Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
Year 6/7 Canberra Trip

Tuesday 5th November
Finance meeting at 9.00am
Class Carer meeting at 2.00pm

Wednesday 6th November
Promotions & Marketing meeting at 2.00pm
Year 10/11 Drama Performance at 7.30pm

Thursday 7th November
Middle School Parent Information Night - For Year 6 in 2014

Friday 8th November
Twilight Markets

Thursday 21st November
Valedictory Service & Dinner

Our Year 12 Students

The focus last week was on the Year 12 students. This is a very exciting time for the College as this will be the first group of Year 12 students to finish their schooling here at Navigator College.

I interviewed some of the Year 12 students throughout the week and I would like to include some of their responses to my questions, as well as a prayer they created for our college.

What do you value being a student of Navigator College?
The Year 12 students felt safe, respected as individuals, valued their friendship with the teachers and they felt that the teachers took the time and effort to understand their different learning styles. They also believed that there are opportunities to extend themselves and that Navigator College provides support structures for all students.

What will you miss when you leave the College?
Some students will miss the canteen food. Others will miss their fellow students, the whole Navigator Community, their daily routines, caring nature and the family vibe of this College.

What career paths will you pursue when you leave Navigator College?
Some of the Year 12’s want to go to University to further their studies and others will look for employment locally. Some career paths include hospitality, radiography, performing arts and nursing.

As a thank-you to the College, some of the Year 12 students wrote a “thank-you” prayer. Their prayer is included below:

We thank you God for the blessing of this College in Port Lincoln. We thank you God for your presence here with the teachers and students. Thank you for giving Mr McDonald the strength and courage to build a powerful school, a school that is built on strong Christian values. We thank you for the amazing staff here at Navigator College.

The lead up to the final examinations can be a stressful time for all and as a College we pray for the students and their families during this exciting and challenging part of their lives. We wish the Year 12’s every blessing for their future lives.

Submitted by: Barry Tattersall
WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY 2013
On Friday the 18th of October we celebrated World Teachers’ Day. World Teachers’ Day was introduced in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), to celebrate the significance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers as instrumental in shaping the futures of children, students and young people.

World Teachers’ Day was an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the significant contribution of teachers in developing children, students and young people’s knowledge and abilities through quality education and care practices.

The work of our teachers continues to make me feel proud. Their incredible work ethic and responsibility they have for their students to be the best they can be, as well as their love of the students in their care is wonderful to bear witness to. They will go ‘the extra mile’ for their students and their level of professionalism is why Navigator College just keeps going from strength to strength. I personally would like to acknowledge and congratulate our teachers on their excellent work and thank them for a continued job well done!

A morning tea was provided by the LSO’s and the College to thank teachers for their continued love and enthusiasm for their chosen vocation. They are such an asset to our school!

Last night at the College Council meeting the Council approved the purchase of the bus that we will use for the run to Tumby Bay so I can now confidently say IT IS HAPPENING! In addition, Council has approved the building of a canteen and change room facilities for the campus. There are exciting times happening at Navigator!

God bless,
Kaye

PRESENTING THE TIME CAPSULE TO OUR COLLEGE COMMUNITY

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.

L’L GATORS

PLAYGROUP

Due to the Year 12 Art & Design Exhibition being held in the Resource Centre this week, Playgroup will be held in the Year 6 & 7 rooms under Cluster 3. Thank you

Join us for an evening, the whole family will enjoy!

A huge selection of food and drinks, as well as show bags, jumping castles, Herley rides and local community groups. All this and more.

Various local artists will be there to entertain you with live music, so come along and enjoy being a part of your Navigator College community!

Jumping Castles
Novelty stands
Seafood
Community services
Wine
Donaes
Lucky Dip
Show Bags
Majestpeat food

College Grounds, Stamford Toe
Friday, 8th of November 2013, 5pm – 8pm

Southern Cross Twilight Markets
As I write this article I can't help but get excited about the opportunities and expected learning environment that exist for 21st century learning. I also marvel at the teaching and learning potential that the effective use of IT provides, which urges me to vision a future at Navigator College in 2014 and beyond. As you may be aware, Navigator College has been embarking on a journey towards providing advanced technological practices to its students and their families. This has resulted in the inclusion of iPad devices to assist learning and with the investigation into the feasibility of offering 1 to 1 iPad devices in Year 4/5 for 2014. A number of Parent Information Evenings have been conducted and a parent survey has been circulated and collated. These data gathering exercises have equated to a positive response to this initiative and we await the next chapter as we strive to provide for our students, Advanced Technological Practices.

This past week has also been an exciting time of development for our students. The Junior School Swimming Program ran smoothly, and whilst the weather was less than desirable, all students can be commended on their achievements and in particular their behaviour. Some students now go on to represent Navigator College at the SAPSASA swimming competition against the other Lower Eyre Peninsular schools, which is held this Friday. We wish them all the best as they represent our school. Congratulations to those students who received ‘excellent effort’ in their studies during Term 3. Please see below a list of House points awarded to students.

Steve Jude
Head of Junior School

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.......

Junior School Swimming

Swimming lessons were held for the Junior School during week 3 at the Port Lincoln Aquatics Centre. When the weather turned sour at the beginning of the week we were quite thankful to be swimming under shelter. The students were great risk takers and made the school proud in displaying excellent behaviour throughout the week. We would like to extend a warm thank you to the many parents who assisted in helping students get changed for lessons and who came along to the pool to show their support.

Ashleigh Friebel, 4/5 Teacher
FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.......  

SEEING OPPORTUNITY IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE

I write this article whilst on the Year 6 & 7 Canberra Trip. What a fantastic opportunity this trip presents for our students to explore our Nation's capital. Every camp planned through Navigator College presents our students with wonderful opportunities, this is one reason we urge families to strongly encourage their children's participation. Thank you as a community for supporting our camps so enthusiastically.

Trips such as the Canberra Trip present far more than the opportunity to see our Nation's capital. They present opportunity for students to grow in the confidence in themselves, each other and their class as a whole. These opportunities are found in going outside of our comfort zone and partaking in an adventure with a diversity of people, including those outside of our regular friends and those who might even be unlikely comrades.

There is something amazing that happens when a person finds themselves outside of their comfort zone, staring into a challenge that requires them to adapt and persevere. At this point our children have a choice: move forward with courage or back away with excuses...

As Teachers, parents and peers we are often the ones who shape a child's mindset when faced with these opportunities that look like challenges. There are two options before us.

The first is to protect children from encountering these challenges to work with others outside of their comfort zone, in a sense sheltering them from exposure to challenge, yet unknowingly robbing the children of the opportunity to grow and develop resilience and problem solving skills.

The second option before us is to allow and support our children to encounter these challenges, conditioning themselves to develop a mindset that embraces the environment of adventure and adaption. An attitude that recognises the value in sharing life with different and challenging people, knowing a breakthrough in themselves or the other could be only one team adventure away.

This needs to be coupled with positive reinforcement that opens a child's eyes to see opportunity rather than obstacle, and character building in the midst of every challenge.
Can I encourage us as a community to seek to empower our children with a 'can do' attitude, and all work together to help our children believe that they will be able to manage to work with different people, short term change of routine, unfamiliar circumstances and even to share accommodation with peers, without being with all their friends.

I believe our children will thrive in the face of challenge if we as a community continue to help them believe they will not only cope, but thrive if they embrace the situation. Opportunities await the next generation, lets see them approach it with the confidence we build in them.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE

This term the Year 9A class have been studying a chemical reactions topic in Science. They have been learning how to balance chemical equations and have also been exploring the different types of reaction that occur in the environment. In the Science lab last week the students completed a practical to demonstrate different types of reactions. The aim of this practical is to help students to observe and identify the changes that occur in some specific chemical reactions. They are then able to explain the reactions by writing chemical equations.

In the first experiment, students burned Copper Carbonate in a reaction to produce Copper Oxide and Carbon dioxide. They were able to prove that they had produced Carbon dioxide by allowing the gas to bubble through limewater. The limewater turned a milky white colour to prove that Carbon dioxide had been produced.

In the second reaction, students mixed Copper Carbonate with Sulphuric Acid. The result of this reaction is that Copper Sulphate was produced along with water and Carbon dioxide. Again the students were able to test for the presence of Carbon dioxide by allowing the gas to bubble through limewater.

To complete the topic, the students are investigating the effects of acid rain. In particular the focus is on how acid rain damages buildings and monuments.

Thanks to Sally Wilsen for her work in the laboratory with the students.

Brenton Borchardt, Teacher

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be a Parent Information Night on the 7th of November for all parents of students who will be in Year 6 in 2014. Please attend this night for further information about Middle Schooling. We look forward to seeing you there.
YEAR 12 LAST DAY
"I am able to do all things through the one who strengthens me."
(Philemon 4:13) A fitting theme for the last programmed teaching day for our Year 12. It is exciting and sad at the same time that we farewell some of our foundation (2009) students and those that have joined us on the educational journey through to year 12. Throughout the journey from 2009 we have seen many changes to the school and the students. The development of relationships with peers, teachers and the entire College community has been the most significant. Within this cohort we have seen students come along to experience their personal educational journey, but on the the last day we celebrated with the students that have completed the Navigator College journey. As I reflect on this year think of the highs and lows of student emotions and knowing that God has played a significant role in assisting the Students, Staff and also me to complete this, our first course of Year 12.

The day started with a sitdown breakfast served by the Yr 11 Hospitality students, followed by a whole school Chapel that allowed me to introduce our Year 12 students, and their future aspirations to the Navigator College community. The chapel began with a fitting message from Pastor Ben resonating the Bible verse and the way in which we can rely on God during times of stress and apprehension. We then recessed to a classroom to allow the rest of the school to prepare for the final whole school activity. As the Year 12's left the classroom they were greeted with a guard of honour, the whole school had lined the pathway to the gate. As the students left they said their goodbyes to each and every student and staff of the school community many tears were shed. The students spent the rest of the day at the beach playing games and generally chillaxin!

Although this is the final chapter for our 2013 Year 12 students, it is the beginning of our alumni. We will now be able to celebrate our Navigator College Old Scholars! How exciting! This was a fitting climax to formal study and the beginning of the exam period. I wish all students well in their exams and pray that they continue the bonds they have made with each other and our community.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School
SENIOR SCHOOL DRAMA

The Year 10 and 11 Drama classes are completing the final touches to their productions with only one week left of rehearsals. The Year 10’s will be performing “One of The Girls”, a play dealing with peer pressure in the teenage years and the Year 11’s will perform “Switched on, Turned Off” which explores the overwhelming role television can play in a family setting.

A selection of Middle and Senior school classes will have the opportunity to attend the Dress Rehearsal of both plays on Wednesday the 6th of November from 1.30pm. An evening performance will take place from 7.30pm on the same day with a short interval and a light supper provided between the plays. We look forward to your support of our Senior Drama classes by attending the evening performances next Wednesday. Please note the second play of the evening “One of The Girls” is not recommended for viewing by children less than 14 years of age.

Annette Mesecke, Teacher

Farewell to our Year 12 Students
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We are offering a daily student bus run.

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