



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2008

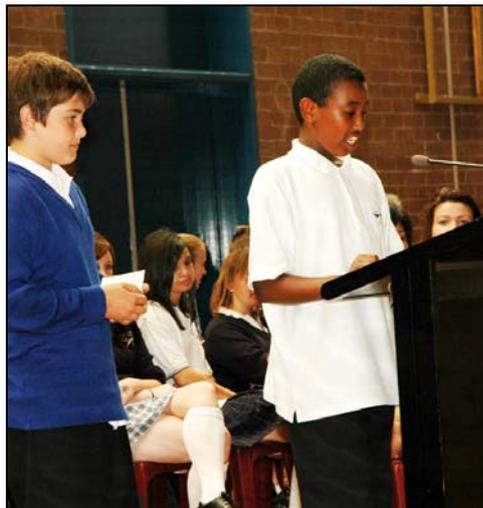
7 th April	First day of term 2
8 th April	Interim Reports mailed home
16 th April	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal] School Council SubCommittees
17 th April	Parent Teacher Interviews
23 rd April	School Council
25 th April	Anzac Day [No school]
28 th April	Athletics Sports Knotts Reserve Collingwood
30 th April	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
13-15 th May	Year 7 & 9 AIMS Tests
14 th May	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal] School Council SubCommittees
19 th May	Immunization year 7,9,10 girls
21 st May	School Council
28 th May	Staff Development [1.40pm dismissal]
5-6 th June	Year 10 Exams
9 th June	Queen's Birthday [No School]
10-12 th June	Year 11 Exams
10-13 th June	Year 9 City School

10-13 th June	Year 10 Work Experience
11 th June	School Council SubCommittees
11-12 th June	Year 12 Exams
13 th June	GAT
16 th June	Correction Day [No School]
18 th June	Full School Assembly School Council
23-27 th June	Year 9-12 Sydney Music Tour
27 th June	End of Term 2 [1.09pm dismissal] Reports distributed

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



INFORMATION NIGHT 2008

Last Thursday, the school held a very successful information evening. Despite the oppressive weather conditions, approximately 300 people were in attendance, with close to 100 families. The highlight of the evening was the presentations given by students currently in year 7. The following is a transcript of a speech delivered by one of these students, Ainslee Baruhas 7D.

My Transition

Choosing a secondary school is a very gruelling task. It takes research and commitment and [it] is a decision that affects your child for next 6 years of their lives. I'm Ainslee Baruhas and have just started year 7 at Thornbury High and could not think of a better place to be! I've made many new friends, have been challenged academically and have been truly welcomed by the school community here.

In the lead up to starting high school, I was very apprehensive and sad about leaving primary school [Preston Primary] and starting this new journey. But I needn't have worried. By the end of the first week I had already made many new friends and was loving the many aspects of high school. On the second week we had camp. What a wonderful way to get to know our teachers and peers. The year 7 transition camp was at Cape Otway. On this camp I made many more new friends and got to know the ones I already had. The teachers made us feel welcome and comfortable with the big change that we had made. Coming from a school with many other students, and being the social person that I am, I had no worries about making friends. But for those who did come from a school with

nobody, the teachers made them feel extra welcome and introduced them to many new students. The next big challenge was to apply myself academically.

I came to Thornbury from a co-ed Primary school, and was put into a co-ed high achievers class. The work is challenging yet achievable and I really love learning the new subjects and topics that the school offers. I find learning at Thornbury fun and interesting and look forward to spending the next 6 years here.

There are bullying policies put in place, that teachers act upon straight away. Because Thornbury is such a small school, there is a real sense of unity and community here. All the students are friendly and helpful and I have not been lost once!

I am truly loving high school and could not picture myself any where else. The work is suitable for all levels of education, and it's great to see the multicultural atmosphere here. Thornbury have many programs to get involved in, there's the debating team, and SRC, sporting teams, music groups, and homework club that give you many opportunities to get involved in things that you wouldn't normally get to do. A new program is the mixed and single sex classes. Thornbury now has a program to cater for every learning type.

I'm proud to say that I'm a Thornbury student, and I am proud to say I truly love high school.

Ainslee Baruhas 7D



STRAW BALE SOUND STUDIO Holes have been dug and the stumps are in! Work can now begin in earnest using the skills of our wonderful VCAL students.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher meetings will take place on Thursday 17th April during the following times:

- 10.00am – 1.00pm
- 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Interim reports will be mailed out on Tuesday 8th April with the Parent booking sheet. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment time with their child's subject

teachers. Students will not be required to attend classes on the 17th April, but are expected to attend the interviews with their parents.

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 beginning on Wednesday 16th April. (NB the afternoons are on Wednesdays in term 2)

Term 2 dates will be:-

- 16th April •30th April •14th May •28th May

Carmel Ryan School Improvement Manager

MUSIC NEWS

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Parents are reminded that year 7 students should now be taking their instruments home and practising on a nightly basis. If your child has not yet shown you what they are doing on their instrument maybe they are having difficulty carrying it home? Some of the more cumbersome instruments may need assistance from parents in transportation. Learning a musical instrument needs a lot of parental support in the early days to ensure students are reaching their potential.

SYDNEY TOUR

Senior Band is currently preparing for their forthcoming tour to Sydney. This will take place during the last week of term 2 (check dates below) and promises to be a lot of fun. Students have been given full notices regarding this tour and need to return them to Nick Dean ASAP to facilitate further planning.

DATES

Improvisation Concert	Mon 21 April
Senior Band Sydney Tour	Mon 23-Fri 27 June
Mid-Year Concert	Tue 23 July
Yr 8 Music Camp	Wed 6-Fri 8 August
Yr 7 Music Camp	Wed 22-Fri 24 Oct
End of Year Concert	Tue 28 Oct

SWIMMING SPORTS

On Thursday 13th March, ten members of the Thornbury High School swimming team ventured down to the Brunswick City Baths to compete in the Northern Zone Swimming Carnival. With the temperature nearing 40°C each competitor put in a fantastic effort both in and out of the pool.

Congratulations to Merryn Roe 7D, Jarryd Reid 7E and Patrick Hotchin 7E for making it through to the Zone finals in their individual events. The U13 boys [Patrick Hotchin, Jarryd Reid, Damien Bryan and Jacob Walker] were all smiles after taking out 2nd place in the U13 freestyle relay and the U13 girls [Hannah, Kelly, Stella & Merryn] freestyle relay team placed 3rd. Both team thereby secured a spot in the

zone finals which will be held on the 10th April at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. Good luck to all those students.

Carla Ruhe Sports Coordinator

STUDENT WELLBEING REPORT

The end of term has arrived and so much has happened at THS. On Tuesday 4th March at the whole school assembly, students were entertainingly informed about various achievements of students.

One important event that took place at the beginning of this assembly was the 'Welcome to Country Ceremony' which also coincided with the recent, historic, Australian Government Apology.

A 'Welcome to Country' occurs when the Traditional Aboriginal Custodians welcome people to their Land. A representative of the local Aboriginal Custodians, in our case from the Wurundjeri tribe, was invited to perform the 'Welcome'



Acknowledgement of Country: is undertaken by non-Koori people whereby the first speaker at a forum pays recognition and respect to the traditional owners. It

further promotes greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and reconciliation. It is hoped that all Australians, including our School Community, is aware that Australia has a "black history" too and we must strive to acknowledge and learn from our past.

On April 21st Years 7-10 students will listen to **Lorin Nicholson** who is a blind, gifted musician. He will entertain and inspire our students. A small compulsory fee will be required from all students to cover the costs for this speaker. Stay tuned for more information about this event. Following is a report from Jo Apostolopoulos, another valuable member of the Student Wellbeing team, who will tell you about her role at the school.

Have a happy Easter and a happy holiday.

See you all next term.

Barbara Carydis Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Name: Johanna Apostolopoulos

Position: Youth Worker

About Jo: Jo, who graduated from Thornbury High in 2001, is now in her second year as the school's youth worker. Jo performs a variety of roles including confidential one-on-one counselling, co-ordinating the SRC, supporting the student Sustainability group and also working closely with David Smith in the M.I.P's (Managed Individual Pathways) department.

Jo has worked with many students from across year levels and feels that the young people of Thornbury

High share a strong sense of community, friendship and are generally very accepting of one another. As an ex-student she feels privileged to be welcomed back and have the opportunity to "give back" to the school community that supported her throughout her own education.

Where to find Jo: Jo is available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am until 3pm. Students are always welcome to come in for a chat- especially during recess and lunch when Jo likes to share lollies!

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND ELECTIVE

Students have begun exploring a wide range of social, emotional and physical health issues as part of the year 9 & 10 Healthy Body Healthy Mind elective. Issues such as Self esteem, Body Image, Consumer Culture and Nutrition have featured prominently so far.

Students been engaged in a variety of practical activities relating to these areas. The delicious fruit smoothies, made by the students, were a fantastic way of introducing the importance of good nutrition and positive food choices.

Students have also worked on improving their social skills by establishing a "buddy" program with the year 7F girls' class and that is proving to be very successful. Movement to music workshops have also complemented the program. Students have demonstrated a great deal of interest and enthusiasm for the subject and are applying a lot of effort to all activities. Stay tuned for more!



VET SPORT & RECREATION

Fourteen students from various schools in the Darebin Cluster are undertaking the Certificate II in Community Recreation this year at Thornbury High School. Students have begun work in units which cover Knowledge of the Sport and Recreation Industry as well as Occupational Health and Safety. Practical activities such as excursions to Northcote YMCA (PUMP Class), a Movement to Music Workshop and Indoor Rock Climbing have helped the students to

gain a greater understanding of the concepts involved in the theory components. Students will be beginning their Level 2 First Aid Course in term 2.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING

Ms Farmakis, Year 12 co-ordinator, presented an informative talk on the rules and regulations of the VCAA, the VCE assessment process and advice on planning for study in the VCE. A summary of the Study Advice, which is relevant to all VCE students, includes:

Time Management

1. Enter all SAC dates into planners
2. Create a study plan for each night
3. 2-4 hours of homework most nights
4. 3-4 hours of homework on weekends
5. Allow time for work, sport and leisure activities in study plans
6. Allow for 1 week of study during term holidays

REVISION LECTURES AND SEMINARS

The VCE Centre receives information from many organisations advertising various revision lectures and seminars. The information is distributed during form meetings and is also displayed around the centre.

Prices vary from free seminars to programs worth many hundreds of dollars. Encourage your child to bring home this information and attend any relevant lectures.

SENIOR SCHOOL TEAM (Christine Farmakis, Mary Anagnostopoulos, James Stoicov)



Sustainability Day: Propagation of native plants was one of the organised activities on Sustainability Day Wednesday 19th of March.

ITALIAN SISTER SCHOOL VISIT: ISTITUTO GIANNONE

A group of 26 students and two staff arrived from Italy (San Marco in Lamis) last week to spend one week at Thornbury High. The official ceremony of welcome took place on Friday 14th March, at which a number of community members were present, as well as the

special guest, Mr. Joe Colletta, President of the San Marco in Lamis Social Club in Melbourne. This year, due to the extreme weather conditions, the traditional soccer match between the two schools had to be postponed to the next visit-to the great disappointment of both sides.

The students are staying with their relatives for the duration of their visit. Their program includes a tour of the school, a visit to the classrooms, English lessons, visits to Northlands, the Ian Potter Centre, the Immigration museum and the Victorian State Parliament. This is the third visit from our sister school so far since the Sister School program with Italy began in 2000. The Principal from the Istituto and his staff present in Melbourne have expressed a strong wish that a group of students from Thornbury go to Italy on a return visit.

E. D'Amore International Student Coordinator

PROUD SPONSOR OF YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS[2008]:

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COMMUNITY STAGE BAND!

**All levels of playing welcome.
We welcome all instruments
Especially Saxes, Trumpet
and Trombone**

When: Tuesday 15th of April
at 7:00 – 8:30pm

Then each second Tuesday after.

Where: Thornbury High 238 Collins St
(Thornbury music room)

Contact: 9480 4066 / 0417 112 508

Or Email:

dean.nicholas.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Bring your instrument
Come and give it a go!**