A BUS CALLED “HEAVEN”

A broken, old bus appears one morning, sad as a whale on a beach, right outside Stella’s house. On the front of it, held up with packing tape, is a hand painted sign... "Heaven".

For Stella, this decrepit old vehicle is special - this bus is "ours" - a place for everyone to be together: hold meetings, play games and share stories. But one day, the bus is towed away and Stella must fight to save not just the bus, but everything the community has worked so hard to create.

It’s Book Week 2012 and the title below by Bob Graham is this year’s winner in the Picture Book of the Year category.

This picture book moves me in particular as it offers a powerful message about hope, acceptance and belonging. People from different walks of life, cultural backgrounds and religious groups come together to work towards one common goal: to save the bus.

I feel that the Navigator College community is not unlike the people in the book. Under the guidance and leadership of our visionary Kingsley Macdonald and our navigator, Kaye Mathwin-Cox we have managed to build a fine College which is a wonderful example of tolerance, respect, care, and dedication.

Romans12: 9-10 “Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other”.

Submitted by: Uta Enneking-McQuillan, Librarian
FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

This is an exciting time for our Year 9 and Senior School students as they select subject choices for the coming year. Our Head of Senior School, Stuart Cox has been working diligently to make sure that all pathways for our students are created, in order for them to achieve a future vocation they hope for. We have a number of students following a variety of pathways, some to University, others to TAFE and others to apprenticeships and job opportunities. Its a difficult job but one that Stuart is excelling in. We at Navigator College are proud of the subject pathways we are committed to giving our students. Congratulations to Stuart and his team in providing for our Senior School students a study pathway that will lead to their chosen careers.

SPECIAL VISIT

Over the last two days we were fortunate to have a visit from Glenice Hartwich from Board for Mission and Reverend Dr Jonriahman Sipayung to come and speak to us about their experience of North Sumatra, Indonesia. With the Year 11 Service Learning Trip coming up very quickly it was a fantastic opportunity for Jon and Glenice to speak about the traditions, customs and culture of this amazing place. Dr Jon also spoke at Chapel, and over the last two days he and Glenice spoke to each class individually. Chapel offerings are going to support the Margaretha Orphanage and the GKPS school where our students will be working.

SERVICE LEARNING 2012

Last night the students who are venturing to Indonesia in five weeks and their parents met together for an informative evening, learning more about Indonesia and the itinerary for our trip. It was also an opportunity for sampling some traditional foods (courtesy of Chef, Mr Cox) and for some general fellowship. Dr Jon also spoke to the team and their parents and this was great to be able to hear from a ‘local’ of the area where we will be staying and working.

NATIONAL POLICE CHECKS

In accordance with our school policy we ask that parents who wish to volunteer their help with students in classrooms, excursions etc have a current National Police Check. Those who may have already received their Police Check are asked to please drop it into the College front office so it can be photocopied for our files. This will ensure our records are up to date, as we do not receive final notification of these. If you intend helping out in any way, please arrange a National Police Check by visiting the SAPOL website www.police.sa.gov.au. Under the “Fast Find” heading in the top right hand corner, click on “Police Checks” and then halfway down the page is a link to the “National Police Certificate Application Form”. After completing this form online, it needs to be printed off and taken to the Police Station, along with the 100 point identification. The form then needs to be brought to the College for our Principal to complete the VOAN section. It can then be posted to SAPOL at: “Records Release Unit, SA Police, GPO Box 1539, Adelaide 5000”. Please note the form cannot be lodged online. If the person cannot complete a form online, they can request a hard copy by contacting the SA Police Records Release Unit on 8204 1408. Any questions please see the College front office.

STAFF CONFERENCE

A reminder that Friday the 7th of September our Navigator College Staff will be attending the Lutheran Schools Association (SA/N/T/WA) Annual Staff Conference in Adelaide. Please note this will be a Pupil Free day for all our students.

God Bless
Kaye

WOOLWORTHS “EARN AND LEARN” AND COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you to those of you who have supported these programs over the past couple of months. Both these programs have now finished. If you could please send in any Coles vouchers and/or Woolworths sticker sheets that you may have, so that they can be redeemed for much needed equipment for our College.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

WOOLWORTH’S DISPLAY BOARD

Please take the time to have a look at our Navigator College display board. This week we have work from our Year 7 Science class and in the next few weeks we will have some of our student’s Japanese work displayed.

ART/DESIGN NEWS

In Year 10 Art/Design, we are creating a Japanese inspired mosaic for the external wall of the Japanese room with visiting artist Karen Carr. We would like to invite the parents/caregivers of all of our students to participate in the creation of this mosaic on Tuesday afternoons for the next three weeks from 4:00pm till 6:00pm. This promises to be a fun and rewarding experience for all. Please leave your details at the office if you wish to participate. We look forward to seeing you in the art room soon.

Fleur Slater, Art Teacher

BOOK WEEK 2012

This week Navigator College and many public libraries and schools around Australia are celebrating the 67th Book Week. The longest running children’s festival in Australia. This year’s theme is ‘Champions read’, focussing on champions not just in sport but also those people who are in our local community. A list of all shortlisted books by the Children’s Book Council of Australia can be found on http://cbca.org.au/shortlist_2012.htm and this year’s winners include Nick Bland with ‘The Runaway Hug’, Bob Graham with ‘A Bus called Heaven’, Kate Constable with ‘Crow Country’, Scot Gardner with ‘The Dead I Know’ and Alison Lester with ‘One Small Island’. All Book Week books are displayed in the Resource Centre and will be the focus of this week’s library visits. Students are invited to engage in the lunch time activities offered in the library and share the stories to highlight the joy and importance of reading.

Uta McQuillan, Librarian