



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3 2008

21 st August	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal] Year 10 into 11 evening
4 th September	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
11 th September	Parent/teacher/student interviews
15 th -19 th September	Year 11 Queensland Camp
19 th September	End of term 3 [1.09 dismissal]
6 th October	Term 4 Commences

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	Caroline McLachlan	9458 6167
Year 8	Robert Basso	9458 6170
Year 7	Anne Herschell	9458 6168



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

THORNBURY HIGH - FORGING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

At Thornbury High we believe that the school's success is very much linked to its strong presence within the local community. Only recently our students have been directly involved in two significant community projects: working with SPAN Community House and the Furlan Club.

Our year 7 all-girls class has been interviewing and writing personal histories for a number of the participants at SPAN. SPAN is one of several Neighbourhood Houses in the Darebin area working to provide quality, low-cost educational, social and recreational activities in response to community needs. This has been a very worthwhile project for all involved which we are hoping to expand in the future. [See page 3]

Currently, every Saturday morning, two of our year 10 boys, Walid Abdo and Sam Del Mastro [pictured above], are conducting basic technology classes for 16 members of the Furlan soccer club. The school already has a sharing arrangement with the club involving the use of our soccer field. So far the boys have taught the participants how to Google and email, use software, digital cameras and mobile phones. From Lina: *"Thank you for allowing us to come to your school and learn slowly the intricacies of the computer and the Internet. We may be slow but we are enjoying ourselves and appreciate the time and the expertise you and Meredith and the boys are sharing with us."*

Only last Wednesday, as well as the normal school program, we had a number of organisations using our facilities: 25 LOTE teachers involved in professional development, 20 students teachers from University of Melbourne doing a training session all day, Brighton TAFE using our kitchen facilities all day and our visiting Chinese sister school students completing language lessons.

At Thornbury High we believe that when schools, families and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better at school, stay in school longer and like school more.

Peter Egeberg

HOW MANY DAYS OF SCHOOL DID YOUR CHILD MISS LAST SEMESTER?

0-6 days (100-94%) - Normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.

7-10 days (93-90%) - Below average rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between prep and year 10.

11-20 days (89-80%) - Poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate days could miss out on up to two years of schooling between prep and year 10.

20+ days (under 80%) - Very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and one half years of schooling between prep and year 10.

REMEMBER:

- Students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities.
- There is direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult to form positive relationships, with their peers.
- When young people are in school every day, they are safer, less likely to be victims of crime or to become involved in crime.



MUSIC NEWS

MID-TERM TWILIGHT CONCERT

The music department held their annual Mid-year Twilight concert on Tuesday night the 22nd July. Remember that cold and rainy weather we were having; when most people would prefer to remain home tucked up watching telly? Despite the cold and rain we attracted a large audience, that arrived to partake of food and drinks and stayed on to listen to the excellent music on offer.

During the evening the audience was able to listen to all our main groups, including Junior and Senior Stage bands, Senior Concert Band (and their full Sydney program) the newly-created Greek Band, plus the fledgling Year 7 and 8 bands. All the bands performed to the best of their ability and thrilled the audience with their skill.

Later in the year we intend to have a 'Soiree' where we will encourage small groups and individuals to perform. Stay tuned for more info on this.

Special thanks to our small but dedicated group of **Music Parents**. They planned and co-ordinated all the fundraising activities on the night including the BBQ and Souvlaki stall, soup, drinks, tea and coffee. They also coordinated the plates which were generously filled by many parents with cakes and slices and sold on the night.

An extra special mention must go to **Arch Garganis**, a Music Parent who arranged a discounted BMX bike and a free mobile phone for our very successful raffle.

Congratulations to:

1st Prize Eva Hatzianestis - Eastern Element BMX bike

2nd Prize Paul Daly - Sony Ericsson Mobile Phone

3rd Prize Fairouz El-Assaad - Bed and Breakfast for two at Rydges on Bell.

Thanks to:

Ted's Cycle's – Footscray for the discounted BMX bike

TeleChoice – Northcote for the free Mobile Phone

Rydges on Bell – Preston for the Bed and Breakfast for two

Thanks to the supportive audience, including staff who attended, parents, friends plus music staff who gave their time to make this event so successful.

From everyone's effort big or small we were able to raise \$1100 to help fit out our new recording studio. Well done.

YR 8 CAMP

As you read this the year 8 camp has just been held. Next issue will bring you all the highs and lows of this fun-filled event!

BUDDING PIANIST

Congratulations to **Jeren Yu** of year 7 who recently completed his Grade 8 AMEB piano exam and gained a pass with 'Honours'. Jeren also competed in the Manningham Eisteddfod, in the 12 years and under piano solo, receiving an 'Honourable Mention' for his fine efforts, from a field of 35. Jeren learns clarinet also and plays in the Year 7 and Junior Stage bands. Watch this boy become even more of a superstar in the future!!!

VET MUSIC INDUSTRY SKILLS "BATTLE OF THE BANDS"

September 3rd sees all the work the VET Music students have done for their assessment of organising an event. Six bands from other schools will be battling it out for the grand prize of recording time at recording studio, Decibels. There are other great prizes for the runners up, all donated by local business.

All students, parents and staff are encouraged to come on the night to the Kaye Coghlan Centre to rock out

with some of the best young bands in our area. There will be door prizes and discount entry fee for those who have a flyer. **Entry \$7 or \$5 with flyer.** Hope to see you there.

MUSIC WEB SITES

While fiddling around looking for cute pictures of instruments or musos to 'jazz up' Music Notes, I came across a fun, interactive website by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, which you might like to visit. Also, the Allans website, from Australia, is very informative. Have fun!

www.dsokids.com www.allansmusic.com.au

MELBOURNE YOUTH MUSIC COUNCIL

Every January, in the last week of the hols before school goes back, the MYMC hold their music camp, based at the VCA. Over a thousand kids join in and play with the orchestras, concert bands and stage bands which are formed for this week-long event. There are ensembles for a variety of standards and kids always have fun and meet new friends, some of whom become lifelong. There are also master classes on solo instruments, VCE and theory classes and forums on careers in music. The music department has the brochures for 2009. Come and see us if you are interested!

Music Dates

VET Music Battle of the Bands	Wed 3 Sep 7-11pm
VCE Solo Performance Recital	Sat 13 Sep
Year 7 Camp	Wed 22-Fri 24 Oct
End of Year Concert	Tues 28 Oct

Diana Norton

STUDENT WELLBEING REPORT

The Keys Please evening held last Thursday was a very informative night about the driving habits of new drivers and about how parents as supervisors can help their child complete 120 hours of driving before going for their licence. Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the parent forum. Students received packs with information that will prepare students to sit for the learner's permit. I would encourage parents who missed out this year to keep an eye out for the Keys Please evening next year.

On the 28th August our indigenous students will be attending a morning presentation filled with fun and inspirational activities. These students are also encouraged to invite a friend to attend this presentation.

Staff have recently completed anaphylaxis training. It is important that parents of anaphylactic students inform the school of their child's condition. Parents are required to provide an up to date individual anaphylactic plan signed by their GP. Parents are also required to provide an extra epipen for storage at school.

There are some fun activities and inspirational presentations planned for our Year 7 and 8 students coming up soon. The Year 7 Values day is planned for Friday September 12th and the Year 8 Values day is planned for Tuesday September 16th. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

Emily Graham our new school nurse has now joined our Student Wellbeing Team. She will be available Thursdays and Fridays each week. Students who need short term counselling or assistance with wellbeing issues can make an appointment with Emily.

Till next time, keep smiling

Barbara Carydis Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Year 7 girls pictured with Carol Wilkinson, a visiting author

SPORTS REPORT

This semester students have the opportunity to compete in Basketball, Hockey, Table-Tennis and Squash. All students who wish to try-out for one of the above sports need to keep an eye on the Daily Bulletin for information on try-out dates. All Training sessions are held at lunchtime in the gym.

Teams will compete on the following days:

Yr 9/10 Friday 5th September

Yr 8 Tuesday 9th September

Yr 7 Monday 15th September.

CROSS COUNTRY STATE FINALS

Congratulations to Stella Radford of 7D who competed in the State Cross Country Finals on Friday August 1st. Stella put in a fantastic effort to finish 36th in a field of over 100 competitors.

NORTHERN ZONE BADMINTON FINALS

Last term our Yr 7 boy's badminton team competed in the Northern Zone Final. Finn Nielsen, Wissam Saleh and Mohammed Merhi of 7A, James Arnott-Virth and Simon Huska of 7C worked really well as a team to finish 3rd. Well Done boys!

Miss Ruhe Sports Co-ordinator

BIOGRAPHY PRESENTATIONS AT SPAN COMMUNITY HOUSE!

On Monday the 4th of August 7f girls went down to Span Community House to present participants with

their individual biographies. We visited Span in term 2 and interviewed people to share their life stories with us. We then went back to school and put all the information together. This was presented in the form of an album which we then gave as a gift from the girls in 7f. We learnt a lot about some of the members of our community. It was an enjoyable experience and we had fun putting it all together.

P.S Ms. Liapis and Jo took us to the park as a reward for doing a great Job

Love 7f

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL



On Friday 25 July, the annual Year Twelve Formal was held at the luxurious Nine Darling Street, South Yarra. The night was a magical experience for all the students and teachers who attended. Everyone looked like they belonged on the red carpet of some

exclusive event (and even the teachers didn't look too bad either). The food was tasty, the music was great and the flashes of the cameras didn't stop all night. The event was a memorable moment in our school lives, as it was one of the last opportunities for all the year twelves to come together as a group and have a good time. The formal was glamorous and everyone danced the night away.

Shelby Cree 12B



A 'THANKYOU'

I would like to thank and acknowledge the hardworking members of the Formal Committee – Shelby Cree, Kerry Glennon, Emese Tran, Daniel Wepukhulu, Letisha Watson, Biljana Celeski, Anna Patrikakos, Megan Kivivali, Trion Paleologou, Con Bouliopoulos, Angela Rassias, Cristina Femia, Nick Stanley and Nikolina Velkoski.

These students willingly gave up their spare time and coordinated their school work with their formal responsibilities with great maturity. They completed their duties without sacrificing class time and they should be commended for this. Also, many thanks to

the teachers for their understanding and continued support during this period. The Committee were responsible for all aspects of the evening – ticket design, menu selection, seating arrangements, DVD production, music selection etc.

Ms Farmakis

VCE JUNE EXAMINATIONS AND STUDIO ARTS RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who completed midyear VCAA exams and the Art SAT's. Some excellent results have been achieved. These results were released to students on Monday 4th August. All students have been given the opportunity to discuss the possible implications of their results for post-VCE outcomes with appropriate school staff - Year 12 Coordinator – Miss Farmakis, Careers Teacher – Mr Barlow, or MIPS Coordinator- Mr Smith. Any parent requiring any information regarding these results please contact any of the above mentioned staff.

VTAC INFORMATION NIGHT

Was held on Thursday the 7th of August. Miss Farmakis, Mr Barlow and Mr Smith gave excellent presentations on the complexity of the VTAC process and the different programs to improve equity and access for disadvantaged students. If anyone missed the information or is not sure about any aspect please feel free to contact them.

VTAC COUNSELLING

A reminder to all year 12 students to make an appointment with Mr Barlow for course selections for 2008. Counselling begins Monday 18th August and needs to be finalised by the last week of term 3 (Friday 19th September)

YEAR 10 TO 11 TRANSITION NIGHT

Date: Thursday 21st August

Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Kaye Coghlan Centre

Agenda: Information to parents and students regarding the transition from year 10 to VCE or VCAL. The VCE Handbook/VCAL information and subject selection grids will be given out on this night. Appointments for counselling into subjects will also occur on this night. Invitations to this evening have been handed this week to all year 10 students. The reply slip needs to be returned to the form teacher by August 18th.

YEAR 11 QUEENSLAND CAMP

The final payment for the camp needs to be made by Tuesday August the 19th. If any student needs additional time they must speak to Miss Anagnostopoulos or Mr Stoicov. Next week we will be organising the cabin arrangements and it will be on the basis of those that have fully paid up getting first preference.

Students selling chocolates for fundraising need to return the money to Miss Anagnostopoulos this week.

VCE TEAM (Mary Anagnostopoulos, Christine Farmakis and James Stoicov)

TWO YEAR 9 STUDENTS TO GO TO GALLIPOLI, TURKEY – CONGRATULATIONS AL BOY AND HAYDN!

Haydn Love and Allan Norris of Year 9 have been selected to attend the 10 day Gallipoli ‘Heroes’ Project and Journey to Turkey, departing November 2008.

Six Aboriginal youth from Melbourne are involved in the program which is a joint project with the Collingwood Police Station, the Yarra ACLO, the Bert Williams Aboriginal Youth Services and the Australian Intercultural Society. The aim is for each student to improve relationships with the police through a police mentoring program (8— 10 months). They are also to connect to descendents of a Koorie soldier who died at Gallipoli and to improve their cultural awareness of Turkish life.

In the lead up to departure students will be involved in many activities designed to create a greater connection to community and culture. The development of leadership and interpersonal skills for each individual is paramount. On return there will be on-going activities to reinforce the outcomes of the journey and maintain close contact between participants and police and local community members.

SCIENCE NEWS

Congratulations to all students who sat the National Science Competition. Major awards going to: Y8 Raka Supriatna (Distinction), Daniel Rogers (Credit), Y9, Arie Huybregts (Credit) and year 7, Harold Arquiza (Credit), Nathan Hawkeswood (Credit) and James Arnott-Virth (Credit).

The national Geologi Short Film Competition (Geologi 08) is hosted by Geoscience Australia to celebrate Earth Science Week (ESW). We’ve entered a Year 7 video on Natural Disasters and a Year 9 video on Minerals and Mining. These are complex productions with a tight deadline, produced by a number of talented science and media students.

Science Team

LIBRARY NEWS

August 16th-24th is Children’s Book Week, so on Wednesday, August 20th we’re having a Dress-as-Your-Favourite-Book-Character Day. All students and staff are encouraged to take part. To celebrate the success of our graphic novel collection there will also be special prizes for the best manga or anime characters.

We’ve also produced our own Book Club show for Class TV, where students are able to talk about their favourite books. This will be aired on Tuesday, August 19, at 4.30 pm Channel 31.

Mary, Bill and Glenn



MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

On Tuesday 5th August five students from year 9 attended a workshop at the City Centre for the Youthink (Making Melbourne Even Better) program. This program is an extension of the program all year 9 students attended last term as part of their QUEST program.

The Minister for Education, Ms Bronwyn Pike visited the City Centre to meet with students and learn about some of the initiatives and activities year 9 students are participating in. At the City Centre students were able to share their experiences with the Minister. Our students are working on a proposal related to street art. Their proposal would see the beautification of unsightly areas of the Melbourne CBD and their local area.

While in the city the students conducted research and later worked with students from Bentleigh Secondary College on their projects.

Congratulations to Mary, Mutinta, Skye, Celeste and Jessica for their performance representing Thornbury High School on this important occasion.

Judy Stafford QUEST Manager



CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

On the 7th of August the following students: Nathan Sinnott, Angus Hackett, Kyle Schache, Ahmed Abikar, Beau Dorian, Christopher Smith, Ricky Wehmeyer, Haydn Love, James Soufis, Saransh Kamboj and Joshua Kapuranovski, all took part in the

AFL's kick to kick around Australia day commemorating 150 years of Australian footy.

M. Foster.

BETTER SLEEP: TIPS FOR TEENAGERS

During the day

- Get outside, preferably early in the morning (but lunchtime will do).
- Get some exercise each day (Finish your exercise at least three hours before bedtime — elevated body temperature is a barrier to sleep).
- Avoid napping.
- Avoid caffeine (coffee, tea, soft drinks, chocolate), nicotine and other stimulants after noon.

Around bedtime

- Aim for 8½ to 9¼ hours sleep a night.
- Choose a bedtime that works for you, and go to bed around this time each day.
- Avoid alcohol — although it makes you sleepy, it shortens and disrupts sleep.
- Avoid over-stimulation later in the evening. Intense study, computer games, arguing or heated discussions are incompatible with sleep.
- Develop a soothing pre-sleep routine to train the body into a relaxed state for bed (try a hot bath or a quiet read, chamomile tea or a relaxation technique in the hour before bed).
- Create a good sleeping space that is dark, comfortable, cool, quiet and uncontactable, which means no mobile phone and no internet.
- Avoid bright light in the evening, in adolescence. Screens, especially computer screens at close range, tell the body clock that it is not yet dark.
- If you have any worries or concerns at bedtime, write them down for consideration in the morning.
- If you're not asleep 20 minutes after lights out, get up and do something quiet until you feel tired.

ITALY TRIP CAMP NOVEMBER 2008

After a very enthusiastic parent meeting last week, most of the permission forms, including the Medical forms of students who wish to participate in this camp, are now in. Those students who have not put down their \$500 deposit yet, please do so at the front office as soon as possible. The travel agent is working on fine tuning a more up to date quote and notice will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.

Fundraising chocolates should be available from the end of this week so that students can begin to raise money to put towards their camp. Please see Ms. Anagnostopoulos.

For further information and enquiries, please contact Ms. D'Amore on ph.94804066.

CRICKET CRICKET CRICKET **IVANHOE ROOSTERS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB** Green Street, Ivanhoe -

U13, U/15, U/17's to play in the Friday Night Twilight competitions commencing October 2008 –
Come along and join the fun, all equipment including bats, pads & helmets are provided –
Further enquiries can be made to the Club President, David Dillion Ph 0418 593846

Mathematics and Science Tuition

Are you looking for an edge to perform at your best? \$60/hr at the office. Home tuition by negotiation. Contact Dr Jason Jeffers 0408 553 175 or www.galoisdream.com.au

BRUNSWICK CRICKET CLUB [BBC]

Looking for girls and boys for its u 10, u 12, u .14 And u 16 teams for the upcoming season.
The first training sessions are at . . .
A.G. Gillon Oval, Pearson St, Brunswick. (Mel.29 E6)
* under 10s and 12s Tuesday August 26 4.30pm
* under i4s and i6s Thursday August 28 4.30pm
Play cricket in a competitive yet friendly environment at a club with a famous history...
We'd love to see you down at training;
Why not come down and have a hit?
For more information contact Ian Syson on 0413 351 681



BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In February 2009, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au

PROUD SPONSOR OF **YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS[2008]:** **GROCON**

CLASS OF 2007 **BEER & BURGER NIGHT**

Come along for a night of catching up plus
FREE burgers & beer! (B.Y.O spirits and wine)

WHEN: Wednesday 27th August 2008

WHERE: Thornbury High School (Staffroom)

TIME: 6pm – 8pm

R.S.V.D: Friday 22ND August 2008

by phone 9480-4066

or email thornbury.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

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e.g. VEGETARIAN, HALAL OR GLUTEN FREE

Outstanding graduation jumpers & 2007 school DVD
will also be given out

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