Paying it Forward

On a bleak winters night a regular customer of an all-night café, notices a young girl sitting at a table. She is huddled in a threadbare jacket and tired looking. She has been there for some time seeming to be just sitting and waiting. After some time the customer realises that she has not ordered and he comments to the waitress who explains that the young girl has no money. The customer asks the waitress to tell the girl to order and he will pay the cost. The waitress goes over to the young girl and does so. The young girl looks in his direction, hesitates and then gets up and comes over to him. She tells him that she cannot accept his offer because she is unable to pay him back. He explains that she does not need to pay him back, but that at some time in the future when she is able, she needs to “pay it forward”.

This is an expression that many of you have probably heard. There are many websites with stories and quotes, a movie about paying it forward, an annual international pay it forward day and even a pay it forward Facebook page. Paying it forward is about people doing random acts of kindness. Usually selfless acts performed by someone wishing to either assist or cheer up an individual. Acts that are either spontaneous or planned in advance and they will generally be for no reason other than to make people smile, or be happier.

During my time at Navigator College I have seen many random acts of kindness and when I am asked why I enjoy working at Navigator, one of my reasons is that the staff are extremely caring and supportive of all members of the school community and in particular each other. Thoughtful gestures are encouraged as the daily norm and sometimes are as simple as a few words or a cup of coffee, but the effect can be great. To some people giving comes more naturally than others, but look around you, who could use a simple act of kindness? A smile and a kind word to someone, a helpful gesture, a note of encouragement to someone who is going through a difficult time. Anything nice you do for someone can be considered an act of kindness, especially when you expect nothing in return. Remember, if you receive an act of kindness, not only can you say thank you, but you can pay it forward.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)
A COMMUNITY BLESSED

As I read through the Newsletter I am reminded of all the wonderful ‘goings on’ that occur at our school. It is a vibrant place of inquiry. I am excited by the Multicultural aspect of our school that allows us to embrace and experience the cultural stories of others. We have a truly global perspective in our educational offering here at Navigator College which is supported by our focus in the International Baccalaureate and the pool of community members willing to share their culture. As teachers we too are learners for life. We constantly look for new and exciting ways to load ourselves with knowledge, knowledge of curriculum, of social interaction, how boys learn, how to do schools better, and a myriad of directions too many to mention. Kaye has been in Canberra this week doing all of these things so that she is more equipped to lead our school through our stages of growth. We can however be assured that in this environment of educational interaction we learn more from those we are close to everyday, our parents, our students, our College Council and our teachers. Why would you want to do or be anywhere else? What a blessing you all are!

Stuart Cox, Head of Middle and Senior School

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As you interact with your child this week look for opportunities to foster and develop learners with attitude.

Steve Jude, PYP Co-ordinator

PRINCIPAL’S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Thank you to the parents who have been asked to respond to the Principal’s Performance Management Review survey. Many replies have already been received and I encourage all those contacted, to return their survey as soon as possible. Thank you in anticipation.

Kingsley Macdonald, Chairperson, College Council

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) UPDATE

An integral part of the Primary Years Program (PYP) is the development of “The Attitudes”. The PYP recognizes that whilst knowledge, skills and concepts are an essential element of a learner, they do not make an internationally minded person. “It is vital that there is also a focus on the development of personal attitudes towards people, towards the environment and towards learning.” (Making the PYP happen). A PYP school develops attitude in its learners, attitudes of a positive kind, and attitudes that will assist students to be effective global citizens. This week we look at 3 of the 12 PYP Attitudes.

‘HORIZON’ MAGAZINE COVER COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists! The Magazine Committee is running a competition for a student design for the front cover of Navigator College’s ‘Horizon’ 2011 Magazine. Entries must have the name of the College magazine (Horizon), and also the year (2011) on them. They must be A4 sized, and landscape orientation. The competition is open for all students of Navigator College, and entries will close on Friday of week 9, the 23rd of September, 2011. The first prize winner will have their design on the front cover of Horizon 2011. The second prize design will be put on the back cover, and the third prize inside the back cover. Winners will also receive a small prize for their amazing effort. Please bring your cover design (with your name and class written clearly on the back of your entry) to the front office. Looking forward to seeing your great ideas and designs!

Magazine Committee

2011 MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

Navigator College will be publishing its 2011 school magazine later this year which will be an overview of school activities and events throughout the year. In order to offset the printing costs, we are asking local businesses and organisations to sponsor our 2011...
magazine. The following 2 sponsorship options are available:
$110 for a business card size advertisement in the magazine and $330 for a 1/3 page advertisement. All adverts are GST inclusive and a receipt will also be issued for taxation purchases. Please contact the school front office if you are interested in advertising in our 2011 school magazine. Local businesses will be contacted via a letter in the near future. If you have a business ‘contact’ who may be interested please let us know. Thank you in anticipation.

Magazine Committee

WOOLWORTH’S DISPLAY BOARD
If you happen to be shopping in Woolies, please take the time to have a look at our Navigator College display board. Mrs Freeman’s Year 1 class has their work displayed for the next two weeks, and this will be followed by Mrs Masters’ Year 4/5 class.

YEAR 4/5 CLASS NEWS
The Year 4/5 Students are investigating ways in which advertising influences the way people think and the decisions they make. We have been investigating the forms and techniques of advertising and how the message of advertisements is connected to the target audience. The students are currently designing campaigns (in small groups) to promote an idea through advertising to the College community or Port Lincoln community. The students are enthusiastically employing their knowledge and investigating further the methods employed in advertising as each campaign takes shape.

Tania Masters and Gemma Lienert, Year 4/5 class teachers.

BOOKWEEK
This week Navigator College is celebrating Book Week 2011. This year’s Book Week theme is ‘One World, Many Stories’. On Tuesday students from Year 2/3 and 4/5 were privileged to listen to Esther Campion reading Walt Disney’s story “Aristocats” in Norwegian. On Thursday stories around the world will be continued with a famous fairy tale read in German and a story from the Koran, read in Arabic, and translated into English, by Dr and Mrs Hussaini. Thank you to all the parents who are contributing to Book Week in this wonderful way. Our survey on the cultural backgrounds of Navigator families has produced interesting results. Navigator College is truly multi-cultural with families originating from Australia, England, Austria, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Greece, the Philippines, Nigeria, India, South Africa and New Zealand. Countries of origin are honoured with little flags on a map in the Resource Centre.

Uta Enneking-McQuillan, Librarian

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS
-NEW BACK-UP POLICY-
Generally throughout the week, we receive an average of two students saying their Pen Drive (USB drive) has failed, and they need the data retrieved. Usually we can only repair about 10% of them. I always follow with the question, do you have any backups? And the answer is nearly always “No”…

What is a backup?

Definition of backup
backup: 1. n. A collection of data stored on (usually removable) non-volatile storage media for purposed of recovery in case the original copy of the data is lost or becomes inaccessible. Also called a backup copy.

Saving your data to a USB stick does not make it a backup if it’s the only copy.

The Good News …
Recently we moved over to new servers, allowing us to now store much more student data than in the past. We now have a new backup policy in place that will greatly minimize the loss of data for the students.

New Backup Policy
All Students
Will save their data to the “documents/picture’s/music” folders on the computer they are logged into (this data is kept on the server). It is then their responsibility to save that data onto their pen drive frequently. (YR 10 and above may save data to the video folder also).
**Data should be backed up daily** by the user, as each computer/laptop may be wiped and reinstalled at any time! This applies to all staff and students**

Parents can you PLEASE ask and remind your children to backup from school every week. It's disappointing to see them leave in tears when they lose data with no backup.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Why do we need to backup when the data is kept on the server?

Data gets backed up every night to two separate locations in the school (in case of fire) but, there is always the slim possibility that the backup system has/had failed and your data was not backed up that night. Meaning, if your laptop/desktop was to die or have an error that night, your most recent data would be lost.

Can I retrieve an earlier version of a file I saved, it's now corrupt, or has incorrect information?

Yes, your data is backed up incrementally. So if you find yourself in that situation, let us know and we can go back to the date the file was healthy.

My USB drive has failed, can you fix it?

About 10% of the time we can repair it through correcting broken tracks. It all depends if the chip inside the drive has failed or not.

My data has disappeared off the server! Can you retrieve it?

In most cases “yes”. but remember, it is YOUR responsibility to have a recent backup of it on your own USB/HDD drive.

How often should I backup my data?

That really depends on the individual. You need to ask yourself, what can I afford to lose? If your data is critical to you, then back up back up....

I’m unsure of how to backup correctly.

We give training to staff how to backup correctly. If you child does not know how, they can ask the teacher.

How can my Middle School students work at home on their data if they have lost their USB drive?

They need to replace their pen drive as soon as possible. They can always email themselves the file and retrieve it at home from their computer. Students can access their Navigator emails by clicking on the webmail link on the bottom of the Navigator website. Click YES to continue if it prompts. For the username enter: navigator/username, then put in your password.

*** Only Year 5 and up have email address ***

I have lost my USB drive, can I purchase them at the school?

Within the next month, students will be able to purchase USB drives from us. Please get your child to ask at our front office for a new one.

How long are the student documents kept for?

From this point on, all data is kept for a maximum of one year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Nick Foster, IT Co-ordinator

PARENT GET-TOGETHER

The Class Carers would like to extend an invitation to parents of children in all classes at the College to join us for a cuppa and chat this Friday the 26th of August at 2pm at the Marina Hotel. We look forward to seeing you there.

Community Notes

**Youth Group** – Fun for 10 to 14 year olds. Our Saviours Lutheran Church (1st and 3rd Fridays, unless otherwise advertised). The first of our brand new and exciting Youth Group meetings will be held at Our Saviours Lutheran Church on Friday the 2nd of September. We will begin at 6pm by making our own Pizzas, which will be followed by a Movie (PG). We plan to finish by 9.30pm. Please bring: Yourself (same age friends welcome), Gold coin donation, Bean bags, and Nibbles for the Movie. (Parents ‘chill out’ room available downstairs) Queries please ring Pastor Ben 0429 951 182.

Our Saviours Lutheran Church Little Tackers – Will be held this Friday the 26th of August from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. It will be a Cooking and Craft night with a gold coin donation. Children are asked to bring either an apron or wear appropriate clothing. Contact Tamara Modra 0412 430 592.

Christian Life Week - The Eyre Peninsula Christian Life Week (CLW) will be held from the 3rd to the 10th of October at Trinity Haven. CLW is for secondary school students from Years 8 to 11 and is conducted by the Lutheran Churches of Eyre Peninsula. Forms are available at the College front desk. If there are any queries, please contact Mark Thiel at the College, or on 86833016.