

In Touch

Student Newsletter

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From the Principal

Many people have heard me use the quotation that, "it takes a village to raise a child" and that is the community we strive to develop at Thebarton Senior College - a haven where everyone feels safe and supported on their learning journey. Recently I read a report that added that "in the 21st Century that child will need to be globally connected".

We already have many programs that are aimed at improving global connections for our students. We deliver the Certificate II in IT on-line to students from across the state. We encourage the use of social media like Twitter and Facebook so students can make greater connections. As a UN Global Peace School we support programs with indigenous communities and through a sister school in Tanzania. Last term we also celebrated World Refugee Day.

And then there is the hole in the ground between administration and the library! It is a fairly uninspiring space at the moment but watch over the next few months. Our library will metamorphose into a learning hub that will encourage that global connectedness. There will be easy access to technology as well as lots of spaces where students can meet, talk and learn together. The furniture and equipment will make this a really vibrant space where all of you will want to spend time.

In the last week of term 2, we celebrated the achievements of those students who completed their course in the New Arrivals Program. These students have worked hard to achieve a level of English so that they can progress to the next stage in their education. I would encourage all students to make sure that you have visited our web site at www.tsc.sa.edu.au to see the subjects available for semester 2 and if you have not already done so, make an appointment with our enrolment staff in the Student Centre.

For those students who have had exams and major assessment tasks due, I wish you the very best!

*Kim Hebenstreit
Principal*



NAP Graduation

For those who've come across the seas.... Another winner NAP Graduation ceremony was held on Friday 30th June. It had a few lovely surprises and new touches.

- Kaja Moorthy danced her Tamil dance dressed in her azure Chudithau
- the creative dance team
- brother and sister act "Flight at 10 o'clock" by Joy and Daniel Wu
- Kay Astles' creative and colourful object lesson for the five classes exiting NAP
- staff members whose singing and musical talent was showcased in the band.

Hearfelt thanks go to our MCs Waquar Ali Ewai and Nura Inakoze, speakers Nurollah Rahimi and Tha Cin Par, all the performers, Phil Davies and the class teachers of the exiting NAP classes - Julie Lawry, Tim Williams, Carole Petruzzelli, Jungmok Lee, Michael Yeoman and Stephen Boland - and all the presenters and behind the scenes helpers.

Congratulations to all the students and teachers for another wonderful achievement and celebration at our unique and outstanding Global Peace School.



World Environment Day

The College held an expo on Wednesday, 5th June to raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues. Sustainability is one of our core values and features in many curriculum areas.

Many students showcased work done in their classes about these issues.

Visiting organisations such as those involved in protecting our wildlife and dolphins, our flora and our energy supplies brought with them a variety of interesting and informative "guests" including snakes and lizards and the bike powered smoothie maker to demonstrate how our reliance on electricity could be reduced.

Many thanks to all the staff and students who worked so hard to make this an interesting and informative event.



Kwil from NAP 318 makes friends with the non venomous snake, the python.

Pythagorean Club

Do you want to stretch your thinking outside the square? Learn problem solving skills, solve some tricky puzzles or try some brain training activities. Most of all, have fun.

Held every first and third Wednesday of the month at lunchtime in W4. Come along and share some lunch or nibbles and have fun!

You can ask teachers Stefania or Minxy for more information if you would like to know more.



Above: Minxy helps teacher Carole Petruzzelli solve a puzzle.

Below: Principal, Kim Hebenstreit is shown how to solve a puzzle by two of the students.



Community Forum

Recently the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Bob Carr MP, visited the College with Hindmarsh MP, Steve Georganis to host a community forum on Australia's foreign aid policies.

Guests from many community organisations, other schools and local residents attended. Our student, Gulnur, welcomed the visitors to the College and our Principal hosted the event.

Below: Gulnar welcomes invited guests as Bob Carr, Steve Georganis and Kim Hebenstreit look on.

Right: The Honorable Bob Carr addresses the meeting.



Bike races on crazy bikes!

World Environment Day Activities



Kate de Ruyter opens the event and Gulnar danced a traditional dance.



The recycling game was popular.



Learning about our dolphins.



Taybah celebrates her lucky dip win.



Pedal powered smoothies!



Learning more about global warming.

Students in Kate's class gave presentations.



Some bikes were hard to balance on.



NAP Art Exhibition

An exhibition of coloured pencil drawings and lino prints

Some of our New Arrivals students' art work is currently on display at the Stirling Organic Market and Cafe.

This exhibition has been curated by Christine Bowen, pictured below, an art teacher at Thebarton Senior College, with the support of the Adelaide Hills Group of Amnesty International.



These hand painted lino prints (below) were developed around the theme of "gum leaves". From observing different gum trees and their leaves, and smelling the different scents, students chose the leaves they wished to draw which became the basis for their lino blocks. The prints were then hand coloured using acrylic paint.



NAP students often construct mandalas while soothing background music is being played. This has the effect of calming and relaxing students as well as students being given the opportunity to explore symbols, shapes and colours of their own choice. Some examples of their work are included in the exhibition.



Certificate 2 Retail

This course will be run FREE for Thebarton Students by Franklin Scholars in the city for the 3 weeks of the holidays.

Students doing this course will be required to do a work placement before completing their Certificate and seeking work as shop assistants and checkout operators.

The College may work with Franklin Scholars to offer a FREE Certificate 2 in Hospitality in the September holidays. Students who are interested in this course should enrol in Working in Australia next semester in order to meet the prerequisites of the Certificate course.

Further training courses are planned for 2014, in areas such as Hairdressing and Child Care. To be able to take up these opportunities students should enrol in Working in Australia to meet the entry requirements for these Certificates.



Students preparing for the Certificate II in Retail training course.



Sand pitta fun!

The students of 313 Technology Woodwork class had a lovely end of term picnic at the King's Reserve park on the Thursday of Week 10 last term.

They all put to the test the durability of their cheese boards (which they made in their woodwork lessons throughout the term) by feasting on fresh pitta and homemade hummus purchased at the local Lebanese bakery....YUM!

The class ended their picnic by enjoying the local entertainment of swings, slides and sandpits.

Penelope Dounas and Peter Bowen

Semester 2 Options

Tertiary Entry

Are you interested in gaining entry to University or TafeSA in 2014?

The **Certificate 4 in Adult Tertiary Preparation (ATP)** provides an important pathway to higher educational qualifications in Universities, and Diploma and Advanced Diplomas in the VET sector.

It is a full time program that normally runs for the whole year but we are accepting mid-year applicants with the aim of completing the course in November 2013. It will be challenging - requiring extensive work outside of school hours.

The course is specifically designed to develop appropriate skills, knowledge and attitudes sufficient for adult learners to access tertiary education and prepare learners for the rigours of tertiary level study. Amongst other skills, the course fosters life-long learning, information communication technology, higher order literacy and numeracy skills, and analytical thinking and problem solving. It has been designed with a focus on adult learning styles and delivery. We also assist students in preparing for the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).

If you are interested, please call the school on 83525811 or make an appointment to see a counsellor at the front desk.

Plumbing

Do you want to get an apprenticeship or traineeship or enter Tafe to do a trade like plumbing?

Then the **Certificate 2 General Construction (Plumbing)** might be a great first step in achieving your career goal. Covering essential skills in things like welding, paving, plasterboard, tiling and cementing, you will have a head start and be able to demonstrate your commitment to learning a trade which will help you when you apply for further training.

Speak to Shane or Peter in the Technology area or see a counsellor now.

Business courses

Did you know we now offer 10 week courses in **Certificate 2 Business** and **Certificate 3 Business Administration**?

Fast track your entry into further study at Tafe or a traineeship or work in an administrative role by taking our new business courses commencing in term 3. Within six months, you could have your Certificate 3 Business Administration and be out looking for work in the new year or starting higher certificate or diploma study at Tafe in 2014.

You will work in a virtual office environment and learn all the essential skills and procedures under the guidance of our experienced staff.

Ask Nadene in T15 or see a counsellor for further information.

Excursion to Hahndorf

Earlier this year, class 316 with our teacher Mary, went on an excursion to Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills.

We walked from the City Campus to bus stop D2 in Pultney Street where we caught bus 864F to Hahndorf. Our journey took 40 minutes. Along the way we saw many interesting things, such as the Heysen Tunnel as well as some animals and lots of fruit trees.

When we arrived in Hahndorf we walked down Main Street. First we visited The Pioneer Memorial Gardens and saw the statue of Captain Hahn who was the captain of the first ship called the Zebra. The ship that brought the first German settlers in 1838. There was also a plaque in memory of the first German women settlers. We were amazed to hear that these women walked 35 kilometres weekly to Adelaide to sell their produce at the markets there. We took lots of class photos with our teacher here.

Next we visited St Michael's cemetery.

Mary read the names of the first settlers buried here. Some were very young. Then we walked to St Michael's Lutheran Church which was the first Lutheran church in Australia. Here we had time to rest and many students prayed.

At lunch time we ate and shared some food together in one of the beautiful parks in the main street.

After lunch we walked around visiting many wonderful little shops. The most popular shops were the gemstone shop and the candle making shop. A couple of students were interested in buying some rings. Jawad bought a couple of gemstones.

At 1.30 we caught the bus back to Adelaide. We all had fun and enjoyed our day in Hahndorf as well as learnt many new words.

*Taqi Abdullahi
NAP 316*

Festival of Languages

On June 20th which is World Refugee Day, students celebrated the diversity of languages and cultures at the College with a Festival of Languages.

Guest speaker, Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann from Adelaide University spoke of the advantages of preserving and using languages other than English which tends to "kill" off minority languages.

Students then gave us an insight into the history, culture and linguistics of their countries of origin by teaching some words and phrases in Arabic, Farsi and Hazaragi.

In the afternoon, some students

presented mini lessons in their own language to other students from the New Arrivals, Core Skills and Stage 1 classes.

Below are some images from the day.



Master Chefs!

NAP class 322 had a MasterChef competition as part of their Home Economics experimental subject completion. There were two very competent judges, Kay Astles and Kim Hebenstreit, who judged the students' cooking and presentation of the food. It was ably mentored by teachers Andrea Hughes (NAP) and Natasha Rowe (Home Economics).

Students entered a draw to see which food they would have to prepare from recipes learnt during their Home Economics lessons. There were winners as well and they got medals and lollies as prizes. It was fun!!



My feelings about NAP picnic

The last day of term 1 was very good because we had fun and a good day at the Botanic Park at the NAP picnic. Some students and teachers met at the city near Myer. Then we walked together to the Botanic Park.

Firstly at the park there were many activities to do. For example, sports, dance, music, meet friends and lots of food to share together. Some students they take photos because it's a good day and good place. At this time we are very happy and enjoyed the day.

I really had a great day and enjoyed the day. I said thank you to the principal and such as all the NAP teacher for planning that.

In the future I will go again because I think it's a good place.

*Masho
NAP 323*



Hair dressing certificate

Students, Sara, Freweyni and Nebeyat have been doing a FREE certificate in Hairdressing at Clip Joint as part of their studies. This certificate will contribute SACE credits as well as offer a valuable introduction to hair dressing as a career.

This training may be available again later in the year, so keep watching out for it.

