The Gospel reading at church last Sunday was from Mark 1:40-45. Here is the Message version:

A leper came to him, begging on his knees, "If you want to, you can cleanse me."

Deeply moved, Jesus put out his hand, touched him, and said, "I want to. Be clean." *Then and there the leprosy was gone, his skin smooth and healthy, Jesus dismissed him with strict orders: "Say nothing to anyone. Take the offering for cleansing that Moses prescribed and present yourself to the priest. This will validate your healing to the people." But as soon as the man was out of earshot, he told everyone, spreading the news all over town. Jesus kept to out-of-the-way places, no longer able to move freely in and out of the city. But people found him, and came from all over.*

I wonder if you have ever been sitting in the pews at church and as the Gospel was read it speaks to you. I have this happen on many occasions but this one particularly came like a deeper understanding of scripture. It wasn't the reaching out to the poor individual who had leprosy, but more so the events afterwards that struck me. Jesus said “Say nothing to anyone” about what had happened, but the individual couldn't help himself and understandably so. He went and told everyone what had happened.

"**After this Jesus could no longer walk freely around the town.**"

What a strange thing to happen! Jesus is isolated from everyone, no longer able to go where He wants because the people would demand of Him.

This is exactly what happens today. It seems that when we talk in the name of Jesus and the good that He can still do in our lives through His Holy Spirit, He can't walk around freely. Not because we call on Him for healing but because we switch off when people share His good news.

We live in a time when it is not cool to be a follower of Jesus. However, here at Navigator College Jesus does walk around freely. Here we celebrate the wonderful impact He has in our lives and the guidance, structure and commitment we personally require to remain a follower of Jesus. We constantly express the great things He can do in our lives and the lives of our students.

Are you able to openly receive the good news of Jesus’ receiving grace and allow Him to walk freely in your life?

Submitted By:  **Stuart Cox**
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……..

What a great start to the 2012 year! Last week the College was a buzz of activity and excitement as students were participating in our Learning to Learn week and getting back into the routine of school. It is wonderful to see the fresh faces of our new students as well as the familiar faces of our ‘oldies’ as we focus on the up and coming events of the term. Some of our Parent Information Nights have been presented and I’m sure you will agree with me that our students have a great year lined up for them, thanks to the incredible band of staff we have here at Navigator College. They ought to be commended for their commitment to the school.

ABSENT STUDENTS

If your child is absent from school due to illness or other reasons, please notify the front office by 8.45am, either with a phone call or by a sms text to 0416905303. Front office staff will then let the class teacher know of their absence. If they arrive after 8.45am you will also need to report to the front office. If your child is absent for holiday/travel reasons, schools are required to ensure an exemption form is completed. These can be accessed on www.ais.sa.edu.au/html/form_a.asp. Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

UNIFORM

As we start a new school year I would like to reinforce the school’s Uniform Policy. It is great to see the high level of compliance with uniform. However, it is often the small things which cause the most angst. Please take the time to check the requirements carefully. Teachers will be monitoring this extremely closely in an effort to develop consistency across the whole school. We have a strict Uniform Policy so that:
* We develop a sense of pride in our school
* The uniform does not discriminate between students’ socio-economic backgrounds
* The cost overall reduces the expense of other clothes
* There is a reduction of competition regarding what and what not to wear
* Teachers and staff can easily identify strangers to the school
* We show a united image to our community
The Uniform Shop stocks all uniform articles (except for shoes) and is open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30 – 10.30am and Thursday afternoon from 2.30 – 4.30pm. Payment is required at the time of purchase. Thank you.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS, HOUSE AND VICE HOUSE CAPTAINS PRESENTATION

We invite you to join us as we present our College Captains and House and Vice House Captains for 2012 with their respective certificates and badges. Please come along and support the students next Wednesday the 22nd of February during our Chapel Service at 9am. We hope to see you there!

God bless,

Kaye

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will be collected on Tuesday mornings. Information and new account forms are available from the front office.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our 2011 Navigator College School Magazine, is available for purchase from the front office for a cost of $15 for anyone who wishes to buy one.

NAVIGATOR COLLEGE CRICKET

The Port Lincoln Primary School Cricket season commenced on the weekend following the Christmas break. The team ventured out to Port Lincoln High School eager and excited to try out their new Christmas presents or shake the cobwebs off the old gear.

Kirton Point batted first and they were straight on the back foot due to some excellent bowling and exceptional fielding, restricting them to a score of 46 all out. Max Boston was the star in the field taking two amazing catches and Mitchell Jude starred with the ball taking 2/0 off of his 2 overs. The boys started off nervously, but eventually reeled in the target on their way to a score of 64. A big congratulations must go Tanna Pfitzner on making a successful debut for the ‘Gators’ taking a wicket and making some runs in his first ever Cricket Match. Another huge thank you to all the support and help the team receives both on Tuesday’s and Saturday mornings. It is much appreciated by all.

Rowan Miegel Year 6 Teacher

COLES SCHOOL FOR SPORTS VOUCHERS

I would like to thank everyone involved in collecting and bringing in the Coles School for Sports Vouchers. Last week we received our tally back and as a College we collected just under 50,000 tokens. These tokens will be used to secure valuable sports equipment for the students to use and also allow us to expand the range of sports offered during our practical lessons. The equipment should arrive by the end of the term. Thank you again for your continual support of our College.

Rowan Miegel Year 6 Teacher

NEWSLETTER EMAILED

Thank you to those who have returned their information package. We are presently entering all data received and will endeavour to have the newsletters electronically sent via the blog to those who requested them in the near future.

RAVENDALE CARPARKING

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we have asked that parents of students in Year 6-11, if unable to find a park at the College, to please park their car in the Ravendale car park. The students will be able to use the new crossing to gain access to and from the College to meet their parents over at the car park. We have received positive feedback commenting that using the Ravendale carpark has been great, particularly not having to worry about congestion of cars and children.
LEADERSHIP DAY

On Friday the 10th of February our Senior School students engaged in a leadership day at Ravendale Sporting Complex. The object of the day was to develop the student’s understanding and capacity to lead others within the school. An important aspect of the day was to reflect on peer pressure and the positive impact it can have on students within our school. Additionally, how, if used inappropriately, there are negative influences that can present to individuals. This was supported with some strategies the students can use to say no to the influences of others, particularly if they are not feeling comfortable with what their peers are doing.

The students engaged in some team building and leadership recognition activities throughout the day and identified personal traits that they have inherent in them. Marian Sampson, our guest presenter, outlined the influences of peer pressure and the reasons we generally follow others to do things that we may not normally do. Her presentation was an eye opener for many of our students.

An enjoyable educational day was had by all.

“Leadership day was a unique experience that taught me the skills required to be a leader as well as the different aspects of being a leader that I can use in my everyday life.” Briarne Minchin

“Leadership day was a fantastic experience that enhanced my skills and understanding of being a leader. I can utilise the skills I learnt to better my leadership in Galileo and be successful in the community.” Luke Shepperd.

“Leadership day was really interesting because it was informative in how we should display the proper traits of a person who leads and inspires others.” Emma Webb

The small games were great and I believe the psychological tests were awesome for letting people know themselves more.” Aaron Dale

It was really interesting and I enjoyed taking part in the team building activities. I think they brought the Senior School closer together.” Rebecca Zacher

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 Pastor Ben. 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 19th of February at 6.00pm. All denominations welcome. Pastor Ben.
Navigator College’s Middle School began in 2012 with a week termed “Learning to Learn” week. The week has a focus on developing a healthy college culture in which students develop values and learning attributes that will see them enjoy success in 2012. The week also aims to set a foundation for building healthy relationships and a sense of community among the staff and students.

Learning to Learn week culminates in an activities day: “Survivor Day” at Billy Light’s Point. The students engaged in team challenges forging camaraderie across the year levels. The challenges provided scope for all students to share their talents as well as depend on, believe in and encourage those around them. The atmosphere and sense of community shown by all students was exceptional and has set the tone for a fantastic year.

Photos of our Middle School students participating in activities.