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Welcome to the spring edition of the Compass for 2016, highlighting the wonderful achievements of Endeavour College's present and past scholars. The articles in this edition highlight the immense satisfaction that comes from developing and using our gifts to the best of our ability, to serve others.

As each has received a gift: use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.' 1 Peter: 4:10

What a thrill it is to see students achieve their best in outstanding performances on stage, entertaining and bringing enjoyment to others in acts of excellence; the culmination of many hours of rehearsals and an engaged and positive attitude. Students also excel in the classroom or on the sports field, challenged by competition, using their God-given gifts.

This edition features a new venture that has been forged with the Trinity Green Village residents that challenges the reality of the generation gap. Our partnership with Salisbury Council and engaging with Japanese students from Mobara gives students opportunity to practise their language skills and build cultural understanding and appreciation.

Our students excel as a result of their positive approach and their engagement with activities, inspired and encouraged by our passionate staff.

Immerse yourself in the excitement of education, and the wonderful opportunities available to young people today!

Enjoy!

Heather Vogt
Principal



‘Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit.’ Aristotle



MEKANIKHA

MEKANIKHA had its debut in early June and was viewed by almost two thousand audience members. The value of such a product is immeasurable; how can one put a price on the value of such a production? It is not just the production's content, but more so the worth and value that the students, staff, school and wider community get from producing and viewing such an experience. Productions such as MEKANIKHA establish standards, provide escapism and allow the opportunity for a large community to work together as one.

The importance of having something to work towards generates hope, enthusiasm and essentially a school-wide pedagogy. Students develop so much as they take on roles both on stage and off stage. The amount of work is immense, however, the rewards are powerful and life-giving. Students develop self-confidence, leadership skills, and knowledge about the many aspects of the production process, and inevitably the Endeavour Way.

MEKANIKHA was a challenge to produce to say the least, however, the Drama, Art, and Music Department all working together to provide an opportunity to showcase their excellence was well worth all the hard work. Congratulations to all who had something to do with the show on or off stage.

Jamie Richards

Drama Learning Leader





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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE: THE 'OLYMPICS OF READING'

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

Awards

Students who complete the Challenge receive awards from the Premier for their achievements in a similar fashion to sporting stars!

These awards include certificates, medals and Reader for Life recognition. This year we had 146 Reading Olympians and 3745 books read across the school, as part of this Challenge. These included:

10 Certificates: First Year

4 Bronze Medal: Second Year

3 Silver Medal: Third Year

6 Gold Medal – Fourth Year

7 Champion Medal – Fifth Year

16 Legend Medal – Sixth Year

24 Hall of Fame Medals – Seventh Year

37 Readers for Life – Eighth Year

30 Readers for Life Bronze – Ninth Year

9 Readers for Life Silver – Tenth Year

2 Readers for Life Gold – Eleventh Year

2 Readers for Life Champion – Twelfth Year

Congratulations to Aimen Haider, Year 12, who completed the Challenge for the twelfth and final time.

Benefits of Reading

The benefits of participating in the Challenge extend not only to literacy. Reading frequently and widely has been shown to increase empathy, memory, knowledge, focus and develop writing skills.

Well done to those who completed the Challenge this year. Endeavour College is proud of your medal-winning performance.

Catherine Barnes

Teacher Librarian



AUSTRALIAN HISTORY COMPETITION WINNER



Our very own Emma Belgraver (pictured left with her parents) was recently named the South Australian and National Champion for Year 10 in the Australian History Competition.

Approximately 28,161 students from 400 schools across the country took part in the competition, now in its sixth year. With 96% of the 50 questions answered correctly Emma was placed top in the Year 10 division, outscoring 11,131 other students.

Emma was presented with a certificate and medallion at an assembly in Term 3 by Filomena Isles, representing the History Teachers' Association of Australia. The Advertiser also ran a story on Emma's achievements.



ENDEAVOUR'S BASKETBALLERS EXCEL IN 2016

2016 as seen great success for a talented group of Year 11 boys. For the first time in many years, Endeavour College entered the Senior Boys Basketball team into the Knockout competition. The boys were dedicated to improving their skills, training consistently over the year. After progressing through the minor round games, knocking out long term rivals Modbury, Endeavour advanced to the state finals. The boys were highly competitive on the day, finishing 4th overall. They competed against teams consisting of mainly Year 12s, losing by only 1 point to the eventual winner. We look forward to seeing what the boys can do next year.

Success continued for this group in the weekly Vista competition. The boy's dedication was again evident as they trained hard to polish their skills, defeating Modbury in the Grand Final by 1 point.

On an individual level, there are numerous highly talented boys amongst the group with several playing at a District level. Jimma Dau, must be recognised for his outstanding achievements this year. Jimma was selected in the State Team and was recognised by the AIS and invited to trial for their program.

Lisa Durbridge

Sports Coordinator

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CABARET 2016: KINGS, QUEENS & PRINCES

The annual Music Cabaret was held on Friday 26 August at the Golden Grove Arts Centre. The theme for the evening was 'Kings, Queens and Princes: A Tribute to Music Royalty'. The night featured a range of music from iconic artists such as Elvis (King of Rock and Roll), Michael Jackson (King of Pop), Madonna (Queen of Pop), Prince and Queen. The theme was embraced by many of the 300 guests who attended, dressed in an impressive assortment of outfits ranging from famous musicians to actual kings and queens!

This purpose of this great community event was to showcase the talents of the senior Music students. A few highlights from the night included the String Trio performing Coldplay's 'Clocks', a fun version of Lady Gaga's 'Poker Face' by the Saxophone Quintet, a Prince medley by the Show Band and the Big Band's performance of Nat 'King' Cole's 'Straighten Up and Fly Right', featuring Year 12 vocalist Jessica Ortega. The Year 11 Rock Band had everyone up dancing to fun classics such as 'Material Girl' and the night concluded by a special performance from the old scholar band, Fusion (Class of 2015), who were joined in their set by the Music staff and performed several more fun dance numbers such as 'Uptown Funk'.

Perhaps the silliest moment of the night was a flash mob dance, choreographed by Year 10 student Sophie Morris and which featured a medley of songs including 'Thriller' and 'Single Ladies' (danced energetically by the Year 12 boys!).

The night was compered by the Music Leaders Joel Bowes and Laura John, who also ran some trivia quizzes and awarded prizes for best dressed.

Catherine Stanley

Music Learning Leader

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TRINITY GREEN LETTER WRITING

During Semester Two this year, one of Endeavour College's Year 7 classes has taken part in a Pen Pals letter exchange program. This involves students working collaboratively in pairs to send a hand written letter to a resident from Trinity Green Retirement Village. Village residents were invited to volunteer to be a part of this new initiative via their in house newsletter. Students wrote their initial letters introducing themselves to their pen pals and residents have responded. The exchange of letters takes place approximately fortnightly with an Endeavour staff member acting a "postie" doing the delivery and collection of letters. Students are very excited to receive their responses each time they return and are keen to reply. Residents are equally keen to obtain their letters and some have even arranged for them to be sent to them electronically while they are away on holidays. Towards the end of the school year it is planned for the residents to visit Endeavour College to meet their pen pals. Year 7 students will prepare and serve a morning or afternoon tea for the residents and tours of the College will also take place. It is hoped to expand this program to include more students and residents next year.

Sally Sanford Morgan
Service Learning Leader

"I enjoy doing the pen pal writing because it is interesting hearing about other people's lives and find out what they do. It is a good opportunity for the people to find out what we are doing at school. I enjoyed writing to my pen pal."

Massimo Vorrasi





GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Monday 27 June we were delighted to host over 235 grandparents who were visiting the College as guests of their grandchildren in Years 7 or 8. Our visitors joined their grandchildren in various classes, experiencing learning from a vastly different perspective from their own days as students. Many commented on the use of technology and the interactive approach adopted by various teachers. Highlights included experiments in Science, the construction of kaleidoscopes and the use of the 3D Printer in Design and Technology.

A delicious morning tea was provided in the new Middle Years Centre for the grandparents of Year 7 students, while Year 8 grandparents were treated to a wonderful lunch in the Mall provided by the Elizabeth Lutheran Ladies.

Many students were involved in a concert which was held in the Endeavour Centre, with performances in Drama and Music and presentations in Language and History. Overall, the day was a great success and proved to be a valuable way to enrich and build our community.

Susie Bond

Director of Middle Years



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YEAR 12 HISTORY TOUR

Most students spend their school holidays taking a break from their studies, but for members of the Year 12 History class, we were given a chance to learn more about our country and its history outside a typical classroom setting by visiting Canberra from 12-15 July.

The trip was purposeful and eye-opening. On our first day, we embraced -3°C temperatures and light snow as we travelled to our favourite location: the Australian War Memorial. We partook in two educational sessions where expert guides explained stories behind key artefacts in the many galleries. We all participated in wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the morning and the Last Post ceremony in the afternoon. We had the privilege to also speak with an Australian war veteran about his experiences. The day at the AWM allowed us the chance to fully appreciate the great toll that both World Wars had taken on our country, not to mention the great sacrifices given for our freedom.

Day Two comprised trips to the National Archives, Old Parliament House and New Parliament House. At the Archives we saw the historic documents which created Australia's Federation. In Old Parliament House we participated in a role-play which detailed an important part of Australia's political history: the Whitlam Government dismissal. In the afternoon, we went to see Parliament House. As many of us are turning 18 this year and therefore earning the right to vote, we gained valuable insights into the various functions of our government. We also participated in another role-play which helped us to understand how Bills are debated and passed in the Senate.

On our final day in Canberra we travelled to the National Museum of Australia. Here we learnt about Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal history, and came to understand more about the impact of European settlement in Australia on our First Peoples. In the afternoon, we were given some free time to explore Canberra Civic. Some took the opportunity to shop while others relaxed over coffee.

Sarah Dutschke, Alice Kirkbride & Vanessa Mann

Year 12 History students





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MOBARA STUDENTS VISIT

Endeavour College has been keen to get involved in the sister city relationship that exists between the Cities of Salisbury and Mobara, Japan. A key part of this sister city relationship is learning and exchange. Each year a delegation of students and teachers travel here from Mobara, and spend time visiting schools in the area and learning more about student life in Australia. This is the second time that Endeavour has been involved in the program.

The Year 9 Japanese students were given the role of being hosts for the day. After a welcome during our morning Chapel service, students formed small groups where they introduced themselves and found out more about each other, trying out and challenging their language skills. After a variety of language games and activities, the Endeavour students shared morning tea allowing our Japanese guests to enjoy Aussie favourites such as Tim Tams, Anzac biscuits and lamingtons.

After the break, some Year 11 students ran coaching sessions for Aussie rules football, and Miss Schlicker coached students in netball, with some Year 9 helpers to assist with demonstrating skills and helping with the language barrier. The Mobara students worked up an appetite, just in time for having a barbecue lunch. It was lovely to see our language students connecting with our visitors and trying out their Japanese skills during the break times.

In the afternoon our visitors did a presentation for our middle years students of Japanese, sharing about Mobara and aspects of Japanese culture like calligraphy, traditional buildings and architecture, and the star festival.

The day ended with lots of smiles, many photographs being taken, and many of our Year 9s understanding how important being able to communicate in another language really is.

Lisa Katsikitis

Languages Learning Leader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGAGEMENTS

Claire Mickan (2010) and **David Freund** (2009) on 14 May 2016 [1]

Ashley Boettger (2012) and **James Allen** (2011) [2]

Luke Flynn (2008) engaged to Ali May on 28 July 2016

Hannah Liddell (2013) is engaged to Markus Allen on 18 August 2016

Matthew Cowdrey (2005) was engaged to Lizzy Wright on 30 September

WEDDINGS

Steven Phung (2006) married Lokyan Janice Zhang on 6 September 2016

Peter Castle (2003) married Jari-An Cox in Melbourne on 2 October 2016.

Alyce Wachtel (2006) married Daniel Bergen on 9 January 2016 at Grand Cru Estate [3]

BIRTHS

Theo Andreas Maddox, son of **Travis Maddox** (2003) and his wife Joanna, was born on 13 May 2016

Jenni Bate (nee Lennox, 2003) and her husband Leigh have had another baby, Alexander George Bate, born 21 May 2016

Kate Dempster (2007) and **Matthew Burton** (2007) welcomed a son, Archie Matthew on 31 July 2016 [4]



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OLD SCHOLARS



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

MAGAREY MEDAL WIN [1]

Endeavour Old Scholar **Zane Kirkwood** (2008) was awarded the SANFL's highest honour, winning his second Magarey Medal on Tuesday 13 September 2016 .

Zane, who captains Sturt, polled 29 votes, including five best-on-ground performances to lead by 5 votes. The inspirational Sturt mid-fielder, belongs to an elite group of 11 champions to have twice earned the highest individual honour in the state league. The voting by the umpires is deserved recognition of Zane's tireless work in the engine room of the Double Blues and his incredible influence since he joined them in 2014 from Port Adelaide. He is an outstanding skipper, on and off the field, and leads from the front with his willingness to get his hands dirty in the heat of battle as well as his refusal to concede a contest without a committed fight. *(Advertiser, 14 September, words by Warren Partland, image Sam Wundke)*



Patrick Mann (2012) is working in a company developing an app for the state government for identity security [2]

Ben McAleer (2009) has a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, along with Maths and Computer Science degree [2]

Nathan Pfeffer (2013) is undertaking Youth Worker training at Tabor and Café Assistant at Koorong Bookshop. [2]

James Norrey (2012) is playing in a band, Innovate, with Zac Gupta, and has released songs on iTunes. [2]



Tayla Galic (2013) is studying for a Bachelor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. [3]

Amber Jurek (2014) is studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Bioscience, University of Adelaide. [3]

Aleksia Pilja (2014) is studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering at Flinders University. [3]

Ryan Kennealy (2013) is now doing an International Business degree. [3]

Melissa Sorgente Diaz (2015) is doing a Bachelor of Human Movement at UniSA.[3]

Narisse Fechner (2015) is undertaking a Bachelor of Law.[3]

Vitoria Timpano (2012) completed a Bachelor of Psychology and now undertaking a Masters in Education. [3]

Rebecca Kleinig (2012) is doing a Bachelor of Journalism and International Studies at UniSA. [3]

Karl Dutschke (2014) is completing a Outdoor Adventure and Tourism Diploma with TAFE.[3]

Jye Trudinger (2015) is currently working in IT at Westpac.[3]

Michael Pfeiffer (2014) is studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering at University of Adelaide [3]

Luke Wachtel (2013) is studying Construction Management and Economics. [3]

CLASS OF 2006 10 YEAR REUNION

The 10 year reunion of the Class of 2006 provided the opportunity for our Old Scholars to connect with each other, introduce their partners and babies, and reconnect with staff at an informal evening held in the Endeavour Centre. Many people reminisced over their school photos, events and stories of their time at Endeavour, while the Crows V North Melbourne Elimination final played on a big screen TV.

Our current College Captains took Old Scholars on a tour of the campus. They were amazed by the physical changes to the buildings and routines that have not changed. (Like the Senior Study Room Village roster!). It was a great night and a great opportunity to re-establish networks and friendships among the cohort.

Julie Freund

Community Coordinator



CLASS OF 2006 UPDATES

Alex Barratt (2006) is teaching Year 10 science at Mark Oliphant School.

Nick Calley (2006) is working for Telstra in data cabling.

Scott Dennis (2006) is currently chef at the German Club and looking into re-entering the SA politics scene as a political staffer, after spending time interstate and overseas.

Pierre Fayad (2006) has worked as a brick layer, then worked for his builders licence and is now studying Architecture at UniSA.

Brad Hancock (2006) is working as a diesel mechanic in the mid north.

Rachel (Herrmann) Zorich (2006) has James, born January 2016 and is a Student Advisor at UniSA City East campus.

Adam Kauschke (2006) is working as an archivist at State Records.

Simon Kupke (2006) is working for GHD in telecommunications and security.

Angela Martin (2006) is working as a Personal Carer at Helping Hand Aged Care.

Michael Metcalfe (2006) is working in sales at Statesman Homes – Residential Construction.

Elyse (Rouse) Duncan (2006) is a special education teacher at Maddison Park Primary School.

Caitlyn (Stewart-Watt) Aytekin (2006) is working at Allianz as a workforce analyst.

Kristin (Tscharkel) Cooper (2006) is a teacher. Now a mother to Phoenix, she has a flower business, Hello Dahlia.

Rebecca (Vallelonga) Manzanares (2006) is a mother to Oriana and also works in marketing.

Alyce (Wachtel) Bergen (2006) is teaching at Redeemer Lutheran School, Nurioopta.

Matthew Wardrop (2006) is a hardware engineer at BAE.

Bethany (Young) Nguyen (2006) is a manager at the Salvation Army.



OLD SCHOLAR PROFILE - ANNA GROSSE

What years did you attend Endeavour College?

I attended Endeavour from 2007-2009 (Years 10-12) and was honoured to be College Captain and Dux in Year 12.

What was your Favourite subject at school?

I really enjoyed Outdoor Ed in Year 10 and have good memories of the kayaking camp. I love doing things outdoors and have been fortunate enough to get my SCUBA diving license, hike the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal and summit Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania since leaving school, with plans to complete the Milford Sound walk in New Zealand this December.

What did you do after graduating from Endeavour College?

I started a Bachelor of Psychological Science at The University of Adelaide in 2010 but came to realise that this was not really what I wanted to do. I transferred into a Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery at the start of 2011 and haven't looked back since! Over the past six years, I've had a lot of incredible opportunities and experiences, including:

- Completing a year of rural placement in 2015, living in Whyalla SA
- Completing a 4-week placement in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, at the start of this year (following which I climbed Mt Kilimanjaro)
- Completing a 4-week placement in Edinburgh, UK, in the middle of this year
- Holding various positions within the Adelaide Medical Students' Society, including Vice President in 2016
- Being a Director of the Australian Medical Students' Association and the Deputy Convenor of their 2014 National Convention – the largest student-run conference in the southern hemisphere
- Many overseas holidays to most of South East Asia, Nepal, the USA, Eastern Europe and the UK

What is your current role or area of study?

I'm currently in my last year of university and am very excited to have accepted a job as an Intern at the Central Adelaide Local Health Network for next year.

What steps did you take to end up where you are now?

I always knew that I wanted to go to university, but when I was in Year 12 I wasn't too sure what I wanted to study. It was during my first year of university, doing a subject called Human Biology, that I seriously considered a career in medicine. In June of that year I sat the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test, participated in an interview and then successfully transferred into the Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery program.

Describe your typical work/study day

The first three years of my medical studies were university-based with lectures and tutorials. The second-half of my degree has been placement-based at various hospitals around Adelaide and in Whyalla. My days vary considerably depending on which ward I'm on, with ward rounds beginning as early as 7:30am and weekend or after-hours shifts sometimes required. There have been a lot of hours spent studying over the past six years but it's been a very enjoyable challenge!

Where do you hope to be in 10 years' time?

Although I haven't yet decided which area of medicine I'd like to specialise in, I hope to have completed or be nearing the end of my postgraduate training and be heading towards holding a consultant position in 10 years' time. I'd like to be involved with rural healthcare and medical education throughout my career, whichever direction that takes. I would love to continue to travel the world in any spare time and would also like to have a family some day.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Twilight Tour

Thursday 3 November
4:00pm - 6:30pm

Arts Showcase

Thursday 17 November
6:00pm

Valedictory Service

Thursday 24 November
7:00pm

Senior Years Final Service

Wednesday 7 December
2:00pm

Middle Years Final Service

Monday 12 December
1:30pm



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Endeavour College is a key member of the Connected Schools partnership. Together with Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten, St Paul Lutheran School, Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and Good Shepherd Lutheran School we offer a K-12 Lutheran Education. We are proud to be an important part of each child's Lutheran education and through our collaborative partnership offer a seamless transition from a primary to secondary school environment.

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