Wednesday 1st May
Year 12 overnight retreat

Thursday 2nd May – Friday 3rd May
Year 4/5 Mikkira Camp

Friday 3rd May
SASSA Touch Football
Year 12 Formal

Tuesday 7th May
Fundraising meeting at 2.00pm
Building & Facilities meeting at 7.30pm

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th May
Middle School/Senior School Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 10th May
Pastoral Care meeting at 9.00am

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th May
Naplan testing

Tuesday 14th May
Year 1 Celebration of Learning

Creation

During the school holidays I was lucky enough to travel from Port Lincoln to the Grampians, Apollo Bay and along the Great Ocean Road during my honeymoon. Along the way I was able to see many breathtaking sights, which continue to amaze me. On the first day after arriving at the Grampians we decided to take a walk up to the “Pinnacle”. I was amazed at the sheer rock faces as we walked up the winding tracks that led to the top of the mountain. Once we reached the top the view was amazing. It was a sight that, although we took a picture, the camera just didn’t seem to capture what our eyes saw. On the way down from the mountain, I was able to take in some of the miracles of God’s creation in the small creeks and waterways which wind through the rocks, and the animals that live in them.

On our second day we walked up to Mackenzie Falls. Again it was so fantastic to see the greenery and take in the foreign surroundings as we sat at the base of the waterfall. During our stay we were also lucky enough to see native deer and have kangaroos visit our doorstep, drinking water from a bowl, which was outside our window.

On our way home we went to the Otway Fly Treetop walk which was an amazing experience. It was an eerie feeling being as high up as some of the tallest trees in the forest. Which again is so amazing as these giant trees would have once started out as tiny seeds.

Our holiday came to an end as we wound back along the Great Ocean Road, again seeing some amazing sights. It was so special being able to take a moment to step back and appreciate God’s creation, something that at times we may forget or not have enough time to do. I encourage you to take a moment, look around you, reflect on some holiday pictures or go to a place which lets you reflect and appreciate all God has made and all God has given us to look after.

Revelation 4:11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……..

Welcome back everyone! A very warm welcome back to you all. I trust you enjoyed a restful, relaxing school holiday break spending time with your family and are ready for a fabulous, fun and exciting Term Two.

WELCOME

This term we welcome a number of new students. In Reception Cameron Gibbs, Sophie Lang, Zarli Foster, Sebe Hull, Abigail Kleining, Abiola Ajao, James Jervis, Jorja Povey, Ryan Windsor, Jack Barnett, Nicola Morgan, Liam Rogers, Paige Morris-Tomlinson, Thomas Wynne, Chase Vanderwal, Mako Tape, Airlie Hartwich, Samuel Lydeamore and Henry Brown and in Year 3 Maurice Tee. We wish these students and their families every blessing as they begin their time at Navigator College.

SPECIAL VISITORS

This week Navigator College welcomes Mr Ridwin Purba (Education Secretary of Lutheran World Federation, Indonesia) and Mr Jintan Saraghi (Principal, GKPS School) to Port Lincoln. As a part of the partnership that has been developed between Gereja Kristen Protestan Simalungan, (GKPS) school in Sondi Raya, North Sumatra and Navigator College, the Principal Mr Jintan has arrived as a guest of the College. His arrival in Port Lincoln supports the commitment each of the schools have to each other and particularly the Service Learning component of the Navigator College curriculum. Mr Saraghi’s visit is his first to Australia and develops his understanding of Australian Lutheran Education and our teaching methodology here at the College. He is already asking many questions and wishes to take back many of our structures and methodologies with him.

The visit of Mr Ridwin and Mr Jintan have allowed the 10, 2012 Service Learning students to rekindle their relationship and it is heartening to see the bonds that the experience has brought to both parties. There were many smiles at the gate on Monday as the two visitors greeted all our students at the gate. On Tuesday night, the 16, 2013 Service Learning students were introduced to an Indonesian Simalungun (ethnic group) cultural experience, to inform and introduce the students to the Indonesian culture. They will be experiencing on their visit to Indonesia in October. The students and their parents experienced food, dance, language, traditional costume and customs. This morning our chapel highlighted many of the customs and traditions of Indonesia with another presentation by our guests. Mr Ridwin and Mr Jintan are in Port Lincoln until Saturday.

NAVIGATOR NIGHT OF NIGHTS

The ‘Navigator Night of Nights’, will be held on Saturday the 22nd of June at 7:30pm in the Port Lincoln Hotel ‘Ballroom’. The night will include luxury ‘Tapas style’ platters with a complimentary drink on arrival and the opportunity to dance the night away to the sounds of a local band ‘The Blokes’ all inclusive in the cost of the ticket - $45.00. Tickets must be pre booked and are on sale from the school front office from next week. Dress is ‘After 5’.

Please keep this date free as it promises to be an awesome night. Attached to a previous newsletter was a tear off slip asking for donations of Auction items for the evening Please return these to the front office.

As this is one of only two major fundraisers, we ask for your kind donation of items for the night to ensure the financial success of the event.

NAPLAN TESTING

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be involved in national testing during the week commencing Monday the 13th of May. The results from these tests are used as one means by which the College supplements the many other assessment procedures we use with our students throughout the year. This information then informs our teaching and learning program.

“The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday the 14th, Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th of May, students will undertake the 2013 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued through the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

If you are interested, there is a parent information brochure that you can access by clicking on this link. (http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf)

NEW ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL

Thank you to our parents/carergivers once again for your patience and understanding with regards to the implementation of our new online reporting system for the Middle and Senior school.

All parents/carergivers should have received an email with your login details. If you haven’t please contact Isabel Pienaar at the College.

Andrew Jericho, Isabel Pienaar and Sarah Smith are currently running guided tutorial sessions which provide you with another opportunity to be taken through the system and gain an understanding of the different features available. There will be another session running between 3.30pm and 6.00pm this afternoon. You can come in at any stage during these times for assistance.
CONGRATULATIONS
A huge congratulations goes to Naomi Woodstock and partner Dave Clark on the birth of their baby Hamish David Graeme Clark. We wish you both every blessing as you begin this new and exciting chapter in your lives.

God bless,
Kaye

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS
There has been a form sent home recently with your child/ren regarding their interviews. Just a reminder that the interviews will be conducted on Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th of May. If you could please organize your interview times and advise the teachers of your preferred time and day.
Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School & Andrew Jericho, Head of Middle School

ANZAC DAY
On Thursday morning at 6.00am some of our Navigator College School Captains gathered at the ANZAC Dawn Service to pay respects to the fallen men and women of the armed forces.
As representatives of Navigator College they continued the tradition by laying a wreath.
Many thanks to Bradley Goode, Matthew Siviour, Tiarna Stoetzer, Jordan Foster and Cambell Waller for giving up their time in the holidays to pay their respects in this way.
Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

‘HINAMATSURI’ – JAPANESE DOLLS DAY CELEBRATION
Late last term we held Japanese Dolls Day activities to celebrate this festival held on the 3rd day of the third month in Japan. Junior school girls were invited to join in making pink origami, use chopsticks to eat pink rice and to play some traditional Japanese children’s games. Thanks to the year 10 Japanese students for dressing up and assisting with these activities. Next month we look forward to celebrating Boy’s Day (Children’s Day) Festival on the 5th of the 5th.
Zacher Sensei and Parenta Sensei

PIANO / VOICE STUDENTS
There are limited openings for new piano and voice students this term. If you are interested in your child learning piano or voice please collect an Instrumental Music form from the front office.
Students need to be in Year 3 or above to learn piano or voice at the College.

CLARINET / SAXOPHONE STUDENTS
There are openings for new clarinet and saxophone students this term. If you are interested in your child learning clarinet or saxophone please collect an Instrumental Music form from the front office.
Due to the physical size of these instruments, students need to be in Year 5 or above to learn saxophone or clarinet.
Annette Mesecke, Instrumental Music Coordinator