God the Scientist?

Psalm 104: 24 O Lord, how many are Your works!, In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

I was raised in the Christian church, and throughout my journey through school my inquisitiveness for everything around me drew me inexorably to the scientific fields. Throughout this time I was frequently presented with situations where I was seemingly being asked to choose between the two.

Questions such as: evolution or creation? Faith or reason? Miracles or cause and effect?

As I left school, progressed through university, various jobs, marriage and fatherhood, my understanding of faith, religion and the physical world developed. I began to realise that these ‘conflicts’ were not necessarily juxtaposed, but complimentary. I had been asking the wrong questions.

Many of us are in awe of the beauty to be found in the world. A sunrise, for example, its colours and slow evolution is indeed a gorgeous thing. But is it less amazing when we understand the scientific explanation? After all, God created our world, in all its beauty.

He created the light, that amazing wave/particle which feeds our planet constantly with energy, composed of its infinite wavelengths of visible and non-visible light.

He created the gaseous atoms and molecules which make the lower atmosphere of the Earth.

When Rayleigh and Mie scattering cause the dividing of white light into its constituent colours on its way from the sun to my eyes, I am always in awe of my God’s creativeness and power. And it’s pretty.

Another, and perhaps more pertinent illustration of this, for myself, has been the birth of my daughter earlier this year. And so now I ask myself: Do I believe that her physical characteristics are present as a combination of the genetics of my wife, Sarah, and I? Yes. Is she smiling, and saying half-words as a direct mimicking response to outside influence? Probably. Is her accelerated progression through the stages of childhood a direct result of her distaste for sleep? No doubt.

A better question is:

Is she still a gift from God? Absolutely.

Submitted by: Nathan Wohling
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……..

STUDENTS ON CAMP
With the Year 9 students on City Week camp this week and the Year 10 on the ‘Survivor’ Bushwalk camp it’s a little quieter around here. From the staff accounts all is going well and the students are enjoying the experiences. The ‘Amazing Race’ with the Year 9 students has been the highlight so far. The Year 9 students are ‘blogging’ via the website so if you would like to see what they are up to I encourage you to check out their posts.

God bless,
Kaye

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) UPDATE

Earlier I began a series of articles on the attitudes of the IB”, and detailed that an integral part of the Primary Years Program (PYP) is the development of “The Attitudes”. The PYP recognizes that whilst knowledge, skills and concepts are an essential element of a learner, they do not make an internationally minded person. “It is vital that there is a focus on the development of personal attitudes towards people, towards the environment and towards learning.” (Making the PYP happen). A PYP school develops attitude in its learners, attitudes of a positive kind, and attitudes that will assist students to be effective global citizens. We have already looked at appreciation, commitment and confidence, this week we look at another 3 of the 12 PYP Attitudes.

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How are your children progressing in the development of these attitudes? As adults, look for the opportunity to model co-operation, creativity and curiosity as well as reward this type of attitude in your children.

Steve Jude, PYP Co-ordinator

2012 MAGAZINE COVER COMPETITION
It’s that time again! We are looking for a cover design for our 2012 College Magazine “Horizon”. This competition is open to students in Reception through to Year 11 at Navigator College. Previously we have had students hand draw their entries. This year is a little different, and each entry will need to be themed within the category of photography. You are welcome to submit a completed entry with “Horizon” written on it somewhere, as well as 2012 and Navigator College. You are also able to submit single photographs that can be compiled later on with others’ photographs to create the front cover for “Horizon”. Completed entries should be of portrait orientation, and no bigger than A4 in size. Single photograph entries can be any size. Please remember to save a digital copy of any photographs you submit so that we can access it later on to crop and edit when putting the magazine cover together. Photographs can be of subjects of your choice. (Just remember that a horizon is more than just sunsets!) We are looking for a wide variety of photographs to depict our lives here at Navigator College. Prizes will be awarded for the lucky entrants whose photograph/s makes it on to our final cover design! Entries should be submitted to the office in the black box provided by Friday the 22nd June (End of Week 9). Good luck and happy photographing!

Horizon Magazine Committee

ICAS COMPETITIONS
For students who have entered the following competitions, here are the following dates:
Science – 6th of June
Spelling – 19th of June
Writing – 21st of June

Sarah Hodgson, Teacher

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’.

BOOK FAIR 2012
A big thank you to all those who came to the library last week to purchase books for our annual Book Fair. We sold nearly $2200 worth of books in three days which means our school can select over $600 worth of books from Scholastic Australia for our library. We hope you will enjoy sharing our library’s new titles with your children. Thank you once again for your continuing support.

Annette Mesecke & Uta Enneking-MacQuillian

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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
A note to those families who have been waiting on Size 6 and 8 Junior Trackpants, they have now arrived. Please call into the Uniform Shop to purchase. Also, we have half price scarves available at a cost of $15.00.

Thank you

Susan McFarlane
JUNIOR CHOIR EXCURSION
Junior Choir returned from their rehearsal as part of the Eyre Peninsula Combined Schools Choir yesterday absolutely buzzing. It was their first time participating in a choir of nearly 400 students in the Nautilus Theatre. They were rehearsing for the Festival of Music performance to be held in Port Lincoln in late August. As part of the rehearsal they learnt new choir warm-ups, practised choreography, worked on their parts within a large group and enjoyed mixing with students from other schools for over 3 hours. It was a very valuable experience which we will be able to expand on in our own weekly rehearsals. We will certainly be looking forward to the next combined school rehearsal early term 3.

Annette Mesecke, Music Teacher

Science Club News

This week in Science Club the Year 1 and 2 students investigated how to make a parachute to fall as slowly as possible. They used team work and scientific skills of designing a fair test, making observations, recording the time and making conclusions from their results.

The Year 4 and 5 Science Club students took a look around the Science lab and after donning the correct safety clothing, lit Bunsen burners safely, watched what happens when magnesium metal gets hot and learnt how to make hydrogen gas from acid and metal.

Many thanks to Mrs Stobart and Mr Wohling for giving their time to run these clubs.

Year 9 City Week

City Week has proven to be an amazing experience each year, providing the opportunity for students to experience many features of our State Capital, as well as being a pivotal moment in the development of class culture, unity and confidence in themselves and each other. The students this week are partaking in visits to:

- The South Australian Aquatics Centre
- Ten Pin Bowling
- The South Australian Art Gallery including expedition
- The CSIRO Science experience
- The Magistrates Court
- Parliament House

Our Year 9 class hits the City!

*** Please check the blog for students’ posts and photos uploaded daily from Adelaide.
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The Navigator College Fundraising Committee is seeking donations from our families for our annual fundraiser for 2012, “Night of Nights”. Examples of goods and services that could be donated are:

- Gift vouchers
- 2 hours of service by a qualified Electrician
- Haircut by qualified hairdresser
- Accommodation

If you have any goods or a service you are willing to donate please pledge your donation on the tear off slip below and return it to the front office before Friday, the 27th July. All information supplied is confidential. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Donation: ........................................................................................................................................................................... Approx. Value $: ..............................................................

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Please note: This is the first of only two ‘Major’ fundraising events for the year.