THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Today we welcomed more than 50 Volunteers from our Navigator College community to our annual appreciation Morning Tea. Without these people our College would not be blessed as it is. The care, consideration, commitment and compassion these people share so willingly is to be admired and praised by all, including staff, students and families alike.

From our Class Carers who work tirelessly to assist our teachers; to the Pastoral Care Committee who cook meals for those in times of need and supply our staff we morning teas; to the parents who swing on a shovel at busy bees; to the team of regular Chapel morning tea people who supply a cake; to Mrs Zacher who, without fail, brings flowers for us to share each week; to the College Council members who guide and support our leadership; to the Fundraising, Promotions and Building Committees who donate their time and effort towards improving the College facilities as we grow each year; to those ladies who have covered nearly the entire library of books in contact; and to those of you that have helped in a classroom, cooked a cake, made a coffee for someone, turned a snag on one of our barbies, gave a encouraging smile and thanked us for what we do, you are all extremely appreciated by everyone of our staff members.

It is your acts of kindness that make our work here, which can be very demanding at times, all worth the while and reminds us we are appreciated too!

To be a volunteer, it takes...
Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others.
Understanding, because their lives might be very different from your own.
Empathy, an ability to put yourself in someone else’s shoes and feel what they must feel.
Compassion, to truly care about making someone else's life better,
Patience, because the process doesn’t always go as smoothly as it might.
Dedication, to stick with the project and see it through.

To our Volunteers who have all shown and shared these qualities and so much more, thank you for all that you do. It is my prayer that you receive back from others these qualities from others that you have so freely shared with us.

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
Acts 20:35

Submitted by: Di Moseby
FROM THE PRINCIPAL......

ELDRIDGE FAMILY
As some of you may be aware the Eldridge family have been devastated by fire and lost their family home. We can be thankful that they all are safe and no one was harmed. Our love and prayers are with the family at this time.
At a time like this, many are wondering how we can help. We have the opportunity to be able to support this College family with our financial support. There will be a box at the front office where you can donate money or a gift card to help the family purchase items that are required that perhaps may not be covered by insurance. Their request is that any donations will go towards beach items to help ease the children’s sadness and to give them the opportunity to enjoy the coming summer. This is an opportunity to support one of our College families in their time of need. The Eldridge Family say a huge Thank you to those of you who have already shown love and care.
To any Parents/Carers who wish to keep up to date with their needs, as they settle into their new home and require furniture etc. you can log onto their facebook page as follows: Port Lincoln Support page for the Eldridge family. The email address is lincolnhousefirehelp@gmail.com

PREFECTS 2014
After a very lengthy interviewing process I am pleased to announce the 2014 College Prefects are:

- Moriah Santostefano
- Tahlia Whillas
- Tim Kidney
- Max Cooper

These students will work with the SRC and College Captains to form the student leadership at Navigator College. We congratulate them and look forward to their leadership in 2014.
Sincere thanks also go to the unsuccessful applicants as they were all very worthy participants and made us proud by applying for the positions.

STAFFING FOR 2014
As the College continues to grow and prosper it is my great pleasure to announce two more teaching staff to the College. Mr Francois Pienaar will join our Navigator team in the Middle and Senior school and Mrs Jessie Trudgen will be joining the Junior school staff line up. We are very excited to have these two exceptional educators joining our ever growing team.

2014 STAGGERED START TO SCHOOL
Next year our ‘Learning to Learn Week’ will have a staggered start and will incorporate an orientation focus. Year 12 students will come to school on Tuesday the 28th of January to begin their studies whilst the rest of the Senior School students and Middle School students will begin two days later on Thursday the 30th of January. The Junior School students will start their first day of school on Friday the 31st of January. During this week there will be general getting to know you activities with Home Class teachers as well as testing and other beginning of the year activities to enable us all to start the next week focussed and ready for the teaching year.

END OF YEAR SERVICE
As you are all aware by now our END OF YEAR SERVICE IS ON THURSDAY THE 12TH OF DECEMBER at the Nautilus Theatre. 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 will need to be at the Theatre by 7.30pm ready to start at 7.45pm and their part in the service will run until approximately 9.15pm.
Please note official formal summer uniform is required unless told otherwise by your class teacher (see below).
Our rehearsals are scheduled for this Thursday the 5th, Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th of December, we ask that only the Junior School students are dropped off to teachers at the Makybe Diva statue at 8.45am. Students who come in on school buses will all meet at the Junior Primary School and walk together, supervised, to the Nautilus Theatre. The Junior School students will be delivered by buses back to the College when the rehearsal is completed and the Middle and Senior School students will then be taken down to the theatre. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2013 Forms Package.
Tickets for adult seating must be pre booked and are available from the front office. There is no cost but will need to be pre booked by this Friday the 7th of December. 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.
Parents please note it is expected that all students attend this evening. If your child/children will not be attending the End of Year Service, a written note needs to be sent to their class teacher, explaining reasons for their absence. Thank you.

God bless,
Kaye

SPORTS UNIFORM
PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THURSDAY THE 12TH DEC. STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. THIS WILL ENABLE PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILD’S OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM CLEAN FOR THE END OF YEAR SERVICE ON THURSDAY NIGHT.
**UNIFORM POLICY – OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS**

**GIRLS OFFICIAL UNIFORM - SUMMER FUNCTIONS: ******FOR END OF YEAR SERVICE******

- **Reception – Year 1:** Short sleeve polo shirt, skort, white College socks and black leather boots or lace up shoes.
- **Junior School Year 2 - 5:** Dress, white College socks, black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
- **Middle School: Year 6 - 8:** Dress, white College socks, black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
- **Year 9:** Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.
- **Senior School Year 10 - 11:** Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.

**BOYS OFFICIAL UNIFORM - SUMMER FUNCTIONS:**

- **Reception – Year 1:** Charcoal shorts, short sleeved polo shirt, black College socks and black leather boots or lace up shoes.
- **Junior School Year 2 – Year 5:** Charcoal shorts, short sleeved shirt, short black College socks, black lace up shoes.
- **Middle School Year 6 - 8:** Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes.
- **Year 9:** Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes and College blazer.
- **Senior School Year 10 - 11:** Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes and College blazer.
- **Year 11 students to also bring their College Senior charcoal jumper.**

**SRC CASUAL DAY**

Our SRC are having a casual clothes day for all students. This will be held on **Friday the 13th of December** on the last day of school. 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 “Christmas”. The cost is a gold coin donation. Thank you.

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

Our Navigator College School Magazine, 2013 will be available for purchase at the End of Year Service for $16. Alternatively, parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office, to be picked up on the last day of school.

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

Please note that due to the early closure of the Government schools and our bus connection, the Navigator College 2013 school year will end for students at 2pm on Friday the 13th of December. Thank you.

**2014 TERM DATES**

- **Term One:** Tue 28th January (Year 12 students start)  
  Thur 30th January (SS/MS students start)  
  Fri 31st January (JS students start)  
  **Term One ends:** Fri 11th April
- **Term Two:** Mon 28th April – Fri 27th June
- **Term Three:** Mon 21st July – Fri 26th September
- **Term Four:** Mon 13th October – Fri 12th December

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

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.

**UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES**

The Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays from the 14th of January with normal opening times. **See above.**

Susan McFarlane, Uniform Co-ordinator

**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.

**HOMESTAY**

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.**

**LI’L GATORS**

Just a reminder that Playgroup will NOT be running this week but we will have our last Playgroup for the year next Friday. Thank you!

**PLAYGROUP**

Navigator College

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Wow - what an exciting time for our Year 4/5 classes who have just spent many hours preparing, organizing and then showcasing the amazing learning journey that they have been undertaking over the last term.

The IB PYP Exhibition was another first for Navigator College and it was exciting seeing the Teachers and their students so enthusiastically sharing their knowledge about various organisations and how they assist.

Congratulations to the Year 4/5 Teachers on an awesome evening at Ravendale, showcasing their student’s learning journeys. Thank you for the tireless effort you have given into making this event such a success.

Thank you also to all of the Parents/Carers who came along and supported the evening. A large part of the exhibition required extra effort and support from our Parents/Carers and we thoroughly appreciate your support.

Steve Jude
Head of Junior School
For parents and members of the community the Service will begin with the Junior School emphasis at 6.00pm and we ask that Junior School students be at the back of the theatre at 5.30pm sharp. The service will run until 7.15pm when you are able to pick the students up from the back of the theatre. Those families who have Junior School students only will be able to take their children home, unless you wish to stay and watch the whole service.

There will be an interval at 7.15pm until 7.45pm when the Middle School and Senior School part of the evening will commence.

FISHING CLUB

On Sunday the 24th of November, the Fishing Club went to Coffin Bay National Park. We intended to go to Almonta but due to the winds decided to fish at Avoid Boat Ramp. It was a fantastic turn out with many newcomers and a brilliant day out for our families. We managed to catch a couple of whiting and flatheads but no huge brag-able achievements. With that being said it was one of our happiest and most satisfying afternoons we’ve had so far. Thanks to all of the families and helpers who came to help make this a special day. The Fishing Club is starting to wind up as the year comes to a close and we hope to have one last trip but as the year’s end is fast approaching, we may not be able to make it happen. With this trip under our belts, we can happily end on a high note. Mr Toogood
DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE TO CONQUER CHALLENGES

Congratulations to the students who have conquered the SOLO NIGHT challenge as part of the ‘Journey’. The Solo night represents the pinnacle of the Year 9 Journey program run throughout the year. During these specialist lessons the students have explored who they are, what they value, who they want to be in the future and the qualities they need to get there. The program also incorporates many small challenges to develop the student’s confidence to tackle and overcome obstacles and fears that they face in life.

This week the two groups took on the solo challenge: Girls on Monday Night, Boys on Tuesday. Equipped with a 2 x 3m tarp, 2 poles, 4 pegs, 4 ropes, a hammer, and a yoga mat and sleeping bag, these brave Year 9’s set themselves up to spend the night solo on the Mikirra plains. The students are set down around 100 m apart, construct their own shelter, gather together for one last motivational pep talk then, set out to have their solo evening meal and settle in for the night. Well done to all who tackled this challenge with enthusiasm, you have made us proud. I hope the experience gives you confidence in your ability to overcome in life.

Life will always place obstacles in our paths. What we do with the obstacles determines the confidence we live with. Every obstacle and challenge that is overcome, builds confidence and a belief that whatever we face can be conquered. In the Bible when David faced the giant Goliath, one of the most important things he did was that he remembered all of the challenges he had faced and defeated before. He recounted them to the King “the lion .. the bear.” He also took his staff with him into battle. On the staff he would place carvings of past victories and great things God had done in his life, so that as he faced this giant he had confidence in what God had done before.

It is for these reasons we encourage our students to take on the Solo Challenge, as they look back on life this will be an obstacle they can take confidence from. Well done Year 9’s, you are brave and courageous young people!

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Thursday, the 28th of November, I had the fortunate job of accompanying two of our Year 8 students to Adelaide for the annual Lutheran Secondary Schools Year 8 Public Speaking Competition. Isabella Wright and Sarah Murchison were chosen from the Year 8 cohort to represent Navigator College in the competition which was held at Tatachilla Lutheran College in McLaren Vale.

The standard of all the presentations, including those from Issey and Sarah, was incredibly high with the judges saying it was more like listening to Year 12 public speaking than Year 8’s – what a compliment!

In a very close final result, Immanuel College took out the Katherine Obst shield as the winning school. Congratulations to competitors from the other schools and a special congratulations to Isabella and Sarah for representing our school so well in the competition.

Sarah Smith, Teacher
CO2 DRAGSTER CHALLENGE

This term, the students developed some basic woodworking skills - including accurate marking, cutting, shaping, sanding and painting – through the construction of a CO2 Dragster from Balsa wood. Students also increased their knowledge of factors such as mass, force, friction and aerodynamics that affect their dragster’s performance. This week, the students added the wheels and final decorative touches to their dragsters to prepare them for racing. On Tuesday, the track was set and speeds of 30-50km/hr were being achieved. After several heats Claire Myers’ dragster beat all other competitors to be crowned Year 8 Student Champion. Following Claire’s win some friendly rivalry between staff and students saw Mr Toogood’s dragster take out the trophy for Overall Champion to the delight of his 4/5 class.

Dr Stuart Hill, Teacher

Hasn’t the year concluded quickly? In the business of our work and schooling we seem to lose sight of the things that matter, relationships. I have the great opportunity this week to spend time with our students and touch base with them and just ask how they are feeling. One such interaction surprised and challenged me. One of our students was not feeling the compassion or the love of community. I was challenged because I felt this student had been let down and some what abandoned. In fact I felt I should have identified the student through the interactions we had during the year. I had not seen a smile for quite sometime. I am making it my purpose over the last weeks of this year to encourage this student to smile.

Why would I bring up such a topic to discuss in a newsletter? As I began this article, “I have had the great opportunity to spend with the students” I am on the adventure of developing Research Project questions or hypothesis and in this process I am privileged to read, first hand, the direction some of our students will take on during this journey of investigation. There are some great investigation topics such as: dental hygiene, defence force careers, developing web sites, the effect of gaming on behaviour and adolescent depression. Some fantastic ideas that will surely challenge the students with their inquiry.

Over the course of the following weeks the students will be challenging the teachers in many events from ‘handball’, ‘dragster racing’ to ‘speed chess’. The gauntlet has been set by the teachers as they raced the Year 8 and 9 students with their dragsters. There was a knockout competition for the students to find the best/fastest dragsters to take on the teachers best. Claire had the best of the students and Mr Toogood had the best of the teachers. It was a tight competition but Mr Toogood took the honours and the points. Well done, Mr Toogood. We the teachers look forward to further challenges and hopefully to retain the cup.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School
The Middle School and Senior School proceedings will begin at 7.45pm and we ask that the students are to be at the back of the theatre by 7.30pm sharp. Parents can then make their way to the theatre seating area for the re-commencement of the service at 7.45pm. The Middle School and Senior School involvement will take place until 9.15pm. It promises to be an exciting event, with all students having an important part to play in the Service. We will have the graduation of the Year 5 and Year 9 students and Special Awards presented.

For the rehearsals which are scheduled for this Thursday the 5th, Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th of December the Middle and Senior School students will be taken down to the theatre once the Junior School have completed their rehearsals. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2013 Forms Package.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Vacswim program is approaching and will be run at two locations in town – The Port Lincoln Leisure Centre (3-11th January 2013), and at Port Lincoln Beach (2-11th January 2013). We will be running enrolment days for both these locations at The Port Lincoln Leisure Centre Glass Room at 10am on the 29th of December, 2013. The Vacswim program has been running for many decades as it is a critical investment in your child’s safety in and out of aquatic environments.

SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOPS!

Gravity Dance Adelaide Graduate and ex- Odette’s Dance School student and teacher Maddie Heath will be holding a Holiday Dance Workshop in January. Having achieved her Certificate IV in Dance, Maddie is keen to pass on some of her experience and skill to people in Port Lincoln by holding a 2 day workshop for beginner to advanced students.

The workshops will include styles such as hip-hop, jazz, contemporary and dance technique. Cost only $8 per class. Come along to learn some new moves, technique and the latest choreography! Please email or call Maddie Heath for further details and to book your place, maddiegrace94@hotmail.com or 0437523687