



Tabor Adelaide

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Dates to Remember

Fri Feb 4: Summer School ends

Feb 7-11: Orientation Week

Feb 14: Semester 1 begins

Fri Mar 18: Census 1

Sat Apr 9: Graduation (Class of 2010)

Fri Apr 22-Tues Apr 26: Easter

Fri May 27: Census 2

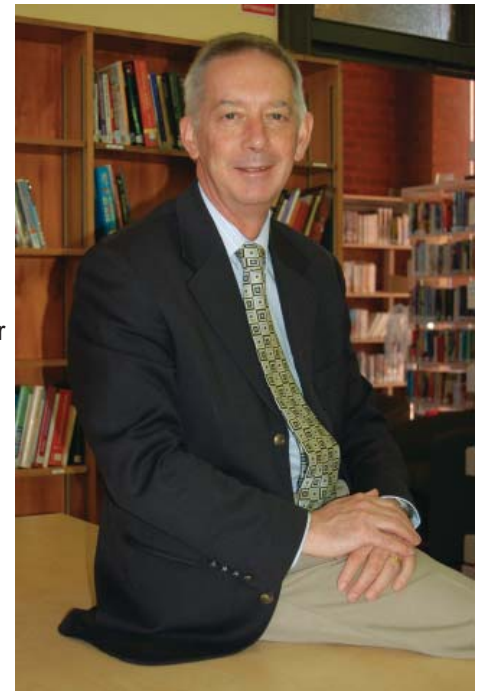
Jun 6-Jul 31: Tabor holidays

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

~Isaiah 9:6

Peace on Earth

Another year of academic study at Tabor Adelaide has come to a close and the season of Advent is upon us, an exciting time in the liturgical year. Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the coming of Jesus into the world. For some however, it can be difficult to find the time to stop and reflect. Family and church commitments can seem exhausting and overwhelming for some, while for others the Christmas season can bring tensions or poignant reminders of loved ones missed through death or separation. It can be easy too, to get distracted by the glittering consumerist philosophy that this time of year caters to, as we are bombarded by television commercials about the latest must-have Christmas present for loved ones.



One of the great blessings of Advent is the gift of peace, which can be found through Jesus. Isaiah 26:3 declares: "Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you." The promise of the angel of Bethlehem was for "peace on earth". Peace is not limited or reserved for those times in life when everything is in perfect order. Peace is not the absence of tension or hardship; peace is the presence of tranquillity within you in the midst of whatever storms may be raging around you. Peace is not a guarantor that every day will be easy and smooth. Instead, peace is the fruit of the spirit that blossoms in our souls and reminds us that God is with us.

When it comes to sharing that peace with others, we are reminded that in the process of peace, God made the first move in Bethlehem. God initiated the peace treaty, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ came into the world and died for us. Now we are called to respond in that spirit towards one another. If peace is ever going to occur on the earth, it must begin with us. Romans 12:18 says, "If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Whatever the angels were announcing that day in Bethlehem, they wanted *all* of the people on earth to benefit from it!

Whatever circumstances you find yourself in during this Christmas season, spend time with God, enjoy the gift of peace He brings, and take time to share that peace with others.

With every blessing,
Don Owers
Principal

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It's Check and Mate for Tabor's Open Day!



At our November Open Day the Humanities School of Tabor Adelaide celebrated a long tradition by holding our very own, very theatrical HUMANites CHESS.



Not many people know that the history of the game of chess is a rigorous and serious area of historical study. Originally coming from India where the 'castle' piece was actually an elephant, and the movement of the pieces was to do with war and strategy, chess is thought to have been imported to the western world in the early middle ages. Chess is a game that was played by kings as an

exercise in politics and war. One can imagine it being used as a kind of test of strength between adversaries in the lead up to all-out war, or

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perhaps being used as a way to measure the competence of military generals.

Many famous people have played chess, including the very famous military general Napoleon Bonaparte. Of course, he only recorded games where he was the victor!!

From the earliest days “Human Chess” games were also played where members of the court would

“play” the part of the pieces on the board.



Students and staff from English, History and Creative Writing studies streams as well as YITS students, kids, mums and dads performed in a most thrilling set of matches.

The first match was a famous game from history originally played by Napoleon, the second was a classic match known as “The Eternal Game”. This game originally played in a tavern, is seen as the quintessential chess game displaying all the

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qualities that makes chess so loved by so many.

So we played, with shouts of "Gardé La Dame!" And, "You there, Pawn in the blue striped shirt take two steps forward. And threaten him with your sword!" And perhaps more appropriately; "Knight to G3" etc, the games went on.



The Teams were White and Red and the Kings and Queens were beautiful. Highlights were the Pharisical Red Bishop (played by Josie Fechner) who used every opportunity to shout the most long-winded and super-religious victory prayers ever, the White King (played by Gary Rodgers) who shouted at his opponents, "Your Mother was a hamster and your Father smells of Elderberries!", the knights who were beautiful horseman and valiant in sword fights (I loved the Monty Python-esque movement of the white knight played by James Cooper) and of course the pawns who died dramatically in the service of their kings and queens. The White team won all three games. The stretcher bearer bore away the fallen with a wheelchair. With much laughter and frivolity amid the role-playing, the games were enjoyed by all.



HUMANity Theatrical CHESS was a highlight of the Open Day, which also included a bouncy castle and a sausage sizzle. As always the Tabor Open Day proved to be both an informative and enjoyable event. I look forward to the next one!

Faye Dawson Wise
Marketing Assistant

Library News



Please note the following information regarding Tabor Adelaide library opening hours during the summer break, and information regarding contacting the library in the week 20-23 December.

Opening Times

Dec 6 to Dec 23rd	10am–4pm
Dec 23rd to Jan 3rd	Library closed
Jan 4th to Jan 28th	10am – 4pm
Jan 31st to Feb 11th	9am-5pm

For service, please:

- email the library on library@adelaide.tabor.edu.au (apart from Dec 20th – 23rd);
- or phone the library on 08 8373 8759 within the above opening hours only.

The student computer room will be open from 8.30am until the library closes each day (see times above).

Please note:

- **Friday Dec 10th 12.30 – 2.30pm - The library will close for the staff Christmas lunch.**

Due to a server upgrade Dec 20th to 23rd :

- **Please arrange to borrow resources you need over the Christmas-New Year period by Friday 17th December;**
- **Loans that would normally fall due Dec 18th - January 3rd will become due on January 4th;**

The library catalogue will not be available Dec 20th – 23rd as the college - including the library - will have no email service during that time. Contact us on 08 83738759 or 08 83738710 instead.

The library will be closed from 12 noon on Thurs 23rd Dec until 10am Tues 4th Jan.

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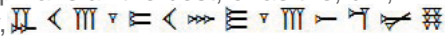
Liberamente Editor Rachel Koopmans announced her shock resignation recently, citing family commitments as the primary reason for her sudden departure.

“Spending time with the new baby has to be my priority right now, at least until he is a little more self-sufficient,” Koopmans explained. Judging by the siblings of Koopmans’ youngest child Elijah, now almost eight months old, such self-sufficiency may take some time.

The erstwhile Tabor Adelaide student, who graduated with a Bachelor of Theology in 2010, has not made any firm plans for future study as yet. “There doesn’t appear to be much of a call to learn Ugaritic out there. I simply don’t understand it,” she complained. “Surely everyone is passionate about cultural and contextual studies of the Ancient Near-East?”

“Besides”, she added, “Tabor Adelaide has ruined me for other universities. Maybe I’ll enrol in Creative Living again?”

Koopmans admits to baffled looks by members of her mother’s group when she feels compelled to point out the dangerous hermeneutical spirals in children’s television. “Well it *is* a slippery slope into eisegesis,” she avers defensively. “Babies can be so subjective.”

We wish Rachel Koopmans all the best, or as the, um, “Ugaritics” would say,  We have no idea what that means.



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InBrief...

Congratulations:

to **Valerie Volk**, who has won the poetry award in the inaugural Caleb Awards for her book ‘In Due Season’. Valerie Volk received her MA this year from Tabor Adelaide in Creative Writing;

to **Wendy Noble**, a Tabor Master’s graduate in 2010 for having a short story accepted in *Wet Ink*, a literary journal put out by the University of Adelaide.

to **Rhonda Smedley**, working (this year) at Para Hills West Campus and doing Home Ec subjects as an adjunct lecturer. She was nominated by the State’s Home Ec Association and subsequently given the award by Minister Jay Weatherill on World Teacher’s Day at a ceremony hosted by CEASA (Council of education Associations SA) at the Hindmarsh Education Centre on 29th Oct.



Lost Property

Dear student,

Reception has an ever-growing collection of lost property.

Please come in if you have lost something on campus and see if it’s here with us.

The lost property box is emptied at the end of each year, so come in before it’s too late!

Blessings,

Peter Gray
Academic Registrar



Dealing with Domestic Violence

The SA Council of Churches launched their “Domestic Violence Handbook for Clergy and Pastoral Workers” in November. For information or to obtain a copy, contact beth.alcock@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au