The ‘Power’ of Music

‘Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and the lyre, praise Him with the tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and the flute’

Psalms 150: 3-5

Music is a central element of Christian worship, lifting the spirit, soothing the soul and creating fellowship. Music is also an essential part of the school curriculum, for similar and even more diverse reasons.

It is well established that there is a definite correlation between the playing and reading of music and success in other curriculum areas. For example, written music is a ‘logical-system’, like Mathematics and Science. The commitment required to learn an instrument, to practice, and to progress, is akin to the determination to succeed academically. This discipline can ‘translate’ to many other areas of a child’s life.

Enjoying music has important effects on brain development and psychological health. Music can aid the release of dopamine compounds, like ‘serotonin’ that relax the brain and provide feelings of well-being and focus.

Finally, music has always been an integral part of more traditional societies, where it is not an ‘art-form’ or a commodity but it is interwoven into the ‘fabric’ of the village, strengthening social and family bonds and enhancing the feelings of connectedness and belonging.

Music education at Navigator College is an integral part of the curriculum, complimenting studies in all other subjects, not just the ‘Humanities’ and hopefully adding to the sense of ‘community’ at the school!

To praise God with song, adds to the richness of His worship and also to the fellowship of His congregation!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
A HUGE congratulations to the staff and students in Middle and Senior School on their Celebration of Learning evening held last week. The students displayed and presented their learning expertly, the sausage sizzle the Year 11 students cooked to raise money for Indonesia was delicious and the fellowship flowed freely. The evening was an outstanding success! Sincere thanks go to all the staff and students for their effort and enthusiasm and of course to the parents who attended. Congratulations on showcasing the learning in our school in such an outstanding way.

NAPLAN TEST RESULTS
Earlier this year our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were involved in NAPLAN testing. These results will be sent home this week with the Reports.

The NAPLAN testing is one snapshot of our student’s achievement and should not be read in isolation as there are contributing factors that affect how a child achieves in assessments such as these. Navigator College monitors students’ performance in a variety of ways including standardised testing and regular classroom assessment which is shared through our parent teacher interviews, student work and our end of term reports. The information from all these sources combined gives a complete picture of the progress your child has made throughout the year. If you would like to discuss the NAPLAN results with your child’s teacher/s please feel free to make an appointment through the front office.

SRC CASUAL DAY
A reminder that this Friday the SRC will be holding a ‘Casual Day’. In order to be able to have the privilege of wearing casual clothes for the day, the students are asked to come dressed under the theme of Junior School - ‘Sporting Heroes’ and Middle School/Senior School – ‘Sporting Theme’. The cost is a gold coin donation.

The College will finish an hour earlier at 2pm as we need to meet the connecting buses at the Primary School. Term 4 commences on Monday the 8th of October.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all every blessing for a safe and happy holiday as I head off with 10 students and 3 fellow staff to North Sumatra for our Service Learning Trip. What an opportunity! I look forward to an exciting Term 4 as we head towards the end of 2012.

God Bless

Kaye

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)
We are pleased to announce that Navigator College has now been officially authorized to teach the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP). We can now refer to ourselves as an IB school and use the IB logo. This is an exciting achievement! Congratulations to our Junior School staff and in fact all our staff team, who have worked tirelessly to reach this milestone.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Junior School Parent/Teacher interviews are being held tonight, Wednesday the 19th of September and tomorrow, Thursday the 20th of September. If you haven’t already done so, please call into the front office, to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher.

MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS
Middle and Senior School Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday the 17th and Thursday the 18th of October, Week 2 of next term. The students will receive an Interview Request form with their report at the end of this week. Please complete this form and return it in Week 1 next term, when times will be finalised.

SRC FUNdraiser
Don’t forget our SRC Fundraiser this Friday, the 21st of September

Recess
Lamington $1.00
Fruit Box $1.50

Lunch
BBQ Chicken Skewer $2.00
Sausage in bread $1.50
Fruit Box $1.50

If you haven’t already done so, please return your child/rens order bag ASAP with the correct change inside. Please note the College Canteen will be CLOSED on this day, Friday the 21st of September.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that all Term 3 fees should now be finalised, unless prior arrangements have been made. Thank you.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

BUSHFIRE SEASON
Term One and Term Four are times when we all need to be aware of the possibility of a bushfire. Please see the ‘Prepare for Bushfires’ flyer at the back of the newsletter.

CHRISTMAS BOXES
Please continue to return the completed shoe boxes by this Friday the 21st of September. We remind you that your involvement is completely optional. Thank you.

SECOND GUITAR TEACHER
As of Term 4 Danton Pearson will be offering his services as a second guitar teacher to the College. If you wish to use his services or need more information about what he can offer, please contact the front office on Ph 66825099.

Annette Mesecke, Music Coordinator
On the 12th of August the Middle and Senior Schools had a joint celebration of student learning. Although the night was brisk, many families braved the cold night air to celebrate with their children the learning and activities they had experienced over the past three terms. There were some great displays to be seen with some of them being interactive, and this even included some walking traditional Japanese costume displays. The evening saw drama skits being performed and, with the inclusion of musical performances, parents and students were entertained throughout the evening. Additionally a sausage sizzle was initiated by the Year 11 students to raise money for much needed equipment for our partner school in Indonesia. $350.00 was raised which sounds so much better in Rupee: approx 3,500,000. It was a fantastic night and we commend our students and teachers for all their hard work.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School
MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL
‘CELEBRATION OF LEARNING’
PREPARE FOR BUSHFIRES

The safety of our children in the bushfire danger season is our first priority.

As Navigator College has been assessed as a high-risk school, it will close on days when the fire danger index is forecast at 100 or more - Catastrophic (Code Red) level. On these days Navigator College will activate the Bushfire Action Plan. A copy of the Bushfire Action Plan, for your reference, can be requested from the front office.

This means that Navigator College will CLOSE when the bushfire weather is forecast at Catastrophic (Code Red) level.

How will you know when Navigator College is to be closed?

A CONFIRMATION of the closure will be provided via SMS Message ONLY to the mobile phone of the primary parent/caregiver of each student. This will occur on the day/evening before the Code Red Day is announced (following CFS advice) or on the morning of the CATS day.

If the Code Red Day is advised on the day, while the students are at Navigator College or a fire of any description is detected within school hours please DO NOT attempt to collect your child, as the College will have in place a very well executed Bushfire Action Plan, making it the safest place at this time for your child to be situated.

Travelling during a bushfire can also be very dangerous so school buses will NOT run if Navigator College has been closed due to bushfire risk, and you will need to make arrangements to collect your child from school, once the immediate risk has ceased. In the meantime your child will be supervised by members of staff at the College.

Act now - prepare for school and preschool closures.
I understand that closures may be inconvenient for some families but I am sure you will appreciate that the risk of bushfire is a serious issue for our community and the safety of our children is the most important.

Thank you for your attention and for being Bushfire Aware.
Join us for an evening the whole family will enjoy!

A Huge selection of food and drinks, as well as Show bags, Jumping castle, Pony Rides and Lucky Dips. All this and much more to entertain everyone.

Local Community group displays. All this to be accompanied by our College Chapel Band and other live music. Come along and be a part of the Navigator College Community!

Jumping Castles ★

Seafood ★

Donuts and Popcorn

Local Community group displays.

Magnificent Food ★

Bucking Bull ★

Show Bags ★

Face painting ★

Wine★

Lucky Dip

College Grounds, Stamford Tce
Friday, 2nd of November 2012, 5pm – 8pm

Southern Cross Twilight Markets