Thursday 15th December
Casual Day
Pool Party (Reception to Year 5)

Friday 16th December
Student End of Year Service rehearsal at Nautilus Theatre – students to meet teachers at the Makybe Diva Statue at 8.45am
End of Year Service at Nautilus Theatre at 7pm, students be there by 6.40pm.

2012

Monday 16th January
College office re-opens

Thursday 2nd February
Orientation day for all students

Monday 6th February
Students start date (Term 1)

Friday 10th February
Family Tea at Flinders Park at 6.00pm

Look to Joseph

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others Philippians 2:4

I was listening to a very wise man speak recently and it lead me to consider that age old question “What does Christmas mean to you?”

The usual elements of family, friends, celebration of Christ, worship, relaxation, reflection and too much food spring to mind.

On this occasion I was led back to the Christmas story. We all know the story of the Immaculate Conception, the journey to Bethlehem, no room in the inn and the birth of Jesus. Jesus and Mary are at the forefront of the story. Too often Joseph is a secondary character.

The man that stood by Mary in her hardship. Even today the life of a pregnant teenager is not an easy task, let alone all those years ago. Imagine the gossip and the back stabbing. The man would have been confused – put yourself in his shoes. Mary was suddenly pregnant with a child that was not his, but the Son of God. He wasn’t convinced of this until he received God’s message in a dream. Joseph must have been a principled man and a positive risk taker. He chose to obey the Lord.

Cast your mind to the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Walking alone in the desert with a pregnant partner and a donkey is not everyone’s idea of a good time. Samaria, the region in which the town of Bethlehem lay was between Galilee and Judea. There was conflict between the Samaritans and the Jews, although they shared similar religions. I am told that travellers crossing from Galilee into Samaria would risk being attacked and wouldn’t receive any hospitality along the way. The couple would have had to travel east, cross over into Jordan and then travel south along the Jordan River, then cross back into Judea. It is guessed the journey would have taken about a week.

On the arrival in Bethlehem there was no accommodation available. Imagine your reaction in this situation. Wouldn’t that put a downer on the family holiday? Mary and Joseph found shelter and Jesus was born, a Miracle Child. Apologies for deglamourising the story that many of us were told as children but Joseph witnessed his partner give birth in the cold and lay her child in an animal trough. Not exactly what come to mind on my first consideration of the story.

So this Christmas, before you stress out about whether the turkey is big enough for all of the guests, or you lose your cool in the lines at the supermarket, spare a thought for Joseph whom through all of that hardship remained a principled man with a strong faith in The Lord. Remember that God sent the wise men to Mary and Joseph with many gifts. God will provide for you too.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Christmas Blessings
Submitted By: Michelle Hilder
At the end of each year I compile a ‘Principal’s Report’ which outlines the past year's key events and management structures. This report will be posted on the school website in the near future, however if you would like a hard copy of the report it will be available at the front office.

HOME CLASS TEACHERS 2012
A letter will be sent home to all students informing you of your child’s Home Class teacher for 2012.

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Reception - Elise Kimber
Reception - Rebecca Werner
Year 1 - Pam Treasure
Year 1 - Tania Masters
Year 2/3 - Emma Sharrad
Year 2/3 - Naomi Woodstock
Year 4/5 - Gemma Leonard
Year 4/5 - Sarah Stobart

MIDDLE / SENIOR SCHOOL
Year 6 – Rowan Miegel/Sheree Zacher
Year 7 – Michelle Hilder/Lachlan Toogood
Year 8 A – Rhiannon Prime/Mel Bartel
Year 8 B - Greg Maxfield/Annette Mesecke
Year 9 – Sarah Hodgson/Andrew Jericho
Year 10/11A – Hannah Prout/Nathan Wohling
Year 10/11B – Fleur Slater/Jenni Morel.

OTHER TEACHING STAFF FOR 2012
LOTE - Fiona Parenta
Junior School Performing Arts/Visual Arts - Danton Pearson
Library Assistant/Teacher Librarian - Uta Enneking-McQuillan.

END OF YEAR SERVICE
Our End of Year Service is at 7:00pm on Friday the 16th of December at the Nautilus Theatre. Please note official formal summer uniform is required, unless told otherwise by your child’s class teacher.

To help ensure that all runs smoothly, could you please:

- drop your child to the “holding room” at the back of the theatre at 6.40pm and proceed to the theatre to secure a seat. (Donation at the door).
- The students will be sitting with their classes backstage for the whole evening.
- We ask that all mobile phones are turned off or placed on silent prior to the Service for the benefit of all watching.
- We also ask that there be no video taping of the Service. The College will be taping the evening and copies will be available early in 2012.
- At the end of the Service, please pick your child up from the “holding room” at the back entrance of the theatre.
- Those students who have won an award, please wait behind at the end of the Service for photographs.

Unfortunately due to the seating capacity of Nautilus Theatre, we now request that there be a limit of 2 seats per family allocated on the night.

Parents please note it is expected that all students attend this evening. If your child/children will not be attending the End of Year Service on the last day of school, a written note needs to be sent to their class teacher, explaining reasons for their absence. Thank you.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR END OF YEAR SERVICE

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO LAST WEEK’S NEWSLETTER

Please ensure that your child is wearing correct Official Summer Uniform for the evening. (Note this slightly differs from the normal summer uniform). Shoes are cleaned/polished and hair is neat – girls BLACK hair accessories only.

GIRLS OFFICIAL UNIFORM - SUMMER FUNCTIONS:
Reception – Year 1: Short sleeve polo shirt, skort, white College socks and black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
Junior School Year 2 - 5: Dress, white College socks, black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
Middle School: Year 6 - 8: Dress, white College socks, black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
Year 9: Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College Blazer.
Senior School Year 10 - 12: Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.

BOYS OFFICIAL UNIFORM - SUMMER FUNCTIONS:
Reception – Year 1: Charcoal shorts, short sleeved polo shirt, black College socks and black leather lace up shoes.
Junior School Year 2 – Year 5: Charcoal shorts, short sleeved shirt, short black College socks, black lace up shoes.
Middle School Year 6 - 9: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes. (Year 9 wear College Blazer)
Senior School Year 10 - 12: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes, College Blazer.

***Unless told otherwise by your class teacher***

UNIFORM FOR THIS FRIDAY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FRIDAY STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. THIS WILL ENABLE PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILD’S OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM CLEAN FOR THE END OF YEAR SERVICE ON FRIDAY NIGHT.
SINGLE RECEPTION INTAKE
You might have heard talk about the Government’s decision to bring about only one (single) intake for school aged children in the future. My sources tell me that the timing of the single Reception intake is Term 1, 2014. Children entering Reception in 2014 will be anywhere from 4 years and 8 months old to 5 years and 8 months old because the cut off for entry is the 1st of May. In other words, Reception children starting school from 2014 onwards MUST turn 5 before the 1st of May 2014. Children turning five on or after this date will start their Reception year in 2015. If you have any questions regarding intakes for younger children please don’t hesitate to contact the College.

LAST DAY OF TERM
Due to the early closure of the DECS schools and the bus connection, the 2011 Navigator College school year will end for students on Friday the 16th of December at 2:00pm.

The College will close on Thursday the 22nd of December and will reopen on Monday the 16th of January. There is a phone answering service and important calls will be transferred to either the Business Manager, Liz Smith or myself.

As this is the last newsletter for 2011 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2012.

God bless,

Kaye

SRC CASUAL DAY
Tomorrow is our casual clothes day for all students. In order to be able to have the privilege of wearing casual clothes for the day, the students are asked to come dressed under the theme “Heroes and Villains”. The cost is a gold coin donation and/or a non-perishable food item. The donations will go to the Lutheran Community Care program providing local families with hamper at Christmas time. We look forward to seeing all our Heroes and Villains on that day!

SCHOOL FEES
Can you please ensure that all your school fees for 2011, are paid in full by the end of the week. Thank you.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

POOL PARTY
Tomorrow the Reception to Year 5 Pool Party is to be held at the Leisure Centre from 12.00 – 2.30pm. Any further information please refer to the note sent home or speak to your class teachers.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

VACATION CARE
Do you struggle with vacation care?

When the other schools go back to school on January 30th 2012 and Navigator students return the week after, are you finding childcare difficult?

I have approached Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) which operates a YMCA vacation care program about running an extra week from January 30th to February 3rd for Navigator students.

They are willing to extend their vacation care program if parents/caregivers of Navigator College students wish to utilise their services. They need 8-12 children for a staff member to be employed.

If you are interested please contact Annette Mesecke on ph 0428 598 720 ASAP for more information.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE
We have just heard that due to reasons beyond our control, Navigator College School Magazine, 2011 will not be available for purchase at the End of Year Service. Parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office and pick up them up from the College Mid Week, next week or after the 16th of January, 2012

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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
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 during the holidays are Friday the 20th and Friday the 27th of January from 10.00am – 12.00pm. New Uniform Shop opening times for the 2012 school year will be advertised at a later date.

Alison Gassner, Uniform Co-ordinator

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.

2012 TERM DATES
Term One: Mon 6th February - Thurs 5th April
Term Two: Mon 23rd April - Fri 22nd June
Term Three: Mon 16th July – Fri 21st September
Term Four: Mon 8th October - Fri 14th December

FAMILY TEA
The Class Carers are organising a Family Tea on Friday the 10th of February at 6.00pm (the first Friday of Term 1, 2012) at Flinders Park. This will be a great opportunity for families (new and old) to meet and greet each other over an informal ‘BYO everything’ tea. Hope to see you all there.
MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAY
This week the students took on the teachers in activities that were talent orientated. Firstly we established the best team from the students in activities such as: Soccer, international rules football, Volley Ball, Handball and Sing Star, yes Sing Star! The College houses selected teams to play in each of the events. Each house then played against each other and the winner played off against the teachers. By lunch time Tuesday the scores were tied with two games each. The last game to play was Handball and it was a tough outlook for the teachers as they were waning badly. The end result was a win to the teachers. A great two days of activity was enjoyed by all.

Stuart Cox, Head of Middle/Senior School

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS
Internet Safety this Christmas
Hello everyone! Christmas is just around the corner and your children are going to be home with a lot of spare time on their hands. Children love to play games on the Internet or even just surf the web. So how can you protect your children this Christmas from censored content online?
1/ Download and install a free program that monitors your Internet activities and as the adult, this allows you to block any inappropriate Internet sites. It’s called K9.

You can download it here http://www1.k9webprotection.com/getk9/download-software

This also has a Mac version. Please note: Year 10 student laptops do not need this software, as internet content is already being filtered by the IT department.

2/ Make your children accountable to what they are watching/reading on the computer. One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to setup the computer in the lounge room, where it is in public view. This avoids temptation for the whole family while using the Internet. This is also easily implemented if they have a laptop. Make sure they are not taking the laptop into their room where they can be alone.

3/ K9 has many functions. One of these is to disable Internet usage after a certain period of time at night. For example at 10pm the Internet works and at 10:30pm to 7am Internet access is disabled. This will stop your children staying up too late and being too tired to come to school the next day!

GOD BLESS and have a LOVELY Christmas everyone!!

Any questions, please feel free to email me.

nfoster@navigator.sa.edu.au
Thank you, Nick Foster ITC Technician

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TIMES FOR SERVICES:

Port Lincoln:
DEC 18TH - 10.00am Morning Service
11TH - 7.00pm Children’s Christmas Presentation
DEC 24TH - 7.00pm Readings and Carol Service
DEC 25TH - 10.00am Christmas Day Service

Coffin Bay:
DEC 25TH - 9.00am Christmas Day Service

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Children’s Nativity Presentation 2011
You are invited
to help us celebrate

The Birth of Jesus

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
95 Oxford Terrace, Port Lincoln

On Sunday 18th December at 7pm

All Welcome

End of Year Service 2011

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Blue Light Port Lincoln (raising money for youth projects) in conjunction with The Runaway Brides (raising money for Variety, The Children’s Charity) are holding an Adult Blue Light Pre Valentines Ball on the 11th February, 2012 at 7.30pm to 1am. To be held at the Port Lincoln Race Course. $30 per head and music by

the BC BOYS. Door prizes, nibbles and wine on tables. Tables of 10 available and tickets are available at the Police station or West Coast Chiropractic. For further information call Sandra 0429 824 801.