Many People – One World

About one thousand years ago there was a man who lived in Spain by the name of Santo Domingo. He wanted to do great things for God, maybe even be a leader of God’s people, like a Priest or a Pastor.

So Santo Domingo went to a number of different Monasteries (where people train to become church leaders) to start his training but they all turned him down because the leaders at the Monasteries said that he wasn’t smart enough to become a Priest or Pastor.

Santo Domingo now realized that he could never lead people in worship at the great Cathedral at Santiago de Compostela but at least he could help people to get there. The way to the Cathedral was very difficult to travel because there were so few bridges and at places not even a path. So Santo Domingo went about building footpaths and bridges for the worshippers.

This does not seem like a glamorous job that Santo Domingo ended up doing, but it was necessary. We still need road builders today.

All of us have different gifts and abilities, as society wouldn’t operate very well if we were all good at the same thing.

In Romans 12: 3-8, God tells us that we are like a body. Just as the body has different parts which perform different functions, so we as the people of God perform different functions to make the world go round. This includes our vocations, as it is through our vocations that we serve other people and by serving other people we are giving glory to God.

Maybe we can’t all be famous, but what does it matter? We can all do great things, like helping a little brother or performing our work realizing that we are serving others and thereby thanking God for the gifts and abilities He has given us.

Yours because of Him!

Submitted By: Mark Thiel
FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

This term has already flown with much happening on the Navigator front. I was one of the blessed staff who went to Canberra with the Year 6 & 7 students. After a shaky start with not knowing if we would actually make the trip, and having a plan B and C, we were one of the lucky travellers who flew out last Monday. I would have to say that the trip was an excellent one. The students behaved impeccably and showed great enthusiasm with updating the blog. However for me I was the most impressed with the way the students answered questions and demonstrated their prior learning. It was a credit to both the students and their incredibly talented teachers.

TWILIGHT MARKETS

Plans for the Twilight Markets are now in full swing with a meeting held yesterday to finalise plans. By now you would have received a notice separate to the newsletter that explains the evening’s events and the preparation leading up to the day. If you have not received any information I urge you to contact the office who will hand on any notices. We are still looking for volunteers to help on some of the stalls. If you are able to support us in any way with help we would love to hear from you. Even a half an hour would benefit us greatly. We look forward to seeing you all on what promises to be a spectacular fundraising and family evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to graciously thank the Fundraising Committee, the Class Carers, the staff and all other parents for their tremendous support of this event. It promises to be a fantastic evening, thanks to the hard work of so many. In particular, from a staff point of view special thanks must go to Liz Smith and Diane Moseby for their tireless effort and immense organisation skills. It is not an easy job to organise such a huge fundraiser and they must be commended for their work.

God bless,

Kaye

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.

YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENT

Last week our Year 10 students undertook their work placement aspect of their Personal Learning Plan. They experienced the world of work by attending a placement that focused on their area of interest. The students experienced careers of construction through to hair dressing, teaching through to oyster farming and their experiences were many and varied. We even had a student travel as far as Sydney, Taronga Zoo, to partake in her area of interest. I had the opportunity to go into many of the work places to see our students enjoying the experience and many of them suggested that they didn’t want to return to school on Monday. How little do they realize the demands of work when it becomes a necessity rather than respite from school! However, whist out supervising our students, the comments I receive about our students and the way in which they conducted themselves was extremely positive. When you hear such comments it makes me so proud that my chest puffs out and I walk like I am ten feet tall. This not because of what I have done with these students but what our team has done. Our team consists of our staff, students and parents because without these three way relationships we would not be as successful as we have. Without your support our Year 10 journey through school would be so much different. A big pat on the back to all of us and thank you for being a part of our community.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

SAPSASA SWIMMING

Last Friday nine budding swimmers went to the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre to represent Navigator College in the SAPSASA swimming carnival. All swimmers tried their hardest and they achieved mixed results. Thank you to all students for participating courageously and cheering on your team mates enthusiastically. Congratulations to Ania Constantinopoulos who has been selected to try out for the Lower Eyre Peninsula swim team to compete in Adelaide in March.

SAPSASA UNIFORM REMINDER

All students who have been involved in SAPSASA, please check that you have returned all uniforms. These uniforms are very expensive to replace. Please support the organisers of SAPSASA events by returning uniforms to Port Lincoln Primary School. Thank you in anticipation.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

ADVANCE NOTICE – ORIENTATION DAY 2012

Parents of existing students should have received a letter today advising of Orientation Day for 2012 which will be held on Thursday the 2nd of February. All students for 2012 are required to attend in order to meet their teachers, collect their books and familiarise themselves in readiness for the new year. If you did not receive a copy of the letter outlining details for the day, please contact the Front Office.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

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.

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
After a very unsure start to our Canberra Trip, due to the Qantas grounding of all aircrafts, we finally got the news that we had been waiting for... we were flying to Canberra! (Much better than the 16 hour bus ride back-up plan!) The Year 6’s and 7’s visited some fantastic attractions during our three full days in Canberra including: Old Parliament House, Parliament House, The War Memorial, Government House, Black Mountain Tower, Questacon, The National Gallery, Australian Institute of Sport and many more. Our trip was captured in both pictures and comments which were updated daily on a blog which allowed family members and other students to keep up to date with what we were up to. The students had a fantastic time and must be congratulated on their fantastic, positive and respectful behaviour they showed throughout the trip.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of The Australian Government who has made funding available to schools to conduct an educational tour of the Nation’s capital. Their Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme has assisted with travel expenses.

Year 6/7 Class Teachers
PREPARE FOR BUSHFIRES

CFS Website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au
Navigator College Phone: 8682 5099
CFS Hotline: 1300 362 361
ABC Radio: AM 1485

The safety of our children in the bushfire danger season is our first priority.

As Navigator College has been assessed as a high-risk school, it will close on days when the fire danger index is forecast at 100 or more - Catastrophic (Code Red) level. On these days Navigator College will activate the Bushfire Action Plan. A copy of the Bushfire Action Plan, for your reference, can be requested from the front office.

This means that Navigator College will CLOSE when the bushfire weather is forecast at Catastrophic (Code Red) level.

How will you know when Navigator College is to be closed?

A CONFIRMATION of the closure will be provided via SMS Message ONLY to the mobile phone of the primary parent/caregiver of each student. This will occur on the day/evening before the Code Red Day is announced (following CFS advice) or on the morning of the CATS day.

If the Code Red Day is advised on the day, while the students are at Navigator College or a fire of any description is detected within school hours please DO NOT attempt to collect your child, as the College will have in place a very well executed Bushfire Action Plan, making it the safest place at this time for your child to be situated.

Travelling during a bushfire can also be very dangerous so school buses will NOT run if Navigator College has been closed due to bushfire risk, and you will need to make arrangements to collect your child from school, once the immediate risk has ceased. In the meantime your child will be supervised by members of staff at the College.

Act now - prepare for school and preschool closures.
I understand that closures may be inconvenient for some families but I am sure you will appreciate that the risk of bushfire is a serious issue for our community and the safety of our children is the most important.

Thank you for your attention and for being Bushfire Aware.