Build Your Life Wisely

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family.

He would miss the paydays, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

So it can be with us. Sometimes we build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then with a shock we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized that we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Build wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live in it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today.

Author Unknown

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

TWILIGHT MARKETS
The annual Southern Cross Twilight Markets were held last Friday evening and what a fantastic event it was! The weather was great, the food stalls were many and varied, the rides were entertaining, the various musical representations were delightful and the ambience was exactly what we had planned for – one of fun and fellowship. Congratulations to the many staff, students, parents and friends of the College who collectively made the Markets such a success.

The event raised $16,000, which will go towards shade over the balustrading on Cluster 4, football posts a cricket pitch and nets and the outdoor kitchen for Hospitality. The Class Carers, the Fundraising Committee and our wonderful staff deserve a special mention for the extra time, effort and support of this event. Congratulations to all!

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
The Term 3 Principal Awards for outstanding effort in academic work is attached to this newsletter. Congratulations to all recipients.

WELCOME NEW STAFF FOR 2013
It is my pleasure to inform you of the new staff line up for the 2013 year. We welcome to the Navigator College team:

Junior School: Mel Little and Francis Picken
Middle School/Senior School: Barry Tattersall, Brenton Borchardt, Carlyn Pearson, Jo Panizzolo, Sonia Ford, Stuart Hill and Susan Hopping.
Grounds Person/Lutheran Support Officer (LSO): Mark Panizzolo.

Regretfully we say goodbye to Julia Thiele, Gemma Leonard, Rowan Miegel and Michelle Hilder and wish these staff members every blessing in their new endeavours.

With 75+ new students to Navigator College in 2013 we will be increasing our class structure to include a third year 4/5 class. It is such an exciting time in the history of the College!

END OF YEAR SERVICE
This year the End Of Year Service, held on Thursday the 13th of December will look a little different. We will continue to have the service at the Nautilus Theatre and will be holding the one service in staggered stages. 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.

For parents and members of the community the Service will begin with the Junior School emphasis at 6.00pm and run until 7.15pm when you are able to pick the students up from the back of the theatre. Those families who have Junior School students only will be able to take their children home, unless you wish to stay and watch the whole service. There will be an interval at 7.15pm until 7.45pm when the Middle School and Senior School part of the evening will commence.

Parents of the Middle School and Senior School will be able to drop their children off at 7.30pm before making their way to the theatre seating area for the re-commencement of the service at 7.45pm. From there the Middle School / Senior School involvement will take place until 9.15pm and this will include the awards.

Tickets for adult seating must be pre booked and will be able to be collected from the front office in the two weeks preceding the Service. 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.

God Bless

Kaye

DECD 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 Cooordinator

IMMUNISATIONS
The final visit for the Year 8 vaccinations will be on Tuesday the 13th of November. If you have any questions regarding this, please phone Aaron Price, Environmental Health Officer at the City of Port Lincoln office on 86212320.

Meg Webb, Administration

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, so they can be presented to the Year 9 students at our End of Year Service. 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. Installments 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

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.

YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY

As part of Year 11 hospitality we have been investigating the impact that decision making can have on lifestyles. “More than one in four Australian children are overweight or obese” (YMA, 2007)

Here are some ideas for families to consider:

- Be a role model; be active when you’re with your children.
- Include physical activity in family outings.
- Encourage and support walking and cycling to school.
- Negotiate a limit on time spent watching TV or playing video games.

Home cooking and learning skills at home has proven to have lifelong health benefits. Have a look at the gofor2and5.com.au website for recipe ideas.

Stay tuned for more healthy tips from Year 11 Hospitality.

FORMS PACKAGE FOR 2013

This week the existing families of the College will receive their 2013 Forms Pack via the youngest child in the family. All new families/students to the school in 2013 will receive their package in the post. Some families may receive two packs as siblings in existing families may be enrolling. Apologies for this, but we ask that you please complete the necessary forms and return them to the school before Friday the 23rd of November, 2012. If you have any queries about the forms, please contact the front office. All students will receive a 2013 Health and Medical Form to complete at the start of school next year.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that Term 4 fees should now be paid, unless prior arrangements had been made. Please ensure that your account is up to date. If there are any foreseeable problems please contact me at the school.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

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.

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

PORTFOLIOS

A reminder that Portfolio folders for Junior and Middle School students need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you, if you have already done so.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our Navigator College School Magazine, 2012 will be available for purchase at the End of Year Service. Alternatively, parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office, to be picked up on the last day of school. Further details in next newsletters.

TWILIGHT MARKET PHOTOS
2012 Twilight Markets