Whilst in Hong Kong at the end of last term, I was inspired when I had the chance to speak to teachers who were from all over the world. Many of them teaching in Hong Kong after having taught in Beijing, Bangkok or Singapore. Some of them had families, some had been teaching abroad for 15 years and some were just starting out and new to the IB. They all had a story to share and we were all brought together in the same place, at the same school, in the same country on the same weekend. We all had different stories, but we were all teachers, and we were all in Hong Kong to learn more about the Middle Years Programme (MYP).

While I was in Hong Kong, I also visited Lyn Coote who was one of our founding Teachers and was the Co-ordinator of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and our Curriculum Coordinator. Lyn certainly is experiencing an exciting new chapter of her story and thriving on the opportunites that Hong Kong and the PYP provide for her. Lyn is sharing her Australian background and where she has come from, sharing all that has shaped who she is with Aussie rules and Aus kick gaining huge popularity since Lyn arrived in Discovery Bay with her family.

When I reflect back on my life, my story, I feel lucky and privileged to have added to my story on my recent adventures overseas where I travelled onto Sumatra to visit our partnership school and then Vietnam on the way home. Another story for another time!

Our stories reflect who we are, where we have come from and where we are heading. In the past we referred to our student's background, but recently the focus is on their foreground. The making up of who they are and where they are, where they have come from and bringing that to the foreground and then into the future. The students that we met in Sumatra at the High School and also the Orphanage come from very different backgrounds to those of our student here at Navigator College. They all share one thing in common. They all have dreams, hopes and ambitions for their future. This was summed up perfectly by Smurfette when I was watching the movie Smurfs 2 in the holidays with my own children. She quoted, “It doesn’t matter where we come from, but what is most important is that we can choose who we want to be”.

“Now to Him who is able to do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think ... infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams.” Ephesians 3:20

To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1
Welcome back!
I hope you have had a refreshing break and managed to spend some time with friends and family.

During the break the leadership team attended the three day ACLE conference in Brisbane. ACLE, which stands for Australian Conference on Lutheran Education, is held every four years and gives staff from Lutheran Schools all over Australia the chance to come together for fellowship, networking and professional development. There were some fantastic keynote speakers this year including Bishop Munib Younan who is the President of LWF (Lutheran World Federation). Bishop Younan is also the Evangelical Lutheran Church Bishop of Palestine and Jordan in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land since 1998. His presentation was incredibly inspiring as he shared his passion for establishing respect and peace between the different religious groups in his region and across the world.

All staff who attended the conference thoroughly enjoyed all of the key note speakers and elective workshops and they look forward to sharing some of what they learnt with staff and students in the coming weeks.

This term we welcome one new student to Navigator College. Eve Hersey in Year 4. We wish Eve and her family every blessing as they join our wonderful Navigator College family.

The Twilight Markets are fast approaching (Friday the 8th of November) and we are looking for it to be an even bigger and brighter event than last year! Our Fundraising team and our Class Carers have been working hard to bring about a fantastic community fundraiser that promises to be loads of fun with rides, show bags, food stalls and much, much more.

The teachers and Class Carers have been asking for parent helpers on the stalls as well as help up to and on the day. If you are able to spare any time we would certainly appreciate extra hands as there is so much to do. If you are able to offer any extra assistance please let either your Class Carers or Teacher know and we will gladly put you to work! This event is one of only two major fundraisers and we would love to see as many families as possible joining us, particularly for the opportunity for our families to gather together in fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sarah Smith, Head of Curriculum

**TIME CAPSULE**

This year sees Navigator College celebrate it’s 5th year since opening in 2009 and we will be able to congratulate our first cohort of year 12 students.

In celebration of this wonderful milestone the College has purchased a time capsule which will be filed with an assortment of school related items. The capsule will be immersed in the school grounds under the tree of Knowledge and will be opened in 2028 when Navigator College celebrates it’s 20th school year. The capsule is being presented to the School Community at Chapel on **Wednesday the 23rd of October** and will then be immersed in the ground with the help of our first Year 12 student cohort. **We invite you to join our chapel service on Wednesday, beginning at 9.00am**, to help us celebrate this exciting event.

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**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.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

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**2014 TEACHER ASSISTANT**

We have just received notification that next year we will be hosting a female Teacher Assistant from Kobe, Japan to assist in the Japanese room. This is very exciting news for our Japanese language program and will be of great benefit to our students and their learning. As part of the host program agreement, we are seeking interested families who could provide accommodation for our Teacher Assistant. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to enhance their cultural connections. If you would like more information or are interested in being a host family either long or short term we ask you to please contact me directly (fparenta@navigator.sa.edu.au) or leave your details at the front office. Thank you in anticipation.

Fiona Parenta, Japanese Teacher

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**BUSHFIRE SEASON**

Term 4 and Term 1 are times when we all need to be aware of the possibility of a bushfire. Once it has been decided to close the College due to a Bushfire you are notified via an SMS (text message) ONLY. For this reason, it is imperative that your mobile contact details we have on file are correct. If you have recently changed your contact details, please can you let us know. Thank you.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club brochures for Term 4 will come to the youngest in the family shortly. If you are interested in purchasing any items from Scholastic please return the order form by **Friday 25th of October**. Unfortunately, no orders can be taken after this date due to processing requirements. If you order/pay on line or by phone it is essential you provide a receipt number on the order form or a copy of your print out. Many thanks for your continuing support as the College benefits from your orders in the form of free books for our library.

Annette Mesecke & Uta McQuillan, Librarians

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**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 please contact Mark Thiel on 86842012 or the College on 86825099.
WHAT A REFRESHING BREAK

It is wonderful to take time to recharge the batteries in readiness for another busy term. Holidays are often the time to be able to complete some of those tasks that you have been putting off each year. Or they are the time when you allow yourself the opportunity to rejoice in other pursuits that you don't normally get the opportunity too. I was fortunate enough to combine the ACLE conference in Brisbane with a family holiday on the Gold Coast. Whilst ACLE provided plenty of stimulation for the brain, professionally, the theme parks on the Gold Coast provided plenty of adventure and excitement. I trust that other members of our school community were able to have a refreshing break also. This term is going to be a very busy term. I suggest that as a community we all do what we can to ensure we finish the year well.

iPADS
Next Wednesday the 23rd October at 7.00pm we present the next Parent Information Night for the proposed iPad implementation program at Navigator College. Please come along and see the results of the recent survey and see firsthand why our teachers are excited by this learning tool.

SWIMMING

Junior school swimming is next week. Students in Reception to Year 5 were notified of their swimming time at the beginning of this week. Please see your class teacher if you have any questions.

The swimming times are as follows:
12.00 – 12.40pm Year 1 Werner, Year 2 Jones and Year 4/5 Toogood
12.40 – 1.20pm Year 1 Treasure, Year 2 Picken and Year 4/5 Stobart
1.20 – 2.00pm Rec Kimber and Year 4/5 Friebel
2.00 – 2.40pm Rec Little and Year 3 Masters

Steve Jude
Head of Junior School
FINISHING STRONG

Welcome to Term Four! I trust that the holiday break has been refreshing for all and we are all ready to finish 2013 in style. As always the last term presents many exciting events, learning experiences and occasions of celebration within college life. My encouragement to both students and parents is to engage wholeheartedly with every opportunity you have this term and do it in a way that inspires those around you.

Early in the term we have the Year 6’s and Year 7’s venturing to Canberra for a week. This will be an amazing experience not only for the students to explore our Nation’s Capital but in terms of building class culture and closeness, camps like this are very significant.

Early on we also have the Twilight Markets. In the Middle and Senior School generally Home Class teachers coordinate the students to take an active role in manning and operating their stalls, however I would ask that if you are willing and able to support your child’s class in some way, by your service or donation, please make contact with the Home Class Teachers and they will certainly be able to integrate your generosity into their stall.

Finally on behalf of the Middle School I would like to wish the Year 12 students all the best in their final weeks and particularly leading up to exams. You have lead the students in a manner that we as a school are so proud of and you have certainly had a great influence in setting the culture of Navigator that will remain beyond your time here. Thankyou, and enjoy the final term of your schooling.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

YEAR 6/7 CANBERRA TRIP
INFORMATION NIGHT

Please come along to the Multi-Purpose room at the College this Thursday at 7.00pm for an information session on the 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)

MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
WORK EXPERIENCE

In Year 10 the students have their first taste of SACE as they complete the Personal Learning Program (PLP). This subject is designed to help the students learn more about themselves and plan for their futures through setting personal and learning goals. As part of this subject the students have the opportunity to spend a week in a business of their choice. The students developed their communication skills as they made contact with many local businesses to organise this week. Then in Week 9 of Term 3 the students experienced the workforce, and what an amazing week they had. Throughout and after the week there was an overwhelming amount of positive feedback with local businesses affirming how presentable and respectful our students were. The students also gained many valuable skills and good memories in their workplaces. Navigator College would like to thank the following businesses for their valuable contribution and support to our students learning. Their generous offer in allowing our students to complete their work experience with their business is crucial to the success of our students in PLP, and the career planning of our Year 10’s.

5CC/Magic 899
Adventure Bay Charters
Aussie Engineering
Bakers Delight
Blade Runners
Colours Australia
Community House
Cummins Area School
Dave’s Robies and Electrical
Dr Jones and Partners Medical Imaging
EP DOGZ Boarding Kennels
Eyre Eye Centre
Golden Sable Florist
Hair Reflections
Isis Day Spa and Salon
Lincoln Surf
Port Lincoln Community Health Services
Sparks and Spanners
Steve James Tennis Coaching
Tiny Tafe CCC
Vets on Eyre
We're in this together, let's make a difference!

We are excited to announce that the Filipino Health Professionals and Friends International Association Inc. will be hosting the first ever Walk to Cure Diabetes Walk in Port Lincoln on Saturday 26th October 2013 to support vital medical research into a cure for type 1 Diabetes.

Become part of a team that makes a difference and register today for Port Lincoln Walk to Cure Diabetes. The walk site, located on the Foreshore will open at 8am with the walk commencing at 9.30am. For more information please email Mary Ann Espinosa at anne@filipinohealthprofessionals.org or ring 8682 6981.

Port Lincoln Model Aerosport Club presents Air-Show 2013

Enjoy the Public Display at the Coomunga field on Sunday 20th of October. See amazing model aircraft perform aerobatics, pylon-races, gliding and much more! Gates open at 9.15am to 2.00pm. Enquiries to Secretary, Keith Tattersall on 8682 4676.

Car Boot and Trailer Sale
Port Lincoln Primary School Oval
Sunday October 27th
10am start to 3:30pm
Fundraiser for Amber Dohnt
Miss Hotondo Homes
Port Lincoln - Tunarama Ambassador

Registrations before
Saturday 21st October by calling 86826600
All welcome – car boots – trailers- stalls
Boot or Car space $10.00
Trailer Space up to 8x5 $15.00
Stall space $15.00

Summer Junior Tennis
Port Lincoln Tennis Association is calling for nominations for the upcoming season. Junior’s competition caters for ages 17 and under both boys and girls. Registration Day, 19th October 2013 at 9am, new players, 10am players who have played competition tennis before. Grading day 26th October 9.00am new players, and 10am experienced players.