From the Principal

Semester 2 has started with a bang! There are more enrolments than last semester and we have had a film crew in the College making a video for the Education Department on our school as a community hub. The services that we are able to offer our students from midwifery support for pregnant women to housing advice, psychological and financial counselling and the support of our counsellors and youth workers are all seen as examples of excellence. We want to develop this aspect of our Global Peace School by exploring how far we can go in a networked approach to education. Later this month some key stakeholders from health, community services, local government, other local schools and community organisations will work with a small group of College staff to develop the idea of Thebarton Senior College as a central community resource.

If you are enrolled in a single semester course your teachers would be explaining performance standards and their expectations of the work that you will be completing. If you are in a full year stage 2 subject you should be working towards final assessments at the end of this term or early in term 4. I encourage you to access our learning support teachers in the Study Centre who can assist you in your planning and preparation.

We continue to have a serious shortage of parking near the College. It is important that you take notice of parking signs as the fines that are imposed are significant. There are also further restrictions on parking when there are events at the Thebarton Oval. Please read the signs.

Could I also thank you all for assisting to make Thebarton Senior College such a wonderful place to work and learn. We are a very special community who together are achieving amazing things. (You can also follow us on Facebook! Search for Thebarton Senior College and get current news!)

Kim Hebenstreit
Principal

Shoes for Africa

Last year Thebarton Senior College collected 100 pairs of shoes for “The Butterfly Movement’s” Shoes for Africa project.

The initial goal was to collect 10,000 pairs of shoes but they received over 54,000! The shoes were sent to East Africa in January and have now all been given to adults and children who previously did not have shoes. As a result, many children who could not attend school because they had no shoes to wear, can now do so. If you would like to support this project in 2012, the information below tells you how you can do so.

Between July 24 and August 31, we are collecting gently worn and new shoes which will then be provided to people in need in Tanzania and Australia who are disadvantaged because they do not own shoes. Shoes create health and opportunities including schooling, employment and sport. We are looking for most styles of shoes including: thongs, slides, dressier work shoes, sporting specific shoes and sneakers for children, women and men. (Please no high stilettos, slippers or uggs.)

The Butterfly Movement is committed to the environment and effective waste management. Donating shoes which would prematurely arrive in landfill is a great support to the environment. In addition, it is our special request that all donated shoes be donated without accompanying shoe boxes, individual plastic bags or extra packaging. Tied shoe laces and/or a rubber band around each pair is a wonderful support in so many ways. Thank you!

Harmony Day 2012

Photo Competition winners were Pedram Fahandezh Saaid and the NAP Maths 325 class.

Congratulations to these students and to the all of the other students who entered photos both as individuals and as classes.
Coming Events

Events to look forward to in term 3:

**Wednesday 12th September**

**Career and Employment Expo**
1 pm - 6 pm
An opportunity to learn more about career pathways from the 3 universities and TAFE as well as employers.

**Wednesday 12th September**

**College Open Day**
2 pm - 7 pm
The College will be open for people who are interested in what we have to offer to visit and to get information about our courses for 2013.

New Arrivals Graduation

**We are one but we are many**
**And from all the lands on earth we come**
**We share a dream and sing with one voice**
I am, you are, we are Australian …

New Arrivals Program Graduation ceremonies at Thebarton Senior College are such celebrations of life!

We are reminded of so many things:
- How blessed we are to live in this place
- How far we have come
- So many amazing stories among us to tell
- More than 60 languages
- Every class is special and has become family
- Gifts and sentiments exchanged
- Delight shared with dear ones
- A last meal together.

But, like birds leaving their nest there comes a time to fly. Tears of joy and sadness…..

Our ceremony on 22nd June meant all of these things and more:
- A unique group with different stories
- A distinct sense of pride
- Ex-NAP student Ilyasi’s inspirational speech
- Bernie Boxer presenting awards with his winning smile
- Matt’s rhythms on the dance floor
- A little boy holding his father’s award melting the hearts in the auditorium.

Heartfelt thanks to:
- Heather Power for supplying the flowers and Paul Spiniello for arranging them
- Lester, Avyi, Eva and Emma for their wonderful music
- Christine Bowen for organising and arranging the artwork.

Graduating classes were:
Class 321 Kerrie Plummer
Class 323 Stephen Boland
Class 325 Julie Lawry
Class 328 Paul McGuiness
Class 331 Nick Antoniadis
Class 332 Marisa Antoniadis
Class 333 Avyi Patitsas

Congratulations to all the NAP students and teachers for yet another amazing journey of achievement and celebration.

Let’s never lose sight of what an extraordinary and privileged community we are. May there be great successes ahead as the stories continue to be written!

*Julie Lawry and Kerrie Plummer*

World Environment Day

On Tuesday 5th June, for the first time Thebarton Senior College celebrated World Environment Day with an Expo in the gym.

The gym was a buzz from recess until lunch, full of students looking at the different stalls and participating in the recycle relay.

Many students were impressed with the make your own smoothie using bike-power and the fantastic opportunity to see and pat the wild animals from Cleland Wildlife Park.

The Expo provided an opportunity for many of our students to show-case their work about sustainability and the environment with class displays, short movies and a walking bus tour.

The library also hosted a poster competition. The winners were: 1st prize, Raghad Jalil Hantoosh, Mariam Ahmed and Jolyne Vyukusenge, 2nd prize - Sonia Ghafouri and Avita Carido, 3rd prize - Hamidah Dildar and a special prize for a 3D poster which was won by Sada Welyi Sheka and Sibel Lewis.

Many students put their pledge towards sustainability and saving the environment by placing a thumb print on the beautiful tree at the back of the gym.

Are you interested in helping Thebarton Senior College and its student community become more sustainable?

Would you like to join a new club which will give the students at Thebarton a say on matters concerning sustainability and the College environment?

If you would like to join “Students for Sustainability” please email kate.deruyter@tsc.sa.edu.au

*Clockwise from left: the 3D poster; Kim hands the prize to Sada and Sibel; the winning poster; Kim with runners-up Sonia and Avita; Kim with the winners, Jolyne, Raghad and Mariam.*
TSC Rotaract Club for Global Peace

Six TSC Rotaract students - Cynthia Pawa, Kim Liguech, Gladys Koffa, Kirby Gerangue, Ali Karavar and Jamal Mazraeh - attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Association (RYLA) camp this year. The camp was held from July 14th to 21st at the Nunyara Centre, Belair and was called “Exploring Leadership Potential”. A total of 21 youth aged between 18-25 years attended the residential camp. During the camp, experienced and successful people in business and the community presented various topics to develop different leadership skills and provide the participants with valuable experiences. Some of the topics included, understanding self, personality and preferences, building a team, public speaking, managing conflict, building career skills, negotiation and networking.

Below are some comments by one of the TSC Rotaract students about their experiences during the camp.

“Life was totally changed when I had decided to migrate to Australia. Being from a friendly and happy girl to an isolated and sorrow girl because of homesick and missing everything in the past while I was with my family and friends. Basically, I do not really get used to the lifestyle here. Every day, nothing is special beside a routine of studying, working, cooking, cleaning and sleeping. Until I have become a Rotaract member, I still self-doubt why I need to join this club and what it does for me.....

Recently, I was involved in RYLA 2012 for a week seminar through Rotaract Club. My thinking is absolutely changed from being a person who is always self-pressed, too hard on myself and pessimistic, to an optimistic and hopeful person. I never thought that RYLA would offer this much to me within only one week besides learning about leadership, team work, conflict resolution, values etc. RYLA 2012 is just like my new family because nothing is better than I just found the reality of myself and twenty nine new friends in one week. It is the best memory and experience forever.”

Unique @ Thebarton Virtual Enterprise

A new group of Certificate 2 in Business students have commenced this semester. As part of their study they work in the Virtual Enterprise. The first two weeks are spent completing an Induction learning about Occupational Health and Safety, working together in a team and planning a schedule of their activities.

At the conclusion of Week 2 each group presents to the whole class particular tasks they have been researching. It is the first of several presentations they will make throughout the semester. In the weeks to come the students will progress through departments in the Virtual Enterprise gathering skills relevant to work in an administration workplace.

Good luck everyone!

Easy Access

During the last holidays, the door to the Admin building was replaced with an automatic sliding door. This greatly facilitates access for students such as Steve Johnson who is seen here celebrating with the principal, Kim.

SALA Exhibitions

From August 3-26, there is a celebration of South Australian Living Artists. Two of our teachers (one recently retired) are featured in the SALA. Check out these websites for more information:

Julie Lawry

Peter Wallfried
Art Exhibition

At the end of the first semester, the Art and the Community classes held an exhibition of their works in the Technology corridor. Their talent was amazing, with many beautiful and artistic creations on show. Marg Bowling’s Food and the Community class catered with some delicious finger food.

Congratulations to all the teachers and classes involved! It was a wonderful display of all your hard work and creativity!

Snappy Tom

Have you met the Library’s resident turtle, Snappy Tom yet? His tank is located just inside the Library entrance and he happily swims around all day watching the comings and goings of our Library.

Snappy Tom has been with us for about four years now. When he first arrived from the Science Department he only measured about 5-6 cm across the top of his shell. When he is fully grown he will be about three times bigger than he is now.

Snappy Tom is an Eastern Long Necked Tortoise or an Eastern Snaked Necked Tortoise. This type of tortoise comes mainly from the Eastern States of Australia and they live in creeks and rivers. If you have a smart phone and have uploaded a QR reader App (i-nigma is free and a really good one to use), check out the QR code on the front of Snappy’s tank and you will learn more about this species of tortoise.

In the Library we feed Snappy Tom on frozen turtle dinner which we get from the local pet shop. This dinner is mainly fish but he will eat plants. However, if we were to give him plants to eat it would make lots of work for us because he tears up the plants and it clogs up the filter and the bottom of the tank. We give him two blocks of turtle dinner daily except for Friday when we give him an extra one to get him through the weekend.

Tortoises are cold blooded reptiles which means they need to stay warm. When the weather turns cold, tortoises (like snakes and lizards), dig themselves into the earth or leaf litter and sleep until the weather warms up. In the Library Snappy Tom does not go to sleep (hibernate) because his water is kept at a constant temperature.

Every now and then Snappy Tom can be seen outside in the sun walking on the grass near the pond with a staff member.

Drop in anytime and talk to Snappy Tom – he is a people loving tortoise!!!

Steam your way through SACE

Thebarton Senior College staff and students attended AVCon again this year. People were surprised and amazed that a school was at an anime and video game convention to advertise our courses, but there were a lot of people interested in us! Our theme this year was Steampunk - “Steam your way through SACE” – and staff and students dressed in Steampunk-inspired costumes. Everyone had a great time and our students are in the process of getting 10 SACE credits for Community Studies!

A big thank you to Simon McGill for taking these awesome photos. We can’t wait to go again next year!

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International Visitors

In the July holidays, the College hosted a group of young teachers from Reunion Island, a French island in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

They had travelled to Adelaide to learn more English and enjoyed their visits to the Art Gallery, Cleland Park and other famous SA sights.

Here they are pictured in the SA Art Gallery.

Atomic Learning

Atomic Learning (AL), is a 24/7 online resource for software training. Atomic Learning works by answering common questions you have when learning and using new software eg How do you cut and paste in Word? How do you add animation to a PowerPoint slide? How do you crop a photo in Photoshop?

At College, ask AL by:

- on the College home page go to the Learning Resources tab and select Atomic Learning. NB: You need your own earphones to listen to the movies.
- Go to http://www.atomiclearning.co.uk/ and enter the following user name and password:
  - User Name: thebarton
  - Password: innovation

Do not share this logon information

- Type your question in the search box and click on Go!
- An answer will be provided in the form of a one to three-minute tutorial movie. The movie will walk you through all the steps needed to complete the task.