Opportunity

Life is full of challenges each day but how you tackle them is up to you. What if instead of viewing them as one struggle to surmount after another, you looked at them as the ‘opportunity’ to learn something new or make a change in someone else’s life?

Perhaps when the photocopier jams you are actually learning how to problem solve – the next person to use it will certainly feel the benefit.

When someone doesn’t communicate clearly to you or is expressing frustration with your words, aren’t you learning how to relate better to others? Clear and compassionate communication lets everyone feel valued and promotes a peaceful environment. Isn’t that the best place to be?

When someone does something in a way that is not the way you would have done it, can you accept that everyone is different and that’s ok?

When you are asked to take on a new task or role that could be time consuming or difficult, could you view it as a way to learn new skills and interact with new people? You may be able to make a real difference to others and be rewarded with a measure of personal satisfaction as well.

What if a challenge was actually an opportunity and not taking up the challenge left you and those around you less enriched or fulfilled?

Maybe we need to embrace different ‘opportunities’ with a more positive attitude when they arise because you never know where they will take you on life’s journey.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (NIV) Galatians 6:10

Submitted by: Annette Mesecke
FROM THE PRINCIPAL......

As you may be able to tell by the size of this week's newsletter there has been so much happening lately at Navigator. Science week was a huge success with lots of experiments and displays happening in and around the Science lab, while the visiting students from Muroto had a great time spending lessons and breaks with our students. Playgroup continued as usual and was a wonderful success and I continue to host prospective families on College tours.

Added to that was the wonderful news late last week that we were successful in our application for funding of our Allied Health Trade Training Centre! I can tell you that celebrations were rife knowing that $1.1 million is going to be injected into the College! Whilst this means more hard work in designing and building an amazing Allied Heath Learning space, it's going to be such a wonderful opportunity for the College, as well as the community! Building will start in 2014, ready for use in 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the application and design process so far, with special mention to our Head of Senior School, Stuart Cox who has contributed many, many hours to ensure the application was completed succinctly and successfully.

God bless,
Kaye

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER......

A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY WITH ANZ BANK

We've been given the opportunity to strengthen our support for Navigator College Incorporated through a referral program with ANZ Bank. For every drawn home loan referred to ANZ, we will earn an upfront commission (up to 0.5% of the eligible ANZ loan amount actually approved and drawn).

With this additional income, we hope to continue to grow and benefit the community through Navigator College Incorporated.

To find out more, including terms and conditions, call ANZ Port Lincoln Branch Manager, Kathryn Piatnicki on (08) 8682 5402. Alternatively, see Liz Smith for a referral form.

PHONE CALLS

Whilst we are happy to contact students with important/urgent/change of circumstance messages during class time, we ask that the need be kept to absolute necessities as we can be inundated with phone calls and messages, some of which can be organised at home. This can impact greatly on the service we provide in our normal day to day running of the school. Thank you.

Administration

BOOK CLUB

Many thanks for the wonderful response to Book Club this term. Orders should be sent back to the school shortly where they will be distributed through your child's class. If for any reason you do not receive your order please contact the library. Once again, thank you for your continuing support.

Annette Mesecke & Uta McQuillan, Librarians

ABSENT STUDENTS

If your child is absent from school due to illness or other reasons, please notify the front office by 8.45am, either with a phone call or by a sms text to 0477752887. Front office staff will then let the class teacher know of their absence. If they arrive after 8.45am you will also need to report to the front office. If your child is absent for holiday/travel reasons, schools are required to ensure an exemption form is completed. These can be accessed on www.ais.sa.edu.au/html/form_a.asp. Also if your child is away ill for 3 or more days you are required to supply a medical certificate. Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

2013 MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

Navigator College will be publishing its 2013 School Magazine later this year which will be an overview of school activities and events throughout the year. In order to offset the printing costs, we are asking local businesses and organisations to sponsor our 2013 Magazine. The following two sponsorship options are available: $110 for a business size advertisement in the magazine and $330 for a 1/3 page advertisement. All adverts are GST inclusive and a receipt will also be issued for taxation purposes. Please contact the school front office if you are interested in advertising in our 2013 School Magazine. Local businesses will be contacted via a letter in the near future. If you have a business ‘contact’ who may be interested please let us know. Thank you in anticipation.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Navigator College is offering a Homestay Program for students who cannot commute to the College daily. The Homestay Program involves families in Port Lincoln who are willing to board students during the school term. Some of these students will require board for five days per week, others seven days per week. The host family will receive payment from the family of the boarding student, according to the guidelines set out by Navigator College. If you are interested in boarding a student please contact Mark Thiel on 86842012 or the College on 86825099, or call into the front office for an information booklet.
The Year 3 students were involved in their celebration of learning this week. A celebration of learning is exactly as it sounds, “A celebration of all learning.” The Year 3’s were able to showcase various elements of their amazing journey of discovery and were able to also demonstrate their tremendous skills as communicators. As an IB PYP school, this is a required element of our reporting process and we are thrilled to share our educational journey with parents. Thanks to all parents who were able to attend this important milestone in the year for these students. Next week the Reception students are preparing to share their learning with their parents. Looking forward to seeing many parents there also.

*Steve Jude, Head of Junior School*

**BOOK WEEK 2013**

This week Navigator College and many public libraries and schools around Australia are celebrating the 68th Book Week, the longest running children’s festival in Australia. This year's theme is ‘Read across the universe’, a very fitting theme for our International school.

A list of all shortlisted books by the Children’s Book Council of Australia can be found on [http://cbca.org.au/shortlist2013.htm](http://cbca.org.au/shortlist2013.htm) and this year’s winners include:

*The coat* by Julie Hunt

*The Terrible Suitcase* by Emma Allen

and *Tom the Outback Mailman* by Kristin Weidenbach

All Book Week books are displayed in the Navigator Resource Centre and will be the focus of this week’s library visits. Students are invited to engage in the lunchtime activities offered in the library and share the stories to highlight the joy and importance of reading.

*Uta Enneking-McQuillan, Annette Mesecke, Resource Centre*
CELEBRATION IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School at Navigator College has many students who are really bringing their best when it comes to attitude, effort and achievement in their schooling and involvement in the College community. This is a cause for celebration, and an atmosphere of celebration is what we want to develop at Navigator College. Three times a term the Middle School will be having assemblies to celebrate outstanding achievement, attitude and effort as well as promote events both within the school and external competitions.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards during Week 4 Middle School Assembly:

Year 6
Lachlan Webb - for conscientious effort in every set task in all subjects.
Mitchell Jude - for conscientious effort in every set task in all subjects.
Analeisha Tssemelis - for being a great role model to her peers.
Leanna Santostefano - for her positive attitude, and outstanding effort in Christian Studies.

Year 7
Abi Nicholls – for consistent effort in Science.
James Regan – for consistent effort in Science.

Year 8
Drue Mueller – for displaying positive attitude and work habits
Isabella Wright – for consistent effort in Science.

Year 9
Adam Schmidt – for consistently displaying a positive attitude and willingness to assist others in the workshop.
Isabella Meyer – for consistent effort and achievement in Maths.
Demi Smith – for consistent effort in Science.

Congratulations to those students who have challenged themselves by competing in the recent ICAS and Mathematics Competitions. We will look to acknowledge your achievement at the next Middle School Assembly. Competitions are a great way for students to challenge their understanding and extend their experience in a diverse range of fields, as well as win some fantastic prizes for themselves and the school.

One such competition currently running is the Google Doodle 4 competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for budding artists and those with creative flair to design the background around the Google homepage logo. There are some substantial prizes for this competition for both the individual within their age group as well as the school. See Fleur Slater for more detail.

Congratulations also to those students who have represented our school proudly at recent SAPSASA sporting events.

The Middle School SRC are currently working to hold a Fun Run to build community and raise funds for the Service Learning trip to Indonesia. Stay Tuned for promotional information coming soon.

The next Middle School Assembly will take place after Chapel on Wednesday 28th of August.

Andrew Jericho, Head of Middle School

JAPANESE SWORDSMANSHIP DEMONSTRATION

Last week the Year 6 and 7 students were treated to a special Iaijutsu (Japanese swordsmanship) demonstration by guest speaker Sekiguchi Kensei – Robert Sedunary, from Adelaide. Kensei trained with a Grandmaster in Kochi, Japan learning the art and history of Iaijutsu before returning to teach in Adelaide and surrounding areas. Along with local Sensei Eric Paige, Kensei demonstrated several impressive techniques with both the sword and Naginata (traditional long handled sword) and shared some of his amazing knowledge of the history of Japanese martial arts with our students. We look forward to hosting Kensei again soon and hope to give our students some hands on experiences through further martial arts workshops and demonstrations.

Zacher Sensei and Parenta Sensei

MYP ASSESSMENT POLICY

For parents of students undertaking the MYP (Years 6 – 10) you will find a flow chart to indicate the guidelines and processes of submitting summative tasks attached to this week’s newsletter. This document is a simplified summary of the MYP Assessment Policy which has recently been passed through our College Council. The aim of the MYP Assessment Policy is to make our assessment procedures, purposes and expectations transparent to all students, parents and caregivers so that we can all work together to ensure assessment in our school is effective in supporting the learning of our students. The entire policy document will be uploaded to the college website for your reference. Please take some time to peruse the assessment policy and discuss it with your child/children. If you have any queries or comments regarding the MYP Assessment Policy please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sarah Smith (MYP Curriculum Coordinator)
The subject selection process has now been completed and so begins the task of developing the 2014 timetable. This process ensures that most students will receive their subject choices in the coming years as the timetable is produced by student input rather than fixed lines of subjects. Interestingly the ‘skills for all’ opportunities for all students across the state have been revised by the state government and a number of opportunities to access courses outside of school have been removed. This is very disappointing considering the wonderful opportunities this offered students who wish to follow a vocational pathway in these areas.

Service learning is fast approaching and I don’t know about the students but I am getting more excited at the wonderful opportunities this program offers our students. I have been in constant communication with Mr Ridwin Purba, our chaperone, and the program is developing into one of further community involvement with some exciting treats on the program. Our students have been busily organising a presentation to our hosts that is significantly Australian. This will challenge some of our students but when they see and hear the beautiful harmonious presentations performed by our host communities those reservations will soon disappear. Under the leadership of Lucy and Brittany all of the students have embraced the Service Learning concept and are therefore looking for ways to attract funds to support the school and orphanage with much needed equipment. This year we are sourcing second hand and new laptop computers (3-4 years old) to take with us and give to the school. These will be used by the teachers to support student learning. At the moment there is one second hand laptop for the twenty or so staff. Stay tuned for more details.

As a leader of the school I engage in some interesting discussion about aspects of the school, whether that is related to uniform, attendance, other students or a grievance that a person has about some aspect of the daily routine of the school. These conversations are of interest because they give me purpose and perspective about what we do and why we do it. I am fully aware that not everyone will agree with every aspect of life and if they did, what a boring place we would live in. However, I place a lot of emphasis on the purpose of our rules and procedures. I have priority concerns that are dear to me, the most important of which is child safety. The others relate to developing a culture that is specifically Navigator College. That is not to say that developing our culture is to the detriment of the student’s happiness, it is actually to support their happiness. Safety is the sole objective of community and safety breeds happiness.

Being a Secondary teacher can, at times bring with it difference of opinion, challenging of rules, and general questioning of boundaries. I have a lot of discussion about our rules particularly with people who wish to challenge the culture that exists within our school. We are trying to set standards from which to work, play and keep individuals safe. We are also trying to set precedence and trying to elicit support from others in the process. Sometimes this can become very confronting for me in my role. What is deemed by one to a slight take on the rules is further exacerbated by the next and so on, the ripple effect. I would like to think that as parents, business people and community members we recognise Navigator College students when they are dressed in school uniform and beyond, as upholding the ethos of the school and sharing in the safety of others. I am proud of every student in our College and the way they present themselves in the community. I pray that you are as well.

*Stuart Cox, Head of Senior School*

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**A WORD FROM OUR PREFECTS**

The year has flown by. The first group of Year 12’s are getting excited for the countdown of approximately 7 weeks until our final day of school as well as the College’s first ever Valedictory Service.

Throughout the year we have represented the College at several leadership conferences in Adelaide including Prince Alfred College and Tatachilla College. Both of these conferences allowed us to meet and get to know other leaders from other Lutheran Schools in SA. We’re looking forward to the end of term casual day to see everyone dressed up in their multicultural costumes. God bless

*Matthew and Tiarna on behalf of the Prefects*

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**REMEMBER**

SERVICE LEARNING INDONESIA TRIP

Please be reminded that full payment of the airfare is now overdue. We also require a copy of the passport to be dropped into the front office.

*Navigator College and GKPS Church*
Last Tuesday, Navigator College hosted 10 visitors from Muroto, Japan as part of our annual friendship exchange program. Our visitors observed and participated in class reading, singing songs, playing games, Maths and literacy lessons in the Reception to Year 3 classes. Then they joined in with a game of Golden Child with Miss Friebel’s Year 4/5 class for fitness. Our guests enjoyed performances from the Junior choir, listened to our Year 10 Japanese students introduce themselves in Japanese and had great fun dancing to the Gummy Bear song with the entire Junior school at a special assembly.

With assistance from some of our Year 6 and 10 students, the Muroto students prepared and cooked some traditional ‘Aussie’ food for lunch including vegemite pinwheels and Anzac biscuits. Mr Toogood and Mrs Stobart’s Year 4/5’s demonstrated how the ipads are used in the classroom and created ‘PuppetPal’ productions with photos and voice recordings of our Japanese guests introducing themselves. The senior PE students were impressed with the energetic skills of Hiroki the only male student of the delegation joining in with their game of touch football at Ravendale and Mr Jericho provided some surprise entertainment at lunch time with the science club antics.

It was fantastic to see the interaction between Navigator students and the Japanese students throughout the day and witness many new friendships develop. It was also wonderful to see so many students being great risk takers and use their Japanese language to talk to our guests.

A big thank you to all the teachers and students who helped to make this year’s Muroto visit such a success.

_Parenta Sensei and Zacher Sensei_

(A HUGe thank you to Fiona and Sheree for their organisation and planning for this visit. The student’s enjoyment was wonderful. Kaye Mathwin-Cox)
Last week Navigator College students and staff celebrated National Science Week. During the week the students engaged in both 'Come and try!' and 'Come and see!' activities. During Monday and Thursdays 'come and try!' sessions students chose from a variety of activities including:

- Volcanoes
- Growing marshmallows
- Making Fossils
- Changing Flowers Colours
- Electronics
- Surface tension mosaics
- Fermentation balloon inflations

These were wholeheartedly supported, especially by the Junior and Middle schools and some great results were seen in these experiments.

Tuesdays 'Come and See!' activity involved some explosive reactions between Sodium and Potassium with water. Unfortunately Friday's grand finale had to be postponed due to poor weather and safety concerns, however, weather permitting it will be attempted next Wednesday during Science club. Also during the week home classes were involved with a very competitive science quiz. Congratulations to 9A Smith/Hill in the Middle School and 4/5 Toogood in the Junior School for some excellent Science knowledge. More than 30 students also brought knowledge of an Australian scientist, and what they are responsible for (this year's national theme was Australian scientists) to the lab during the week for their small prize.

Thanks must go to the students of the College for their excitement and support of what was an excellent week in the Lab. It is great to see the attitude and engagement of so many and really made the week fun. I would also like to thank Mr Borchardt, Mr Jericho, Mrs Pearson and especially Mrs Wilsen for all their effort in an exciting week of Science.

Nathan Wohling, Science Teacher

Christian Life Week

Christian Life week is a camp run by the Lutheran Church in the first week of the October school holidays. September 30th – October 4th. Available to people from Year 8 – Year 11.

Why come to Christian Life Week

- To enjoy a week of fun, fellowship and study
- A time to learn new things about yourself, friends and God
- Make new friends and catch up with old friends
- It’s an informal week of good fun with interesting studies and plenty of games.

If you have any questions please see Mr Thiel or Rebecca Zacher. Forms can be collected from the front office.

Samaritans Purse

Operation Christmas Child

Christmas Boxes

Samaritan’s Purse is a non-profit, non-denominational, international relief organisation who respond to the physical and spiritual needs of individuals in crisis areas around the world. One of their projects is called Operation Christmas Child (Christmas Boxes). This is when we make up shoeboxes containing 6 gifts which will be sent to children in need around our world at Christmas time.

Items to be included in a class box, please send your gifts along to school before Friday week 7, the 6th September.

Printed shoeboxes and brochures containing more information about Operation Christmas Child are available from the front office if you are interested, but please feel free to decorate your own ordinary (A4 size) shoebox. Thanking you so much.

Sue Hodgson (Volunteer with OCC)

Port Lincoln Junior Touch will be held on Mondays from 3.45pm – 4.45pm. Being held at the High School oval. Available for children in Year 2,3,4,5,6 and 7. For more information please contact Karl Robst on 0437464001.