The importance of supporting one another

In Term 3 I was lucky enough to attend a mental health first aid course. The presenter talked about the importance of looking out for each other and not being afraid to ask deeper questions of those around you. To look at the symptoms people carry with them, rather than asking the basic question of “how are you?” This question does not allow for people to truly respond, in return we often find ourselves and others responding with “good” even if they are going through a tough time.

By asking someone a question which relates to your observations, you are more likely to open up the conversation on a deeper level. “I’ve noticed you look a little tired lately.”

We do not need to be experts in counselling to help each other out and support one another. We can make a difference in the lives of the people around us, just by listening.

After all, we know that this is what Christ wants from us, to look out and care for one another.

Philippians 2:4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Are you taking active notice of the people around you?

Submitted by: Rhiannon Prime
FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

Thank you to the students and staff for making my Principals Day (delegated as today) such a special one. I was inundated with beautiful flowers, (handmade and real), cards and gifts from the classes as well as special comments from students. It was a humbling experience and one that was incredibly special to me. I continue to say that Navigator College blesses the lives of those within it and I am no exception.

As many of you are well aware I spent part of the school holidays and part of the first week in Indonesia undertaking a Service Learning Trip with 10 students and 3 other staff members. Today the students presented their testimonies to the College community. Many of those who witnessed their presentation were moved by their learning, their empathy and their love of another culture. It was wonderful to see them put into their own words what they learnt and how the students in North Sumatra touch their hearts in so many ways. I am very proud of them and feel blessed to be a part of their experience. Thank you to our wonderful staff members: Stuart Cox, Jenni Morel and Leanne Gardner who were also such a valuable a part of this journey. Photographs have been included in this newsletter.

God Bless

Kaye

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL

I thank all those parents who have made an effort to make contact with their child’s teacher. We find this an important aspect of the reporting cycle as it gives a firsthand account of your child’s progress and behaviour. Interviews are set at the beginning of Term 4 to allow corrective guidance for a student to improve, if necessary, or as a time to give praise to students who have completed Term 3 to the best of their ability.

You would have noticed that on the front page of your child’s Report there is a note if an interview is required by any of your child’s teachers. Once identified, it is the responsibility of the parent to make appointments on the most convenient day of this week and relay that information through the student to the teacher. If for some reason you missed this process please contact the teacher to arrange an interview at a time conducive to both parties. All interviews this week will be held in Cluster 3.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be a Parent Information Night on the 1st of November at 7pm for all parents of students who will be in Year 6 and Year 8 in 2013. Please attend this night for further information about Middle Schooling. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Jericho, Head of Middle School

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.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful Navigator College community for their incredible efforts in putting together Christmas Boxes for Samaritans Purse again this year. Last week I collected an amazing 56 boxes from your school. This will make a huge difference in the lives of 56 children currently living in poverty and their families/communities. We are so grateful to you for your care and compassion.

Thank you Sue Hodgson, (Volunteer for Samaritans Purse)

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOUSE FOR RENT

One of our new staff members is looking for a small house or unit which she is able to rent from about mid December onwards. If you know of anything available, please let the school know.

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games. Beginning on the 24th of October from 5.00-6.00pm at Centenary Oval. The cost of the Program is $60 per participant. Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET pack including a bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack and some other goodies. To find out more information or to register, log onto www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

PORT LINCOLN YMCA OSHC & VACATION CARE SERVICES

The YMCA of SA runs After School Care, Vacation Care and Pupil Free Day Programs to meet the needs of children and families from all local schools.

We currently have vacancies in our After School Care program, which runs weekdays from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. We are a fully accredited child care provider for children aged 5 to 12 years old. We also have a Vacation Care Program running every School Holidays. For more information, please contact Naomi or staff on 0407790515.
FOOTSTEPS DANCE SESSIONS

Last Monday we were fortunate to have an instructor from Footsteps dance company conduct dance sessions with the Middle School. Different year levels tried out different styles of dancing. The Year 6 and 7 classes learnt some 1950's Rock 'n' Roll, Year 8's Hip Hopped and Moon Walked while the Year 9's Jived away in a progressive partner dance style. It was a great opportunity for students to be risk takers and enjoy something completely different for their first day back at school.

Annette Mesecke, Teacher
Navigator College is now an authorised IB PYP School
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  ★

Magnificent Food

Donuts and Popcorn  ★

Show Bags

Wine

Bucking Bull

Lucky Dip

Face painting

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

Southern Cross Twilight Markets