As this year has unfolded I have been fortunate to witness a lot of changes going on around me. On a personal level, I am constantly watching the growth and development of our young son, Elliott. He is a sign of how lucky we are to be parents. On a professional level I am lucky to witness the growth and development of the students that I work with here at Navigator College. This was highlighted last week at the Middle School Celebration of Learning. A lot of the hard work of the students culminated in an amazing display of their talents and a beautiful celebration of the great qualities of our Navigator College community.

As this term rapidly draws to a close, I am mindful that we are entering another season. The school holidays will see most of the Year 11 students travel to Indonesia on the Service Learning Trip. This will be a huge experience for them. We will then commence Term 4 and the Christmas season will quickly follow with all the busyness that it brings as the year ends.

Navigator College will celebrate the graduation of its first Year 12 class. This is just part of a huge period of growth that has occurred since the College first opened. I am reminded of this as I see the construction of our new Senior School and Administration building. This is another sign of the amazing growth that is happening here and the exciting future that we have as a College community.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says that "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Then in verses 11-13 it says that "God has made everything beautiful in its time" and that "There is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God."

So remember, that while we are busy working and building and learning, it is important that we take the time to celebrate and give thanks as we did last week in the Middle School Celebration of Learning. We are lucky to have a growing and exciting community here at Navigator College.

Typed by: Brenton Borchardt
FROM THE PRINCIPAL......

MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
A HUGE congratulations to the staff and students in Middle School on their Celebration of Learning evening held last week. The students displayed and presented their learning expertly, the sausage sizzle the Year 11 students cooked to raise money for Indonesia was delicious and the fellowship flowed freely. The evening was an outstanding success! Sincere thanks go to all the staff and students for their effort and enthusiasm and of course to the parents who attended. Congratulations on showcasing the learning in our school in such an outstanding way.

NAPLAN TEST RESULTS
Earlier this year our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were involved in NAPLAN testing. These results will be sent home next term due to an aror with printing on the NAPLAN summary report.

The NAPLAN testing is one snapshot of our student’s achievement and should not be read in isolation as there are contributing factors that affect how a child achieves in assessments such as these. Navigator College monitors students’ performance in a variety of ways including standardised testing and regular classroom assessment which is shared through our parent teacher interviews, student work and our end of term reports. The information from all these sources combined gives a complete picture of the progress your child has made throughout the year. If you would like to discuss the NAPLAN results with your child’s teacher/s please feel free to make an appointment through the front office.

SRC CASUAL DAY
A reminder that this Friday the SRC will be holding a ‘Casual Day’. In order to be able to have the privilege of wearing casual clothes for the day, the students are asked to come dressed under the theme of International. The cost is a gold coin donation and proceeds will go to books for the Margaretha Orphanage.

The College will finish an hour earlier at 2pm as we need to meet the connecting buses at the Primary School. Term 4 commences on Monday the 14th of October.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all every blessing for a safe and happy holiday as I head off with students and fellow staff to North Sumatra for our Service Learning Trip. What an opportunity! I look forward to an exciting Term 4 as we head towards the end of 2013.

TUMBY BUS RUN
As a result of a number of parent enquiries we held a meeting on Monday, the 23rd of September at the Tumby Bay Lutheran church to discuss the possibility of having a student bus run to Tumby Bay. Parents in the area asked for the opportunity for their children to attend an Independent, Christian College. We were very pleased to be able to present our College to the community and special thanks goes to our College Captains, Tiarna Stoetzer and Matthew Siviour, as well as staff members Di, Liz, Sarah and Stuart, along with Kingsley (College Council Chairperson) and Wendy Macdonald. If you have family or friends from Tumby that had hoped for their children to attend Navigator College but due to travel issues they have been unable to please tell them to contact the College.

FUN RUN
Please let me congratulate our Middel School students on raising extra funds for our partnership school in Indonesia through their ‘Fun Run’. It was a fantastic effort.

God bless, Kaye

MUROTO EXCHANGE 2014
Applications for interested students and parents wanting to go on next year’s Muroto exchange program need to hand in their completed forms by this Friday 27th, week 10. Please see me if you have any queries.

Thank you – Parenta Sensei

SCHOOL FEES
School council are currently considering school fees for 2014. It is expected that there will approximately be a 6% increase to fees in 2014. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Liz Smith our Business Manager at the office.

A reminder that all Term 3 fees should now be finalized, unless prior arrangements have been made. Thank you.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

BUSHFIRE SEASON
Term One and Term Four are times when we all need to be aware of the possibility of a bushfire. Please see the ‘Prepare for Bushfires’ flyer at the back of the newsletter.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Just a reminder that as of the beginning of Term 4 Students will need to be wearing Summer Uniform.

Holiday opening times:
Thursday 10th October 1.00 – 4.00pm
Friday 11th October 1.00 – 4.00pm

Please ensure your child has the appropriate uniform and please refer to our Website or contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Susan McFarlane, Uniform Shop

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.

GUINEA PIGS – GIVE AWAY
Mrs McQuillan has 3 guinea pigs to give away, all of them males. For more information, please speak with her in the library.
**Origami Club**

This term the students have enjoyed attending the origami club to fold some fun and creative origami. We saw paper frogs (kyaru) hopping across the classroom, paper balls and planes flying through the air, stars hung for Tanabata festival and samuri helmets (kabuto) folded for Boy’s Day (Kodomo no hi). It was great to see students in all year levels enjoying helping each other and creating some fabulous decorations for our classroom.

*Parenta Sensei and Zacher Sensei.*

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**Year 1 Post Office Excursion and Bus Tour**

The Year 1 students have been inquiring into the various methods people use to communicate, such as writing letters. We have been very busy writing letters in our classroom and to learn more about what happens when you post a letter we went on a tour of the Port Lincoln Post Office. We saw how stamps are cancelled and the inside of Post Office boxes (we even found Navigator College’s post box!). We also got to talk to a ‘Postie’ and have a good look at his bike.

As a part of our current Unit of Inquiry we have been inquiring into the Central Idea ‘Places around the world have features that make them unique and people visit these for a variety of reasons.’ For this reason we decided to go on a bus tour and look at some of the unique features of Port Lincoln. We have the privilege of being led by our very knowledgeable tour guide, Mr Thiel. We used Port Lincoln maps and plotted our journey as we visited the unique features of Port Lincoln. Some of the unique features and places we visited included: The Makybe Diva Statue, the Old Mill, Axel Stenross, the Memorial at the Marina, Winters Hill Lookout and the Wharf.

*Rebecca Werner & Pam Treasure, Year 1 Teachers*
Wow! What an amazing Week 9 in the Middle School! The big events throughout this last week have been the Middle School Celebration of Learning and the Middle School SRC Fun RUN Fundraiser. Congratulations to all students, parents and staff for their involvement and support for both causes.

The participation in the Middle School SRC Fun Run was sensational, with 100% of students involved in the event. Almost all students undertook the 5km course, many striving for their personal best. Not only was the actual run a great success, the fund raising around the Fun Run was outstanding! Congratulations to the students for their efforts, and our College community for their support. The Middle School Fun Run Fundraiser was able to raise $2043.35 to go towards laptops and learning tools in our Indonesian Sister School.

Once again the Middle School Celebration of Learning was a fantastic evening of sharing. The classroom displays were a credit to students for their work and teachers for the quality of units being taught. Thank you as a community of parents for your support of the evening and encouragement towards the students and school. I congratulate in particular Annette Mesecke, Jo Panazzolo, Carlyn Pearson and Greg Maxfield for their coordination of the Music and Dance performances that concluded the evening. The students involved in these performed exceptionally well, and should be commended on their efforts. I am amazed to see the gifts and talents that sit within our student body.

A highlight of the evening for me was not only the quality of the performances, but also the excitement on the faces of peers watching their classmates express their talents. That is the culture we strive to foster in the Navigator College Middle School.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

SRC Fun Run

On Wednesday 18th September, all students from the Middle School participated in a fun run, which was coordinated by the SRC. This involved the students running or walking a 3km or a 5km course. The SRC planned this event as a fundraiser to buy computers for our sister school in Indonesia. The money raised will assist the school greatly, as currently they only have access to 2 computers in their whole school. Students had a week to ask for sponsors for the fun run and, there has been an overwhelming amount of money raised. Congratulations to the following Middle School Students (male and females) who were fastest runners of the 5km course on the day;

1st Jack Parkinson 23:22  Abigail Nicholls 33:36
2nd Nicholas Cooper 23:32  Jazlyn Miller 35:28
3rd Harrison Boots 28:20  Britney Doyle 40:15

Congratulations to the SRC, and especially Year 9 members Jordan Foster and Demi Smith for their organisation and ideas. Well done to all of the students who were involved!
Year 9 Biography Unit

This term in Year 9A English, the students have been interviewing members of the Rotary Club, creating biographies for them to treasure. This has been an amazing experience for the students as they have grown in confidence, successfully interacting with their guests in a respectful and polite manner, building relationships and bridging the generations.

The students presented their biographies and celebrated the friendships they had formed over lunch which was catered for by the Year 11 & 12 Hospitality students.

The Year 9 Rotary Biography project also generated the opportunity for Year 12 students to complete a collaborative group practical task worth 10% of their final grade. They planned a healthy food buffet that featured a Cranberry and Broccoli Salad, Greek Salad and Garden Salad together with a Low Fat Lasagne, Baked Chicken, mixed vegetables and selection of student friendly pizzas. The catering task also gave the Year 11 students a chance to develop some formative skills in group collaboration. They were delegated a number of tasks according to the work flow plan designed by the Year 12 Food and Hospitality students, which they completed to a high standard. The catering team received some considered feedback from the Rotary members who commented that, “The food was presented to an excellent standard,” and that the students, “Were courteous, well-mannered and attended efficiently to clearing plates and food from the table.” The guests also enjoyed a selection of sweet dishes which were shared following the serving of lunch. Dishes included Jelly and Passionfruit Slices, Iced cupcakes and a delicious fresh fruit platter. The students would like to take this opportunity to thank the Port Lincoln Rotary Club and Year 9 class for providing us with such an appropriate event to complete our Stage 2 study program.

A special thanks to John Foster, Sonia Ford and Kylie Window.

Rhiannon Perkins – English Teacher

REMINDER

YEAR 6/7 CANBERRA TRIP INFORMATION NIGHT

Please come along to the Multi-Purpose room at the College at 7.00pm on Thursday 17th of October (Week 1, Term 4) for an information session about the fast approaching Canberra Trip. Parents and students are both encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let your child’s home class teacher know so we can organise the information to be sent home to you.

Sarah Smith (Canberra Trip Coordinator)
As we conclude Term Three our Year 11 students prepare to travel to Pematang Raya, Indonesia to embrace the Batak culture. The region we are entering is in North Sumatra and is situated in some pristine countryside. We are meeting up with our partners at Sekolah Menengah Atas, Simulungan Christian Protestant School, (SMA, GKPS) and the Maragritha Orphanage. The students will be teaching English and Mathematics to the students of GKPS as well as the orphanage and engaging in some local customs. We have been invited to the residence of the school Principal for lunch on one day and this promises to be a very celebratory occasion as he will be inviting his family and neighbours to join us, some 400 people will be attending! During these festivities Mrs. Mathwin-Cox will be officially welcomed into the Saragih clan (1 of 4 clan groups in the Batak culture) as a sister to the Principal. This is a great honour for us to celebrate. Whilst at the orphanage we will be interacting with the young and older students in various capacities. Here as at the school we teach English and have a couple of lessons on the computers. Last year we could only get one of the four they had to operate properly as they were old and past their use by date. This year we will be taking laptops with us to replace the old technology and hopefully further develop the capacity of the children here. We are also taking laptops to the high school as they only have 2 in the whole school of 300 students and these are used by the teachers. It is very humbling to be able to share our resource technology with these people again to develop capacity in the students. When we were there last year we were saddened to think that the opportunities for these students were limited by the wealth of the families. We interacted with some very bright students who, once completing their secondary schooling, were not able to continue on to university because it was too expensive for them to travel to and study in Jakarta. Our students, at about this time we come to an understanding of just how lucky they are. But as with all things there is a bright side! I have never seen a happy, family oriented community, (except for the College), that express their faith through song and celebration.

To conclude the tour we finish at Lake Toba where we debrief about the events of the tour before we return to Australia. This is a very important aspect of the trip because we experience a reverse culture shock. It is here that we can relax and re-acclimatise ourselves as near as possible to our western ways of life before we head home to Australia. We hope to send information back to the school web page for all to see so you may gain an insight into our activities and pray for our positive interactions and safe return to Australia. Exciting times!

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School

Last Sunday we had our "Day in the Bay" fishing trip and it was glorious. Nine students, a couple of carers and three very generous skippers cruised off around Boston Bay, over to Boston Island and around a few "secret" spots. The prize for biggest whiting went to Jono Chapman and the heaviest squid was bagged by Abigail Nicholls. Many were able to catch a feed which was fantastic to see. Some had never been fishing in a boat so it was an exciting day for all. A big thank you to DJ, Wayne and Matt for offering their boats and time to take the students and also thanks to Michael Griffiths for supplying the ice.
PREPARE FOR BUSHFIRES

CFS Website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au
Navigator College Phone: 8682 5099
CFS Hotline: 1300 362 361
ABC Radio: AM 1485
Magic FM 89.9
5CC 785

The safety of our children in the bushfire danger season is our first priority.

As Navigator College has been assessed as a high-risk school, it will close on days when the fire danger index is forecast at 100 or more - Catastrophic (Code Red) level. On these days Navigator College will activate the Bushfire Action Plan. A copy of the Bushfire Action Plan, for your reference, can be requested from the front office.

This means that Navigator College will CLOSE when the bushfire weather is forecast at Catastrophic (Code Red) level.

How will you know when Navigator College is to be closed?

A CONFIRMATION of the closure will be provided via SMS Message ONLY to the mobile phone of the primary parent/caregiver of each student. This will occur on the day/evening before the Code Red Day is announced (following CFS advice) or on the morning of the CATS day.

If the Code Red Day is advised on the day, while the students are at Navigator College or a fire of any description is detected within school hours please DO NOT attempt to collect your child, as the College will have in place a very well executed Bushfire Action Plan, making it the safest place at this time for your child to be situated.

Travelling during a bushfire can also be very dangerous so school buses will NOT run if Navigator College has been closed due to bushfire risk, and you will need to make arrangements to collect your child from school, once the immediate risk has cesaed. In the meantime your child will be supervised by members of staff at the College.

Act now - prepare for school and preschool closures.
I understand that closures may be inconvenient for some families but I am sure you will appreciate that the risk of bushfire is a serious issue for our community and the safety of our children is the most important.

Thank you for your attention and for being Bushfire Aware.
**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.

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**Healthy Smile ✅ Health**

**SA Dental Service**

**Do you have a 2013 Teen Dental Voucher for your child?**

If your child is due for their Dental check-up before the end of the year, please contact the Port Lincoln School Dental Clinic on 8682 1248 **NOW** to see if you can obtain an appointment before the voucher expires.

**Make use of this valuable voucher.** The vouchers are only valid until the end of December and appointments are filling fast so ring now to ensure you don’t miss out.

Note: SA Dental Service is only able to offer an appointment if your child is due for their dental exam.

The Port Lincoln School Dental Clinic is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The clinic attempts to make suitable appointment times but please note Year 12 students will be given preference in relation to before and after school appointments.

All School Students, aged under 18 years, are eligible for oral health care with the School Dental Service. All dental care is free for pre-school clients.

For emergency advice after hours, please contact 1800 022 222.

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**Ravendale Complex**

**Time:** 7.00pm – 8.30pm

**Cost:** $40.00 per couple or $20.00 per single

*Nibbles provided*

*Free Creche available — Bookings Essential*

*Bookings phone Grant & Lisa Heidenreich: 0429 822 507*

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**Skills for All – free retail training in Port Lincoln**

CEG Training Partnerships are offering free Certificate II Retail courses for anyone who is eligible for Skills for all funding. Come and train now, it may help you get a new job over the busy Christmas period.

To secure government funding, you must enrol by 10th October 2013. Multiple course will be commencing after the October school holidays.

Certificate III Business courses are also available.

Please phone Mel Noble at CEG Training Partnerships to enrol. Phone 8682 6695 or mobile 0414 827 019

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**Do you have what it takes?**

**Do you have the “DRIVE”?**

If so, the Port Lincoln Basketball Association is holding trials for the Sharks squads for the upcoming Basketball season.

**U12 & U14** 4.00 – 5.00pm

**U16 & U18** 5.00 – 6.00pm

Thursday 26th of September, 2013 at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre Basketball Stadium