Are you set apart?

"I expect and hope...to show the greatness of Christ in my life here on earth, whether I live or die." Philippians 1:20

Paul was speaking to the citizens in Philippi when he uttered these powerful words. They were meant not only to be an eye opening and inspiring message to them, but also a serious reminder to himself about his real purpose in life. Have you given much thought to your own purpose in life as a Christian?

Granted, not every one of us is going to be as focused and driven as Paul was for the cause of Christ. However, this verse does serve as a very meaningful reminder of how we ought to live as followers of Christ. Essentially, Paul was willing to give his life for the cause of Christianity. He ultimately did at the hands of Roman soldiers.

For sure, you don't have to be beheaded like Paul to prove you're a good Christian, but you can certainly behave in a way that says to others you have the qualities it takes to be known as one. I am reminded by what one of my school teachers said: "I never told anyone I'm a Christian; I just expect the way I live my life to show it." That definitely walks the talk.

And that's the kind of stuff Paul was talking about in this verse. So what about you? What would people say about your life? Does it make them sit up, take notice, and see something different? One definition of Christian is "set apart", which means reserved for a specific purpose. Does your life look like you are 'set apart' from the rest of the world? My challenge for you today is to take a serious look at yourself and carefully answer that question.

(Adapted from tddm.org)

Submitted by: Lachlan Toogood
FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

TIM DANSIE VISIT

Last week Tim Dansie, Psychologist visited the school as part of our In School Specialist Support Program. His role is to support our teaching staff within the classroom context and to guide them when students exhibit a specific learning or behavioural need. The desired outcome is to strengthen the skill base of our teachers. Tim worked with the staff at our staff meeting to discuss the learning styles of students and ways we can support them in our classrooms.

He also offered a Parent Information Evening to guide our parents through the many and varied situations faced at home, looking at providing a positive home life for all. Tim’s presentation was excellent as we all as parents at times face issues with our children. He guided us through strategies parents could try within the home. Feedback from the evening was extremely positive and I thank Tim for supporting us with his wisdom.

Parents please note: Tim is available for private services working from the Investigator Clinic, in Port Lincoln.

UNIFORM SHOP ASSISTANT

We are now at a time in our College’s life that the Uniform shop needs a staffed shop assistant to work approximately three half days a week, with some school holiday work expected. Registrations of interest are invited to anyone who may be interested in some part-time work, who meet the criteria for the position. A Job and Person specification can be obtained from Diane Moseby through the front office. Applications close on Friday the 9th of December, 2011.

CLASSES 2012

We are now at the stage where we begin to consider class placements for 2012. There are many factors that go into placing your child in a specific class. I believe that a happy child learns and therefore I make my decision after discussion with your child’s past and future teachers, based on their social stance. It is my belief that if your child is (socially) happy and content, learning naturally occurs. Ordinarily if your child is surrounded by others that make them feel safe, they are then able to work at school. Of course in all classes at times there are incidents that may result in a clash of personalities. However the more socially secure child can usually manage the situation easier than the one who feels less confident.

Looking at classes for next year the social factor is very high on the list, but other factors such as class numbers, gender and siblings need also be considered. If you have any reasonable requests regarding your child’s placement in a class, please make an appointment to see me. Please note teachers will not be deciding on class allocations as it is a Leadership team decision and, as such, I ask that you speak only to me if you have concerns or requests. Thank you.

END OF YEAR SERVICE

As you are all aware by now our End of Year Service is at 7.00pm on Friday the 16th of December at the Nautilus Theatre. It promises to be an exciting event, with all students having an important part to play in the Service. We will have the graduation of the Year 5 and Year 9 students and Special Awards presented. Please note official summer uniform is required (see below) unless told otherwise by your class teacher. Whole school practices have been planned at the theatre on Wednesday the 7th, 14th and Friday the 16th of December.

We are asking that all students are dropped off to teachers at the Makybe Diva statue in the morning at 8.45am. Students who come in on school buses will all meet at the Junior Primary School and walk together supervised, to Nautilus Theatre. Students will be delivered by buses back to the College when the practice is completed. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2011 Forms Package. Please see the invitation to our End of Year Service on the back of this newsletter. 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 POLICY – OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

GIRLS:
Rec – Year 1
Short sleeved polo shirt, skort, short white college socks, black, leather shoes.
Year 2 – Year 8
Dress, short white college socks, black leather shoes.
Year 9 – 10
Dress, opaque flesh coloured stockings, school blazer, black leather shoes.

BOYS:
Rec – Year 1
Charcoal shorts, short sleeved polo shirt, short black socks, black leather shoes.
Year 2 – Year 8
As per winter uniform, without jumper.
Year 9 – 10
As per winter uniform, without jumper but with school blazer.

God bless,

Kaye

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that due to the early closure of the Government schools and our bus connection, the Navigator College 2011 school year will end for students at 2pm on Friday the 16th of December. Thank you.
Preparing for the Bushfire Season
Parent Notice

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

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, parents may pick their child up from the College however, if 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. 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.

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2011
Don’t forget the Canteen will not be open in the last week of this term due to class parties and End of Year Service activities. 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.

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

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS – SPECIAL GROUPS
If you would like to purchase copies of photos of the 2011 College Captains, College House Captains, SRC Members or College Council, proofs are now available for viewing at the Front Office. Photos cost $15.00 each and payment is required with the order. Orders are to be submitted by Friday 2nd of December. Thank you.

NAVIGATOR COLLEGE CRICKET
Navigator College have again a team in the local Primary School Cricket competition. The side is informally known as the ‘Gators’. Ian and Jesse Potts have designed the ‘Gators’ emblem for the Cricket team, and we thank them for doing so.

After 4 rounds the team has won 1 and lost 3 games which is very respectable given they are playing in a Year 6/7 competition and our team consists of Year 4’s, 5’s, 6’s and 7’s.

Last weekend we saw the team take on the Port Lincoln Primary School. We lost the toss and started the day in the field. The boys did a fantastic job in the field with young Lachlan Webb starring, taking a great catch, followed by an even more impressive run out. Port Lincoln Primary School was bowled out for 108. The Gators batted extremely well, reaching 5 out for 89 runs after the allocated time. Mason Kuchel and Jesse Potts continued their early season form with the bat.

The team is really valuing their batting time with many of them retiring each week. A huge thank you must go to all the parents who are supporting and helping out the boys both at trainings on Tuesday afternoons and games on Saturdays. It’s great to see you all supporting the lads and getting behind the mighty Gators.

SAPSASA NEWS
SAPSASA is again finished for another year. This term saw 4 Year 6/7 students represent the district in their respective sports. Jesse Potts represented the Lower Eyre Peninsula in Cricket. The team finished the week with 2 wins and 2 losses. Ellie Cooper, Dana McFarlane and Matthew Marschall represented the district in Tennis. Ellie and Dana had great success helping to steer their team to 2nd place overall which is the Lower Eyre Peninsula’s best result for many years.

Matthew Marschall also helped the boys’ team to 2nd place overall, losing 1 game for the entire week. This is quite an achievement given that Matthew is a Year 6, meaning he is eligible again next year. Congratulations to all for students on their achievements, you are doing the school proud!

Rowan Miegel SAPSASA Co-ordinator

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 are Tuesday mornings 8.30am – 9.00am and Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm. Thank you.

Alison Gassner, Uniform Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Principal,
Mrs Kaye Mathwin-Cox
& staff of Navigator College
warmly invites

Parents and Caregivers
To attend the

End of Year Service

Held on
Friday
16th December, 2011
at the
Nautilus Theatre
at 7.00pm

Please join us to help congratulate our graduating students for 2011