guy that we all know I am, I’d say it was all on me but unfortunately I can’t take all the credit. It was a team effort and my super team really made another NYW amazing for everyone at Thornbury. We spent days planning and preparing everything to make sure this all ran smoothly. Our student volunteers called the ‘Community Crew’ did an awesome job facilitating activities and organising all the fun workshops! A big thank you to school captains Candice Sassano and Katerina Kyrianou these two definitely made me believe that firstly, Peter Egeberg made the right choice when he elected our school captains and secondly, we really can get stuff done!

Emmanuel Pleiotis., Year 12 Captain

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS!!

The year 8 Girls and Boys groups will be starting again this term! This year the Student Wellbeing team will offer students a 6 week program during terms 2, 3 and 4, hoping to give more students the chance to participate in this fantastic wellbeing program!

Throughout the 6 week program students will explore a range of themes such as body image & self-esteem, confidence and strength, anger management and healthy relationships and communication. Students
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will also participate in excursions such as Laser Tag and Rock Climbing.

To participate in the program students will need to pay $25 - this covers all costs including facilitator fees, materials, transport and catering. This money will need to be paid to the general office by the commencement of program on the 26th of May. Applications will be available next week.

Thanks!
Jo Apostolopoulos (Student Wellbeing Coordinator) and Bec Grimes (School Health Promotion Nurse)

GUITAR, BASS, PIANO AND VIOLIN LESSONS
Teachers have been organised and we have vacancies!
Please see me for more information.
Kyle Schutz
Head of Music Department

MEDIA/Drama NEWS

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• 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.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

AMEB
Congratulations to Declan Delaney who completed his 5th Grade AMEB piano exam on Tuesday. He is also completing his second grade clarinet exam in a few weeks. Good luck with the results!

EXAMS
All instrumental students in years 8 and above have been given notices regarding exams. Some students have already taken up the opportunity to complete AMEB, ANZCA and Trinity exams and have found them to be quite rewarding. Please complete the sheet and hand them back to your instrumental teacher regardless of whether you want to do them or not.

SCHOOL CHOIR
The choir is sounding fantastic but could do with some extra students joining in. Our choir runs differently to others. It is a lot of fun with a mixture of very modern songs and some classics. Rehearsal happens every Tuesday lunchtime at the straw-bale recording studio.

SYDNEY CANBERRA UPDATE
The senior music tour is looking very exciting with some fantastic performance and workshop opportunities happening. The World Projects International School Band Festival is happening in Sydney at the time so we will watch other school bands from all around the world perform.

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• 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.

HAVE YOU PAID SCHOOL FEES?

Financial statements were sent out to all families towards the end of last term with the expectation that payments would be made 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 now due. 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

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