**Mothers’ Love**

“It’s nearly Mother’s Day!” yelled Daniel as he ran out of the brightly decorated complex and through the neatly tended garden that was his kindy.

“It’s nearly Mother’s Day!” he yelled again as he jiggered up and down on the spot by the tall gate as his mother approached. Sandra wrapped him in her arms and savoured the tight, loving squeeze her four year old gave her, but the moment of peace was short lived.

He pulled back and excitedly presented the gift he had for her…she gasped as she saw the huntsman spider and a somewhat limp-looking skink roughly sticky taped to a piece of paper.

She looked back at her son and before words could escape through her pursed lips, she saw his eyes – full of expectation and so much joy.

That moment, in her mind’s eye, time faded away and she saw Daniel as a grown man.

He would still have those big brown eyes. Of course she hoped they would hold the same optimism, the same enthusiasm and expectation, but above all of that, she desperately hoped they would still contain that pure, joyful and trusting love she could see there now.

Mothers are special for so many reasons. I know my mother has always been someone I can turn to and rely on to help navigate and celebrate life. I think what makes mothers the amazing people they are, is quite simply the love they have for us.

Thanks Mums! Thanks for your empathy, your care, your concern – for all you do out of love.

Thank you too, to those wonderful people who fill the place of an absent mother. Thanks for your love – it goes a long way.

“Love one another as I have loved you.” 1 John 1:4

Submitted by Tania Masters
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……..

YEAR 12 FORMAL
Happy National Lutheran Schools Week! This great week is a special time where we acknowledge the greatness of our Lutheran school connectedness and appreciate that we are part of a larger educational sector that works together under Christ's banner. This week the theme is 'Forgiveness, the door to peace.' The students with their teachers are considering this concept in light of their own lives. It is a great concept for us all.

Last Friday evening we were treated to yet another 'first' at Navigator College. The Year 12 Formal was a true testimony of our wonderful students as we celebrated another chapter in their Year 12 lives. The students looked amazing as they walked the 'red carpet' at the Port Lincoln Hotel to the delights of family and friends. From there we joined with families in the foyer of the function room for fellowship, after which the staff and students enjoyed a meal together. The event was a beautiful one and the students, with their partners presented themselves wonderfully. I was very proud of them.

Navigator College had the pleasure of hosting Jittan Saragih and Ridwin Purba last week from our partnership school in North Sumatra. The men had the opportunity to learn much about our Navigator College’s teaching methodologies and curriculum as well as a little bit of our culture here in Australia. We have much to be thankful for as we head to Indonesia again with 16 of our current Year 11 students in October this year, where we will be teaching English as well as learning about their incredible culture.

Jittan asked if we might be able to help supply books to their students as well as laptops (there are only two in the school) for the teaching staff, so this will now become our focus for Chapel offerings.

My Heads of School and I are currently interviewing the many prospective families for students set to begin school at Navigator College in 2014. It is a true joy to take these families through the College and to enable them to see the fantastic culture that permeates throughout all that we do here. I feel incredibly blessed.

EXTRA CURRICULAR DAYTIME ACTIVITIES
It is that time of year again with the cooler months approaching when we will be holding lunchtime club opportunities for the students. Our teachers will opt for a lunchtime club / activity that will be held over the next two terms.

God bless,
Kaye

ACTIVITIES IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL
The first week of term is often a time to consolidate learning of the term that has past and start a fresh with new topics. Term Two, for the Senior School, here at Navigator College was filled with learning and social activity. As a school we hosted two Indonesian visitors Mr. Ridwin Purba and Mr. Jintan Saragih. They were here to observe our educational practice in an effort to glean some ideas to take back to Indonesia. Whilst they were here we celebrated a number of events and they were the star attractions.

On Tuesday the Year 11 Service learning students and families were treated to an insight into Indonesian food, cultural dress and cultural dance. These activities were presented to give the 16, 2013 Service Learning students an idea of what to expect when they arrive in Indonesia in October. It was fortuitous for us that our Indonesian visitors were here to inform and demonstrate their Batak Culture with us.

On Wednesday our year 12 students attended a retreat at Trinity Haven. Presenter Stuart Traeger, lead activities that were designed to inform and question the students about their personal journey through year 12. Stuart gave the students some ways that they could relax from their study in the form of meditation. The day and evening was filled with food and discussion and reinforced the cohort that is Year 12.

I welcome back all students and hope that you continue to be positive contributors to our community.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS
Please be reminded that parent teacher interviews are currently underway today and tomorrow. If you have not organised an interview time, please speak with the teachers.

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School & Andrew Jericho, Head of Middle School
**AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTRE**
The After School Homework Centre will be closed tomorrow afternoon, due to the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thank you.

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**
This week is National Lutheran Schools Week. This week gives Lutheran schools across the country the opportunity to be united by a central theme which then drives the devotions and Chapel services for the week. This year the theme for NLSW is ‘Forgiveness, a door to peace’.

To unite our school in this theme this week, all classes have contributed to a whole school display about forgiveness. Each class was asked to come up with a statement about forgiveness and present it on their own door design. This display was unveiled at Chapel this morning and will now be available for parents and other students to explore after school each day in Cluster 1 until the end of the week. Here are some of the insightful statements that are being included in the display:

“Forgiveness is to say sorry and forget. We need to forgive people who do bad things to us and give them a hug and make them feel happy again.” – Mrs Little’s Receptions

“Forgiveness is the door to peace because it opens lifelong friendships.” – Miss Friel’s Year 4/5’s

“Forgiveness is a doorway to peace because if you forgive it will give you peace.” – Mrs Master’s Year 3’s

If you would like any more information about National Lutheran Schools Week or Lutheran Education specifically you can access all you need to know on the following website: [www.lutheran.edu.au](http://www.lutheran.edu.au)

**Thought for the week:**
Forgiveness is as much about the future as it is the past. The journey of forgiveness lies constantly before us. Lutheran schools are places where the joy and practice of forgiveness can be lived out on a daily basis, where the life-changing effects of forgiveness can be experienced and where reconciliation, made possible by the love of God through the cross of Jesus Christ, enables everyone to be a peacemaker.

**Bible Verse for the week:**
Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

Sarah Smith, Christian Studies Co-ordinator

**ARRIVAL TIME**
Please note that our school day begins at 8.45am. We understand that at times there are unforeseen circumstances that arise and make it difficult to arrive on time but would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Also, a number of younger Navigator students are arriving at school early and are running around in the clusters. Teachers are not expected to be in their classrooms until after 8.30am. Parents, please support our school policies by arriving at school from 8.30am and ensuring that if the classroom is not opened, that students are waiting patiently by their class. Thanks in anticipation!

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School

**PREFECTS OF 2013**
Wow, what an incredible start to the year we’ve had! This year we have four year 12 Prefects - Matthew Sivour, Tianna Stoetzer, Bradley Gooder and Bec Zacher with Matthew and Tianna leading the group as College Captains. As part of our role we have currently been working to organise a few things for the first Year 12 cohort.

For the first term and a bit we have been organising the Year 12 Formal which was held on Friday night (May 3rd). We are pleased to announce the night was a success, and everybody had a fantastic time! We would again like to publicly thank Issy Pienaar for her tireless work to make the formal happen – without her we don’t know what would’ve happened! We would also like to thank the formal committee for their hard work organising the event, Sally Wilsen, Danielle Green and Sally Zacher for setting up and Greg Maxfield for being our fantastic MC. Nick Cunningham provided entertainment for the night with a few teachers and partners showing the students their moves. It is definitely a night that we’re sure a lot of students will remember for a long time to come!

We have also been working to get our Year 12 Jumpers sorted. Thanks to Susan McFarlane (Uniform Coordinator) we are currently in the process of ordering the jumpers and can’t wait for them to arrive!

As part of our Prefect role we have also continued to man the gate on the mornings. We thank you for your friendly good mornings and hope you enjoy our presence as much as we enjoy being there. Please don’t hesitate to have a chat with us; we’d love to hear from you!

Thank you for your support,
In God’s Grace

The Prefects of 2013

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TERM 2 UPDATE**
Welcome back to Instrumental Music Lessons for term 2! There has certainly been plenty of music in the air with 70 students learning an instrument through instructors at the College. It is great so many parents / caregivers encourage and support students to extend themselves musically. Just 10 minutes practise each day will allow those students to progress steadily with their instrument. Some students are even choosing to practise before school to have more free time after school.

As a celebration of our instrumental student’s efforts we would like to hold a musical afternoon where the students can showcase their development. It will be on Sunday the 16th of June from 1.30pm to 4pm in the multipurpose room. Light refreshments will be available and we hope you will mark this date on your calendar as an opportunity to share your child’s musical talents with your family. Further information for instrumental students will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Annette Mesecke, Instrumental Music Coordinator
Central Idea: - The world’s Indigenous people have changed
Lines of Inquiry: - What it means to be Indigenous, how Indigenous communities have changed and what has caused Indigenous communities to change

The year 4/5s went to Mikkira for their camp on Thursday and Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} of May. It was “front loading” for this next unit of inquiry. We had some Indigenous workshops that were run by some of the Kallinyalla Barngarla, Wambiri people. Activities included bush cooking, Aboriginal art, history and culture “yarns” and Wiltja (shelter) building. With 68 students and 7 staff, it was Navigator’s largest camp yet and a credit to the students for their excellent behaviour and team work. Camping “under canvas” on what would seem to be Lincoln’s windiest night proved to be an unforgettable experience for all.

We finished the camp with a trip to Fisheries Bay to explore and reflect upon the ancient fish traps and have a bit of fun in the sun before returning to school. Thank you to Mr Jude, Mr Jericho, Mrs McQuillan, and Mrs Brook for joining us on the trip and to all of the parents for their support. We could not have done it without you.

\textit{Lachy Toogood, Sarah Stobart & Ashleigh Friebel, Year 4/5 Teachers}