God’s Loving Kindness

Matthew 25:37-40, “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Jesus shares with us some ways we can love our neighbours. When we offer an expression of love or kindness for our neighbour we receive God’s abounding favour as well as sharing it. Alternately, when we fail to selflessly share God’s love with others, we deprive not only the world, but ourselves of God’s grace. Sometime we seek God for something more, more glory, more love, more of ourselves, but by giving to others we receive more in return.

The opportunity to assist others around us can bring a gentle reminder of Christ’s presence to those suffering physically or emotionally. Even the simple act of listening can be a reflection of God’s love. Offering spiritual and emotional support will give them a deeper understanding of God’s loving kindness.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

Submitted by: Hannah Prout
FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

Its great to be back home and at school after a relaxing break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Jude for his hard work and expertise over the last two weeks in the Principal’s seat. The College ran so well in my absence and this is testimony to his excellent leadership as well as the outstanding support of the rest of our staff. We are such a great team!

The visit Stuart and I had to Indonesia enabled us to see first hand the places the students will be attending during their Service Learning visit, as well as meeting the key leaders and staff of both the Margaretha Orphanage and the GKPS school. We were welcomed as royalty and felt very special to be partnered with such an amazing culture of people who live life simply, yet make the most out of what they have. I felt humbled by the experience and honoured to be able to support these people. During the process of the visit we were given an Ulos, which is a part of the traditional dress of the batak people. This was wrapped around us to signify the coming together of the two schools as family and the importance of the building of relationships between us. It was a very special event and one that Stuart and I are looking forward to sharing with the families of the students attending the Service Learning trip to Indonesia in September.

Our Chapel offerings as well as the proceeds for the casual day last term will be used to purchase items that the school and orphanage need. These people have very little and could benefit greatly with equipment and resources that we in Australia often take for granted. They are looking forward very much to our visit and are excited to have our students support them in such a meaningful way.

Chapel in two weeks will be taken by Pastor Jon of the GKPS Church, over in Australia on study leave. We look forward to hearing about the work of the GKPS Church in schools and orphanages in North Sumatra.

NIGHT OF NIGHTS

What an incredible event! Last Saturday the College held one of its major fundraisers for the year. The “Night of Nights” held at the Port Lincoln Hotel was a sensational night of entertainment, dancing and auctions. The band “Silverhair” provided the music for the evening encouraging movers and groovers to hit the dance floor. Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School, was outstanding as the Auctioneer for the night. With his quick wit and encouragement of the crowd, parents and staff fought it out over the purchase of students’ art work.

Generous donations from local businesses provided a huge selection of items for the Silent Auction. This resulted in a few scuffles as people raced at the last minute to secure a win! Overall the night was a huge success, raising over $10,200.

A big thank you must go to all the donors of the Silent Auction items:

- Sharmaine Day, Lincoln Hair Shack, Bladerunners
- Leading Edge Jewellers, Baby Dreamz, Eyre Eye Centre, Theo & Sylvia Modra, Jamie & Anne Sivior

A heartfelt thank you must also go to Sally Wilsen and Danielle Helliar who went above and beyond with organising the night. We certainly appreciated your hard work and amazing effort.

Thanks must also go to the students along with teachers Fleur Slater and Danton Pearson, for their support towards the Art pieces. Also thank you to the Fundraising Committee and many staff members, for giving generously of their time to make sure it was a success.

STAFF CONFERENCE

A reminder that on 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.
REMINIDER SERVICE LEARNING INDONESIA TRIP
Please be reminded that if you have registered to be a part of the Service Learning Trip to Indonesia this year, you are required to make your payment for the airfare before this Friday, the 10th of August. Accompanying this payment must be the full name of the student, as it will appear on their passport. The Information evening will be held on Tuesday the 21st of August. If you have any questions regarding the cost of the airfare and the payment options, please speak with Liz Smith at the College front office and she will be happy to assist you.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES
RE: Chicken Pox, Shingles and Measles and protecting a particular student.
We draw your attention to the fact that these diseases are notifiable infectious diseases. This is very important as there is a student enrolled at this school who is undergoing treatment for a life threatening disease. People on chemotherapy must avoid contact with the Chicken Pox, Shingles and Measles viruses. If your child has one of these infections verified by a doctor or you think he/she has had contact with one of these diseases it is important that you notify the school immediately. If you suspect your child is developing or has one of these diseases, he/she should not attend school. Your child is infectious 24 hours before the spots or scabs appear and until the spots have gone or the scabs are dry. The infectious period for Shingles is the same as Chicken Pox. We urge you to take immediate action in notifying the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DOGS IN THE YARD
Some of our younger students have a fear of dogs and it has come to my attention that a few are struggling when they see a dog in our yard. To support them and help to keep them feeling that school is a safe haven for them I would like to ask that if you are picking up or dropping off your child and have your much loved dog with you, could you please wait at the gate for them. We love having them around but must be respectful of the fear for some of our smaller students.

God Bless
Kaye

PATHWAYS TO SACE/ SACE INFORMATION EVENING
Information Evenings for parents and students in Year 9 into Year 10 at 7pm, and Year 10 into Year 11 at 8pm in 2013 are being held tonight. Tomorrow night, Thursday the 8th of August there will be a presentation for parents and students in Year 11 going into Year 12 at 7pm. These are information evenings about SACE and subject selections for 2013 and it is therefore recommended that parents and students attend. Thank you.
Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

NEWS FROM OUR PREFECTS
The Prefects have been working on a few small projects since the last time we informed the College community. Most importantly over the last few days the Prefects have been attending the Cleve Field Days to represent Navigator College on the Yellow Brick Road. The Prefects have been enjoying being the face of Navigator College and showing the community what we as a College have to offer.
As a team we have been gathering ideas with our fellow Year 11 Students as to how we wish the Year 12 Formal to progress. We currently have the venue and date booked as we continue to work on smaller details to perfect the first Year 12 Formal. We’re enjoying greeting our community in the mornings and afternoons at the gates, feel free to stop for a chat as we’re more than happy to get to know our fellow community. Katelyn, Matthew and Tiarna on behalf of the Prefects

CANTEEN CLOSURE
Due to the consistent lack of lunch orders being received on Mondays, please note that as of the START OF THIS TERM the Canteen is closed on Mondays. (This will be reviewed each term). Thank you.
Ian and Di Schmidt, Canteen

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.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM
Navigator College is offering a Homestay Program for students who cannot commute to the College daily. The Homestay Program involves families in Port Lincoln who are willing to board students during the school term. Some of these students will require board for five days per week, others seven days per week. The host family will receive payment from the family of the boarding student, according to the guidelines set out by Navigator College. If you are interested in boarding a student please contact Mark Thiel on 86842012 or the College on 86825099, or call into the front office for an information booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Child Development Information sessions will be held at Kirton Point Children’s Centre in August. These sessions are free for parents and carers of young children who are interested in learning and discussing ideas for encouraging development of pre-school children. To be held on Wednesday the 22nd of August from 1.00pm – 2.30pm. To register please contact Katrina Pedler on 8682 5969.
MUROTO VISIT

A huge thank you to all staff, students and parent helpers who contributed to such a successful day hosting our Muroto delegation visit, for the annual friendship exchange from Japan. The Japanese students thoroughly enjoyed every minute of their time spent with us yesterday and didn’t want to leave. They loved it so much they commented many times that they would love to live in Port Lincoln and attend Navigator College! More detail about this exchange along with photos will be in next week’s Newsletter.

Fiona Parenta & Sheree Zacher, Japanese Teachers