Forgive - your choice

Every one of us at some stage of our lives has been challenged to forgive, and in saying that we need to be forgiven as well. Have you ever said the wrong thing, had “foot in mouth”, or been hurt by some else’s comments?

In John 3:16 when Jesus says “believe in Him” it means to agree with Him and follow and obey His teachings. Believing in Jesus brings forgiveness and freedom from sins. This was God’s whole purpose; because He loves us so much, He sent Jesus with “the purpose” to forgive us and restore fellowship between us and Him.

In Luke 11:1-4 the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. In verse 4 it says “and forgive us our sins”, then it goes on to say “as we forgive those who sin against us”.

At different times when you don’t want to, or can’t forgive, it’s at these times you need to call on God’s grace.

The meaning of Grace is God enabling you and giving you strength. Remember, holding unforgiveness is like eating rat poison and hoping it destroys the other person.

It’s all about freedom; God wants you to be free.

Submitted by: Craig Smith
Its great to be back! Over the last three weeks Stuart Cox and I had the privilege to visit other emerging schools around Australia. These schools are ahead of where we are, at varying stages of development. The trip affirmed to me that we are doing well with regard to ethos and curriculum development. It also highlighted some areas for development within our Masterplanning stage which I will be presenting to staff and College Council in an effort to continually improve our practice. I am very proud of our school's development and feel encouraged as well as excited about our future.

**STAFFING FOR 2012**

As we head into the final semester for the 2011 year it is time for the College to consider staffing for 2012. We have a strong intake of new students for next year and are now considering the staffing requirements we will need to meet the 2012 cohort of students. If any current school families' circumstances have changed and you no longer require enrolment for your child in 2012, please inform me via a note addressed to the Principal or through a meeting time to enable us to accurately gauge student numbers for next year. Thank you in anticipation.

*God Bless,*

*Kaye.*

**PORTFOLIOS**

A reminder that your child’s Portfolio needs to be returned during the next two weeks. Thank you, if you have already done so.

**IMMUNISATIONS**

The second visit for Year 8 and 9 vaccinations will be on Tuesday the 9th of August. We have just been advised that only the Year 8’s will need to be seen this visit.

The Year 8’s are eligible for:
- Chicken Pox vaccination – if they haven’t had Chicken Pox before
- Girls only – Gardasil vaccination (this should be the second of three doses). If you have any questions regarding this please phone Aaron Price, Environmental Health Officer at the City of Port Lincoln office on 86212320.

**WOOLIES “EARN AND LEARN” PROGRAM**

Thank you to those who have supported our school in this program. As this is the last week, we hope these points can be redeemed for various educational resources for the school. To ensure your purchases result in points for Navigator College, simply place the bottom portion of your docket with the unique code in the box at Woolworths, or bring it to the front office at school.

**COLES “SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS” PROGRAM**

Navigator College has once again registered in the “Coles Sports for Schools” Program. Last year was a huge success with a whopping 27,000 vouchers collected. This resulted in Navigator College receiving a vast array of sporting equipment. Between the 11th of August and the 18th of October, for every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, you will receive a voucher. During this period if you purchase groceries from Coles, please bring the accompanying voucher to school and place it in our collection box. The number of vouchers collected by our school will then be redeemed for new sporting equipment for the school. Thank you.

**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 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.

**Community Notices**

Are you 16 years of age and would like to obtain your Boat Licence? On Wednesday the 24th of August at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club, those interested can sit the Boat Theory test. The cost is $40 and bookings can be made by contacting Rese on 0417 087 223.