God’s Unique Love

A relationship with God is like no other relationship you may have experienced. God has a unique kind of love for you. It is unconditional (not based upon meeting certain conditions). God loves you because He loves you.

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us” (1 John 4:9,10)

He does not love you based upon your performance. There is nothing you can do to cause God to love you any more than He already does – and there is nothing that will cause God to love you any less. He loves you, even more than you love yourself.

Until now you have probably only experienced conditional love. Conditional love is based upon what you do. Perform well on the job, on the team, or in the relationship and you are “loved.” In opening your life to Christ, you have found total love and acceptance. That may be hard to comprehend if you’ve never felt totally loved and accepted by anyone. But it’s true! Unfortunately, you won’t always feel that God loves you. There will be times when you find yourself doubting not only His love, but also His existence. You’ll feel like giving up. Don’t.

When God gave you a new life, it didn’t come trimmed in lace and smelling of perfume. Jesus began His early life in a smelly, damp stable. He tasted real life and that will be the flavour of your journey with Christ – no magic, just the promise of His presence with you.

God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness” (Jeremiah 31:3).

Our faith rests in what God has revealed about Himself to us. He specifically wants us to believe and rely on His love for us:

“The Lord delights in those who fear (reverence) him, who put their hope in his unfailing love” (Psalms 147:11)

Jesus describes the depth of His love for us, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” (John 15:9-11) He loves us no matter what – even when we disobey. But we will live in His love, enjoy His love, as we obey Him.

Submitted by: Craig Smith
TWILIGHT MARKETS
The annual Southern Cross Twilight Markets were held last Friday evening and what a fantastic event it was! The weather whilst cold was much better than expected, the food stalls were many and varied, the amusements were entertaining, the various musical representations were delightful and the ambience was exactly what we had planned for – one of fun and fellowship. Congratulations to the many staff, students, parents and friends of the College who collectively made the Markets such a success.

The event raised $12,000, which will go towards a shade over the Middle School playground and a veranda plus paving for the transportable buildings. The Class Carers, the Fundraising Committee and our wonderful staff deserve a special mention for the extra time, effort and support of this event, as do Liz Smith and Di Moseby for co-ordinating the event so impressively. Congratulations to all!

YEAR 12 EXAMS
The Year 12 students are finishing their year with many undertaking exams and by next week all students will have finished completely. A huge congratulations to all the Year 12 students in completing their year and every blessing as they work through their next chapter. Next week is Valedictory dinner which is their final goodbye. We say a heartfelt goodbye and good luck to them all and we hope to see them visiting our College soon as our first ‘Old Scholars’!

END OF YEAR SERVICE
This year the End Of Year Service, will be held on Thursday the 13th of December. We will continue to have the service at the Nautilus Theatre and like last year we will be holding the one service in staggered stages. The Junior School will start the proceedings at 6.00pm and will be finished, ready for pick up at approximately 7.15pm. The Middle School and Senior School proceedings will need begin at 7.45pm and their part in the service will run until approximately 9.15pm. Please note more information regarding drop off times will follow in further newsletters.

Tickets for adult seating must be pre booked and will be able to be collected from the front office in the two weeks preceding the Service. There is no cost but will need to be pre booked early to confirm seating availability. Please be specific about your ticket requirements as we have many families of the school who would like to be a part of this service.

CLASSES 2013
We are now at the stage where we begin to consider class placements for 2014. There are many factors that go into placing your child in a specific class. I believe that a happy child learns and therefore I make my decision after discussion with your child’s past and future teachers, based on their social stance. It is my belief that if your child is (socially) happy and content, learning naturally occurs. Ordinarily if your child is surrounded by others that make him / her feel safe, he / she is then able to work at school. Of course in all classes at times there are incidents that may result in a clash of personalities. However, the more socially secure child can usually manage the situation easier than the one who feels less confident.

Looking at classes for next year, the social factor is very high on the list, but other factors such as class numbers, gender and siblings need also be considered. If you have any reasonable requests regarding your child’s placement in a class, please make an appointment to see me no later than Friday the 29th of November. Please note teachers will NOT be deciding on class allocations as it is a Leadership team decision. If you have concerns or requests for specific teachers, I ask that you speak only to me, as unfortunately these requests cannot be considered. Our focus is the child and their needs when organising their placement.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Annette Mesecke and the Music Department for gaining a grant from the ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program. The grant was for $8400 to go towards sound proofing and mixing equipment for the new Performing Arts Centre (the current Administration block). The grant was particularly well written and Peter Noel from ANZ commended Annette on her submission. The funds will provide refurbishment to the new space and will substantially support our Music and Drama program at Navigator.

Congratulations to Barry and Lily Tattersall on the birth of their baby girl Evelyn (Evie) weighing 4kgs. We wish the Tattersall family every blessing as they embark on this next exciting journey.

God bless,
Kaye

**LAST CHANCE**
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.
CANTEEN
The Canteen will not be operating at recess time as of next week. Orders can still be placed and recess collected from the front office.

TWILIGHT MARKETS

Congratulations to Faye Stendt who won the Christmas Hamper at the Twilight Markets.

Christmas Cards handmade by our Year 4/5 students for the Twilight Markets are available for purchase at a discounted price. If you would like to purchase some please see the front office. Thank you

FOUND at the Twilight Markets 1 girls purse. If you have lost a purse, please call into the front office with details of colour, type, how much money inside etc and it will be handed back to you.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
A reminder to all Year 9 parents that the Senior School Blazers need to be paid for and collected before Monday the 9th of December, so they can be presented to the Year 9 students at our End of Year Service. These are a compulsory part of the Senior School uniform and are to be worn to and from school each day, as well as for official functions. The cost of the Blazer is $175 and can be paid for at the Uniform Shop or the front office. Instalments are possible.

Also if you have a child/ren starting school here for the first time in 2014, we encourage you to visit the Uniform Shop to purchase their requirements for next year before the end of term. Our shop opening times are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8.30am – 10.30am and Thursdays from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Thank you.

Susan McFarlane, Uniform Co-ordinator

FORMS PACKAGE FOR 2014
The existing families of the College will have received their 2014 Forms Pack in the post. All new families to the College will receive their Forms Pack when they commence in 2014. Please complete the necessary forms and return them to the College by Friday the 15th of November, 2013. If you have any queries about the forms, please contact the front office.

SCHOOL BUS APPLICATIONS 2014
All School Bus Applications for 2014 need to be completed and returned to the school no later than Friday the 22nd of November. Parents with students who are currently utilising DECS school buses and who have been deemed 'ineligible for travel' will need to collect a 2014 Application Form from the front office and reapply for next year. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

PORTFOLIOS
A reminder that Portfolio folders for Junior and Middle School students need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you, if you have already done so.

GRAIN DONATIONS
The College gratefully accepts grain donations from farmers in lieu of cash donations. If you would like to make a contribution could you please donate to “Navigator College Inc” (12846521) and ask to have the grain to be warehoused. Thank you in anticipation.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that Term 4 fees should now be paid, unless prior arrangements had been made. Please ensure that your account is up to date. If there are any foreseeable problems please contact me at the school.

Liz Smith, Business Manager

LOST PROPERTY
We currently have an overflowing lost property bin and have the following items if you are missing any of the below, please come into the front office to check if it is yours.
3 Junior School jumpers
2 black parkas
1 grey Non- school parka
2 woollen school jumpers
2 senior sports jackets
1 small pair of school shoes

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. These students will require board for five 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.
This week I reflect on a number of new chapters for the Navigator College narrative. Firstly, as part of international Baccalureate Primary Years Program we are required to conduct an exhibition. Students in their final year of the PYP have the opportunity to synthesise the essential elements of the PYP and share them with the wider community. This term our Year 5 students and their teachers have been focussing on this culminating experience. They have conducted an in depth collaborative inquiry which involved them identifying, investigating and offering solutions to real life issues. They have taken responsibility for their own learning as they reflect on their learning journey thus far at Navigator College.

This learning journey will be celebrated at our PYP Exhibition on the 27th of November from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The wider community of Navigator College are cordially invited to the exhibition as we celebrate along with the students, their junior schooling!

Secondly, this week we welcome the new reception students for 2014 who transition to school over the next 3 Fridays. We extend a very warm welcome to the students and their families, and trust that they grow to love our College just as much as we do!

Steve Jude
Head of Junior School

Student Run Sausage Sizzle
This Friday After School!

When: 15th of November at 3.00pm
Where: Front gates of the school
How much: $2.00
Why: To raise money for the West Coast Youth Services to help them assist people living in poverty in our local community.

Organised by the Year 5 students Billy Wheare, Harry Boast, Portia Clem and Lexyee Kolpondinos as a part of our Unit of Inquiry Exhibition Project.

Navigator College PYP Exhibition

“Organisations are developed to assist.”

You are invited to:
The Navigator College
PYP Exhibition and Year 4 Celebration of Learning.
Wednesday the 27th of November
Come along and discover how ‘organisations are developed to assist.’
Ten student groups will share their learning journey with you.

Ravendale Sporting Complex
5.30pm-6.30pm
Official opening followed by exhibit tours
RSVP: Friday 22nd November
office@navigator.sa.edu.au

This is our first PYP exhibition, synthesising the essential elements of the PYP and sharing them with the community.
The Transition Transaction

Firstly congratulations to all who were involved and supported the Twilight markets! What a fantastic evening! When the whole community comes together to support each other like that, and students rise to the occasion of constructing and serving on stalls, and students, staff, and families engage in such a positive event, it is very clear why we love being a part of the Navigator College community. A particular congratulations to the Middle School students, I was very impressed by their creativity, helpfulness, manners and initiative.

As the year draws closer to the end, I begin to reflect on the transition we must make into next year. For some students this is a transition into life at Navigator, entry into the Middle School at Year 6, or graduation from a Primary School to Secondary at Year 8. This may be daunting, however in the culture that we have established at Navigator it should be exciting. The 2014 Year 8 transition day takes place on Thursday this week, and will be an interesting and fun look at the expectations and privileges that come with the progression into secondary years. At the end of Week 7 after the showcasing of exhibition the current Year 5’s will also engage with a Transition afternoon, experiencing their first taste of Middle School. And on the other end our year 10s contemplate the transition into SACE. A very exciting time indeed.

The thought I’d like us all to contemplate (and this seems the topic of many of my discussions with classes) is: What are the ways of this year, that need to be laid aside for us to fully take a hold of what lies ahead? For many it might be immature behaviours, dependence on parents or teachers, ways of relating to friends, attitudes or maybe a lack or order or organisation. The process of transition requires a transaction, where these ways of the past are traded in for the ways of the future, the ways of a Middle Schooler, or a senior student, or a Mature Young Adult. My charge to all as we contemplate the transition into next year:

What behaviour, action or habit must be laid aside, and what great replacement will we take a hold of?

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.......
As I reflect on the students in our school I have to say that I am impressed with their all round behaviour, across the school. I have been involved in so many excursions this year that I have seen most of the classes and can therefore say that I look forward to the future of Navigator College. There are great leaders amongst these students, there are fantastic personalities and brilliant young people/students that will develop our culture as they move through the years. This was particularly evident at the Twilight Markets where all the people who attended could see and feel the vibe of the College. The school was a mass of celebration with people, each doing their part to make the evening a success, students parents and staff. Thank you all for the enjoyment and support you bring to Navigator College.

Mr Cox
Head of Senior School

YEAR 10 & 11 DRAMA PERFORMANCES

Last Wednesday the Senior School Drama students treated audiences to both a matinee and an evening performance of their plays. Our new theatre lighting was put to the test as was the new backdrop. Many extra hours were dedicated into the performances by students, teachers and talented staff members who assisted the students to create high quality performances. Many thanks to all those involved.

Annette Mesecke
Performing Arts Coordinator