I am fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity of travelling to Indonesia with the Year 11 students over the term break, as part of the Navigator College Service Learning trip. For me this journey will be something that takes me very much out of my comfort zone. I am one of those people who enjoy the familiar and the safe and walking into a room full of strangers makes me nervous. I like to be organised, follow a routine and know how things are going to turn out.

When I go to Indonesia, I will be travelling as part of a group (most of whom I do not know) to a foreign country to live with people whose culture I have little or no knowledge of and whose language I do not speak. I will be travelling away from my family and have limited communication with them for the time I am away. The food will be different and I may not like it. We won’t always have fresh water or hot water to shower, things that I take for granted. What if I say or do something that offends someone and make some huge “slap your forehead” mistake? I am excited but I am also nervous.

So you might ask why am I going?

I am going for the very reason that this trip will take me out of my comfort zone. Most of us don’t go outside our comfort zone unless forced. Why would we choose to be uncomfortable? The temptation to stay with the safe and the familiar is strong, but what are we missing out on when we don’t take a given opportunity. How will I learn and know what life truly has to offer if I don’t go and look?

Matthew 14:28-33. Tells the story of the disciples who were out fishing one night when a huge storm struck. They then saw a figure approaching them on the water and were terrified, not realising that it was Jesus until he called out to them "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid". Peter answered "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water". So He said, “Come.” And so Peter came down out of the boat, he walked on the water … to Jesus.

The boat represents a place where it is safe and warm and stepping out of the boat is like stepping out of your comfort zone and heading into unfamiliar territory. It can be really scary and I am sure that Peter had doubts as he stepped onto the water. However if we don’t ever have faith and get out of the boat, we will never get to expand our knowledge and maybe try new challenges.

I am sure the journey to Indonesia may not always be comfortable or fun but I am also sure that it will be a memorable, educational and life enriching experience.

I am going to step out of the boat and onto the plane…..Indonesia here I come!!

Submitted by: Leanne Gardner
FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

STAFF CONFERENCE
A reminder that this 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 that this is a Pupil Free day for all of our students.

At a recent College Captain meeting our SRC discussed the carpark at the end of the school day. There were concerns that cars were driving faster than necessary (10kph) through the carpark, and that many cars are still turning right when leaving the car park. If our children are concerned for our safety, this sends a powerful message to us all. I ask that you please adhere to the speed limit in the carpark, and only turn left as you leave. A small amount of inconvenience is worth the safety to all our students.

The staffing process for 2013 is progressing very well with a significant number of highly qualified and excellent educators undergoing the shortlisted interview process. We hope to have most positions for 2013 finalised shortly.

God Bless
Kaye

JUNIOR SCHOOL
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Letters have been sent home this week regarding Junior School Parent/Teacher interviews to be held on Wednesday the 19th September and Thursday the 20th of September. To make an appointment please ring the front office and they will book a time with your child’s class teacher. These interviews are crucially important in terms of gaining insight into your child’s progress. Please note that teachers are expecting parents only for these 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. Students will receive an Interview Request form which will be sent home with their report. Please complete this form and return it to respective teachers in week 1. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your requested time.

SRC CASUAL DAY
On Friday the 21st of September, the last day of this term, 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. The cost is a gold coin donation. Further details of the themes are to come.

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL
‘CELEBRATION OF LEARNING’
It is our vision at Navigator College to inspire our students in their learning so they become active and knowledgeable contributors to the community of Port Lincoln and beyond. Each year we as a community of staff, students and parents celebrate the development that has taken place with our Middle and Senior School students as they journey in their learning. This milestone event is called the Middle and Senior School ‘Celebration of Learning’. This year the ‘Celebration of Learning’ will take place in the evening of Wednesday the 12th of September in the Cluster 3 and 4 area. Rooms will be set up allowing each student to share and display the highlights of their learning and achievements in the year thus far. The extension of displays into the Science Lab and Resource Centre, provides parents the opportunity to also appreciate the learning that is occurring across a wide range of year levels and curriculum areas. We strongly encourage parents to attend the evening, supporting their children and demonstrating that we as parents and the College community value our students’ learning.

The evening is also a unique opportunity to experience the community culture of Navigator College that makes our school such a privilege to be a part of. This year we encourage families to bring tea for themselves to be enjoyed in a picnic type atmosphere. Drinks will also be available for purchase to enhance the atmosphere of celebration and the opportunity for students, parents and staff to connect on a social level. The evening will begin at 5:45pm and the sharing of learning will take place from 6:10pm to 7:10pm. We will then have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the musical and dramatical talents of our students, while enjoying the company of our College community before the evening closes at 8 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Jericho, Head of Middle School and Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

CHRISTMAS BOXES
Samaritan’s Purse is a non profit, non-denominational, international relief organisation. One of their projects is Operation Christmas Child (Christmas Boxes) and Navigator College is once again offering the opportunity to support this work. We are inviting classes, families or individuals to make up shoe boxes full of 6 gifts (something to love, play with, wear, write/draw with, something for personal hygiene and something special.) We would like to invite you to be a part of this project but it is completely optional. A more detailed brochure is also available from the front office. The boxes need to be completed and brought to school by Friday the 21st of September. As each box requires $9 to cover the associated costs (inc freight), you may prefer to donate money towards this, rather than packing a box. Thank you so much for your support. Sue Hodgson

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:
Tuesday 8:30 – 10:30
Wednesday 8:30 – 10:30
Thursday 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.
Sue McFarlane, Uniform Shop
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

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.

JAPANESE GARDEN
We are excited to announce that we recently won a grant to go towards the development of our Japanese garden. The first stage was completed last year and we are now keen to develop our plan to create the next stage. We hope to include a water bowl, bridge, entrance way, fence, bench, large black pebbles and some more foliage to complete our Japanese garden. To achieve this we would love some assistance from anyone who might have an interest in gardening, knowledge and or expertise in this field. Or maybe you are just willing to lend a hand and learn more about the art of creating a Japanese ‘Zen’ garden. We are also wondering if anyone has any wood off cuts such as Oregon, jarrah or ash which we could use to create a small fence, tori entrance way, bridge and ‘waiting bench.’ Please register your interest at the front office and we will organise a time to meet and discuss our plan of action. Sherree Zacher, Japanese Teacher

THE FISHING CLUB
The Fishing Club have had two trips over the past two weeks. The first was at Brennan Jetty, just off the town wharf. Adam Schmidt was able to bag a few, but nothing at a legal size and Nik Constantinopoulos was able to tangle up a large rock crab. Last weekend a smaller group went out to the Ledge at Wangary. Again, not much was biting except for a couple for Adam and Mr Jude and Wade Dale even gave his away to add to Adam’s catch. Lachlan Toogood, Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS
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Sandy Russo is a registered teacher that has worked at SPELD SA as an educational and software consultant since 2006. Sandy specializes in problem solving the educational needs of students with specific learning difficulties, suggesting strategies and assistive technologies that may help a student to succeed independently in the classroom, university or workplace. Sandy regularly talks at workshops, conferences and seminars in addition to conducting training sessions in all sectors of the educational community. Information Evening specializing in children with dyslexia and specific learning difficulties.
Dyslexia, TAFE Port Lincoln
Wednesday 5th Sept. 7-9 P.M
Enquiries to Tracey 0400439222

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO SAIL?
The sailing season is coming around fast and if your child has shown an interest in having a go, please contact Kelly Forbes 0429 835036 or kelly@forbesfurniture.com.au as we have a few boats looking for crews this season at Port Lincoln Yacht Club.

TASMAN BASKETBALL CLUB
Tasman Basketball Club will be holding a Registration night on Monday 10th September at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre Basketball Courts at 4pm – 5.30pm. All new and existing players, coaches and umpires welcome. Any enquiries contact Meagan 0429 826479.
EYRE PENINSULA FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
Junior Choir Performance

Last Wednesday and Thursday nights the Junior Choir took part in the Lower Eyre Peninsula Combined Choirs Festival of Music at the Nautilus Theatre. Our students have worked consistently all year to learn the program of fourteen songs for this concert. A number of our students performed solos with the combined choir and enjoyed themselves immensely while gaining experience on stage. They had the pleasure of watching supporting acts from around the lower Eyre Peninsula and made friends with other singers as part of a choir of over 250 children. A fabulous effort all round!
Annette Mesecke and Gemma Leonard, Junior Choir Trainers

YEAR 2/3 CAMP TO TRINITY HAVEN

As a part of the Year Two/Three Unit of Inquiry on Public places the Year Two/Three classes spent last Thursday and Friday on camp. The classes visited the Mayor of Port Lincoln, Mr Bruce Green and also the Mayor of Tumby Bay, Mr Laurie Collins. The students visited a range of public places throughout Port Lincoln, North Shields, Poonindie, Louth Bay and Tumby Bay and spent Thursday night at Trinity Haven camp.
Emma Sharrad, Year 2/3 Teacher