THS Origami Swan

The Year 7 team were greatly impressed with the creation of the Thornbury High School Swan. The effort that Josh put into this 'Origami Extravaganza' had us in awe of his determination, patience and creativity. We wish Josh great success in his bid for inclusion in R=The Guinness Book of Records. We are very proud to have Josh as part of our Year 7 family.

"I am very proud to say that I come from Thornbury High School, so, I wanted to make something for the school to show how happy I am that I am a part of this awesome school.

It took me 35 hours to make the triangular pieces and 3 hours to make the model of this '3D Origami Winged Swan'. I have made the swan in Thornbury High School colours and have donated it to my school.

It is my largest 3D Origami model yet, and it is a world record for 'Largest 3D Origami Winged Swan'.

It was a tough challenge to make the swan, and it was very time consuming; it took lots of patience and determination to achieve one of goals.

I was very happy with the way it turned out; all the work was definitely worth it. Despite all the problems that I came across with this model, I was still able to push through and make it work.

I am very proud to be a student at Thornbury High School, and I am so glad to have been accepted to be part of this great school.

With over two thousand pieces, this 3D Origami Swan sits in the school building for hundreds to see, and hopefully it will also be in The Guinness Book of Records, for thousands to see."

Joshua, G 7F Year 7 Team
Give A Gonski

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The future funding of our school is being determined right now. The State Government is considering whether to sign a Gonski agreement with the Federal Government that would deliver $4 billion more for Victorian schools. Figures released this week show the increase for Thornbury High School would be as much as $4,417,013 over the next six years — a 41% increase.

This investment would make a real difference to the education of your child and other students at our school. It would allow us to do things like:
- Increased literacy and numeracy support
- Improvements to buildings and grounds
- Better resources for performing Arts

This will be a real investment in our kids and their futures.

Please help our school to secure this funding. Unfortunately, Premier Napthine hasn’t yet agreed to sign up to Gonski. You can support your child’s education by ringing your local state MP, Matthew Guy to let them know why this investment is so important.

The contact details are:
Phone: (03) 9457 5328
Email: matthew.guy@parliament.vic.gov.au

I’m sure he would love to hear your personal perspective on this matter.

If you would like to find out more about Gonski funding for our schools, please visit the website igiveagonski.com.au.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Egeberg, Principal & Mark Gillies, AEU Sub Branch Representative

From The Assistant Principal

Facilities

We are extremely lucky at this school to have fairly good facilities for our students and staff. We continually work at keeping the school clean and the buildings looking good and working well.

After the holidays we will receive 2 Mod-5 portables. That is, 4 classroom spaces and 2 offices. Gone are the days of the old relocatable that we taught and learnt in. These are all air conditioned, in excellent working order and carpeted.

We have decided to place them up near the 11/12 centre to ensure that our senior students can remain close to the centre, their coordinators and teachers. We envisage that they will be in and completed well before the Year 12 exams so as to cause as little disruption as possible.

We are currently drawing up plans and looking at lay outs Uniform

With uniform, I still need to remind students and parents of three aspects of the school rules, namely:
1. Black tights OR white socks, not both
2. If you are wearing black socks they must be under the tights
3. Thornbury High School jackets only

Also, now the weather is wetter, if parents are having serious trouble drying articles of clothing send them to school and we will dry them for you. The articles are to be brought to Mrs Stephenson before 8:30 am.

I hope you all get a break over the next 2 weeks. Stay warm and happy holidays

Meredith Stephenson, Assistant Principal

Library News

August 17-23 is Book Week, so we’ll be having our annual dress-up day on Wednesday, August 20. The THS theme this year is “Treasure Island”, but you can come as any book character. We also run a Co-splay event, so why not double up and come as a One Piece character?

Other news: Tamara Bartlett of Year 10 recently completed work experience with us. Tamara was efficient, professional and helpful in the best traditions of librarianship, so many thanks!
Year 10 Study Skills and Good Health Week

In the last week of Semester 1 all Year 10 students have been involved in a Study Skills and Good Health Program. During the program all students will be completing a Certificate 2 in First Aid where they will gain life long skills required by all. Students will also immerse themselves in the Elevate Education Program which is a proven program run by young presenters who can engage students at their level. The four sessions that students will complete are Path to Study Sensei, Time Management, Student Elevation and Memory and Mnemonics. The program will be followed by students getting feedback from their teachers about how they performed in their exams. Students will also have an opportunity to participate in the Keys Please Program. This program explores issues related to road safety for young drivers and is an essential component of the learning to drive process. Students will also have an opportunity to be involved in a study organised by Melbourne University about “Sleep and Education”. Melbourne university staff will survey students and also talk to students about good sleep stress and study skills. The Study Skills & Good Health program will end with an introduction to different Pathways beyond Year 10. This introduction will be the beginning of students’ journey to making decisions for 2014 and beyond.

In semester two, parents will be invited to assist with these major decisions.

Middle School Team

Senior School News

As I write this news report, I imagine there are many year 11’s frantically searching through their school bags looking for the ‘things to bring on camp list.’ Suitcases, back packs and sleeping bags will be brought out of storage, dusted and packed for the much anticipated Queensland Camp. And what a way to finish the semester – after completing coursework, SACs, SATs and exams we will now unwind and get to know each other just a little bit better under the Queensland sun.

Our Year 12s concluded their semester with the GAT and then a night out to enjoy the production of ‘Cosi’ at the Doncaster Play house.

Students enrolled in Personal Development Unit 1 and 3 have almost completed their Certificate II in the Driver Education Course (NMIT) and this week learnt how to respond to an emergency car accident.

This follows the recent completion of RSA Certificate (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) and upcoming Barista Course.

Semester Two

Semester two will begin with a busy schedule for staff and students in the Senior School.

•Parent Teacher Interviews for all Year 11 and 12 students will be held on the Thursday 18th July – 5.00pm to 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing all parents on the evening. This is the last Parent Teacher Meeting for student in the Senior School. For year 11 students the Parent Information Evening is important not only to discuss current progress but to also consider programs / subjects for 2014. Early next term students will receive their Subject Selection Forms for 2014. We remind students that they will have to select five of their current subjects and require at least a ‘C’ grade average to be considered for Unit 3 and 4. Students must have a total of ten units to successfully gain a place in Year 12. Selection Forms must be submitted to the Senior School no later than Monday August 12th.

•Senior School Formal July 26th.

VTAC Information Night for Year 12 students and Parents. Our year 12 students will be considering Post Compulsory courses for 2014. The compulsory information session for all Year 12 students will be held on Thursday August 1st. This session will provide an overview of what students must do in order to apply for TAFE / University courses next year. More information will be posted home during the first week of term III.

•Year 10 Students and Parents. And finally we approach that time of year where we meet our current Year 10 students who are moving into Year 11. On the evening of August 6th, we will meet with all Year 10 students and their parents to discuss Year 11 programs. This is a compulsory evening for all students who wish to study at THS in 2014. The evening will provide parents and students the opportunity to discuss subjects and programs with staff, receive Subject Selection Forms and better understand the promotion process.

I wish all students a restful and safe term break and a productive term 3. I look forward to seeing you all in term 4 when I return from Long Service Leave. Christine Farmakis, Ryan Millar and Mary Anagnostopoulos will be managing the Senior School during this term.

Maria Ioannidis, Senior School Manager
2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open: Mondays (during term), 3.00 – 4.00pm
Location: First Aid Room 1 (near Reception)

Turn outgrown/unwanted uniform items into THS account credit

A Bargain Rack has been set up.

Schoolkids Bonus—Second Instalment

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you are eligible to receive one of the following payments on 30th June 2013:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus for 2013 will be paid by Centrelink from 4 to 17 July. It will be paid straight into your bank account [$205 for each primary student & $410 for each secondary student]. If you receive Family Tax Benefit as a lump sum the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid after your Family Tax Benefit claim is assessed.

If you haven’t received your payment by 18 July, but think you’re eligible, or if you have queries regarding the Schoolkids Bonus, please contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances.

EMA

2nd Instalment—Do You Need To Apply?

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 a foster parent. Consequently, parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as of the first day of Term 3 (15th July 2013). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 2 August 2013 for the second instalment. Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who have transferred children from another school after 28 February 2013 and prior to or on 2 August 2013, must reapply at this school for the second instalment. Contact: School Office for application form and further

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- There’s a good range of stock available, so drop in for great prices.
- To sell uniform items that you no longer need, complete the attached form and drop it along with your uniform items into the front office. (The form can also be found on the THS website).
- Remember to make sure that the items are in saleable condition, i.e. good, very good or excellent condition. You get 50% of the selling price – but only for items in good to excellent condition.
- As soon as all of your items are sold, you’ll receive credit to your THS account. (Please refer to the conditions on the form for further information). Thanks and see you in the shop.

Bradlee and Mustafa
learning to ride road bikes with Cycle Victoria