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Our students continue to inspire us with their focus on excellence and their journey to becoming women of strength, optimism and justice, prepared to take life on.

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Year 10 Orientation Day

On Friday 2 December we marked the Year 10 Orientation with the current Year 9 girls and new students for 2017, enjoying a fun day focusing on friendships and goal setting. The day was led by workshop facilitator, Kelly Vennus. The girls had a great day and enjoyed some clan activities and also various communication, relationship and team building activities. We look forward to welcoming these girls officially to the Senior School at the beginning of 2017.

Week 8 Opportunities for Years 10 and 11

The final three days for Year 10 and Year 11 girls included some excellent opportunities to reflect on the year that has been, and to come together to hear about and discuss some important issues. Year 10s heard from both SAPOL and the MFS about road safety, which will hopefully help to keep our girls safe as they start to drive and spend more time in cars with their peers. Years 10 and 11 also heard from Encounter Youth in their Alert but not Alarmed seminar. This seminar has a focus on safety when celebrating and encourages young people in the development of their social responsibility within the community. Year 11s met their Year 12 teachers, giving them a chance to discuss their 2017 subjects and receive early advice.

Best Wishes

Well done to our all our students for their achievements this year, and a special congratulations to the graduating Year 12 Class of 2016; good luck for all your adventures over the years to come.

I would like to wish all members of our community a very happy and safe Christmas period. It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to have been a part of the Seymour Community over the past six months and I wish you all well for the future.

Adrian Lawrence
Acting Head of Senior School
As the year has drawn to a close we have had many opportunities to celebrate students. The last half of Term 4 was busy with all students involved in orientation days as they look towards next year.

In addition to this, Year 6s have held concerts at Glenrose Court for the residents, which were received with enthusiasm. Year 6s also had an excursion to Parliament House to support their humanities lessons.

Year 7 students exhibited their work in humanities in a showcase of their research and findings based on the ancient Chinese civilization.

Year 8s sat extended tests in Maths and Science, while some students have also had subject based excursions. They began their leadership of the Middle School by assisting at the Old Collegian Assembly and lunch, and starting their traffic duty.

Year 9s have had a very busy term – camp up at Morgan, the Seymour Thinkers in Residence (STiR) proposals and exhibition, sitting extended tests and, of course, graduating from the Middle School.

The Middle School Class of 2016 were farewelled in Week 7. After students were led in by Year 9 Pipers, Edon, Millie and Shannon, they and their families were treated to the song *Good Riddance (Time of Our Lives)* by Green Day sung by Amy, Chelsea, Emily, Isabelle and Tia, accompanied by Holly and Isabella on bass and guitar.

Melissa spoke to the girls and parents about the value of family in the success of education outcomes for our students. I spoke to the girls about reflecting on their time in the Middle School, the value of relationships formed and the skills they have learnt to assist them in their Senior School years and beyond.

Each Year 9 student was presented with a certificate, a group photo and a commemorative pen. The ceremony ended with the Year 9 Music class playing the vibrant *Susie* on the steel pans. I wish this group of Year 9s all the best in their future endeavors and leave them with some advice from an inspirational woman, Audrey Hepburn:

> **Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I’m possible**

Girls, go find your ‘possible’.

In the final week, all Middle School students celebrated their fantastic year by taking part in picnic days, they supported *Crescam Ministrando* by participating in the Service Fair and joined the rest of Barr Smith Campus to celebrate Valedictory.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday period and look forward to welcoming students in the new year. Merry Christmas!

Rachel McKee  
*Head of Middle School*
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In this edition Rachel McKee reflects on the Middle School journey.

Year 9 Camp at Scott’s Creek

This Term the Year 9 students experienced the challenging and adventurous activities that are on offer at PAC’s Scott’s Creek Outdoor Education Centre.

During the course of the week, the girls undertook a range of team building activities, including the high ropes elements, Jurassic Journey and the Big Wall Challenge. Half of the week was spent on a canoe expedition, which involved cooking on Trangias, sleeping in tents, and a day paddle on creeks and tributaries of the River Murray. The river flow is very fast at the moment, making for some challenging paddling when going upstream! At night, there were a range of activities, including campfire games, Kamp Krusty and bouldering.

We thank the numerous people who made this camp possible: Seymour teachers Kelly Walker, David Larkins, Robyn Roennfeldt, Di Hanlon-Swan and Brad Cummins; our Gappy, Lauren Adams; James and Tim Howard from Roundabout Buses; and a special thank you to Micha Jensen and all of the Scott’s Creek staff.

Christie McAuley
Outdoor Education Coordinator
Head of Middle School

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Building Robots Workshop

On Wednesday 29 November, Seymour College welcomed Adam Jenkins, a lecturer from the University of South Australia, and two helpers, Geoff and Scott, to run workshop to build two robots with twelve Year 8 students.

Adam showed the girls the competitions that these types of robots are built for and took them through the different types that teams have used. The girls were faced with a pile of electrical components, wires, bolts, aluminium pieces, wheels and assorted tools.

For one robot, one group planned the layout of the components on the circuit board, then drilled holes and used crimpers to attach connectors before wiring it all up. The other group drilled holes in the pieces for the aluminium frame before bolting it altogether and attaching the motors and wheels, to create the second robot.

Lots of teamwork and problem solving resulted in smiles when the batteries were attached and they were rewarded with flashing lights on the components.

Comments from the students included:

I really enjoyed participating in the Robotics Workshop. It was a fantastic opportunity.
Tayla, Year 8

I thought that the Robotic Workshop was really cool and interesting. I was in the group that rebuilt a circuit board. It was really fun driving the robot around the Physic Lab!
Isabelle, Year 8

Sharon Eichinger
Mathematics and Science Teacher
Head of Middle School

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Year 9s Build Solar Buddies

Modern energy services are crucial to human well-being and to a country’s economic development; and yet 1.2 billion people globally are without access to electricity and more than 2.7 billion people do not have clean cooking facilities. More than 95% of these people are either in sub-Saharan African or developing Asia, and around 80% are in rural areas.

Women and children are particularly affected by energy poverty. With no access to light, collecting firewood or walking to facilities can be dangerous. Cooking is done in small spaces with fuels such as kerosene – so toxic that being in a room where kerosene is used is like smoking two packets of cigarettes a day. Children often do not study or do so by candles.

The SolarBuddy.org created the Buddy2Buddy Schools Solar Program to connect school communities who want to make a difference with other children and communities in areas throughout the world that live in energy poverty. Students purchase and build a ‘Solar Buddy’ light which is sent to communities that experience energy poverty – such as Uganda, Somalia and Papua New Guinea.

The Solar Buddy project aims to involve as many schools as possible in the Buddy2Buddy program on an ongoing basis. The goal is that thousands of schools across the world give the gift of light to others every year, helping to end energy poverty one community at a time. Seymour College is one of four schools currently in South Australia participating in this program.
Head of Junior School

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Norwood Christmas Pageant

The Year 4 girls and their buddies from the Early Years excitedly lined up for this year’s Norwood Christmas Pageant as a culmination to their most recent unit of inquiry service project. Together they had made wheelbarrow loads of Christmas decorations to give out to members of the local community who turned out to cheer on the parade. And there was plenty of cheering for the Seymour marchers!

Here are some recollections of the day from the Year 4s:

We started the morning by getting our cheeks painted rosy red by Mrs Crawford then Mrs Moule gave us our Santa hats. Mrs Bates adorned us with our necklaces and Miss Weir handed out our water. Mrs Stevens made sure we had our buddies. While we waited for the pageant to start, we drew Christmas messages on the road with chalk. Mrs Lock organised the banners and all the other wonderful staff from the Early Years made sure we had our Christmas cheer ready.

Shelley Travers
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Junior Primary Christmas Nativity

Our Junior Primary girls brought the magic of Christmas to Seymour when they shared the story of the Nativity and delighted audiences in McGregor Hall. Every girl from Mid-Year Foundation to Year 2 played an important role in bringing the story of the first Christmas to life. This year's story travelled back to Bethlehem from a classroom at Seymour, where lots of inquiring young minds bombarded their teacher with questions:

- Why did that star shine so brightly?
- Will it ever shine like that again?
- Who saw the star first?
- What did the Angels say to the shepherds?

As is Seymour tradition, the solos and speaking roles were mastered by our Junior Primary leaders, the Year 2s, but every angel, stable animal and dancer played a valuable role in creating this beautiful and heart-warming performance. The happy songs, smiles on faces, waves to loved ones and palpable excitement helped make this very special event even more magical.

Thank you to our Music maestro, Caroline Jacobs, who helped every star to shine, to her amazing Music team for their superb instrumental support, and to Ruth Harrison for her incredible work providing colourful costumes. Thank you also to Michael Storer for his technical support and to all if the Junior Primary teachers for their unending encouragement and hard work.

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Year 5 Graduation and Family Gathering

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The girls proudly received a Graduation Certificate and also a special gift from the College, a photo book recording their time in Year 5. We hope that when they look back at their photo book in years to come, they smile at the wonderful memories held within it.

Accompanying each book was a handmade book mark with a five-ribboned tassel. Each coloured ribbon represented a character strength that aligns with our Seymour values and was shared with a message for the future. A red ribbon for strength, a yellow ribbon for optimism, a blue ribbon for justice, a white ribbon for courage and, of course, a Black Watch ribbon for every girl's unending connection to Seymour. Once a Seymour girl, always a Seymour girl!

Thanks to the generous donations from our Year 5 families, the girls made a wonderful gift of new Clan banners for the Junior School. They look fantastic and will be used regularly at all future Clan events. Each girls name is represented on her Clan's banner so that they will be a visible legacy of this year's leaders.

The Year 5 Parent Representatives, with help from our office dynamo, Deb Virgo, also coordinated a wonderful Year 5 family gathering to help celebrate the graduation. Families returned to school late on Thursday afternoon to share a delicious, catered meal in our beautiful Junior School grounds. It was a fantastic way to mark the end of each girl's time on the McGregor Campus.

Shelley Travers
Head of Junior School
It was with much excitement that we celebrated the Ainsley S children’s graduation on Thursday 8 December.

As the oldest citizens in The Early Years, this was an opportunity to celebrate our time together as the children prepare to transition to school in 2017. The children shared, with their friends and families, their dreams for the future years and their memories from their time in the Ainsley Learning Space.

2016 has been a busy and engaging year of research and inquiry projects for this group of children and they are all looking forward to the next stage of their learning journey.

The Ainsley S children had spent the last few weeks together preparing a gift to present to the future Ainsley children of 2017. As a collaborative project, we used the tie-dye technique to print our hands on a large sheet. Carefully we signed our names and then sewed it together to make it a durable picnic blanket ready for the new Ainsley children to enjoy. This gift was well received by the Enya children.

We wish our children all the best for 2017. Happy School Days to you!

*Bec Stevens
Early Years Educator*
SAPOL Road Safety School

The Ainsley children attended the SAPOL Road Safety School during Term 4. The children were beautiful representatives of Seymour College and, after our visit, Policeman Matt was very complimentary of their manners and behaviour.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who volunteered in your ‘Police Officer’ roles on the day. We wouldn’t have had such a successful day without your help. The children learnt the very important curbside drill of “Stop, Look, Listen, Think” which they practised as pedestrians. They also had a turn riding on the ‘road’ practising staying on the left and stopping to give way.

Georgia Weir
Early Years Educator
For the past two terms we have been working closely with our buddies in preparation for the Norwood Christmas pageant, so it was with much excitement that the Ainsley children paired up with their Year 4 buddies for the Parade. Meeting together regularly enabled the Ainsley children to develop their sense of belonging to the Seymour community and become active participants in College life.

The children together designed and made Christmas decorations in preparation to give out during the pageant. Over 400 gifts were crafted from wool, pop sticks, wire, paper and beads! The Christmas decorations were our opportunity to give back to the wider local community and share the gift of giving at Christmas.

On the morning of the Norwood Pageant we put on our hats, had rosy red cheeks painted and patiently waited for the event to begin. When it was time to gather together with our friends and family, we laughed and waved our way up the Parade, sharing the Christmas spirit with everyone.

Bec Stevens
Early Years Educator
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Seymour community for their generosity, hospitality, kindness and care of our boarders.

The saying ‘it takes a village to raise a child’ rings true when we think about our boarders. From the academic teachers to the nursing, catering, boarding, cleaning and maintenance staff, their needs are met. Our boarders are so very lucky to be growing up, surrounded by such a wonderful community.

In particular, families of day students play an important part in our boarders’ lives. Assisting with sports travel, opening their homes with dinner invites or overnight stays, being a loving family when theirs is so far away, or simply being a familiar face in the school grounds are all aspects of friendships gratefully appreciated.

Our boarding parents can’t thank you enough for all that you do for their daughters. Sending a daughter away to school comes with its difficulties for parents, and if we all work together to love and nurture their daughter whilst away from home, the ‘village’ is doing its job.

Thank you Seymour College. The Black Watch spirit which connects us all together, is doing wonders for our boarders.

Caroline Hodges
Director of Boarding
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**Pipe Band Pageant Performances**

During November, the Seymour College Pipe Band participated in the Credit Union Christmas Pageant, the Glenelg Pageant and the Norwood Pageant.

The Adelaide Credit Union Christmas Pageant took place on Saturday 12 November. The Pipe Band were joined by the Highland Dancers and we followed Fergus the Fire Engine through the city. It was a very tiring 3km walk but such an amazing experience. We loved recognising lots of Seymour families waving to us along the way.

We participated for the first time in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant on Sunday 20 November and then in the Norwood Christmas Pageant on Saturday 26 November. At Norwood, we welcomed back the Highland Dancers who marched with us. It was a very hot day, but it was great to perform in front of an enthusiastic crowd in such a happy atmosphere.

Congratulations to all the girls for their tremendous work and time in the lead up to these events. Special congratulations to Elise (Year 5) for completing her first Credit Union Christmas Pageant and to Amelie (Year 4) for playing with the Band for the first time. Both girls are very talented and we look forward to seeing their progression and further participation with the Band next year.

Thank you to the many Old Collegians who kindly came to play with us and give support in all three pageants. The girls loved having them around and we greatly appreciated their experience. Without Iain Small and Doug Paterson we could not have participated in the pageants so we sincerely thank them for their brilliant work with our practices and at the events.

The Pipe Band is looking forward to continuing to be part, once again, in community parades and the pageants next year.

*Ella, Year 10*
Music, Sport, Clubs and Activities

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Achievements in Music

2016 Head Girl, Isobel (Year 12), recently received an exceptional A+ in her Grade 8 clarinet exam for the Australian Music Examinations Board. She has been awarded the Grade 8 clarinet prize for South Australia and Northern Territory and was invited to perform in the prestigious AMEB Showcase and Awards Ceremony in the University of Adelaide’s Scott Theatre on Sunday 11 December. Congratulations to Isobel on this significant achievement.

Year 12 violinist and Orchestra Leader, Scarlett has recently successfully completed the Associate Diploma exam, one of the most advanced levels offered by the AMEB. Scarlett has been leader of the Adelaide Youth Orchestra this year and a member of the ADYO string quartet. She is an active performing musician at the College and in the wider community.

This year she has been involved in the Australian Youth Orchestra’s National Music Camp and Young Symphonists Program. She will be playing in the February season of AYO next year in the company of the most talented and promising of Australia’s young orchestral players.

Both Isobel and Scarlett have been enrolled in several subjects of SACE Stage 2 Music over the last two years and they will be furthering their music studies at interstate universities in 2017. Their contributions to music within the Seymour community will be greatly missed.

Graeme Quinn
Director of Music
Community

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Seymour Shop School Holiday Opening Hours

Prior to the commencement of Term 1, on Tuesday 31 January 2017, the Seymour Shop will be open during the holidays on:

- Monday 23 January 8.00am–4.30pm
- Tuesday 24 January 8.00am–4.30pm
- Wednesday 25 January 8.00am–4.30pm
- Thursday 26 January CLOSED (Australia Day)
- Friday 27 January CLOSED
- Monday 30 January 8.00am–4.30pm
- Tuesday 31 January 8.00am–4.30pm (Term 1, Day 1)

The Seymour Shop will then be open as usual each week during term on:

- Monday 8.00am–4.30pm
- Wednesday 8.00am–4.30pm
- Thursday 1.00–5.30pm

Deb Roach
Seymour Shop Manager
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