It has been another year of achievements at Thornbury High. With the year coming to a close it is time to reflect on achievements in 2013:

- Introduction of new report format and online bookings
- New five year contract for Principal
- Parent survey shows over 80% approval for school improvement, behaviour management, connectedness and homework
- Latest student survey results are excellent and maybe close to our best results ever! Connectedness to peers and school, student motivation and morale all have percentiles in the top 5% of the state.
- New on-track data shows that 85% of year 12s are in education or training (with 45% at University)
- Bullying survey results 2013 showed significant increase in enrolments over the past 6 years has not resulted in any further increase in bullying
- Year 12 pathways for 2013, 92% of students received their first, second or third choice
- Highest VCE ATAR score 99.4 with perfect score in Maths Methods
- 30% of students received an ATAR above 70
- Congratulations to Kaitlin, Joshlyn and Lily - National Aerobics champions
- Merryn Roe raises close to $10,000 for World Vision
- Lily Watts and Hayden Smith were selected for the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars at Melbourne University for 2014.
- Nine students into the state athletics finals (with two state champions)
- Performance and development process including teacher observation and feedback

New Initiatives for 2014

- New programs developed at year 7 - Concept for high achievers and Extend for students below the expected level.

I hope all parents, students and staff have a well-deserved holiday.

Peter Egeberg
Principal
Coordinators 2014

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Managers and Coordinators for next year:

**Year 7**
Manager – Mark Gillies  
Coordinator - Helen Herouvim  
Coordinator - Grant Wason

**Year 8**
Manager – Ryan Miller  
Coordinator – Rachel Gelzinnis  
Coordinator - Tim Polwarth

**Year 9**
Manager – Caroline McLachlan  
Coordinator – Alan Williams

**Year 10**
Manager – Ann Vassos  
Coordinator – Lisa Dunne  
Coordinator – Barbara Carydis

**Year 11**
Manager – Maria Ioannidis  
Coordinator – Kyle Schutz  
Coordinator – Rick Manning

**Year 12**
Manager – Maria Ioannidis  
Coordinator – Christine Farmakis

Jobs at Thornbury High

We will shortly be advertising a job that will read as follows: We require a Sport support person who will oversee the organisation, transport, staffing of all support teams, help coach as required and be required to attend sporting and PE events including camps. The suitable candidate will be energetic, well organized, motivated and display initiative. The successful candidate will work with staff and students, 5 days per week 8:30 – 3:30pm.  
Enquiries to Saleem Nasser – 94804066  
Send resume to thornbury.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au  
Attention Saleem Nasser

Second Hand Book Sale

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE - WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 6 - 7:30PM  
Kaye Coghlan Centre.  
We are hosting the second-hand book sale on Wednesday 4th December in the Kaye Coghlan Centre from 6 – 7:30pm. All transactions are between the book seller and purchaser - the school is only providing the venue and details of the required books (price when new, correct edition). If you would like to sell books please arrive at 5.45pm to set up. If you are purchasing books, it is suggested that you bring enough cash to cover costs. If you have any questions please contact Paul Mameghan.

School Sponsorship from Nelson Alexander

The Northcote office of Nelson Alexander Real Estate recently contacted us in regards to how they could support our school over the next 6 years. After a meeting with Tom Alexiadis and Stephanie Moysey and then consulting with students and staff, it was decided to utilize their support on the following areas:

1. They will provide work experience placements in the areas of office admin and real estate;  
2. They will willingly come out to the school as speakers or mentors as required;  
3. They will donate $10,000 over the next 6 years to help support and fund the following:  
   - Leadership training for the Student Representative Council

As a school, we are really grateful to the team at Nelson Alexander and impressed with their commitment to our school over the next 6 years.

“Victoria-Jiangsu Principals Forum and visit to Thornbury High School”
New Facilities

Over the holidays and early into 2014, the following upgrades/new facilities will be constructed:

- 3 competition sized, outside multipurpose plexipaved courts. These are to be constructed on the oval to the side of the gym in line with our overall school master plan. The soccer oval will not be affected.
- 2 new teaching spaces, office and storeroom to the side of the gym for health classes.
- 4 new teaching spaces, offices and storerooms on the top courts including covered decking and lockers, seating, landscaped and sailed area for our Year 11/12 students.
- The 2 remaining top courts to be repaired and covered in Tiger Turf - a 100% polypropylene, fibrillated yarn that is UV resistant.
- New performing arts teaching space near the students wellbeing space and the Transition Learning Centre.
- Another upgrade to our existing power to ensure adequate supply.

All of the above is in addition to our normal ongoing maintenance of the school. This is a very exciting time for us all as we are funding most of these upgrades ourselves due to the shelving of our master plan, sale of land and gym construction by the DEECD.

Later in 2014, we are also expecting:

- New science teaching space – location to be decided.
- New art teaching space – location to be decided.

Meredith Stephenson
Assistant Principal

Melbourne Aquarium & Royal Botanical Gardens

Year 9 Science attends Melbourne Aquarium and the Royal Botanical Gardens. In two groups. The students were able to use the skills that they had mastered in the Quest program to use public transport to get them both in to the city and home, most students turning up with time to spare. We spent the morning at the aquarium where we were led by a staff member and taken on the path showing various aquatic ecosystems. The Aquarium has wonderful hands on learning programs for students to gain as much knowledge as they allow themselves. The new crocodile was the favoured exhibit for the day.

As a large group, the year 9s then wandered along Southbank where we had a short stop for lunch and on to the Botanical Gardens. During this session students were able to examine the classification system that Eucalypts are put into and complete water testing at the park’s aquatic ecosystem. This work was in order to complement the Compulsory Assessment Task that is set for Term 4. The day ended at Flinders St Station where students were dismissed and again used their skills to navigate home.

Victoria Triantafyllou

Senior School Band

On Tuesday, November 26 the Senior Concert Band performed in Queen’s Hall of State Parliament. Our band was described by the Premier Dr. Napthine as “An inspiration, under great leadership. The best band for a long time to lift the roof off this building.” The Premier stayed for several numbers and genuinely enjoyed the Band.

The Band is to be congratulated on such a great performance as the culmination of a special year with our outstanding school concerts and Primary School Tour.

Craig Harrison, Conductor of Senior Concert Band

Gardening Volunteers

We have an area near the year 7 Centre that has raised garden beds, a hot house and plenty of space for new garden beds. If you are interested in gardening and would you like to utilize the space as a community garden please contact Meredith on 94586105.
Education Maintenance Allowance 2014 (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as uniforms, excursions, textbooks, stationery and school fees. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

To be eligible for the EMA in 2014, you must:
- Be a parent/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 temporary foster parent. * i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 28 January 2014 (Instalment One) and 14 July 2014 (Instalment Two).

Contact: School Office for an EMA form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2014.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

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2nd Hand Uniform Shop

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE MOVED! The shop is now located in Room 47 (opposite the Food room)

Open: Mondays (during term), 3.00 – 4.00pm

Turn outgrown/unwanted uniform items into THS account credit

We need: VCE white polos and jumpers, dresses and skirts. All other items are always needed too so please go through your wardrobes and drawers and see what you can find to sell! We need to stock up now for the busiest time of our year – we will have next year’s Year 7s beginning their transition / orientation in December, and we’ll have current students who are going into VCE wanting to buy VCE polos and jumpers.

To sell uniform items that you no longer need, download and complete the required form located on the school’s website, and drop it along with your uniform items into the front office. Remember to make sure your 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. Make sure your items are official school supplier items, i.e. not Kmart, Target or other. We cannot accept and sell non school supplier items.

As your items are sold, you’ll receive credit to your THS account. (Please refer to the conditions on the form for further information).

When buying at our shop you will save at least 40% off the cost of the price of a new uniform!

Thanks and see you in the shop.

Donna & Deb
Parent Volunteers
Year 7 Science Attends Melbourne Zoo

On the 15th of November the Year 7 group of students attended Melbourne Zoo. The day involved each class individually attending a program led by the zoo staff on adaptations and the classifying system animals fit in to. The students were able to have hands on experience holding various animal skulls in order to study the contrasting features of each and create links between the animal groups. The remainder of the day was spent travelling the zoo and filling in worksheets on classification and habitats. Melbourne Zoo offers abundant learning opportunities and the students used this chance to soak up as many as they possibly could, the orang-utans and butterfly house were the resounding favourites for the day. 

Victoria Triantafyllou

End of Year Reports

Parents will be able to access reports on Compass from 11am Monday 16th December. If you have any trouble regarding Compass or have any other question about your child’s report, please contact Christine Bartsh 9458 6111 or Paul Mameghan 9458 6162.

Making Sense of Adolescence

Making Sense of Adolescence: Year 7 and 8 Parent Info Evening held 11 Nov and a new parenting website...

The THS Wellbeing Team were very pleased to host a parent information evening recently about Evidence based strategies to help prevent mental health, alcohol and drug issues in young people. The expert presenters on the night were from Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, Dr Naomi Crafti, and from Newcastle University, Dr Conor Gilligan. We were also able to extend the invitation to parents from Northcote High and a number of our local primary schools, with some 70 odd parents turning up on the night, and a good proportion from Thornbury High which was fantastic!

The first half of the evening was a presentation by Dr Naomi Crafti which included understanding how an adolescent’s brain develops, the implications of this for their impulse control, and the negative impact alcohol can have on the still developing brain. Parents were also treated to tips on how to communicate better with their teenagers and how good role-modelling can make a difference!

The second part of the evening involved about 20 parents choosing to stay and participate in a discussion group on these issues, facilitated by Dr Conor Gilligan. This allowed for some great sharing of ideas and concerns between parents around keeping young people safe, negotiating the complex media landscape we live in and ways parents could find greater support from each other and from external sources.

If you were unable to attend the evening, you’ll be very happy to know that you can find a lot of this information from the parenting website these presenters are currently involved in setting up in a joint project of universities and Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre:

http://www.parentingstrategies.net/

Big thanks to Fiona Blee from Turning Point for helping us put on the evening, Katie Archibald from Northcote High and the many parents who were able to come and make it what it was.

Harriet Robin - Adolescent School Nurse

Food Sold at Thornbury High School

I was recently asked about the food sold in the canteen and if it was Halal. Whilst the meat products sold in the canteen are NOT Halal there are many alternatives for the students to purchase. All meat sold via fund raising BBQs at the school is Halal. For further clarification please do not hesitate to contact Meredith at the school on 94804066 or email on Stephenson.meredith.m@educmail.vic.gov.au
Thornbury High School Café Menu 2014

**Rolls**
- Salad: Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot & Carrot, Cucumber, Avocado... 4.00
- Vegemite... 2.50
- Ham... 3.00
- Ham & Tomato... 3.00
- Ham Cheese & Tomato... 3.50
- Cheese & Tomato... 3.00
- Cheese and Salad... 4.00
- Egg & Lettuce... 4.00
- Chicken & Lettuce & Mayo... 4.50
- Tuna & Lettuce & Mayo... 3.50
- Roast Beef Roll... 4.00
- Any Extras... 0.50

**Sandwiches**
- (Toasted add 50c)
  - Salad: Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot & Carrot, Cucumber, Avocado... 3.50
  - Vegemite... 2.00
  - Ham... 2.50
  - Ham & Tomato... 3.00
  - Ham Cheese & Tomato... 3.50
  - Cheese & Tomato... 2.50
  - Cheese and Salad... 3.00
  - Egg & Lettuce... 3.50
  - Chicken & Lettuce & Mayo... 4.00
  - Tuna & Lettuce & Mayo... 3.00
  - Any Extras... 0.50

**Ice Creams**
- Frozen Tub... 1.00
- Frozen Fruit Yoghurt... 2.00
- Paddle Pop Varieties... 1.50
- Mini Calippo... 1.20

**Drinks**
- 250ml Flavoured Milk: Choc, Straw, Ice Coffee... 3.00
- 300ml Flavoured Milk: Choc, Straw, Ice Coffee... 3.00
- 600ml Water... 2.00
- 450ml Sprite Zero, Coke Zero... 3.20
- 200ml Fruit Juice: Tropical, Orange, Apple... 2.20
- 500ml Ice Tea: Peach, Green... 2.00
- Milk Shake... 2.00

**Breakfast Specials**
- Specials 8-11am: Scone, Toast, Jam or Fruit $6.50
- Hash Brown... 1.20
- Scone & Jam or Cheese & Ham... 1.50
- Toast - per slice... 0.10
- Muffin - Bacon & Egg... 2.50
- Croissants... 2.00
- Yoghurt with Oats & Muesli... 4.00

**Wraps**
- Salad, Lettuce, Cucumber, Carrot, Tomato... 4.50
- Chicken & Lettuce & Mayo... 4.50
- Ham & Salad - Lettuce, Cucumber, Carrot, Tomato... 4.90
- Toasted Flat Bread Wraps Starting from $4.00

**Specials:**
- Homemade Pasta, Pizza & Salad available daily. Other specials are available at different times. All items/prices subject to change. Read product availability by request only.

Jude Fina Foods
Healthy and Nutritious School Catering
PC Box 72 Brunswick South VIC 3055

Other snacks are available at the canteen. GST Inclusive.