No pressure, No diamonds

Psalm 55:22
Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

The term is fast approaching the end and indeed the end of the semester and with that comes the burdening times of assignment deadlines, exams, reports and trying to remain healthy in these colder months. Scottish philosopher, Thomas Carlyle simply said, "No pressure, no diamonds". These times help us to prioritise what is important and yet, motivate us to do more. When we inevitably survive these times of adversity we emerge a stronger, better and more resilient individual, able to appreciate all of life's important things. As the Bible passage says, this burden is not yours to carry alone.

I’d like to share a modern day parable from an unknown author. It is told of a farmer who owned an old mule.

The mule fell into the farmer’s well. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathised with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbours together and told them what had happened. He enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbours continued shovelling and the dirt hit his back, a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back...He should shake it off and step up! This he did, blow after blow. "Shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up!" He repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows or how distressing the situation seemed the old mule fought and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up. It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of that well.

What seemed like would bury him, actually helped him, all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity. THAT’S LIFE! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity...The adversities that come along to bury us, usually have within them, the very real potential to benefit us.

Good luck to all of the staff, students and their families as we shake it off and step up over the coming weeks. The holidays will be here before you know it.

Submitted by: Lachlan Toogood
FROM THE PRINCIPAL………

As we head towards our busiest part of the term / semester there is much to do with reports, kindy transitions, Senior School exams and so much more. Last week saw our Year 9 and 10 students away on camp and from all accounts they both went extremely well. This is a very busy time, not only for the students but also, particularly for the staff. Please keep them and their hard work in your prayers as they strive to support the students through this busy time.

As mentioned last week we had our Term Three Reception students start transitioning to school. There are fifteen ‘newies’ who are very excited to be starting school at Navigator College. Their parents met with Steve Jude and myself for an informal morning tea, where we were able to answer any questions and overall get to know the new families a little better. Please make them welcome as they and their children begin their Navigator journey.

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’.

PARENTS AS CAREER PARTNERS (PCAP)
As a part of our ongoing commitment to our students and their families, Navigator College has secured the services of Helen Lambert from the Association of Independent Schools South Australia (AISSA) to present a forum for parents focussing on Careers. The program ‘Parents as Career Partners’ (PCAP) is an interactive workshop that will give parents information and activities to help them become career allies, skills to help children think about and plan their future careers and opportunities to share experiences with other parents. The session will be held on Wednesday the 20th of June at 7.00pm, in the Multipurpose Room and is proposed for parents of students in Years 10 and 11.
Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

PREFECTS OF 2012
Hi Tiarna and Bec here, just letting you know what's been happening with the Prefects over the last few weeks. We have been organising our Formal for next year, sorting out the venue and other details. It’s all been very exciting being part of the process of organising Navigator College’s first Year 12 Formal. We do have one venue in mind, and we will let you know as it comes closer to the date.

Another thing that we have been focusing on is the design of the Year 12 Sports Jumper. Currently we are deciding on the style of the jumper with the help of our fellow Year 11 class mates. We will be able to use this jumper for PE/Sporting events and also as a casual jumper following the years after our Year 12 Graduation. As you may have noticed we’ve been manning the gates in the mornings and afternoons. It's been a great experience getting to know both the students and parents as they walk through the gate. Don't hesitate to stop by for a chat, we would love to get to know our Navigator Community. Thanks once again for your support and we look forward to seeing your lovely smile as you walk through the gate.
God bless,
Prefects

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2012
Last week our Year 4/5 classes visited with St Josephs Year 4 classes to celebrate National Reconciliation week. The theme for 2012 is “Let’s talk Recognition” and the week is “a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. Today our students shared a prayer service, art activities, dreaming stories and puzzles.
Year 4/5 Teachers

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” typed on it somewhere, as well as the year 2012 and Navigator College), or alternatively you can 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 of June (End of Term 2). Good luck and happy photographing!

**Horizon Magazine Committee**

**YEAR 2 BIBLES PRESENTED**
The Year 2’s were presented with Bibles at our Year 2/3 Junior School Assembly yesterday. The children will enjoy utilising these during Christian Studies and throughout their learning journey.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
Could all students who have a LLL school bank book please drop it into the front office as they need to be sent away to have interest deposited into them. Thank you.

*Sue Thiel, Finance*

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Exam Excellence Workshop**
The Exam Excellence Workshop will be held on Tuesday the 12th of June from 6pm – 9pm at the Port Lincoln Hotel. Cost is $30 per student when booked or $37 at the door. Parents and teachers are free when bringing students with them. Spaces are limited, please phone Sarah Adamson, 0412 981 701 or infor@perceivedreality.com.au

**1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching – Parenting Course**
A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years. To be held at Centacare Catholic Family Service, Country SA at 32 Mortlock Terrace, Port Lincoln on Thursday 28th June, 5th and 12th July from 9.30am to 12.30pm. For more information contact Robyn Nielsen on 8683 0733.

**Army Reserve Information Night**
You are invited to an Information Night on the advantages of employing Army Reserve members in your business. To be held at the Army Reserve Depot, Flinders Highway, Port Lincoln on Thursday the 7th June beginning at 6.30pm. For further information or to register your interest please contact Tony Bates on 0458 486 617.

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**YEAR 10 BUSHWALK CAMP**
The camp commenced on a bright Monday morning with a mixture of apprehension and excitement. Each day provided new challenges and opportunities for personal growth. Cooking was always an interesting activity and really allowed students to show their creative sparks.

The native fauna and flora provided amazing spectacles and breath-taking views. Fortunately after a lot of prayers we only had a few drops of rain over the entire week. Seeing the students move outside their comfort zone and achieve things that they didn’t think were possible really showed the value of our adventure. Each day provided new opportunities for personal growth and development as we travelled throughout the Port Lincoln National Park.

Personally the highlight of the camp was playing games and singing around the camp fire. Fortunately on Thursday we encountered some amazing sunshine which enabled us to have a swim and take the edge off our smelly bodies.

Special thanks go to Mr Thiel, Mr Smith, Mr Cox, Miss Hilder and Miss Prout for their wonderful efforts and support throughout the camp.

*Greg Maxfield, Teacher*
Last week our Year 9 students travelled to Adelaide with teachers, Mr Jericho, Miss Hodgson and Miss Morel, to experience all the big city had to offer. We had a fantastic week of exploring the city, building relationships with each other and navigating our way across town using public transport.

During our week we visited a range of interesting places including Parliament House, the Art Gallery, The South Australian Museum, Lutheran Tract Mission, Magistrates Court and many more. The favourite place of many of the students was the District Court. We were lucky enough to sit in on a real case and watch the proceedings for an hour or so which really opened all of our eyes to what a real trial is really like. We were witness to some amazing questioning by the prosecuting lawyer and very clever use of evidence (including Facebook posts from 2 years ago!).

The students were also lucky enough to have some choice of night time activities. Some of the activities the students chose to participate in were: ten pin bowling at Marion Shopping Centre, ice skating at the Ice Arena, and watching movies at Marion Mirapex.

On Tuesday, the students participated in the annual Navigator College Amazing Race which involves the students working in small groups to navigate themselves across the city to different check in points, collecting evidence along the way. The students all worked beautifully in their teams and did Navigator College proud in the courteous way that they used the public transport during the day. Tamika, Tahlia, Keeley and Kalina were the victors this year and, even though they didn’t finish the race first, they were the only team to visit all check points and collect all of the required evidence.

The teachers involved would like to thank all of the wonderful students for making the week such a success and all of the parents and other community members for keeping us in your prayers during the week. We also would like to thank one of our Lutheran sister schools, Immanuel College, for the use of one of their school buses on Friday to take us to the airport. Our tired bodies really appreciated the comfortable seats after a week of travelling on public transport!

We look forward to another successful and exciting City Week in 2013 with the current Year 8’s.