This week is National Reconciliation Week. The week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The week long celebration is an ideal opportunity for all Australians to explore ways to join the national reconciliation effort.

The Year 4/5s have been inquiring into how the world’s indigenous communities have changed over time and Australia’s story has one of the bleakest stories of all. We’ve learnt that Australian Constitution still excludes Indigenous people in many ways so the theme “Let’s talk Recognition” is a movement to amend the constitution to recognise Indigenous people as our first nation’s people. As staff and students we explored what recognition means and expressed our mutual feelings through a shared “Wordle”. This image shows words in the shape of a footprint. Larger words were mentioned more often than others.

It is so positive to experience the enthusiasm and hope that the students and staff have shown in this topic. Equality is just around the corner…
FROM THE PRINCIPAL……

This week Kaye has been in Brisbane for some professional development. It’s a great experience for her to shadow another principal to glean further expertise and to bring that knowledge back to Navigator College to make this the best College it can be. In her absence, each of the leadership team has had the opportunity to be the principal and each of us would say “thank you Kaye for your return.” Schools are complex places and the intricacies’ and idiosyncrasies’ are not that evident unless you sit in the driver’s seat. The demands of leading the school and the needs of the wider community are time consuming and at times difficult. Decisions made are dealt with in the best interests of all concerned and we endeavour to make the correct decision, however sometimes it is not possible for everyone to have the outcome they required and this can be disappointing. As Leadership, we learn from mistakes and consider ourselves ‘Life Long Learners’ along with students. We celebrate the successes, impart wisdom where we can and give of ourselves to help children become the best they can. God has certainly blessed us with responsibility. What an opportunity and a gift we have been given and we consider ourselves honoured to be a part of the school community. Why would we do anything else?

Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School

YEAR 3 EXCURSION - FRESH FISH PLACE

Central Idea:- Systems are directly related to the needs of the community
Lines of Inquiry:- what defines a system, factors that contribute to the design of a system, connections between systems and the needs of a community.
The Year Three class visited the Fresh Fish Place on Monday the 27th of May. It was “front loading” for our current unit of inquiry which explores the systems people create to organize themselves and meet the needs of the community. The Manager, Craig McCarthie, took us for a tour through their place of work and described the system they have in place to get fish from the sea to tables of the public. The students were given ample time for questions, and were very inquisitive about the process they were witnessing. The tour was very helpful in forming the idea of factors that make up a system.

We would like to thank Craig McCarthie and his staff for being so supportive of our learning and flexible with their time. We would also like to thank our parent helpers, Tanya and Carmen and also Mr Thiel who helped to organize and drive the buses and attended our excursion too. The students were fantastic ambassadors of Navigator College and great learners. It was a special day!

Tania Masters, Year 3 Teacher

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