LIFE GOES ON

It was a joyous day on Saturday for the Cox Family, the event of the century was about to unfold. After all of the planning, organisation, constructing and expense the day had arrived; the wedding of my daughter, Paije. The lead up to the ceremony was one of great celebration of friendship, collaboration, and willingness to do anything to make the day a success. The three bridesmaids were at the beck and call of the bride as were the hair dressers, nail technicians, flower arrangers, photographers, everyone that came to the Cox household pitched in to help. I don't know how many of you have celebrated such an occasion but it seems to me that females go through so much effort to make themselves look beautiful, and not being female this is foreign to me! Looking in from the periphery I was amazed at the amount of 'stuff' the female of the species put themselves through. I have lived with 3 females most of my married life but this was extraordinary.

After all of the preparation the wedding vehicle arrived to carry the bride, mother, father and all the bridesmaids to the ceremony. After a practice the day before even the best laid plans can come unstuck. Our vehicle grounded about 8 mtrs short of the ramp that was so carefully built to allow the wedding party to disembark the vessel on which we had arrived. Next plan ?? Thanks to the sheer strength of our boat operator the wedding party was carried ashore and remained dry. An interesting beginning but a memorable one.

The wedding brought together the Nitschke and Cox families as we both celebrate the union of our children. However, it was also a time of sorrow, the day before the wedding we were told of the death of the groom’s father, a sad time for the Nitschke family and a sorrow that we shared. It was not a sudden death as it was expected, but even when we expect events to occur they still affect us when they eventually do. Whilst we celebrated the union of our two families and the new beginnings of the couple’s future together, we also morn the passing of Lester. Not in a sad way but in a celebration of the life that was. Life continues, so celebrate every opportunity, tell your family you love them, often!

Ecc12:5Remember him- before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Submitted by: Stuart Cox
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……..

We have had a wonderful start to the 2013 year! Last week the College was a buzz of activity and excitement as students started school and participated in our Learning to Learn week, getting back into the routine of school. It is wonderful to see the fresh faces of our new students as well as the familiar faces of our ‘oldies’ as we focus on the up and coming events of the term. Some of our Parent Information Nights have already been presented and I’m sure you will agree with me that our students have a great year lined up for them, thanks to the incredible band of staff we have here at Navigator College. They ought to be commended for their commitment to the school.

ABSENT STUDENTS

If your child is absent from school due to illness or other reasons, please notify the front office by 8.45am, either with a phone call or by a sms text to 0477752887. Front office staff will then let the class teacher know of their absence. If they arrive after 8.45am you will also need to report to the front office. If your child is absent for holiday/travel reasons, schools are required to ensure an exemption form is completed. These can be accessed on www.ais.sa.edu.au/html/form_a.asp. Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

UNIFORM

As we start a new school year I would like to reinforce the school’s Uniform Policy. It is great to see the high level of compliance with uniform. However, it is often the small things which cause the most angst. Please take the time to check the requirements carefully. Teachers will be monitoring this extremely closely in an effort to develop consistency across the whole school. We have a strict Uniform Policy so that:

* We develop a sense of pride in our school
* The uniform does not discriminate between students’ socio-economic backgrounds
* The cost overall reduces the expense of other clothes
* There is a reduction of competition regarding what and what not to wear
* Teachers and staff can easily identify strangers to the school
* We show a united image to our community

The Uniform Shop stocks all uniform articles (except for shoes) and is open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30 – 10.30am and Thursday afternoon from 2.30 – 4.30pm. Payment is required at the time of purchase. Thank you.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS, HOUSE AND VICE HOUSE CAPTAINS PRESENTATION/ INSTALLATION

We invite you to join us as we induct our College Captains and Prefects for 2013 and give them their respective badges. Please come along and support the students next Wednesday the 13th of February during our Chapel Service at 9am. We hope to see you there!

. CHAPEL SERVICES

Our chapel Service will be resuming on Wednesdays starting at 8.50am. Please feel free to join us for Morning Tea in the staff room immediately after.

All Welcome!

PARENT / CAREGIVER PARKING

We acknowledge that parking at times becomes quite difficult however when all carpark rules are adhered to it becomes much safer for all users. Please make sure you turn left out of the car park driveway. Additional parking is available for parent/caregivers during school drop off and pick up times over at Ravendale oval. We would greatly appreciate parents/caregivers utilising this available parking space, which will in return help to ease the congestion from the front of the College entry gates.

Please also be aware that the Navigator Bus needs access in the morning and afternoon to park so it can collect students to transfer them to/from the Primary School. The Loading zone for the bus is to the left of the admin building and is marked with orange witches hats, please adhere to this parking restriction. Please note there is no parking allowed at the back of the college. Thank you.

God bless,
Kaye

CONFIRMATION LESSONS

Every year Pastor Ben takes confirmation Lessons. These lessons are held after school on a day that is most convenient for those attending. Confirmation Lessons teach the students the basics of the Christian Faith as taught by the Luthean Church and is intended to prepare the students for greater participation in the Church.

If there are any students who would like to join these lessons please give your name to the office staff. They will let Pastor Ben know, or contact Pastor Ben (0429951182). The lessons are for students aged 13yrs and up.

First Communion Lessons

First Communion Lessons are for students aged 8 – 13 yrs. Who would like to participate in Holy Communion. If you would like to part take please give your name to the office staff or contact Pastor Ben (0429951182). These lessons will be after school at a time convenient to most participants. Pastor Ben will lead the lessons.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will be collected on Tuesday mornings. Information and new account forms are available from the front office.

Liz Smith, Business Manager
FAMILY TEA

The 2012 Class Carers have organised a Family Tea this Friday the 8th of February at 6.00pm at Flinders Park. This will be a great opportunity for families (new and old) to meet and greet each other over an informal ‘BYO everything’ tea. Hope to see you all there.

TUNARAMA FLOAT

During the holidays a group of students volunteered their time to take part in the Muroto/Port Lincoln friendship float in the Tunarama parade. They were joined by Muroto Friendship committee members and students who are participating in the exchange program to Japan this April. Due to their efforts and fantastic Japanese appearance, the float was awarded ‘The best’ in the parade and received a monetary prize and plaque which will be displayed in the City Council office along with all the Japanese artifacts received as gifts over the past 20 years of the exchange program.

GARDEN OPENING

At the end of last year we celebrated the opening of the Japanese garden. This included special guests Robin White playing her Taiko drum, Sam Broughton and Eric Paige performing martial arts, and Yoshiko Haldane performing a traditional Japanese tea ceremony with Mrs MC as special guest. The Junior choir also sang a Japanese song for us. This was a great chance to acknowledge the work of artist in Residence Karen Carr who worked with Year 10 students and Fleur Slater to create the Japanese mural which takes pride of place in the garden. Thanks also to all of the parent and student volunteers who donated their time towards creating the mural. We look forward to incorporating the garden into our curriculum and being able to use it for many new learning experiences.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PORT LINCOLN ECUMENICAL LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Lenten Program 2013 is a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, prayer companions, staff reflections, families and individuals.

Ash Wednesday: The first devotion will be held on Ash Wednesday (February 13). There will be an ecumenical confessional service at 7.30pm and we will finish by 9.00pm. Come along and join us for any part or all of the evening. Father Brian Mathews, Father Peter Linn, Reverand Benji Cullen and Pastor Ben Mogg will be leading the service.

The weeks following: For the subsequent studies we will begin the devotions on each Wednesday leading up to Easter at 7.30pm in the Lutheran Church Hall.

A crèche will be available.

FOSTER CARE

Information Session/ Open Day Port Lincoln

Tuesday 19th February:
12.00pm – 1.30pm, 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Centacare Catholic Country SA
32 Mortlock Terrace, Port Lincoln
For more information contact your local fostering agency: Centacare Catholic country SA – Port Lincoln Office 86830733

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

A common time for parents to experience increased pressure at home is when their children reach the end of primary school or in the early years of high school. Teenagers are looking to make some new choices to express themselves. Parents will not always agree with these new choices! Our workshops teach you how to stay connected to your child while getting more of what you want as parents.

Counsellor, teacher and mother Sue Berry is offering 6 workshops for parents/ caregivers of young people 12 years and up.

Details
• Free of charge
• Maximum of 10 participants
• Tuesday afternoons 1.30 -3 pm
• February 19 to March 26
• Held at the Baptist Church Hall, next to Youthoria

Please contact Sue Berry or Jo Clark on 86830677, mob 0427280821 or sue@wcys.com.au for further information and to book in.

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