Coincidence or Providence?

A few years ago, on Easter Sunday one of my daughters came running inside to announce that there was a situation in the guinea pig shed. Naturally this is a concern for all lovers of small, furry creatures so we took a look. There, on the day that we celebrate the gift of new life in the risen Christ is the same day that two tiny, fully furred baby guinea pigs have been born and were now planted firmly next to their mother’s side. ‘Scruffy’ was... pregnant? This is the same guinea pig that I’ve often referred to as ‘rat with a beard’! Is the arrival of two new lives on Easter Sunday a reminder of God’s promise of new life? Just a coincidence or God’s providence at work...

A few weeks ago we had the unfortunate incident of having our car stolen. This could possibly be a reasonable act if we had another or we didn’t like the one we had. Unfortunately this was not the case. We wandered in the wilderness for a few days trying to sort out a hire car, insurance details and the stress that comes with losing something that I consider an excellent excuse for not having to walk everywhere. My husband’s thoughts about our car may differ here!

It was several days later that another of my daughters was out with a friend doing a routine walk for a neighbour’s dog when she came across our car, locked and nicely parked on the side of the road only three streets away. The vehicle was completely intact with only the torch and a copy of *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* by Roald Dahl missing. It’s good to see that some car thieves are improving their reading skills with quality material...

Before our vehicle was found, our staff prayer group at school had prayed for the recovery of our undamaged vehicle. I must admit I’m a bit of a realist in these situations (having had a number of items stolen before) and I wasn’t entirely sure that God could really deliver that request. You can imagine my disbelief when the car was found and even the police are amazed it was undamaged. Once again, a coincidence or the providence of God...

God's providence goes beyond my faith and sometimes my lack of it in trying situations. God’s providence is His love often displayed in the detail, the revelation of His kindness and compassion and His delight of seeing our prayers answered. Providence is the protective care of God. May you continue to see God’s providence in all things.

1 Peter 5:7 ‘Cast all your anxiety on him for he cares for you’

Submitted by: Fleur Slater
FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

The annual Southern Cross Twilight Markets was held last Friday evening and what a fantastic event it was! The weather was perfect, the food stalls were many and varied, the rides were entertaining, the music (Who Let The Cats In and Chapel Band) was delightful and the ambience was exactly what we had planned for – one of fun and fellowship. Congratulations to the many staff, students, parents and friends of the College who collectively made the Markets such a success. The event raised $14,000, which will go towards shade for Cluster 4 classrooms and landscaping outside the Resource Centre. The Class Carers, the Fundraising Committee and our wonderful staff deserve a special mention for the extra time, effort and support of this event. Congratulations to all!

God bless,

Kaye

REMEMBRANCE DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Last week our Year 10 class went to the Remembrance Day Memorial Service. The 11th of November is a significant day as we remember all who fight in wars to protect our freedom. Our two College Captains laid a wreath as Navigator College’s tribute to all those soldiers who have fallen in the horror of war. It was a fitting service and one we will continue to attend.

The students who were at school, gathered around the flag poles and participated in a small service of their own. They were very respectful of the significance of Remembrance Day.

IMMUNISATIONS

The final visit for Year 8 and 9 vaccinations will be on Thursday the 24th of November. Only the Year 9’s who were absent last time and did not receive their Boostrix vaccination, need to be seen. The Year 8’s are eligible for:

* Chicken Pox vaccination – if they haven’t had Chicken Pox before.
* Girls only – Gardasil vaccination (should be the last 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.

Julia Thiele, Administration

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

A reminder to all Year 9 parents that the Senior School Blazers need to be paid for before Friday the 9th of December, so they can be presented to the Year 9 students at our End of Year Service on the last day of term. These are a compulsory part of the Senior School uniform and are to be worn to and from school each day, as well as for official functions. The cost of the Blazer is $160 and can be paid for at the Uniform Shop or the front office. Installments are possible.

Also if you have a Reception child or other children starting school here for the first time in 2012, we encourage you to visit the Uniform Shop to purchase their requirements for next year before the end of term. Our shop opening times are Tuesday mornings 8.30am – 9.00am and Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm. Thank you.

Alison Gassner, Uniform Co-ordinator

GRAIN DONATIONS

The College gratefully accepts grain donations from farmers in lieu of cash donations. If you would like to make a contribution could you please donate to “Navigator College Inc” (12846521) and ask to have the grain to be warehoused. Thank you in anticipation.

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2011

The Canteen will not be open in the last week of this term due to class parties and End of Year Service activities running throughout the week. Our last Canteen day for the year will be Friday the 9th of December. Thank you all for your patronage this year.

Di and Ian Schmidt

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our Navigator College School Magazine, 2011 will be available for purchase at the End of Year Service for $15. Alternatively, parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office, to be picked up on the last day of school.

END OF YEAR SERVICE – HELP REQUIRED

Every year the College holds an ‘End of Year Service’ at the Nautilus Theatre in the evening of the last Friday of Term 4. The Reception students will be involved in a Nativity drama. We are looking for anyone who is able to help with sewing hems on some of the costumes and could possibly sew up some new ones. Please see Naomi Woodstock if you are interested and she can provide you with further information about this.

STUDENT ABSENCE REMINDER

Late or early departures are processed through the front office, and therefore it is very important that students arriving late or leaving early check in via the front office. It is also imperative that these students report their return to school at the front office to record them back in the system. Failure to do so will result in these students being marked absent. Please remember you can SMS your child’s absence details to 0416905303 at any time of the day. Thank you.
SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that Term 4 fees should now be paid, unless prior arrangements had been made. Please ensure that your account is up to date. If there are any foreseeable problems please contact me at the school.
Liz Smith, Business Manager

PORTFOLIOS
A reminder that Portfolio folders for Junior and Middle School students need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you, if you have already done so.

NAVIGATOR COLLEGE HOMESTAY
Navigator College is offering a Homestay Program for students who cannot commute to the College daily. The Homestay Program involves families in Port Lincoln who are willing to board students during the school term. Some of these students will require board for five days per week, others seven days per week.

The host family will receive payment from the family of the boarding student, according to the guidelines set out by Navigator College. If you are interested in boarding a student please contact Mark Thiel on 8683 3016 or the College on 8682 5099, or call into the Front Office for an information booklet.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Buying Online Safety TIPS
I would like to give you some tips on buying online. Many people are still scared about buying online and with good reason. There are some simple ways to make buying online safe. Most people are very wary about using their Visa, MasterCard for transactions. Giving out your credit card details online, even on a secure site, can still allow your card details to be stolen from the use of ‘Trojans’ installed on your computer by viruses. Here are some tips on what you can do to assure safe transactions:

1/ Go to your bank and create a simple account for Internet transactions. Have the bank create a visa card which should only cost you about $3 a month. Transfer something small like $100 to the newly created account. When you decide to buy something online, use your new visa card details. If your card numbers are stolen, then at best all they can take from your account is $100. With the ease of online banking, you can transfer the money to your visa card just moments before you need to buy.

2/ Make sure you have a good antivirus product and that it’s fully updated. I don’t recommend free antivirus. You really do get what you pay for.

3/ Many websites have the option to buy with PayPal, if they do, then I would recommend using it rather than your visa card. If you haven’t already done so you can go to www.paypal.com.au and sign up. Enter your credit card details in there and they will be kept securely online. PayPal holds millions of credit card numbers and has more security protocols in place than probably any other business online. They also have a policy where you can get your money refunded if you are scammed.

4/ Found a site that has cheap products? Be very careful. Many sites that sell bulk have crazy cheap products and are scammers. Especially stay well away from www.alibaba.com

5/ You have searched for ‘cheap computers’ and found a site that’s cheaper than the rest, how reliable are they? How long have they been in business and how can you trust them with your details? One simple thing you can do is, do a WHO IS on the domain name. This will tell you the age of the website. If the site is younger than 2 years old, I wouldn’t touch it. It’s just not worth the risk.

Do the WHO IS search at:
http://whois.ausregistry.net.au/whois/whois_local.jsp
You can also do an ABN search on the company, and Google the map address. Make sure they are legitimate.

HOT TIP If you find you have been scammed online, call the bank immediately, as most banks will refund the money stolen.

That’s about it… Have fun shopping, and don’t spend too much. For any afterhours work, please call me during school hours on 8682 5099.
Nick Foster, IT Technician, Navigator College

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CONNECT Worship Service
Our Saviours Lutheran Parish invites you to join us for a short 45 minute Christian based service with modern music lead by Bill Kannussaar. This service is held in a relaxed and welcoming environment in the Resource Centre Multi-purpose room at Navigator College. Please join us on Sunday the 20th of November at 6.00pm. All denominations welcome. Leonie Ebert.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
This will be from the 25th to the 27th of November, 2011 at the Lutheran Church, Flinders Highway, Port Lincoln. Times are: Friday the 25th from 10am – 9pm, Saturday the 26th 10am – 4pm and Sunday the 27th from 12 noon until 4pm. Enjoy a display of uniquely Decorated Trees, Christmas Quilts and other Christmas Collections and enter into the spirit of the Christmas Season.

There will be Cake Stalls, Lucky Dips and Raffles available also. Entry fee is a Gold Coin Donation. Light refreshments will be available and a Sausage Sizzle will be held on Friday evening. The Festival will conclude with an Advent Service at 7pm on Sunday evening and supper amongst the trees.
2011 Twilight Markets

[Images of various activities and people at the event]

Delicious Delights

[Images of a bouncy castle and other attractions]