Jesus: Our Ultimate MasterChef

Another season of MasterChef has run its course, with the effervescent Kate Bracks the eventual and popular victor in the drawn-out battle of culinary contestants. Numerous invention tests have been run and won, with a mouth-watering list of core ingredients making their way out of the well-stocked pantry and subsequently being transformed into gastronomic delights. Fascinating information, you may say, but what relevance does this have for us in our life’s journey?

Young Christian singer/songwriter Kari Jobe, in her song “Everyone needs a little” provides a clue through the opening lyrics, “Come all ye weary and ye broken, Come to the table of the Lord.” The meal promised to us through God’s Word and served by our ultimate master chef, Jesus is one that will fill us with spiritual food far more fulfilling than any of the MasterChef contestants could ever dish up.

Entrée and mains for the banquet God has prepared for us contain three core ingredients: Faith, Hope and Love – recipes are found in the Bible. No matter how hard we try to appease our hunger through things of this world, nothing comes close to the sustenance these three ingredients provide. The real treat comes with dessert: a mouth-watering plate of forgiveness coated with unconditional love and sprinkled with the most precious covering of eternal life. The victor in our life’s spiritual foodie fight is …… Jesus Christ; second place doesn’t warrant a mention!

The MasterChef pantry was always filled with so many amazing ingredients to compliment the core ingredients of the invention test, but when the season ends, the pantry door shuts. God’s pantry door is always open, and filled to the brim with the Fruits of the Spirit, all we ever need to prepare the tastiest spiritual meals. Want to know more? Look up Galatians 5: 22-23 in God’s amazing cook book.

Throughout her MasterChef journey, Kate Bracks made many friends through her positive attitude, caring manner and love of family. It came as no surprise to me to find she was a committed Christian and, win lose or draw, Kate used God’s pantry to sustain her spirit. God’s invitation to us too is “Come, all things are ready, the table is laid and the pantry is open!”

Submitted by: Bill Kannussaar
BETTER SCHOOLS PROJECT

Last Friday I attended a meeting at LSA to discuss the results of our Better Schools Survey. This survey was conducted in May with staff, students and a random sample of parents surveyed. The results were outstandingly positive and I can only say that this reflects in the general culture our school conveys. I congratulate and thank all the staff, students and parents for their incredible support over the survey time. As we are reflective practitioners there are a few areas that we know we can improve on. Over the next few weeks I will be speaking with staff and College Council about ways to improve our exceptional results and will keep you informed as we consider areas to make our College an even better place to work and learn in.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF CONFERENCE

On Friday the 2nd of September our Navigator College staff will be attending the Lutheran Schools Association (SA/NT/WA) Annual Staff Conference. The staff will have the opportunity to worship and network with teachers from Lutheran Schools throughout our region. Please note this is an advance notice as the day will be a Pupil Free day for all our students.

God Bless,

Kaye.

YEAR 5-7 CHOIR UPDATE

There is a new rehearsal time for the Year 5-7 choir. It is now Monday mornings from 8-9am. The decision to change to this time came as a result of students struggling to attend lunchtime sessions. A recent visit to Immanuel Primary convinced me to trial a before-school timeslot, as Immanuel had previously experienced similar problems with lunchtime rehearsals and now has success with the time we are trialling. All Year 5-7 interested singers are welcome to attend.

Bill Kannussaar, Music/Choir Teacher

CANTEEN UPDATE

Please note that Macaroni Cheese is now back on the menu. Thank you, Mrs Di Schmidt.

BOOK WEEK 2011

Every year Australian schools celebrate Book Week. Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia, having celebrated its 65th birthday in 2010. Book Week celebrates Australian children’s literature and its creators, and seeks to engage the community with literature. Each year the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) publishes a Short List of books for recommended reading. This year’s short list can be viewed at http://cbca.org.au/Shortlist_2011.htm. 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 is being sent out today to families to gather this information. Any questions please contact 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. Please ask your child’s teacher for a copy as we are not sending brochures home with every child. We appreciate that some of the content in the brochures may not suit particular children, therefore please take time to choose from the brochure with your child. Orders are due back to school on Thursday, the 18th of August, 2011. If parents wish to order books from this year’s Children’s Book Council short list http://cbca.org.au/Shortlist_2011.htm, please contact Uta Enneking-McQuillan, Librarian, Navigator College, umcquillan@navigator.sa.edu.au.

COLES “SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS” PROGRAM

Navigator College has once again registered in the “Coles Sports for Schools” Program. Between the 11th of August and the 18th of October, for every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, you will receive a voucher. 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. Thank you.

ASTHMA AWARENESS

We have received information from Asthma Foundation SA about a free Asthma Control Pack. To register for your FREE pack, please call into the front office and collect a form. Any interested parents are welcome to call in and have a look at the ‘display’ pack in the front office. Thank you.

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 Reze on 0417 087 223.

CONNECT Want a new fun and relaxing way to sing praises to God and hear His Word? Join members of Our Saviours Lutheran Church and local community for an evening service of worship and praise to be held on Sunday the 14th of August at 6pm in the Navigator College Resource Centre. Leonie Ebert.