Allowing God to Guide Us

There are times that we find ourselves doubting our own abilities and what we can achieve. We find ourselves with the Moses mentality of “I can’t”. We feel inadequate; that there is nothing we can offer to others.

Moses is arguably one of the most important figures in the Old Testament. He performed great and terrible deeds, had the laws of God bestowed upon him and yet thought that he was of no use to God. Moses said that he was a man of slow speech and felt that God could not use him.

Exodus 4:10 Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

His story related to a man by the name of Nick Vujicic who was born with tetra-amelia syndrome, a rare disorder characterised by the absence of all four limbs. He often felt that his disability made him useless and that he had nothing to offer the world. He now presents motivational speeches worldwide, on life with a disability, hope and finding meaning in life. He also speaks about his belief that God can use any willing heart to do his work and that God is big enough to overcome any disability. Nick says, “If God can use a man without arms and legs to be His hands and feet, then He will certainly use any willing heart!” His faith in God’s plan leads him to inspire others, and lead them to understand how important they are and how much they can offer the world.

Let us find encouragement in Nick and Moses stories to stop saying I can’t and begin saying “I can” and allow God to guide us in his plans for us.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Submitted by: Hannah Prout
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NATIONAL POLICE CHECKS
In accordance with our school policy we ask that parents who wish to volunteer their help with students in classrooms, excursions etc have a current National Police Check. Those who may have already received their Police Check are asked to please drop it into the College front office so it can be photocopied for our files. This will ensure our records are up to date, as we do not receive final notification of these. If you intend helping out in any way, please arrange a National Police Check by visiting the SAPOL website www.police.sa.gov.au. Under the “Fast Find” heading in the top right hand corner, click on “Police Checks” and then halfway down the page is a link to the “National Police Certificate Application Form”. After completing this form online, it needs to be printed off and taken to the Police Station, along with the 100 point identification. The form then needs to be brought to the College for our Principal to complete the VOAN section. It can then be posted to SAPOL at: “Records Release Unit, SA Police, GPO Box 1539, Adelaide 5000”. Please note the form cannot be lodged online. If the person cannot complete a form online, they can request a hard copy by contacting the SA Police Records Release Unit on 8204 1408. Any questions please see the College front office.

HEAD LICE
We have recently had a case of head lice within the College. We do ask that you are vigilant in checking your child/ren’s hair on a regular basis. If head lice are found, your child must be kept home from school for the first day while effective treatment is commenced. Following that treatment it is imperative that a week later you check your child’s hair again. We also ask that you notify the College. Thank you.

PORTFOLIOS
A reminder that for students in the Junior School your child’s Portfolio needs to be returned during the next two weeks. Thank you if you have already done so.

Community Notices
Aboriginal Family Support Services
AFSS is currently seeking Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people that are interested in becoming Foster Carer’s.
Can you provide children with a secure, stable, positive environment and assist children in maintaining connection with their birth families, for either Emergency, Respite, Short term or Long term care arrangements?
If so, and you would like more information please contact Lee Sutcliffe or Matt Simpson on 8683 1909.
Last Friday saw us host our very first Navigator Playgroup. It was fantastic to welcome more than 30 new little friends and their parents and they were treated to a number of exciting indoor and outdoor activities organized by Mrs Kelly Freeman and the Year 11 Child Care students. The inviting and friendly atmosphere was a credit to the Year 11 students, who welcomed and interacted with the attendees during the Playgroup session. A huge thank you must go to Kelly for her tireless effort and preparation. We have decided to start the Playgroup a little earlier due to class scheduling and it will now be running from 9.00am – 10.30am.

We are yet to name our Playgroup and would welcome any suggestions you may have. Please send any ideas through to Di Moseby via email dmoseby@navigator.sa.edu.au

Please spread the word for us about our Playgroup and invite your friends to come along and join us. It is open to everyone. It is such an exciting new venture for us and we are so thrilled to be able to offer this service to our extended Navigator community. Again it was great to see so many new faces, as well as those of you who are already part of our Navigator Community.

Di Moseby, Principals Assistant

Thank you to all the parents and children that attended our very first Playgroup at Navigator College last Friday. It was lots of fun and we were extremely pleased with the support that we received. A big thank you to Mr Craig Smith who helped with the set up of the fencing, tables and equipment. If anyone has any old toys that they would like to donate to our Playgroup, we would really appreciate any extra resources! Please drop them to the administration staff. Once again please note that due to class scheduling, the Playgroup time has now changed to run from 9.00am - 10:30am. Thank you in anticipation.

Kelly Freeman
Welcome back to the new term and all the business that brings. This Term, the students in Years 9-11 will engage in the subject selection process in readiness for 2014. This process will entail some subject counselling and a Parent Information Night (PIN) which will inform the students and the parents of the SACE process and a presentation on Parents as Career Partners. This information night is scheduled for Tuesday the 6th of August at 7.00 pm, next week.

It is also an exciting time for our Year 12 students as they consider their future beyond school. From the beginning of August until the end of September the students will be applying for positions at University or TAFE through SATAC. There is a broad window of opportunity here for the students to reflect and investigate possible career paths for themselves. The College will hold sessions with the students, in due course, and direct them in the application process. As our first cohort of Year 12 students we are as excited as they are as we share the future journey beyond secondary schooling.

The Service Learning Trip to Indonesia is gaining momentum as we continue to plan for this wonderful event. A cohort of students, led by Lucy Tiller, have sourced ‘T-shirts’ for all participants and they look great. On Monday lunch times these students are taking Indonesian lessons in an effort to develop our communication avenues with our hosts, an area we identified as lacking through last year’s trip. Passports are due at the front desk for photocopying and the final payment to confirm flights are due on the 16th of August.

On this trip we wish to support our brothers and sisters in Indonesia with a set of laptops. Over the course of this term we will be raising much needed funds to purchase and calling other schools to support us with donations of laptops to take with us. In the GKPS school of 350 students none of the students have laptops and neither do the teachers, so these will be a welcome addition to their school. If you would like to assist in donating or purchasing, please don’t hesitate to call me at the school as this is a very worthwhile cause. It is great to see that we can be such a significant influence to the educational outcomes for students in Indonesia and we thank God for the willingness of our students to participate in Service Learning.

As you may or may not be aware our VET students led by Mrs. Freeman are offering playgroup activities for our young families. The inaugural playgroup was held last Friday and was a resounding success. This service has many benefits to both our students and our parents. The students develop their Certificate 2 Child Care skills in a hands-on activity and our Parents as they find a time to meet and socialise with other families. This service is held Friday of each week from 9.00 - 10.30 am.

Warm regards,

Mr. Cox