Simply Awesome!

Over the weekend I finally ‘cashed in’ my Night of Nights auction item from 2010 and had a joy flight over Port Lincoln and surrounds. I am not the best flyer, even in perfect weather and even on a larger Qantas flight. It’s usually about the time, as we are just about to lift in the air that I wonder how this great big heavy machine could actually lift up into the sky and stay there! I also struggle to understand that turbulence is similar to a bump in the road or a wave on the ocean. To me it feels as if we are about to fall out of the sky!

Di and Mick Hart are amazing pilots. Their planes are kept immaculately and they explain each movement and manoeuvre. I really enjoyed the day, even though I felt a little cautious at times.

After the initial nervousness I relaxed and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the view of many common sights around Port Lincoln. To fly over my house, the school, the city centre, even the show was fantastic. We saw a whale and her calf from above, a pod of dolphins and a school of salmon. It was incredible!

Whilst I was enjoying the scene from above I couldn’t help but think how amazing God’s creation is. He made all that we see and marvel. He shaped the coastline, He coloured the ocean, He created the creatures, He even shaped the landscape. As a Christian I cannot fathom how anyone could not believe there is a God when His creation is so awesome!

I am one of the lucky ones. I do believe, so I can marvel at the wonderful world God has created. I can fly above, look down at this incredible land and thank Him for giving me the blessing of life.

‘All You have made will praise You, O Lord; Your saints will extol You. They will tell of the glory of Your kingdom, and speak of Your might, so that all men may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom’: (Psalm 145: 10-12)

I can also thank God for equipping the Harts with the skills to make even a nervous flyer enjoy the ride!

Submitted by: Kaye Mathwin Cox
FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

STAFF CONFERENCE

A reminder that on Friday the 2nd of September our Navigator College staff will be attending the Lutheran Schools Association (SA/NT/WA) Annual Staff Conference in Adelaide. Please note this will be a Pupil Free day for all our students.

NEW STAFF

Welcome to Whitney Clements who has joined our staff as a trainee. She will be supporting teachers in classrooms and helping in administration. We look forward to working with her during her time here.

God Bless,

Kaye.

PRINCIPAL’S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW

I would like to inform you that, as part of the contractual agreement our Principal Kaye has with Navigator College, as well as for the development of the Principal and enhancement of our College, Kaye will soon be involved in a review process. The review will be conducted by the Lutheran Schools Association through the Director. The first stage will be by means of an electronic survey, with respondents to be staff, College Council members and a random selection of parents. I encourage the parents who are contacted to respond to the survey. Thank you in anticipation.

Kingsley Macdonald
Chairperson, College Council

FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL …

How fantastic the start to this term has been. On a personal note, the visiting and investigation of like schools around Australia has given me more insight into the growth and operations of schools. Kaye and I visited seven schools around Australia over the holidays to view and review their growth phases. The trip reinforced to me that our school is tracking well and importantly, growing sustainably.

In week two and three, Information Evenings were held for Year 10 students going into Year 11, and Year 9 students going into Year 10 in 2012. The meetings were held to give our community information about the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and how it will impact our students. It further outlined the subject offering available to our students and the strategic direction the school is taking in regard to curriculum. I am constantly amazed by the growth of our school and I feel so privileged to be a part of it.

I feel that we are very blessed to have teachers who are so committed to our students and their development here at the College. Each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays our staff voluntarily roster themselves for a homework duty and support the students with their school work. The program runs from 3.20pm – 4.15pm and is already seeing success.

On Tuesday morning a Pancake Breakfast was held this week to bring awareness to the plight of many people around the world who are affected by famine. Our Year 6 class is investigating a Unit of Inquiry on “Wealth distribution around the globe” and has initiated a program of raising money to assist people in Africa who are in despair. The Pancake Breakfast (gold coin donation) and all Chapel offerings for the term, are being collected for Lutheran World Service and a whole school goal of raising $2,795.00 to supply water to 120 thousand people has been initiated. Congratulations Year 6 for initiating the process.

Stuart Cox, Head of Middle & Senior School

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that Term 3 school fees are now due. Please arrange for these to be paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

AFTERNOON PICK UP REMINDER

Parents and Caregivers are asked to please take note of the sign at the entrance to the car parking area, asking drivers to turn left when leaving between 8.30am and 9am and 2.30pm and 3.30pm. This will allow for smooth movement of cars entering and leaving the College. We ask that you please adhere to this rule. A small amount of inconvenience is worthwhile for the safety of our students. Thank you.

BOOK WEEK 2011

The date for Book Week 2011 is the 20th to the 26th of August. This year’s theme is “One World, Many Stories”. Navigator College is inviting every student to be part of this wonderful event. One way of recognizing students’ families’ backgrounds and stories their families share, will be by displaying gathered information on a world map in the Resource Centre. A letter with a questionnaire went out last week to families to gather this information.

Uta Enneking-McQuillan, Librarian

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Students from R-7 have the opportunity to purchase books and stationery from the latest Scholastic Book Club brochures. Orders are due back to school by tomorrow Thursday, the 18th of August, 2011.

Uta Enneking-McQuillan, Librarian

CANTEEN

Please find attached an updated Canteen Price List. There have been quite a few changes so far this year, so we ask that you please use this Price List from now on. Thank you.

Di Schmidt, Canteen