Thursday 8th December
Cinderella Choir Performance 7pm

Friday 9th December
Kindy Transition Day (2012 Rec)

Tuesday 13th December
Class Carers meeting 2pm

Wednesday 14th December
Student End of Year Service rehearsal at Nautilus Theatre – students to meet teachers at the Makybe Diva Statue at 8.45am. Students return to College to commence lessons at approx. 11.30am

Thursday 15th December
Casual Day
Pool Party (Reception to Year 5)

Friday 16th December
Student End of Year Service rehearsal at Nautilus Theatre – students to meet teachers at the Makybe Diva Statue at 8.45am
End of Year Service at Nautilus Theatre at 7pm

2012
Thursday 2nd February
Orientation day for new students

Monday 6th February
Students start date (Term 1)

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Blessed Storms

Sometimes in life we experience hardships and adversity. It is often difficult to understand why these tough times are happening to us – and we sometimes question “Why me?” and “Why is this happening?”

I recently stumbled across a poem entitled “Blessed Storms” by Belinda Van Rensburg. This poem explains that these ‘storms’ in our lives are sent by God. They are blessings used to strengthen us and allow us to grow as a person, and also grow in our faith.

During stormy weather
Clouds seem to lose their glow;
Gathering together
They darken Earth below.
The leaden sky explodes;
Rain pelts the ground with force
Threatening to erode
The soil without remorse.
Clouds rumble, roil and moan;
Lights split the sky in two;
Earth’s creatures hide and groan
Birds bid the air adieu.
Though dark clouds hide the sun;
Though they are grim and gray -
Without them we’re undone
For they send life our way.
They’re smiled on by the Son
He formed; sent each of them;
A blessing every one;
A mystery to men.

Bringing much needed rain
Enabling life to grow;
Though storms can cause much pain
We need their blessed flow.

When storm clouds gather close
And life seems dark and bleak;
When foes attack; oppose
Leaving us battered; weak
Remember that each cloud’s
A blessing in disguise -
Sent by God; allowed
To strengthen; make us wise.

‘He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.’ (Isaiah 40:29-31)

‘So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand’ (Isaiah 41:10)

My favourite quote from this poem is in the last verse – ‘Remember that each cloud’s a blessing in disguise, Sent by God; allowed, to strengthen; make us wise’. Next time you are experiencing one of these ‘storms’, remember this message, and allow yourself to see that it is during these times of trouble that you grow in wisdom and strength.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

I was blessed to be a part of the Rotary Lunch held at Ravendale last Thursday. The lunch was to showcase the Year 9’s who worked on biographies of “Seniors” in the community. The feedback was excellent and heralded our Year 9’s as polite, interested and extremely well behaved. The Seniors were presented their own biography at the lunch. The Year 9’s are to be commended for their hard work.

END OF YEAR SERVICE

Our End of Year Service is at 7:00pm on Friday the 16th of December at the Nautilus Theatre. Please note official formal summer uniform is required unless told otherwise by your class teacher (see below). We will continue our whole school practices at the theatre in the morning on Wednesday the 14th and Friday the 16th of December.

We are asking that all students are dropped off to teachers at the Makybe Diva statue in the morning at 8.45am. Students who come in on school buses will all meet at the Junior Primary School and walk together supervised, to Nautilus Theatre. Students will be delivered by buses back to the College when the practice is completed. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2011 Forms Package. Unfortunately due to the seating capacity of Nautilus Theatre, we now request that there be a limit of 2 seats per family allocated on the night.

Parents please note it is expected that all students attend this evening. If your child/children will not be attending the End of Year Service on the last day of school, a written note needs to be sent to their class teacher, explaining reasons for their absence. Thank you.

UNIFORM POLICY – OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

GIRLS:
Rec – Year 1
Short sleeved polo shirt, skort, short white college socks, black, leather shoes.
Year 2 – Year 8
Dress, short white college socks, black leather shoes.
Year 9 - 10
Dress, opaque flesh coloured stockings, school blazer, black leather shoes.

BOYS:
Rec – Year 1
Charcoal shorts, short sleeved polo shirt, short black socks, black leather shoes.
Year 2 – Year 8
As per winter uniform, without jumper.
Year 9 – 10
As per winter uniform, without jumper but with school blazer.

God bless,
Kaye

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Last term, and for the first 6 weeks of this term we have been raising money for the ALWS East African Famine Relief Fund through our Chapel offerings.

We had amazing support from our whole student community and in total raised over $1400! Congratulations, Navigator College! This will go a long way in supporting the hundreds of thousands of people affected by the devastating famine in East Africa.

For the last few weeks of this term, our focus will turn to supporting Lutheran Community Care. Lutheran Community Care provides community services on behalf of the Lutheran Church in South Australia and Northern Territory. All money raised will go towards Lutheran Community Care’s Christmas appeal which involves Christmas hampers being distributed to families who are less fortunate and wouldn’t otherwise have much joy in their lives at Christmas time.

Donations towards this cause can also include a non-perishable food item which can be added to the Christmas hampers for people in our local community. These items can be taken to your child’s class for collection.

Thank you in anticipation,
Sarah Hodgson, Year 6 Teacher

SRC CASUAL DAY

Next Thursday the 15th of December, is a casual clothes day for all students. In order to be able to have the privilege of wearing casual clothes for the day, the students are asked to come dressed under the theme “Heroes and Villains”. The cost is a gold coin donation and/or a non-perishable food item. The donations will go to the Lutheran Community Care program providing local families with hampers at Christmas time. We look forward to seeing all our Heroes and Villains on that day!
SCHOOL FEES
Can you please ensure that all your school fees for 2011, are paid in full by the end of next week. Thank you.
Liz Smith, Business Manager

POOL PARTY
On Thursday the 15th of December, we have our Reception to Year 5 Pool Party to be held at the Leisure Centre from 12.00 – 2.30pm. Any further information please refer to the note sent home last week or speak to your class teachers.
Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

LAST DAY OF TERM
Please note that due to the early closure of the Government schools and our bus connection, the Navigator College 2011 school year will end for students at 2pm on Friday the 16th of December. Thank you.

VACATION CARE
Do you struggle with vacation care?
When the other schools go back to school on January 30th 2012 and Navigator students return the week after, are you finding childcare difficult?

I have approached Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) which operates a YMCA vacation care program about running an extra week from January 30th to February 3rd for Navigator students.

They are willing to extend their vacation care program if parents/caregivers of Navigator College students wish to utilise their services. They need 8-12 children for a staff member to be employed.

If you are interested please contact Annette Mesecke on ph 0428 598 720 ASAP for more information.

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2011
Don’t forget the Canteen will not be open in the last week of this term due to class parties and End of Year Service activities. Our last Canteen day for the year will be Friday the 9th of December. Thank you all for your patronage this year.
Di and Ian Schmidt

SCHOOL MAGAZINE
Our Navigator College School Magazine, 2011 will be available for purchase at the End of Year Service for $15. Alternatively, parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office, to be picked up on the last day of school.

GRAIN DONATIONS
The College gratefully accepts grain donations from farmers in lieu of cash donations. If you would like to make a contribution could you please donate to “Navigator College Inc” (12846521) and ask to have the grain to be warehoused. Thank you in anticipation.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
If you have a Reception child or other children starting school here for the first time in 2012, we encourage you to visit the Uniform Shop to purchase their requirements for next year before the end of term. Our shop opening times are Tuesday mornings 8.30am – 9.00am and Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm. Thank you.
Alison Gassner, Uniform Co-ordinator

HOMESTAY PROGRAM
Navigator College is offering a Homestay Program for students who cannot commute to the College daily. The Homestay Program involves families in Port Lincoln who are willing to board students during the school term. Some of these students will require board for five days per week, others seven days per week. The host family will receive payment from the family of the boarding student, according to the guidelines set out by Navigator College. If you are interested in boarding a student please contact Mark Thiel on 8683 3016 or the College on 8682 5099, or call into the Front Office for an information booklet.

2012 TERM DATES
Term One: Mon 6th February - Thurs 5th April
Term Two: Mon 23rd April - Fri 22nd June
Term Three: Mon 16th July – Fri 21st September
Term Four: Mon 8th October - Fri 14th December

OUR SAVIOUR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TIMES FOR SERVICES:
Port Lincoln:
DEC 11th - 10.00am Morning Service
DEC 18th - 10.00am Morning Service
7.00pm Children’s Christmas Presentation
DEC 24th - 7.00pm Readings and Carol Service
DEC 25th - 10.00am Christmas Day Service
Coffin Bay:
DEC 25th - 9.00am Christmas Day Service

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Calisthenics Club News
Navigator College students Brittany Siviour and Caitlin Thomas were awarded the Marie Bascombe Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Achievements in Calisthenics. Brittany competed in the Intermediates section and Caitlin competed in the Sub Junior A section. This was the second year Brittany has been awarded the trophy. Anyone interested in joining the Port Lincoln Calisthenics club can contact Bianca Pycroft on 0429 834 676. Come and try classes are available.

MTC Dance
Summer Holiday Dance Workshops! Come and enjoy 3 hours of fun. Workshops available throughout December and January. Cost $30 per child, $55 for 2 children. For more information contact Ashlee Palmer on 0403 418 222.

Holiday Activities at Arteyrea
Arteyrea Workshops including Dance, Zumba and Drawing, with qualified tutors. Cost $20 per class. For more information contact Civic Hall on 86835088.

Invigor8
Children & Family Ministry Conference 2012 is being held at Unity College, Murray Bridge on Saturday the 18th February, 2012. For more information email invigor8@blueprintministries.org.au
End of Year Service

The Principal,
Mrs Kaye Mathwin-Cox
& staff of Navigator College
warmly invites

Parents and Caregivers
To attend the

End of Year Service

Held on
Friday
16th December, 2011
at the
Nautilus Theatre
at 7.00pm

Please join us to help congratulate our graduating students for 2011.