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## Key dates to remember!

Remember to make note of the following dates:

13 February  
Orientation Week

20 February  
Week One, Semester One

23 March  
Census Date

9 April  
Mid Semester Break

## From the Principal

### Hope, wishful thinking and the British Calendar Act of 1751



**Where there's life, there's hope'**

— so runs the proverb.

I think it's even more true to say, 'Where there's hope there's life!'

There are superficial hopes that affect the surface emotions of our lives (a hope for a new car for example). That's not the kind of hope I'm talking about.

All of us also have a deep, existential hope that the meaning and quality of our lives might continue and (hopefully!) improve – despite our own weaknesses, health issues and threats from Global Financial Crises and such like. Without this deep hope we drift easily into despair.

Hope arises when something good and new intrudes into our lives. Many people seem to think this will happen at the turn of the year – that's why we get such outpourings of optimism and celebration on new year's eve. But, when you think about it, any hope associated with the new year is really just wishful thinking. The truth is that world will be much the same on 1st January as it was on 31st December.

(What's more, new year's day is such a latecomer! In the English speaking world January 1st only became new year's day as a result of the British Calendar Act of 1751. Previous to that it was 15th March!)

The Christian year begins not on 1st January but with the four weeks prior to Christmas known as the season of Advent. Advent Sunday (usually the last Sunday in November) is our 'new year's day. In contrast to the wishful thinking of the secular new year, Advent reminds us that Christians have a real hope, a hope that can sustain us through the trials and tribulations of life (and death!) because it heralds the good news of the God's decisive intervention into our broken world.

All of us need hope – where there's hope there's life! Advent is an opportunity for us to reflect on, and rejoice in, the unshakeable hope that underpins our lives.

**'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined . . . For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.'**

(Isaiah 9.2ff)

Shalom,

Don Owers



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## Congratulations to the inaugural Cert IV in Youth Work class

Congratulations are in order for Tabor Adelaide's first ever graduating class of Certificate IV Youth Workers!

Lecturer Andrew Ford has worked with the group during 2011 and is really thrilled with the student's achievements. The students have completed a range of tasks throughout the year including research projects, presentations, journals, portfolios and of course numerous assignments.

They have participated in work placements in a range of challenging settings including youth centres, camps and programs. A number of these students worked as volunteer organisers at the State Youth Work Conference, held at Tabor earlier this year and this proved to be a major highlight for them.

Students have developed great networking skills, and several have already gained employment. Others are currently working in the field of Youth Work and gaining the Certificate through a mixture of study and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

Gaining entry into the Bachelor of Social Science (Youth Work), is another great outcome for one of our students. We look forward to following their future careers with interest. Once again, congratulations Cert IV YW class of 2011.

## Schools Ministry Group (SMG) partners with Tabor Adelaide

How do you provide training and professional development to 350 Christian Pastoral Support Workers?

This is the challenge for Dean Eaton, previous Tabor Adelaide Principal in his new role as Manager Training Services for SMG.

SMG has been providing this service to CPS workers, (previously known as school chaplains) around SA for a number of years. However with a new requirement to provide accredited training to nearly 250 workers, we are pleased to announce that SMG is partnering with Tabor Adelaide as the auspicing RTO.

This partnership will ensure that CPS workers receive accredited



training and SMG receives expertise and support from the Tabor VET Department. The new partnership is a blessing to all involved including the many SMG workers who will have straightforward pathways into Tabor Adelaide degrees in the future.

It is great to see two SA Christian organisations working together to achieve good things.

## Philosophy, Theology...and a musical play about the 'Anglo-Irish' C. S. Lewis!

Thoughts from Dr Brian Trainor (Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Studies Director in School of Humanities)

C.S Lewis is a writer and thinker whose work as a Christian apologist is rightly acclaimed. Os Guinness once spoke of his 'utter reasonableness'. In our scholarly publications at Tabor, our academic staff in theology and philosophy have endeavored to exhibit the same 'utter reasonableness' that C. S. Lewis once used so effectively to win souls for Christ.

Please feel free to have a look on the Tabor website at some of the articles posted there by Dr Graham Buxton and Dr Brian T. Trainor. (Go to About/staff articles/Graham Buxton/Brian Trainor).

Also, you will find under 'staff articles/Brian Trainor' the text and music of a musical play entitled "Joy in the Life of C.S. Lewis". This musical version of the relationship between C.S. Lewis (Jack) and his straight talking American visitor (and wife-to-be) Mrs. Joy Gresham allows characters from the 'deep imagination' of Jack and Joy to interact with them on stage in song and dance. In this version, Jack is very (Anglo)-Irish and Joy is very (American)-Jewish and this enables the themes of collective pain (the pain of Ireland, of the Jew, of the dispossessed, of the colonized), collective guilt and (Aboriginal/indigenous) reconciliation to be inter-woven into the play's main theme i.e. God and Evil.

## School of Social Sciences Celebrates

This month the School of Social Sciences celebrates a recent notable achievement by one of our alumni.

Bria Partridge, a graduate of our Youth Work program, has researched and authored a report for St John's Youth Services which was funded by the South Australian Government as a step towards increasing youth participation in the shape and structure of youth homelessness services.

The report is titled 'Tell someone who cares' and focuses on capturing young people's perspectives, particularly those young people who are and have been clients of the current system. Its findings have been broadly disseminated through a variety of means, including a national 'End Youth Homelessness' conference in Sydney.

Bria's report has just been published online and may be viewed at: <http://goo.gl/CRK07>

## Tabor Alumni

### The Child's Place



The Child's Place (Aust) Fund is a South Australian registered, non-profit charitable fund, working to raise awareness and much needed funds for education and community development work in Mozambique.

I, Annette Blackett (Founder) first travelled to Mozambique in 2002 to work as a volunteer at the Maforga Christian Mission... an orphanage that cared for over 100 children. I worked with 12 toddlers and taught 46 pre-schoolers for a week... and my life has never been the same since.

I know God was trying to teach me something! I returned to Australia and in 2003 began my teaching degree at Tabor Adelaide as I truly believed this is what the Lord called me to do whilst in Mozambique.

Since that time I have felt called to do more and following another visit to Mozambique in 2007 I decided, now as a teacher, that through education opportunities, positive changes were possible.

So...during 2008, together with a dedicated team of volunteers, we raised awareness and the necessary funds and went over as a team of six in October 2008 to build a classroom which has now become a community building for many purposes...education, health training, a meeting place, women's literacy.

My husband Dave and I returned again in 2009, following a family move to the UK and with another team of four we worked in the completed classroom, ran PE and soccer skills sessions and basically 'loved' the children. We also had the opportunity to help put a roof on a village church, spent valuable time with village members and had the pleasure of demolishing and rebuilding a hut for an elderly lady.

In 2010 I again visited Mozambique for 5 ½ months (June – Nov) and taught English in the CECAVI School and started a Bush Kindy in the Utumuile Village. My husband Dave and teenage son George joined me in July through August to run soccer skills clinics with the youth and the younger children. Our eldest son, Tom also spent six weeks in October and November running PE and Soccer Skills sessions at CECAVI and in neighbouring villages.

We continue to work very closely alongside our in-country partners and members of the community to achieve their goals and together, with them leading the way, and God's continued blessings, the work happens.

2011 saw myself and another volunteer travel to Mozambique to help in every way we could...teaching English, running Bush Kindy sessions, visiting the women's prison, helping out at youth meetings, praying with those who were in need and loving as many people as possible.



...BUT it's not all about the travel...the work that goes on here in Australia, through people

like you, our dedicated committee, 'networkers' and most importantly our 'prayer partners' is so valuable to raise awareness of the great need in this region.

We are very excited by God's blessings...in just the past four year have achieved some amazing outcomes. Please feel free to contact us for more information.

I feel very passionate that our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, is to share with as many people as possible, the hope that is in Jesus...so that others can begin to find their 'child's place'.... in the palm of God's hand.

Love & blessings,

Annette Blackett - Founder

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## Tabor Adelaide needs your help!

Spring has sprung, the skies are blue and the gardens are flourishing, unfortunately so are the weeds in Tabor's Heritage Gardens.

We would love for some volunteers to work in our once beautiful gardens. If you have a passion for gardening and have a few extra hours to spare we would love to hear from you. Our gardens are often visited by the local community and wedding parties drop by to have photos taken. This could be a wonderful opportunity to be able to, not only bless Tabor Adelaide but our local community too.

If you can help please contact Mike Lonsdale on [mlonsdale@adelaide.tabor.edu.au](mailto:mlonsdale@adelaide.tabor.edu.au) or 8373 8777.

## Non Smoking Campus at Tabor Adelaide

Staff and students, please note from 1 January 2012, Tabor Adelaide will be a non smoking campus.

## Support Tabor Adelaide - Annual Appeal

There are many ways you can help support Tabor Adelaide. We encourage the Tabor community to continue to support our work in any way they can, whether that be spiritually or financially.

Thank you to those who have donated to date and for those who would like to pledge their financial support, it is not too late.

Donations can still be made via the website <http://www.taboradelaide.com/about/support> or contact Johanne Manning on 8373 8777 for further details.



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“Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and always to be kind.”

- Helend Steiner Rice