

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3 2008

25 th July	VCE Formal
31 st July	Curriculum Day [No school] Keys Please Evening 7pm
1 st August	Westpac Maths Competition
6-8 th August	Year 8 Music Camp
7 th August	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal] Year 12 Information Evening [part 2]
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	<i>Christine Farmakis</i>	9458 6141
Year 11	<i>Mary Anagnostopoulos</i>	9458 6138
Year 10	<i>Lyndal Roper</i>	9458 6113
Year 9	<i>Caroline McLachlan</i>	9458 6167
Year 8	<i>Robert Basso</i>	9458 6170
Year 7	<i>Anne Herschell</i>	9458 6168



Sydney Music Tour: The Senior Band performed publicly on a number of occasions on their recent Sydney tour. [See p 2]

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

THORBURY IN TOP 2% OF THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS FOR LEARNING CONFIDENCE

The 'Student Attitude to School' survey was released to all schools by the Education Department last Friday. This survey, completed in early term 2, provided students with an opportunity to comment on wellbeing, teaching and learning and student relationships. The students have overwhelmingly given the school a ringing endorsement with all these areas showing an improvement from 2007.

The school is in the top 5% of the state for:

- Learning confidence (top 2%)
- Student morale
- School connectedness
- Student motivation
- Teacher effectiveness

The school is in the top 10% of the state for:

- Teacher empathy
- Connectedness to peers

The school is in the top 15% of the state for:

- Student safety
- Stimulating learning
- Classroom behaviour

These outstanding results reflect the significant time all staff and coordinators put into student attendance, retention, engagement and wellbeing. Students at this school have a very positive perception of their ability as students.

They feel cheerful, relaxed, happy and energized at Thornbury High School.

The challenge for the school community is to maintain these results over the next years as well as to manage a significant period of growth.

For a copy of the complete survey go to our web site and follow the links to 'student support', then 'wellbeing'.

Peter Egeberg

EARLY DISMISSALS FOR ALL STUDENTS, TERM 3

The Professional Development afternoons for teachers will continue in term 3. All students will be dismissed at 1.40pm on these afternoons.

(NB the afternoons are on Thursdays in term 3)

Term 3 dates will be:-

•24th July •7th August •21st August •4th September

Curriculum Team

REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NEW BUILDING IN 7/8 AREA

Last weekend the garage for the buses was removed to make way for the construction of two new classrooms and offices for the 7/8 area.

We will be looking at plans shortly and hope to have a copy available for parent input in the near future.

A new garage will be constructed on the other side of the school near the technology wing.

POLICIES

New policies have recently been developed in the areas of Anaphylaxis, First Aid, Part Time Staff, Head Lice and Conjunctivitis, in line with the Department of Education and Training guidelines by our School Council Policy Sub Committee.

Parents are welcome to view these policies and can contact the school for copies.

UPDATING CONTACT/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Parents/Guardians are urged to notify the school of any changes to phone numbers/emergency contacts. It is imperative that the school be able to reach parents/guardians in the case of an emergency.

Meredith Stephenson Assistant Principal

STUDENT WELLBEING REPORT

Term three has well and truly started successfully. One of the first events organised is the **Keys Please** evening on **Thursday 31st July in the Kaye Coghlan Centre at 7pm**. The evening is presented by Vic Roads and the forum will give out lots of relevant and updated information for young people regarding the

new driving licensing system in Victoria. All Year 10, 11 and 12 students have been issued with a brochure with the details of the evening. Please ensure you fill in the RSVP section and return it to the school as soon as possible. There will be information packs distributed and prizes offered at the presentation. Please mark this date in your calendar as it is definitely an evening that parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

On August 28th as part of the AFL Kick Start Program, indigenous students at THS and friends have been invited to attend an inspirational presentation. It is important parents of these students encourage their child to attend as it is one of many program THS is implementing throughout the year for the wellbeing of all students.

As part of our student wellbeing team we are pleased to announce our new school nurse, Emily Graham, has been appointed at THS. She will be joining us from the 25th July. Stay tuned for more information about Emily.

We are busy planning some fun and inspirational days in particular for our Year 7 and 8 students in term three. Please ensure you read the school newsletter and any notice that may come home informing you of these days and the (minimal) cost involved.

Till next time, keep smiling!

Barbara Carydis Student Wellbeing Coordinator



MUSIC NEWS

SYDNEY TOUR

At the end of last term the music department took the Senior Band on the long-awaited tour to Sydney. Thirty students and five staff (Nick, Sean, Craig, Tim and Diana) drove to Sydney in their coach, arriving the first night at Woollongong at 6.00pm. After dinner, we had an evening rehearsal before hitting the sack.

After a refreshing nights sleep (except for some of the year 9 boys and male teachers!) we travelled the next day to beautiful Sydney, arriving at Manly in time to

perform in The Mall for lunch-time shoppers. It was a warm and sunny day and many people stopped to listen to our wonderful band. Afterwards, we had time to wander around the beaches and shops before hopping on the ferry to travel over to Circular Quay. We all enjoyed this trip, some students viewing the magnificent harbour views for the first time. Then it was time to join our tour guide for an informative and interesting tour of the fabulous Opera House, before re-joining our coach for the short drive to our Sydney accommodation. We were staying opposite Paddy's Market and that night we strolled down to Darling Harbour and enjoyed our dinner as a group at a restaurant. Following a ride on the Light Rail Loop, it was time for bed and sleep (apart from those who were disturbed by the garbage trucks, the year 9 boys and students from another school).

At breakfast on Wednesday we were happy to welcome Peter, who had braved an early flight from down south to join our merry band. Wednesday also saw us navigating our way around the city with maps, before attending a concert at a city cathedral by the NSW Army Band. This was excellent and inspired us to achieve higher levels in our own performances. Then it was time to travel over the Harbour Bridge where we once again entertained shoppers, this time at the Chatswood Mall, drawing a huge crowd of listeners.

That night Peter accepted a ten-pin bowling challenge from the year 12's and took them all out for the night. The rest of us enjoyed dinner back at the hotel before a fun night swimming and then bed.

the lifts the view at the top was worth it as we watched all the lights come on over the city at dusk. That night we visited nearby Chinatown and dined with the locals: a colourful event and one which we shall all remember!

Sadly, it was time to return to our hotel and start packing for the early start and long drive back the next day.

At 6am on Friday we left sunny Sydney and drove out against the traffic in our quest south. The sky gradually greyed over and the temperature dropped and by 7pm we were back in lovely cold Melbourne! Overall it was a wonderful trip, the kids behaved and performed extremely well and were a pleasure to take away.

MUSIC DATES

Yr 8 Music Camp	Wed 6-Fri 8 August
Yr 7 Music Camp	Wed 22-Fri 24 Oct
End of Year Concert	Tues 28 Oct



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

A reminder to all year 12 students: now is the time to start to prepare for end of year exams. Study habits need to be reviewed and students must prioritise their studies and other commitments. Students who need further help to organise new Study Plans are urged to make an appointment with Ms Farmakis.

SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL – Friday 25th July – Early Dismissal

All senior students have been given the arrangements for Friday. A summary appears below:

YEAR 12 STUDENTS ATTENDING THE FORMAL

- Are required to attend period 1 and 2 classes as scheduled
- May go home at recess time with parental permission

YEAR 12 STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING THE FORMAL

- Must attend school as scheduled on Friday.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS ATTENDING THE FORMAL

- Are required to attend *all* scheduled classes on Friday.



On Thursday, after farewelling our Principal, we once again loaded our instruments onto the bus and headed off, this time to famous Bondi. Our performance at the local primary school was one of our best yet, and very well received by the little ones. Buoyed up by our success, we enjoyed lunchtime at Bondi Beach before hastening back into the city for our brush with height at the Sydney Tower. Despite the long wait for

YEAR 12 PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING – PART 2

Venue: Kaye Coghlan Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Date: 7th August

Agenda: VTAC Application Process and Post Secondary Options

Parents and students of Year 12 are encouraged to attend this briefing. Essential information about 'where to next' will be discussed.

- All you need to know about applying for tertiary study.
- Important dates and time line for the application process.
- Importance of attending Open Days.
- Direct versus indirect pathways to the career of your choice.
- Special Entry Access Schemes (SNAP – RMIT, Access and Equity, Special Year 12 Consideration).

Invitations to the evening will be sent home with students on Tuesday 29th July.

If you require further information regarding this evening please contact Christine Farmakis – 94586141 or James Stoicov – 94586137

YEAR 11 QUEENSLAND CAMP

A reminder that the payment schedule for the camp:

Deposit	\$60
June 19 th	\$180
July 19 th	\$180
August 19 th	<u>\$180</u>
Total Cost	<u>\$600</u>

This means that by the end of August all the camp cost need to be paid. If you are having difficulties with the scheduled dates please speak to Ms Anagnostopoulos or Mr Stoicov.

Students are selling chocolates to raise funds for camp costs and spending money. Please buy their chocolates or encourage your child to assist in raising some funds themselves.

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



13TH WOMEN OF NOTE MENTOR BREAKFAST

On May 13th we attended the 2008 Women of Note Mentor Breakfast. It was an engaging and interesting experience, discussing career pathways with people in the field representing our areas of interest.

Areti was seated next to a radiologist with 20 years experience and a nurse. They discussed different fields of medicine and career pathways in these areas. Stella's interests are in graphics and fashion so she was sitting with marketing directors of large organisations as well as designers.

Although our career paths are different, our mentors told us that we must be ready for change. We could strive for one career, but realise that our interests lead us to other career options.

On the day there was a great speaker by the name of Kirsty Dunphey. She started her first business at 15 years of age and by the age of 21, owned her first real estate agency. In 2002 she was named the national winner of Telstra's Young Business Woman of the Year. Kirsty believes that "anything is possible".

Overall the day was very inspiring and we got some great advice on how to strive for our goals and future aspirations.

By Areti Louzis 11B and Stella Foster 11B

LIBRARY NEWS

August 16-24 is Book Week so we are having a dress up day on August 20th. PRIZES!!!

HOMEWORK CLUB

A voluntary **Homework Club** operates after school in the library until 4pm. It is well patronised by students, mainly from the junior school but also from other year levels. This term the Homework Club will operate every **Monday** and **Wednesday** from **3:10 to 4:00 pm** every week.

A teacher of English/ Humanities will supervise the Homework club. Students will also have access to computers, library books and facilities during this period. Students are expected to work quietly in the library and to bring the appropriate books and equipment.

Chris Zographos

CAREERS NEWS

MUSIC INDUSTRY CAREERS NIGHT

Information about the wide variety of options for work in this industry. Talk to people in it.

Camberwell Civic Centre 30th July 7-9 pm

Book on: www.booroondara.vic.gov.au/youth

For year ten students and parents: **VCE Expo and Info Evening** at LaTrobe University (West Lecture Theatre) 30th July 6:30-9pm.

Book on: www.latrobe.edu.au/register

VTAC GUIDE 2009 will be on sale at the school and at newsagents at the end of July.

ELECTRICAL PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TESTS

The Electrical Contractors Association runs this test in October to select candidates for apprenticeships in the

industry. See information in the VCE Centre for details.

For year 12 parents and students:

Check the notice about the **VTAC Information Evening** to be held at the school on the 7th August.

M.I.P'S: WHAT THE?!

How much money do you hope to earn? Have you thought about University? What about an apprenticeship...

With so many questions to be answered it is easy to see why many young people dread the question 'what do you want to do when you leave school'?

The Managed Individual Pathways (M.I.P's) program is designed to help students make a supported transition from secondary school into tertiary study, apprenticeships and the workforce.

Students from years 10 to 12 receive individual 'careers counselling' exploring their interests, skills and passions. With the support of careers counsellors' Stephen Barlow, David Smith and Johanna Apostolopoulos, students construct an individualised pathways plan. This process involves identifying pre-requisite subject requirements for tertiary study as well as exploring training and employment options.

This year MIP's has entered the classroom with year 10 P.D students introduced to the program through some helpful online careers resources. With individual counselling due to begin next week, students and their parents are encouraged to explore these useful online resources at home. Some suggested sites include:

www.my.future.edu.au: great site for young people and their parents with careers information activities and quizzes

www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au: highly recommended site for young people

www.jobsearch.gov.au: suitable for young people and their parents that includes online job search and careers information

For more info please call the M.I.P's team on 9480 - 4066

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2008- NOT JUST FOR YEAR 12'S!

Uni open days are not just for year 12 students. Any student looking at a specific course should consider heading to as many open days as possible. It is a fantastic opportunity to look at universities, get more information regarding courses and also check out facilities and campus life.

[For a complete list of open days and hours see the VTAC Calendar in the VCE common room]

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

Monash University (Parkville – (Pharmacy, etc))

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton Campuses)

THS NEWS July 24th 2008

SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST

Australian Institute of Public Safety
Deakin University (Geelong)
RMIT (University & TAFE) (all campuses)
Victoria University (Uni & TAFE) (Footscray Park campus only)
William Angliss Institute (TAFE)

WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST

Australian College of Sports Therapy (and other dates)
University of Melbourne (Vet Science at Werribee)

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST

Holmesglen Institute (TAFE)
J.M.C. Academy

SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST

Australian Catholic University (Melbourne - Fitzroy campus)
Photography Studies College
Swinburne University of Technology (Uni & TAFE) (all campuses)
University of Melbourne (Parkville & College of the Arts)

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

NMIT (all campuses)

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST

Box Hill Institute (TAFE)
Deakin University (Melbourne -Burwood)
Footscray City College Film & TV School
University of Melbourne (Horticulture -Burnley campus)

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

Australian College of Natural Medicine
LaTrobe University (Bundoora)
University of Ballarat

TRIP TO ITALY 2008 [NOVEMBER – DECEMBER]

The Lote Faculty is organizing a trip to Italy for late November, 2008 as a return visit to our Sister School the "Istituto Giannone". The students will be based in San Marco in Lamis, Puglia. The school group will be hosted by homestay families of the students of the Istituto Giannone whose children have visited us in 2006 and in March of this year.

The program will include visits to the school and trips to various parts of this very beautiful and unspoilt region, full of colourful history and very scenic landscape. The group will visit towns such as Alberobello, Bari, the extraordinary Castellana caves, San Giovanni Rotondo and many other interesting places including ancient castles and Moorish forts. They will take part in various festivities and activities for which San Marco in Lamis is well known.

The group will also visit, among other cities, the ancient and eerie ruins of Pompei as well as Rome.

The cost of this tour is quite reasonable - covering the necessary travel costs, including insurance, as the group will be guests of the sister school while in Italy. To register your child's interest, please complete the tear off slip below and ensure your child hands it to their Lote teacher or to their Form teacher ASAP.

This tour is open to all interested students in the school.

A meeting for interested families will take place at the School on Tuesday 5th August 7pm.

ITALY TRIP

Name of Student :

Year Level of Student:

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s):

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Parent/guardian contact numbers:

(home).....

(mobile).....

Student has a current passport. YES / NO

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Year 10 SRC organised a Year 7 indoor soccer competition this week.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALCOHOL SURVEY

A new on-line survey has been launched to give young people a voice in the debate about alcohol. This is an important discussion to generate new ideas to tackle alcohol abuse and binge drinking. You can find a link to the survey at www.marywooldridge.com. A facebook group, Alcohol and Young People, can also be accessed via this website. In recognition of people's time there will be a draw for an ipod shuffle open to everyone who completes the survey before August 15.

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets are now available exclusively for all staff, students and families of Victorian government schools for this year's *Victorian State Schools Spectacular* performance *Made in Australia*.

Book now to be assured of good seats.

Made in Australia - the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2008 and *Government Schools Expo* will be held at Hisense Arena (formerly Vodafone Arena) at 2pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 6 September; and 2pm on Sunday 7 September.

The *Victorian State Schools Spectacular* is a massive performance event featuring the talents of 2,500 students performing onstage in massed choreography and song. This year's performance brings together a 100 piece orchestra, a 950 voice choir, more than 1200 dancers, 30 vocalists and 70 speciality performers. The performers are all students from Victorian government schools from all across the state.

"Made in Australia" is a celebration of Australian culture – past and present. The music and songs are our most iconic well loved numbers taken from Australia's rich archive of popular music. Tickets are available through Ticketek on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au

For enquiries about the show: contact Joining the Chorus on (03) 9415 1700 or go to www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular

DO YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR EMA?

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.

To qualify for the second instalment the eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 1st August 2008 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$215 for primary students and \$430 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who have transferred their child/ren to this school after 29 February 2008 and prior to or on 1 August 2008, must reapply at this school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

PROUD SPONSOR OF YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS[2008]:

Grocon (03) 9631 8833

HOMEWORK TIMETABLE FOR YEARS 7-9

Semester 2, Term 3 2008

YEAR LEVEL	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7A	English	Mathematics	Science	SOSE	LOTE
7B	English	Mathematics	GOLD SOSE	GOLD Science	LOTE
			BLUE Science	BLUE SOSE	
7C	Science	English	SOSE	Mathematics	LOTE
7D	English	Mathematics	SOSE	Science	LOTE
7E	Science	Mathematics	English	SOSE	LOTE
7F	SOSE	English	Mathematics	Science	LOTE
8A	LOTE	Science	English	SOSE	Mathematics
8B	LOTE	Science	Mathematics	SOSE	English
8C	LOTE	Mathematics	Science	English	SOSE
8D	LOTE	English	SOSE	Science	Mathematics
9A	QUEST	LOTE / ESL	Mathematics	QUEST	Science
9B	QUEST	LOTE / ESL	Mathematics	Science	QUEST
9C	QUEST	LOTE / ESL	Mathematics	QUEST	Science
9D	QUEST	LOTE / ESL	Mathematics	QUEST	Science

- Teachers are required to set homework on the day the subject appears on the Homework Timetable.
- The subject teacher is to decide when that homework is due.
- Homework for Art, Technology, Music, PE will be set when required.
- Teachers should ensure all students have homework on these nights and that it is written in the planner.
- Teachers should avoid giving homework on other nights unless students are not Using their class time effectively or have a test or assignment due.
- Teachers need to decide on a consequence if homework is not done (eg. A note in planner and a teacher detention for a repeat offence).