2015 has been an exciting, busy and productive year for all of us. When you first came to TSC being new to the college and not knowing anyone was a great challenge. However, part of college life and your classes has been about getting to know people and making new friends. You made friends with students from other countries, learned about their culture, and their beliefs. This experience has helped you to develop a broader understanding of humanity and also a deeper appreciation of one another. You have shown respect - through your positive regards for the feelings, wishes, and rights of others.

Your student life at the college has not only been about building relationships, it has also been about growing as a student and growing as a person. You have shown innovation, through the way you have welcomed new challenges and explored new ways to learn.

You have learned how to ask for help from your teachers and your friends.

You have learned to rise above your challenges to be the successful graduating students you are today. We have seen sustainability, through your continued focus, energy and commitment.

Last Friday, December 4, we celebrated excellence at the graduation ceremony.

As you prepare to move into the world of further study or work, I ask you to consider the following words of Mahatma Ghandi which inspire us to be the best we can be:

Keep your thoughts positive, because your thoughts become your words.

Keep your words positive, because your words become your behaviour.

Keep your behaviour positive, because your behaviour becomes your habits.

Keep your habits positive, because your habits become your values.

Keep your values positive, because your values become your destiny.

Congratulations NAP, SACE and VET Classes of 2015 on your achievements this year. We all look forward to seeing and hearing about your accomplishments in the future.

Eva Kannis-Torry - Acting Principal
Library Events

The library hosted a series of events that brought learning alive in 2015 engaging both students and staff. The library was active in the preparations for **Harmony Day** with around 1000 bracelets made. It seemed the whole school got involved making friendship bracelets with students and classes coming in and participating. There were buttons, wool, beads and cardboard available for eager staff and students to make bracelets of all types. The bracelets made were hung on the trees outside the Library on Harmony Day.

Another major event was **“Books Light Up Our World”** the theme of **Book Week**. A big display was set up in the Library depicting this theme with lights of all shapes and sizes. The “Illumination Trail” was created with students moving around different areas of the learning hub during the **College Open Day**. Participants received a stamp at each point of the Trail and three lucky students received prizes when the stamped sheets were placed in a lucky draw, the first prize being an iPad. It was **Science Week** also so Mike Jones, Head of Science, conducted light filled experiments in the library at recess and lunchtimes. To finish off the week the Library staff provided a “Light Lunch” which consisted of a variety of soups and bread. Staff and students wore flouro for the day to get into the spirit of the theme. This was very well received and enjoyed by all who participated.

Library News

We hit the ground running as the 2015 year started. With Wendy Rutten, our new Library Manager, at the helm, big changes were in the air. Our first big change was a new Library system – from Amlib to Access-It. This updated system meant lots of learning for us all, but with big pay-offs for staff and students alike in terms of accessing information from all sorts of useful sources.

Behind the scenes, the teacher librarians were working hard on creating content for the new library webpage. This can be accessed by all from the Thebarton Senior College Homepage, and as well as a link to the library catalogue, including links to many aspects of learning, such as literacy, a digital video library, Harvard referencing and online databases.

Our library workroom was redesigned, creating a better sense of space and a more natural flow for the library staff to go about our daily tasks.

We have also undertaken the first complete stocktake of our resources since moving to the new library, and are busy ironing out the wrinkles in our collection – “anomaly” has become a favourite word in the latter half of Term 4!

The library staff have worked hard to continue working with staff and students to provide an outstanding library service.

Overall, we feel 2015 has been a productive year of innovation and change!
On 5 July 2015 we, twelve students and Mary, our teacher from class 315 at Thebarton Senior College set out for an excursion to Hahndorf on the blessed, showery and cold morning. We were loaded onto bus 486 that would take us to our destination, Hahndorf.

On the way, the view was so stunning with stylish houses in the green forest which made me badly miss my hometown, Chin, Myanmar. When we arrived, on the main road we poured out of the bus, refreshed and headed straight to the Pioneer Memorial Gardens where we briefly learnt about the history of Hahndorf. In 1838 Lutheran refugees from Prussia arrived and established a farm village named Hahndorf. At that time South Australia was only two years old. The women and older girls would leave the town at midnight and follow a 35km winding track through dense vegetation to arrive at Beaumont at 4 o'clock in the morning to sell their produce. On the homeward trek they carried their money along with household goods. How hard life was!

From there we continued walking down to the St Michael’s Lutheran Church and its antique graveyard which was right near the church. It was a peaceful and the same time spiritual environment.

While we were taking group photos, it started showering again so we had to rush to a nearby park where we had lunch. After that full of energy again we had a quick look in the Kangaroo and Sheep Skin Shop in which things were frightfully expensive. Next we paid a visit to the German Cuckoo Clocks and other souvenir goods. Then we moved to the Leathersmith and Bush Gallery which was the original leather shop. There everything was made of leather such as shoes, belts, hats, cups, etc and at the back of the shop there were four adorable rabbits. Later we went to the museum which was indeed interesting. However our batteries were down again and we felt tired. Our last visit was the gemstone (Opal) shop. The shop was rich in colour and we could see some Aboriginal or Indigenous art too.

Hahndorf is a very interesting place and it is also perfect to go shopping or to just wander with friends and colleagues. The historical buildings and memorial statues told us everything about Hahndorf. The most valuable thing I learnt that day was the first settlement did not have any police, yet they did not have any troubles. How peaceful life would have been.

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International Day of Peace

International Day of Peace on 21st September was an inspiring day that made us proud to be a United Nations Global Peace School. In the lead up to the official ceremony, students had work on display, decorated doves and wrote messages of peace. Students from Humanities classes presented about Human Rights to other classes. At 12 o’clock, staff and students gathered under our United Nations flag on the front lawns. Our Principal, Eva Kannis-Torry shared her thoughts on peace and students presented each of the human rights. Ben Ring Nak and Kyle Rigney performed an inspired version of ‘Stand By Me’ before the ceremony closed with everyone contributing to a display of white and blue ribbons as an expression of their commitment to peace.

Peace is your love
Put up your hand again
We can be together
Nothing can make the change
When we become friends
Unity is the goal
Let’s take it to the board
We can throw the pains
As far as can the best
You and I can develop
Our feelings again
Peace is your love to me
Peace is my love to you
The one we need to do
It’s just thinking true
We might be different
But we’re still friends
There won’t be any tears
When we share our peace
There won’t be any suffering
When there is no grief
Peace is your love to me
Peace is my love to you
Mohammad Javid Jafari

NAP (New Arrivals Program) Picnic

At the end of term one and three, two NAP (New Arrivals Program) picnics are held annually at Thebarton Senior College. They are always the last Friday of term and every NAP student, NAP teachers and even teachers who don’t work on that day participate.

Before the picnic, everyone is always notified and given information a week or two earlier; This is mostly where the picnic will be, what the weather forecast is, what to bring and a map.

On that day students and teachers don’t need to go to school but they just go to the chosen place for the picnic which is mostly a huge park with tranquil and verdant environment. Everyone brings something to eat or drink. Most students usually bring cultural food. All the food like cakes, rice, noodles, chips etc are gathered at the same place and later on everyone shares. Cutleries are provided from the school.

Music and different games are available every year. There is always a variety of beautiful dances by both male and female students from every corner of the world. Every single person tastes the value and the difference between modern and traditional music. As students are always eager to play games, the school is never remiss to provide the equipment proudly as usual. Students play joyfully soccer, volleyball, cricket, badminton and even jumping rope.

The picnic usually finishes around two or three in the afternoon. After the picnic, students are free to choose whether to go home or stay.

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Students from Non-English speaking countries
Trying All their best
To Participate
In a Special gathering
Which will
Let them Connect
And get to Know more about each other
And find friends
That they Can count on

Ning Thang Om & Sheena Marika Dela Cruz NAP (315)
Stage 1 Child Studies 2015

This assessment required students to care for the real care Sim babies for 4 days over Easter. Throughout this assignment, students discovered parental responsibilities involved with caring for a newborn baby.

Natasha Rowe, Teacher

Stage 2 Food & Hospitality 2015 ‘Locavore’ function

Students were given the opportunity to investigate what is meant by sustainable food supplies, food miles, and the concept of ‘Locavore’ eating in order to expand knowledge and understanding regarding the impact of sustainable practices on the food and hospitality industry. On completion of this learning, students collaborated to implement their knowledge in the undertaking of a catering exercise which demonstrated their understanding of local produce and seasonal eating, while supporting healthy eating practices. The students worked as a whole class in preparing and presenting a variety of hors d’oeuvres / canapés acknowledging the ‘Locavore’ concept for the evening cocktail function for the support staff of Thebarton Senior College which was held on Wednesday 24th June 2015.
Celebration cake assessment – Students were required to design a contemporary celebration cake using various forms of technology including food technology and ideas gained from the internet and professionals in patisserie.

Natasha Rowe, Teacher

Soccer ball cake
Made by Gemedi Wako

This cake was then presented to Thebarton Senior College's soccer coaches Ryan and Evan, as a token of appreciation for all their hard work and support with the students over the year at the soccer dinner.

Two tiered cake with hand drawn trees and sculpted crows
Made by Sandy Nguyen

Contemporary Wedding styled cake with hand made icing Arum lillies
Made by Par Laisun

Two tier wedding cake with a quilted effect and handmade peonies
Made by Pav Khamchat

Skull cake
Made by Krzysztof Nowicki