Worry... It's a little word, but one that probably plagues us all quite regularly. Last week I was doing my share of worrying and exclaimed to a fellow teacher... “I feel like a rudderless boat in the middle of a stormy sea” A comment no doubt brought on by worry... I’m rather encouraged by the fact the Disciples were inclined to worry. Well, at least it makes me feel less alone! This brings me to a story about a boat and the sea which involves the Disciples. In a nutshell, the Disciples were out in a boat with Jesus. Jesus promptly fell asleep and in the meantime, the calm and clear day turned into a storm, complete with howling winds and wild waves. The Disciples, assuming they were about to drown, woke Jesus in a last ditch effort to save themselves. Jesus stood up and asked the waves and wind to be still and immediately it was so.

When I first looked at this story a few years back I thought the Disciples claims on being worried were quite legitimate. This was a big storm, this is the ocean, and people do say ‘worse things happen at sea’. It was a little wooden boat and quite frankly, we’ve just celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Titanic hitting the ocean floor!

Then there’s the fact that the Olympics hadn’t brought in the swimming category at this point, so the Disciples probably weren’t up with freestyle quite yet... Moreover, the one person who was good with delivering miracles was asleep in the boat. If any, this seems like a good time to worry...

Sometimes I think my worries seem legitimate too. Have I marked all those assignments? Is it my turn to make a tea tonight? Where are all the spare paint palettes? What do I need for ‘Night of Nights’? Where is my youngest child’s sports socks again? These thoughts tend to occupy my head and then they become a record spinning around and around. Now on the surface these may seem like legitimate worries, but in truth they are just a storm...

Sometimes I fail to appreciate the point of the story of the Disciples in the boat and how this applies in my own life. When we look at the storm, it’s bigger than Ben Hur. It feels as though we’re going to drown. Isn’t it funny how we can’t even see the storm if our eyes are fixed on Jesus who is right with us in the boat of life!

As I offer my worries to Jesus in prayer, miraculously he can calm the situation and allow me to see things in perspective. The Bible says... ‘Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?’ You won’t add to your life but you can certainly waste it. Why worry? Be happy in Jesus...

Submitted by: Fleur Slater
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……..

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INTERVIEWS

I am currently interviewing a number of prospective students for enrolment in 2013, along with their families. This is an exciting process, meeting people that are interested in our College for the future education of their children. We are full in some year levels for 2013 and filling fast in other year levels. However we still have a number of vacancies specifically for Years 1, 2 and 8 for next year. If you know of any families who are considering sending their child/ren to Navigator College in the near future, please encourage them to make an appointment to meet with me and have a tour of the College. Positions are filling and we would hate anyone to miss out.

COLES SCHOOL FOR SPORTS

Last week the sports equipment that we acquired from your generous voucher donations arrived. This new equipment will greatly enhance the Physical Education programs that are already available to the students. It will also enable us to introduce new sports to the curriculum such as Badminton, American Football and also a Recreational Sports Unit including such games as Kubb, Klop and Bocce. Thank you again for your wonderful support with this program.

God bless,

Kaye

NAVIGATOR NIGHT OF NIGHTS

The ‘Navigator Night of Nights’ is on Saturday the 4th of August at 7.30pm at the Port Lincoln Hotel ‘Ballroom’. Tickets are on sale NOW from our front office. Cost is $45 per person which includes a complimentary drink on arrival. Luxury ‘Tapas’ style platters and Adelaide Band, ‘Silver Hair’.

SCHOOL BUSES

On Thursday the 31st of May and Friday the 1st of June there will be pupil free days at the Junior Primary, Primary and Port Lincoln High Schools. We have been advised that school buses for the following routes will not be available on these two days: Charlton, Coffin Bay, Endeavour Heights, Greenpatch, and Uley. The buses will still be running the Fishery Bay and Todd routes, as Lincoln Gardens and Poonindee schools are still open. We ask that parents of Navigator College students who use these buses make alternative arrangements for these two days. Thank you.

2012 MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

Navigator College will be publishing its 2012 School Magazine later this year which will be an overview of school activities and events throughout the year. In order to offset the printing costs, we are asking local businesses and organisations to sponsor our 2012 Magazine. The following two sponsorship options are available: $110 for a business size advertisement in the magazine and $330 for a 1/3 page advertisement. All adverts are GST inclusive and a receipt will also be issued for taxation purposes. Please contact the school front office if you are interested in advertising in our 2012 School Magazine. Local businesses will be contacted via a letter in the near future. If you have a business ‘contact’ who may be interested please let us know. Thank you in anticipation.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair is on again from Wednesday the 23rd of May until Friday the 25th of May. The Fair will be open and students will have the opportunity to preview and purchase books before school, during recess, lunch and after school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

LIBRARY COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to all those who came to the library last Wednesday to meet, have a cuppa and help out. It was nice to chat with others and enjoy some morning tea while achieving some tasks that had been in urgent need of completion. People also offered to come again to help out or collect a ‘take home box’ of books that needed covering or repairing which was great. Others who couldn’t make it on the day have also been into our library helping out at other times. A tremendous school community effort! Thank you for your continuing support. Mrs Annette Mesecke, Mrs Uta Enneking-McQuillan, Navigator Resource Centre Team

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

NEW RECEPTIONS (TERM 3)

A reminder that our Reception Parent Information Night will be held tonight at 7:00pm in the Reception classrooms. Looking forward to seeing you there! Elise Kimber, Reception Teacher

CIRCUS VISIT

“Circus Royale” will be utilising the grounds behind the College for their Big Top performances. These will commence on Thursday the 24th of May until Sunday the 27th of May. Tickets are available by phoning 0410 669 253. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE ENTRANCE TO THIS EVENT MUST BE VIA WINDSOR AVENUE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR WHEN ATTENDING THE EVENT, NOT THROUGH THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

There are quite a lot of school jumpers, lunch boxes, and other items in our lost property box at the front office. If you are missing items, please call in and have a look.

END OF YEAR SERVICE DVDS

The 2011 End of Year Service DVD’s are now available for purchase from the front office for a price of $20. There is limited stock so get in quick to secure your copy!