A plain but very thoughtful “sheep”!

I love children's picture books - love the pictures, love the stories and love to read them to my two beautiful girls. Most of all, I love the simple message most of them tell and the thoughts, it can provoke.

A couple of weeks ago, I came across the story “The Very Cranky Bear”, immediately thinking about myself (for reasons unknown 😊), I picked it up and read through the picture book to find a very delightful message in the story, not to mention the illustrations.

The story goes a little like this;
In the Jingle Jangle Jungle, four friends go into a cave to get out of the rain. Unfortunately, there is already a very cranky bear in the cave (Me) and he chases them out again. Zebra, Lion and Moose (random people) decide to cheer the cranky bear up by giving him the things they have that make them happy – stripes (money), a golden mane (new car) and a pair of antlers (great shoes). Plain Sheep (my family/friends) isn't at all sure about this and waits outside in the cold. Sure enough, a strange and still very cranky bear chases Zebra, Lion and Moose out again. He roars at Sheep that all he wants is somewhere quiet to sleep (more time). Thoughtful Sheep clips off half her wool and stuffs it in a bag to make Bear a pillow (quality “weekend” time). Bear’s bad mood goes away. Now as Bear sleeps peacefully, the four friends can shelter in the cave.

The end page reads “and as the bear falls asleep maybe he is dreaming of a plain but very thoughtful sheep.”

This (of course) is my interpretation of the story! But it does provoke my thoughts even more as I consider; when we see someone else with a problem, we often assume that the best way for them to solve it is the way we would. When confronted with a very cranky bear, this is how Zebra, Lion and Moose respond to him. They assume Bear would want what makes them happy. Sheep, on the other hand, waits and watches, and listens to Bear. Then she offers a solution that really fits the problem, and everyone is happy.

I am so grateful for the thoughtful “sheep” in my life.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Submitted by: Di Moseby
FROM THE PRINCIPAL …
Last week Sergeant Rene Steen, from the Port Lincoln Police Station visited our school and spoke to the Middle and Senior School students about Internet safety. He provided them with information and also left booklets titled “Cybersmart Guide for Families” for anyone that would like a copy. These are available from the College front desk.

The staffing process for 2012 is progressing very well with a significant number of highly qualified and excellent educators undergoing the shortlisted interview process. We hope to have most positions for 2012 finalised shortly.

God Bless,
Kaye.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Letters have been sent out regarding Junior School Parent/Teacher interviews to be held on Wednesday the 28th September and Thursday the 29th of September. To make an appointment please ring the front office as these interviews are crucially important in terms of gaining insight to your child’s progress. Please note that teachers are expecting parents only for these interviews. Parents are asked to call the front office to book a time with their child’s class teacher.

Middle and Senior School Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday the 26th and Thursday the 27th of October, week 2 of next term. (Please note this was previously advertised for week 1). Students will receive an Interview Request form which will be sent home with their report. Please complete this form and return it to respective teachers in week 1. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your requested time.

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL
‘CELEBRATION OF LEARNING’
It is our vision at Navigator College to inspire our students in their learning so they become active and knowledgeable contributors to the community of Port Lincoln and beyond. Each year we as a community of staff, students and parents celebrate the development that has taken place with our Middle and Senior School students as they journey in their learning. This milestone event is called the Middle and Senior School ‘Celebration of Learning’. This year the ‘Celebration of Learning’ will take place in the evening of Tuesday the 27th of September in the newly developed Cluster 3 area. Rooms will be set up allowing each student to share and display the highlights of their learning and achievements in the year thus far. The extension of displays into the new Science Lab and Resource Centre, provides parents the opportunity to also appreciate the learning that is occurring across a wide range of year levels and curriculum areas. We strongly encourage parents to attend the evening, encouraging and supporting their children and demonstrating that we as parents and the College community value our students’ learning.

The evening is also a unique opportunity to experience the community culture of Navigator College that makes our school such a privilege to be a part of. The students of the Middle and Senior School will be circulating savoury and sweet refreshments throughout the evening, adding to the atmosphere of celebration and enhancing opportunity for students, parents and staff to connect on a social level. The evening will begin at 5:45pm and the sharing of learning will take place from 6:10pm to 7:10pm. We will then have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the musical and dramatical talents of our students, while enjoying the company of our College community before the evening closes at 8 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there. Andrew Jericho, Year 9 Teacher.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School Photographs will be held on Monday the 24th of October. Official summer uniform will need to be worn on this day. Each student will receive a named envelope regarding school photos. Every student MUST return the envelope - whether or not an order is being placed. Envelopes are to be returned to the school with the correct payment enclosed, prior to this day please. Family envelopes are available from the front office. Thank you. Julia Thiele, Administration

CHRISTMAS BOXES
Samaritan’s Purse is a non profit, non-denominational, international relief organisation. One of their projects is Operation Christmas Child (Christmas Boxes) and Navigator College is once again offering the opportunity to support this work. We are inviting classes, families or individuals to make up shoe boxes full of 6 gifts (something to love, play with, wear, write/draw with, something for personal hygiene and something special.) We would like to invite you to be a part of this project but it is completely optional. A more detailed brochure is also available from the front office. The boxes need to be completed and brought to school by Friday the 30th of September. As each box requires $9 to cover the associated costs (inc freight), you may prefer to donate money towards this, rather than packing a box. Thank you so much for your support. Sue Hodgson.

‘HORIZON’ MAGAZINE COVER COMPETITION
Don’t forget to enter in the competition to design 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 will close next Friday the 23rd of September. Please bring your cover design to the front office. Magazine Committee

Community Notes
Christian Life Week - The Eyre Peninsula Christian Life Week (CLW) will be held from the 3rd to the 7th 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 office. If there are any queries, please contact Mark Thiel at the College, or on 86833016.

Scripture Union OctoberCamp is for Year 7–10 students. Activities already planned include a huge footy game on the beach, workshops in dance, drums and a cooking competition. OctoberCamp is a positive environment for young people and a great option for how to spend the last weekend of the school holidays. Find all the details at: http://www.su.org.au/sa/wired/octobercamp.html