Story of the Cracked Pot

The author of the Cracked Pot story is unknown; yet the wisdom that it holds is displayed in our daily lives through God's working in and through us!

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.' The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

- Author Unknown

Have you ever felt like this pot with its crack – imperfect and ashamed? There may have been something in your life that caused you to feel "cracked." In all honesty, probably most of us have felt this way at one time or another. Yet what we neglect to realize is that God is sovereign. He created us each unique and when we depend upon Him, amazing things can happen!

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves". 2 Corinthians 4:7

"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

Submitted by: Meg Webb
FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

CLASSES 2013

We are now at the stage where we begin to consider class placements for 2013. There are many factors that go into placing your child in a specific class. I believe that a happy child learns and therefore I make my decision after discussion with your child's past and future teachers, based on their social stance. It is my belief that if your child is (socially) happy and content, learning naturally occurs. Ordinarily if your child is surrounded by others that make him / her feel safe, he / she is then able to work at school. Of course in all classes at times there are incidents that may result in a clash of personalities. However, the more socially secure child can usually manage the situation easier than the one who feels less confident.

Looking at classes for next year, the social factor is very high on the list, but other factors such as class numbers, gender and siblings need also be considered. If you have any reasonable requests regarding your child’s placement in a class, please make an appointment to see me no later than Monday the 3rd of December. Please note teachers will not be deciding on class allocations as it is a Leadership team decision. If you have concerns or requests for specific teachers, I ask that you speak only to me, as unfortunately these requests cannot be considered. Our focus is the child and their needs when organising their placement. Thank you.

God Bless

Kaye

BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE

This week was very eventful for the Port Lincoln community. The fires at Sleaford were a timely reminder of the destructive nature bushfires can have on us.

On Tuesday the CFS required some assistance to erect tents for the fire fighters who were out fighting the bush fire. On that Tuesday there were 110 CFS volunteers out trying to contain the blaze, so 110 beds needed to be erected to allow them respite from the fire fighting task.

Our Year 10 and 11 students took time out from their schooling, as an act of community service, to assist in the erection of 50 tents and 100 camp stretchers. It was a joy to see the students working together and within one and a half hours the task was complete and the CFS staff were grateful for the efforts of the students.

The Navigator College community would like to thank the Senior School students for the diligent manner in which they approached the task. On Wednesday the tents were dismantled and packed up. This was supported by the Year 9 class. Thank you and well done to you also.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday the 11th of November was Remembrance Day. It is on this day that we remember all those that have fallen in war, but it was not always for that purpose. Of course we know that the First World War was the war to end all wars. How wrong were we to think that? We have had many wars since, so it is only fitting that we remember every soldier that has fallen for their country in any war.

Remembrance Day or Armistice Day marks the day and the time that the armistice (an agreement to stop fighting) was signed to cease the fighting of the First World War. Last Sunday our Year 9 class was invited to attend the proceedings and just before 11am, they laid a wreath on behalf of the College in an act of remembrance. Thank you to Connor, Alex and Sharna for heading the proceedings for us.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School
END OF YEAR SERVICE
We are now gearing up for the End of Year Service which will be held at the Nautilus Theatre on Thursday the 13th of December. The Junior School will start the proceedings at 6.00pm and will be finished, ready for pick up at approximately 7.15pm. The Middle School and Senior School will need to be at the Theatre by 7.30pm ready to start at 7.45pm and their part in the service will run until approximately 9.15pm. It promises to be an exciting event with all students having an important part to play in the Service. We will have the graduation of the Year Five and Year Nine students and Special Awards presented. Whole school practices have been planned at the theatre on the 6th, 12th and 13th of December. We are asking that all students are dropped off to teachers at the Makybe Diva statue in the morning at 8.45am. Students will be delivered by buses back to the College when the practice is completed. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2012 Forms Package. Tickets for adult seating must be pre booked and are available now from the front office. There is no cost but will need to be pre booked early to confirm seating availability. Please be specific about your ticket requirements as we have many families of the school who would like to be a part of this service.

BUSHFIRE SEASON
As we are now in our bushfire season, once it has been decided to close the College due to a Bushfire you are notified via an SMS (text message) ONLY. For this reason, it is imperative that your mobile contact details we have on file are correct. If you have recently changed your contact details, please can you let us know. Thank you.

NAVIGATOR COLLEGE CRICKET
Navigator College again have a team in the Primary School Cricket Competition for season 2012/13. The season started with a historic day, the first game ever played on our own oval. Ben Klau will go down into the record books for facing the first ball, whilst Lachlan Warhurst scored the first ever run. The Gators welcome 4 new faces to the team Jhye Kennedy, Billy Wheare, Harry Boston and Jared Dodd. After 2 games the team is undefeated and playing some great cricket. Drue Mueller has started the season well with both bat and ball and his experiences in Adelaide with SAPSASA have allowed him to lead from the front. A huge thank you to all the parents for their support both on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday Mornings.

Rowan Miegel, Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
A reminder to all Year 9 parents that the Senior School Blazers need to be paid for before Monday the 26th of November. All new stock has arrived so they can be collected once they have been paid for. These are a compulsory part of the Senior School uniform and are to be worn to and from school each day, as well as for official functions. The cost of the Blazer is $160 and can be paid for at the Uniform Shop or the front office. Instalments are possible. Also if you have a child/ren starting school here for the first time in 2013, we encourage you to visit the Uniform Shop to purchase their requirements for next year before the end of term. Our shop opening times are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8.30am – 10.30am and Thursdays from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Thank you.

Susan McFarlane, Uniform Co-ordinator

LIBRARY COFFEE MORNING
When: Wednesday the 21st of November
Time: 9.30am -12.00pm
Next week after Chapel the Library will be having a coffee morning. Come and join us for morning tea, meet other parents/carers and at the same time help out the Library. We will be covering and repairing books, searching for titles, stamping, cataloguing, applying stickers, etc so there is bound to be a task with which you will feel comfortable. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday and appreciate any time you may be able to give.

Annette Mesecke & Uta McQuillan, Library Staff

GRAIN DONATIONS
The College gratefully accepts grain donations from farmers in lieu of cash donations. If you would like to make a contribution could you please donate to “Navigator College Inc” (12846521) and ask to have the grain to be warehoused. Thank you in anticipation.

DECED BUS TRAVELLERS FROM OUTER AREAS
Those students who travel on the DECD buses from outer areas should have received a note home regarding safety during the bushfire season. Your attention to this matter is imperative for your child/ren's safety during the bushfire season, so please read it carefully. Accompanying the letter was also an application for Bus travel in 2013. Please note these applications need to be returned ASAP. Students in Reception to Year 7 will need to reapply as they are not automatically placed on the bus role for 2013. Students from Year 8 to 12 also need to fill out the application again, so the co-ordinating school (Port Lincoln Primary School) can update their files. If you have any further questions regarding DECD bus travel, please contact me through the office.

Di Moseby, Bus Coordinator

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2012
The Canteen will not be open in the last week of this term due to class parties and End of Year Service activities running throughout the week. Our last Canteen day for the year will be Friday the 7th of December. Thank you all for your patronage this year.

Di and Ian Schmidt, Canteen Operators

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 Update**

We are excited to report that last week we were able to plant our recent purchase of plants in our Japanese garden. We were able to purchase these with some of our grant money. A special thank you to the Year 10 Japanese students, Carly Zacher and Craig Smith for their assistance. We still hope to add large granite rocks as stepping stones and seats, and plan to construct some small bamboo fencing and wooden features. On Thursday 28th of November we plan to hold a garden opening which will also be a chance to officially acknowledge and label the stunning Japanese Mosaic which now takes pride of place on the wall in our garden. There will be a Japanese musical demonstration with some of our new Japanese instruments and the assistance of Nick Krieg, along with a Zendo kai demonstration with Eric Page and some students.

**Japanese Sports Day Activities**

To coincide with PE week last week and the Japanese National Sports Day held at the end of October, the Year 4/5’s participated in a variety of traditional games which they had been learning about as part of their current unit of learning where they also made hachimaki headbands and learnt the ‘rajo taiso’ warm-up exercises. The ‘suikawari’ or watermelon splitting was very popular and provided a fresh snack to complete the games. The ‘mukaidekyoso’ or centipede race was fun and challenging, and the final ‘kendama’ wooden ball on stick challenge was held to decide the grand champion after initial challenges held at the Twilight Markets. Mitchell Jude proved to be the most successful with Dannen Blacker a close challenger.

*Sheree Zacher and Fiona Parenta, Japanese Teachers*