Encouraging Words

What makes your eyes light up? And your heart feel full? What makes your child/ren’s eyes light up, and their heart feel full?

Is it receiving gifts? Or spending quality time with loved ones? Is it cuddles and closeness, or words of affirmation? Or is it having someone do something for you?

Each of us experience feelings of love in various ways. As a parent, it is easy to demonstrate love to your child. But how can teachers show love for their students? And how can the students show love for their peers?

Ephesians 4:29 says “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

Florence Littauer, in her book “Silver Boxes”, explains this verse in the following way:

“Our words should be gifts to each other, little silver boxes with bows on top…. verbal presents that encourage others.”

My deepest desire as a teacher is to encourage and build up my students. To help them realise their self-worth. To show them they are precious in Christ’s sight. Year 8P/B have practised this ‘gift giving’ throughout this year, with anonymous notes being written by peers and teachers, and read aloud for all students to hear. By speaking words of encouragement to my students, and them to each other, their self-worth and Christs’ love, will be realised.

Submitted by: Mel Bartel
FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

I am currently working through the large number of teacher applicants keen to work at Navigator College. It is very affirming for the school to have so many interested prospective teachers keen to be a part of this wonderful learning environment. Our Leadership team is now reading the applications, with interviews to be held shortly. Our Navigator College team is expanding!

The Twilight Markets are coming up again, on Friday the 2nd of November. The various committees (Promotions, Fundraising and Class Carers) have met regularly and this year’s last fundraiser is looking to be huge, with rides, music events and even Showbags. Thank you to the many people who have supported this event. It promises to be an awesome evening.

From time to time we have requests for letters of confirmation to be written for students who require proof of date of birth and address details for reasons such as Driver’s or Boat Licence applications and student travel identification. We are more than willing to write these letters, signed by me, but at times having an immediate request is not possible and causes great stress to our office staff. I would like to ask that parents/students please give the College 24 hours notice if a letter is required. Thank you in anticipation.

God Bless
Kaye

STAFF CONFERENCE

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

SWIMMING RECEPTION - YEAR 5

Last week the Junior School students braved the cold and dove into school swimming for the week. All students had a fun time developing their swimming skills with their classmates and they were extremely successful. Thanks to the many helpers who assisted with various tasks to ensure that all students were ready in time for their lessons.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

YEAR 4/5 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

This week the Year 4/5 students from Navigator College held their Celebration of Learning. This is an opportunity for the students to share with their parents what they have been learning about during the year. The students shared their learning from a variety of subjects with a focus on thinking skills. They spoke knowledgeably about the management of natural resources and proudly showed their nonfiction texts, which were computer generated. Parents were taught netball skills by their children and learnt about Japanese writing. The celebration ended with a group recorder performance. The students should be commended for their fantastic communication skills that they demonstrated throughout the morning. They are enthusiastic learners and their excitement about sharing their learning with their parents was highly evident.

SUNSMART

As part of our Sunsmart Policy at Navigator College we are committed to wearing hats when the UV reading is 3 or above. Please note that as of Monday next week, the 3rd of September, students are required to wear hats again every day. Those not wearing a hat will be asked to move to a shaded area of the school and not play during their break time. Middle/Senior School students are allowed to take off their hats in full shade only. We ask that you support us and ensure your child has their hat at school from now on. Thank you.
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

UNIFORM REMINDER
Just a reminder that as of the beginning of Term 4 Students will need to be wearing Summer Uniform. Uniform Shop opening hours are:
Tuesdays - 8:30 – 10:30
Wednesdays - 8:30 – 10:30
Thursdays - 2:30 – 4:30
Please ensure your child has the appropriate uniform and please refer to our Website or contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Susan McFarlane, Uniform Shop

MATHS TOOLBOX
Understanding Geometry
The ability to identify and describe shapes, sizes, positions, directions, and movement is important in many work situations, such as construction and design, as well as in creating and understanding Art. Becoming familiar with shapes and spatial relationships in their environment will help children grasp the principles of geometry in later grades. Here are a few fun things to do with your child.
Hide a toy and use directional language to help your child find it. Give clues using words and phrases such as up, down, over, under, between, through, behind, on top of, left and right.
Play “I spy”, looking for different shapes. “I spy something that is round.” “I spy something that is rectangular.” “I spy something that looks like a cone.”
Go on a “shape hunt”. Have your child look for as many circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles as he or she can find in the home or outside. Do the same with three-dimensional objects like cubes, cones, spheres, and cylinders. Point out that street signs come in different shapes and that a soft drink can is like a cylinder.

Thank you to the parents who recently participated in the National Partnerships Survey. The responses have enabled me to analyse the engagement strategies that are working well, and those that need to take a different tact or be revamped. I value and appreciate your comments and your time in completing the survey, as we are all working to improve student learning outcomes. Your assistance in this area is greatly appreciated.

Mel Bartel, Teacher

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. If you have a business ‘contact’ who may be interested please let us know. Thank you in anticipation.

THANKYOU
In Term 2 and 3, children in Reception K and Reception W have enjoyed engaging in creative play using our new home corner furniture. Creative play is very important for children’s early development and learning. These items have provided support for role plays that are central to our units of inquiry: they have allowed children to explore roles and responsibilities for our unit on this topic and have also provided an environment for the creation of signs for our current signs and symbols unit. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Des Treasure for his amazing and generous handiwork in creating these wonderful items, which our children love. Additionally we would like to thank Nick and Christine Doyle for their generous donation of lino squares, which has allowed our children to again enjoy playing with playdough.

Thank you from Miss Kimber & Miss Werner and the Reception Students
NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Senior Academic Leaders of Secondary Schools (SALS) Group

It is only on reflection that you realise how much activity goes on around the school and this past two weeks have been very busy. On Friday the 17th of August Navigator College hosted the Senior Academic Leaders of Secondary Schools (SALS) Group. This group of Secondary Lutheran Leaders met at Navigator College to allow us all access to the wonderful pool of talent that exists in our Lutheran schools. The meeting was very timely for us as we grow into our first cohort of Year 12 in 2013. Throughout the day we discussed many aspects of the structure and process of Senior Schools and we each outlined how we conduct the routines of our schools. The day was very constructive and was a benefit to all who participated as it gave all the opportunity to reflect on our own processes and to take many ideas back to our respective schools.

Subject Selection Process

The subject selection round one is now complete and we begin the process of counselling our Year 11 and 12 students to make sure they meet the requirements of their respective pathway beyond school. We have a commitment to make sure that no student is disadvantaged through this process and so it is a very important time for us and the students to know where they wish to go so that we can make a commitment to delivering the right curriculum to them.

Service Learning Parent Information Evening

On Tuesday the 21st of August we held a cultural immersion night for the students and families who are participating in our Service Learning trip to Indonesia. We were fortunate enough to have Rev. Dr. Jon from the GKPS organisation and Mrs. Glenice Hartwich, Lutheran Board for Mission with us on the night and as Rev. Dr. Jon is from the sister school organisation he was able to give us great insight into the culture and life in Indonesia. The evening began with some culinary delights, some fellowship and then the presentations of our mission and vision for the partnership with GKPS. Throughout the day Rev Dr. Jon and Mrs. Hartwich presented ‘Life in Indonesia’ to each of the year levels at our school and then, on Wednesday morning, lead our Chapel service. Our service learning focus has a whole school approach and this was a fantastic way to share the rewards and excitement of this fantastic program.
Business and Enterprise
We are very blessed to have such a supportive community here in Port Lincoln. This week, Stage 1 Business and Enterprise students had a field trip to Boat Supplies. Sean Miller opened his business to the scrutiny of the students as they investigated the functions of business and importance they have in the community. Mr Miller outlined many aspects of his business from its beginnings and the challenges the business will face into the future. The students asked many questions of Mr Miller at the premises and were treated to a personal tour of the organisation. The students, after their initial analysis, will write a report outlining the success of the business and why businesses such as Boat Supplies are important to regional communities.

Construction Pathways
Our Construction Pathways students began their next construction project to complete yet another competency towards their Certificate 2 in Construction. The students have assisted in many projects around the school, such as the construction of an office in the Design Tech shed and installing air conditioners, to the latest project, the construction of a cricket pitch. The school students have been waiting patiently for a cricket pitch so, with the help of a local Council grant, the construction students set out the position of the pitch through a liaison with our groundsman, Mr Smith and our Head of Junior School Mr Jude. After the initial consultation, the students then organised the tradesmen to begin the process. We were lucky enough to enlist the services of Mr Shannon Brown and his earth moving equipment to excavate the ground and give the students experience in the process of negotiation and communication. As the process continues the students have organised the services of Mr Jack Dufek to assist them in the concrete formwork and concreting process. How blessed we are to have such willing people in our community to share their knowledge and be a part of the educational process at Navigator College.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School
RECEPTION CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

On Friday the 24th of August Reception K and Reception W hosted our Celebrations of Learning. Throughout the morning our students were thrilled to share their learning, skills and knowledge with their parents. They all took great pride in showing off their classrooms to their loved ones. We were so excited to see our classrooms brimming with smiling students and parents, and were so proud of all of our Reception students for being successful and responsible communicators. The morning concluded with an awesome musical performance by our students together with Mr Pearson. We would like to thank everyone who attended and made this event really successful and special for our Reception students. We hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we all did in Reception K and Reception W. Here are some photos from our Celebrations of Learning that we would love to share with you.

Elise Kimber and Rebecca Werner - Classroom Teachers