God’s Gifts

During the past week I have led the staff of Navigator College through a series of devotions based on the incredible creation God has provided for us to enjoy every day. From the wonderful colour in the trees during winter to the intricate detail God has put into the design of the tiniest of creatures, we are reminded of God’s amazing power and awesomeness. God puts these treasures around us every day, we just need to take the time to stop, look and enjoy.

Personally, I believe that a beautiful sunrise or sunset is the most amazing gift from God and something that daily reminds me how awesome my God is. There is no way that such a beautiful display of colours and beauty can just occur by accident.

Below I have included a picture taken in the school holidays of an exquisite sunset over the Sir Joseph Bank’s Group of Islands. I hope that this picture can help brighten up your day and remind you of the incredible gifts God has put all around us. Don’t forget, you just need to stop and take notice.

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*Psalm 19:1*

Submitted by: Sarah Hodgson
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……..

This term has started well with lots happening as usual and much to look forward to throughout the term. At the moment the College Council are working together with key staff members to forward plan future buildings and facilities. We have a new Administration block and Senior Secondary building to be built next year, ready for use in 2014 as we continue to consider future options for our students in the years to come. We have football goal posts and backstop netting to go in soon, and the Pt Lincoln City Council have approved a grant for a cricket pitch. I am also currently interviewing the many prospective families for students set to begin school at Navigator College in 2013. It is a true joy to take these families through the College and to enable them to see the fantastic culture that permeates throughout all that we do here. I feel incredibly blessed.

EXTRA CURRICULAR DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

As mentioned last week the staff have organised a number of extra-curricular lunchtime activities each week during the next two terms, ranging from Chess club to Science club and much more. This week saw the start of these with a 'come and try' session which enabled the students to enjoy a ‘taste’ of these activities. From there the activities will be offered each week. There was great numbers of students who attended and they seemed to enjoy the sessions which is great. I commend the staff for their extra commitment to our students.

God bless,
Kaye

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Please be reminded that parent teacher interviews are currently underway today and tomorrow. If you have not organised an interview time, please speak with the teachers.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX (AEDI)

Navigator College is taking part in a national collection of data on young children’s development. It is called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). The AEDI is an Australian Government initiative which provides information about how populations of Australian children are developing by the time they reach school.

A letter has been sent home to the parents of all Reception students with information about the AEDI and how it will take place at Navigator College. Please read this carefully and contact the school if you have any questions. If you do not want the information about your child to be collected, please contact the school.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back for 2012. Last year we were able to purchase a range of Maths and Science equipment for the school using the dockets that were collected. This year the process is much simpler. From May the 9th, each time you purchase $10 or more from Woolworths you will receive stickers that can be placed on sticker cards. These cards can then be placed in our school collection box either at school or at Woolworths. It’s that easy. Happy shopping!

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

YEAR 8 TOUCH FOOTY

Last Friday, Navigator College competed in the Year 8/9 Touch Football competition and represented the school exceptionally well. The Year 8/9 Boys team competed well throughout the day, improving with every match. The boys came 4th overall for the day and displayed excellent spirit against the top teams. The Year 8/9 Girls team worked extremely hard throughout the day, managing to win their way into the grand final. Unfortunately they lost this game but this was the only team they lost to for the entire day. A big thank you to all of our parent support and to Mark Thiel, who transported the students to Tumby Bay.

Greg Maxfield, Teacher

STUDENT ABSENCE REMINDER

Thank you those who are responding to the SMS messages regarding their child’s absences. We apologise if SMS messages are being sent out even though notes have already been given to teachers. We try to eliminate this issue but a few pass by the front office. Please remember you can SMS your child’s absence details to 0416905303 at any time of day or fill in the online Navigator College website absentee form under the ‘For Parents’ menu tab. Thank you.

ARRIVAL TIME

Please note that our school day begins at 8.45am. To make the transition run smoothly for your child/ren to begin the day we ask that you adhere to the morning bell time and arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am. We understand that at times there are unforeseen circumstances that arise and make it difficult to arrive on time but would appreciate your assistance in this matter. 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 NOW AVAILABLE

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!

IMMUNISATIONS

The first round of immunisations for the Year 8 and 9’s will be held tomorrow the 3rd of May at 11am.

Meg Webb, Administration

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Blue Light Disco – Come and join the fun and dancing on Friday the 18th May from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. To be held at the Pt Lincoln Primary School Gym for ages 7 – 12 years. Tickets $5. Prizes to be won!
Sugoi! Wow! What an amazing experience, exciting adventure and wonderful opportunity to spend 10 days in Japan. With delicious food, beautiful cherry blossoms, kind and generous people, sacred temples and ancient castles, it was the opportunity of a lifetime. I was very proud to be part of this exchange with three very special students from Navigator College. They, along with other students from schools in Port Lincoln, were fantastic representatives of our city. Brittany Siviour, Luke Shepperd and Max Cooper challenged themselves every day to speak Japanese, eat whatever was put in front of them and become part of a Japanese family for a week! They rose to the occasion and should be proud of their efforts.

Mrs Sheree Zacher

I had a fantastic time going to Japan. I got to see and do so much in only ten days. My host family was so nice, they gave me heaps of Pocky and Hello Kitty stuff. I'll always remember going on the Shinkansen Bullet Train. It was so fast, even though it didn’t look like it on the camera.

Brittany Siviour

Experiencing life in Japan was a phenomenal experience! My host family was incredibly kind and treated me as their son. Visiting ancient temples and landmarks was amazing and something I will never forget. As the trip went on, the delegation became closer which made the trip even more enjoyable. Although I began to adapt to the Japanese lifestyle, the trip seemed to go quickly. I really appreciated my host family, the Muroto citizens and the delegation’s adults for making the trip as enjoyable as it was.

Max Cooper
I found the Muroto Exchange trip to be a great opportunity for me to gain independence. There were so many highlights, like wearing traditional kimonos and partaking in a traditional tea ceremony. I found myself in unique and diverse environments learning about a culture that has been around for 10,000 years. The most significant event that I experienced was going to Peace Park in Hiroshima. For those unaware of the bombing of Hiroshima, it was World War II and the Japanese were allied forces with the Germans. The Americans wanted to end the Japanese siding with the Germany Army. Therefore, the American Army did counter bombing attacks throughout Japan. The most significant destruction was on Monday, August 6, 1945 at 8:15 am. An Atomic Bomb named “Little Boy” was dropped on Hiroshima by an American B-29 bomber, named the Enola Gay, killing an estimated 80,000 people and destroying everything in a 6km radius. By the end of the year, injury and radiation brought the total casualties to 90,000–140,000. Approximately 69% of the city’s buildings were completely destroyed, and another 7% severely damaged. This attack, was the first ever nuclear bomb used in war and ended the Japanese in fighting in the Second World War.

Now, stands Peace Park, a place which promotes world peace and the end of nuclear weapons. This was extremely touching to me as my Great Grandfather fought against the Japanese during the bombings of Darwin. It was an opportunity for me to assist in promoting world peace throughout the world. At the park, there are multiple monuments including, the Peace Bell, Eternal Flame, and the statue of Sadako Sasaki. Navigator College made 60 Japanese Cranes to lie near the statue to promote world peace. Being a College Prefect, it was my greatest honour to lay the 60 cranes on behalf of Navigator College. It was a fantastic moment knowing that those cranes will be there for decades to come, and tourists will see our donation to the monument. On the form I wrote a message of peace: “We are one, but we are many. Let’s work together, and promote world peace, with Love, Hope and Faith. We are Navigator College ... Directions For Life”.

This for me was indeed very moving and emotional. The Japanese have put the past behind them and live their lives free, always thinking about world peace. I was clearly able to see the big picture of my life, and see that when I’m down in the dumps I need to reflect on what the Japanese went through years after the bombing of Hiroshima.

So before you worry about little insignificant issues, look at the Japanese for a moment who lost their families, homes and livelihood in a flash. Together we are one, and as a College community, a nation, a country we together should fight towards promoting world peace and putting an end to Nuclear Weapons.

Written By Luke Shepperd
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