A survival kit for daily living!

Life can get busy and it is easy to fall into the trap of whinging about how much there is to do or how tired we are. I certainly am guilty of these comments. Daily life can get tough sometimes but luckily God gives us a ‘survival kit’ for daily living through his word in the Bible. This survival kit can be symbolised by a variety of everyday objects:

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

**Romans 8: 28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Submitted By: Rebecca Werner
FROM THE PRINCIPAL....... 

I trust everyone enjoyed their Easter long weekend. With an extra long term this year was certainly nice to have an extended weekend to recharge and energise ourselves for a great end to an eventful term. These next two weeks will be important ones for finishing off the term's work and working on reports, with the Middle School and Senior School launch of their on line reporting system. There will be a Parent Information Evening on the Knowledge Community next WEDNESDAY the 10th of April at 7pm in the multi-purpose room to help parents learn how to log in to and obtain their child’s reports. If you are unable to attend this session there will be workshops held on Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 1, next term. More information regarding these sessions will be sent our in a separate note early next week.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Last week the College Council ratified changes to our Attendance Policy. With many growing concerns from staff that some of our students are absent from school for long periods of time the College consulted a range of schools to fine tune our Attendance policy. Unfortunately in most cases absences cannot be avoided however students will often miss important learning and as such there needs to be strategies in place to help them ‘catch up’ on their learning. This Policy clearly outlines the teacher’s, parent's and student's responsibility in managing these situations.

YEAR 11 SERVICE LEARNING TO INDONESIA

As plans for the Year 11 Service Learning camp continue to take shape a meeting was held for the interested Year 11 students and their parents last Wednesday evening, outlining the plans, costs and travel details. The trip promises to be a special one, whereby we will not only learn so much about our sister country, school and orphanage but also the amazing experience of learning about a culture different to our own.

God bless,
Kaye

IMPETIGO – SCHOOL SORES INFORMATION

We have recently been notified of a case of School Sores within the School. For your information we have recently sent a fact sheet home for you to read. Unfortunately they are a common infection but can be easily treated with antibiotics. Parents are advised to be aware of any symptoms their child/ren may have in regard to this illness.

LATE ARRIVALS

A reminder that our school day begins at 8.45am. If your child arrives later than this time, please report to the front office so they can be marked as present, otherwise you will receive an SMS saying your child is absent. The morning routine is an important part of a Junior School student’s learning. Please assist them by being on time.

Thank you.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

UNIFORM NEWS

Please be aware that students need to be wearing the Winter uniform at the beginning of Term 2. The Uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.30am until 10.30am and on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Please make arrangements to purchase uniform requirements before the start of next term. During the school holidays the shop will be open at the following times:

Wednesday: 17th April 1pm – 4pm
Friday: 19th April 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday: 24th April 1pm – 4pm
Friday: 26th April 1pm – 4pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAMILY FUN DAY

Port Lincoln Leisure Centre are hosting a FUN DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE on the 15th of April from 12 until 4pm $2 entry.
Activities include: Dash Splash ‘n’ Slide, Beading workshop, Mini massages, Lil kids disco room, Sausage sizzle, Funky foods, Classic cupcakes and Lucky Dip.
For more information contact Hayley on 0429130489

YOUTH WEEK

April 8th to April 14th
Amazing race style competitions
Loads of prizes and free giveaways
Teams of 3
Contact 86835040 or Facebook Youthora to register

PORT LINCOLN JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

Venue: Table Tennis Stadium
Coronation Place
Date: Tuesday 30th April
Time: 3pm – 5.30pm
Age: Students 8yrs and over
Cost: $30.00 for 10 week program
Contact Barry Hancock: 0459330444

HOLIDAY CLASSES

Exploring the arts and crafts of India. Activities will include; drawing, painting, 3D models, textiles
Monday 15th & 22nd April
Thursday 18th & 25th April
Sessions run from 10am-12pm or 1-3pm cost $25 per session.
Materials included. Paintings will be on paper. Canvas available at additional cost.
Also enrolling now for term 2 classes
For further information or to book contact Jill Pantiyasi
Mob:0429834959

PORT LINCOLN LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

AGM

Guest chairperson Ian ‘Beebs’ Beeby
Grand Tasman Hotel
Moorings Restaurant
Monday 8th April
7.00pm
ATTENDANCE POLICY

Aim

To maximize student learning opportunities and performance by ensuring that children required to attend school, do so regularly, and without unwarranted absences.

Rationale

The Education Act (2009) requires that children of school age (six to seventeen years) who are residents in South Australia are required to be in full-time attendance at a Government or registered Non Government school. Children may only be exempted if they are receiving approved home tuition, correspondence education or have been granted an exemption by the Regional Director.

Example of excused absences:

- Illness/injury
- Doctor/Dental/Counseling appointment
- Family emergencies
- Death in the family
- Impassable roads due to inclement weather

Examples of unexcused absences:

- Absences without notification
- Family Vacations without consultation
- Oversleeping or being tired without consultation
- Forged illness
- Private lessons unless pre arranged with College
- Missing the Bus
- Suspension or expulsion from school

Implementation

- Education is a sequential process. Absences often mean students miss important stages in their learning development, causing them to find "catching up" difficult.
- Absenteeism can contribute significantly to student failure at the College.
- All enrolled students at Navigator College are required to attend College unless reasonable and valid grounds exist for their absenteeism. (Illness is reasonable grounds for an absence, shopping excursions, concerts or parties are not.)
- Parents of students attending Navigator College have a responsibility to ensure that their children attend regularly.
- Parents have a further duty to provide a written note to the College explaining why an absence has occurred.
• The written diary note, which will be kept on file, is needed when a student is absent. The note should be taken to the office at the beginning of the day the student returns. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure the office receives the note. If a written note is not turned in within two days of the student’s return, the absences will be considered unexcused.

• Long term absences must be explained and as such parents need to provide the College with a doctor’s certificate if their child is sick for longer than 3-5 days.

• The Principal has a responsibility to ensure that attendance records are maintained and monitored at the College.

• If absences are excessive, consideration will be given to retaining the student in the current grade.

• The Principal has a further duty of care to investigate unexplained absences, and ensure that high levels of absenteeism have an adequate explanation.

• Contact will be made with parents of students who have unexplained or inappropriate absences to develop and implement strategies to minimise absences.

• Parents must inform the College if the child is to leave the school grounds during the normal school day. Parents must also inform the school who will be collecting and returning the child.

• Continual unexplained absences or lack of cooperation regarding student attendance will require a formal attendance conference involving Principal/Head of School, parents and relevant staff. Unresolved attendance issues may be reported to the Department of Human Services.

• Student attendance and absence figures will appear on the student’s College reports.

• Regular attendance at Navigator College is expected in order to maintain our quality standard of Education. As such it is a partnership between home and school that regular attendance is adhered to and monitored.

• Parents/Caregivers who take a student on extended leave during term time are not to expect class teachers or the College to provide learning activities for their child for that time period. The teacher however may use his/her discretion in this, to make recommendations as to the work that could be carried out.

• For an excused absence, a parent/student may request homework if the request is made to the office by 11.00am on the day of the excused absence. All collectable homework may be picked up in the office between 3.30pm and 4.00pm on that same day. It is the parents responsibility to obtain any books needed. Students will have the same number of days to make up their work, as they were absent.

• For an unexcused absence, it is the student’s responsibility (particularly in Middle and Senior School) to obtain any information and work missed. Teachers are not required to prepare homework in advance of unexcused absence. Work may be provided at the teacher’s discretion. No time extensions will be given for homework, test or quizzes that the student is aware of prior to the absences unless they make arrangements with their teacher before they leave. Work missed (including homework) must be completed within the timeframe determined by the teacher’s.