Thursday 12th December
End of Year Service rehearsal at
Nautilus Theatre
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Junior School  6.00 – 7.15pm
Middle/Senior School  7.45 – 9.15pm
Friday 13th December
Last day of Term – dismissal at 2pm
2014
Monday 13th January
College office re-opens
Tuesday 28th January
Year 12 students start
Thursday 30th January
Middle School/Senior School
students start
Friday 31st January
Junior School students start

RED BOOTS FOR CHRISTMAS
As soft snow was falling on the village of Friedensdorf, the warm hearted
villagers were preparing for Christmas. The nativity scene was up, the
Christmas edition of the newspaper and cards delivered and decorations
hung. Adelaide, the spoilt young daughter of the Mayor, nagged her father.
A rich man, he had promised to buy her the finest Christmas present in the
village. Only Hans the shoemaker was gloomy, knowing that Christmas was
just another excuse to be greedy, and didn’t want to be part of it. Gretchen,
the woodgatherer came to Hans’ shop with a shabby old pair of shoes, she
wanted fixed for her granddaughter Elsa, as her feet got so cold. She
offered a fine bundle of twigs as payment. Hans thought it would take a
miracle to fix the shoes and the twigs wouldn’t buy his supper! Everyone is
so worried about Christmas presents! Gretchen reminded Hans that
Christmas gifts were a symbol of God’s great gift to us—His Son Jesus
Christ, born in Bethlehem to be the Saviour of the world, but Hans didn’t
understand. As he slept that night an angel spoke to him, promising him a
special gift this Christmas, a gift from God. A gift from God – to HIM? If
God had a gift for him, then he must find the finest gift in the village to give
to God. He searched the shops until he found a music box filled with
twirling Christmas trees that Adelaide wanted it, and her father could afford
it. While still searching he met Gretchen and Elsa and asked Gretchen what
she would buy for God. I would give Him, what I give Him every day – my
sins for His pardon, my weakness for His strength, and my sorrow for His
Joy, she responded. Hans didn’t understand that at all! While pondering
this he watched as little Elsa was stuffing her worn out shoes with paper to
help keep out the cold. Hans hurried home, locking himself into his shop.
He found some of the finest red leather, handmade silver nails and
Christmas tree bells. He sang as he worked all through the night. It had
been a long time since He had sung a Christmas song and even longer
since he had made a Christmas gift. He placed the tiny red, beautiful boots,
magnificent enough for a king, in his shop window. They weren’t for sale,
not even to the Mayor for young Adelaide. The boots were his gift for God.
He spent the afternoon cooking a fine dinner, for when God came with his
special gift, he sang some more. The only visitors he got on Christmas Eve,
was the mailman, paper deliverer and the Mayor, so he fed them his fine
dinner. Before they ate, he sang a song he remembered from his
childhood…”From heaven about to earth I come, to bring good news to
everyone” After his guests left, Hans felt sad. The room lit up and the angel
appeared again. I had everything ready, but I didn’t get my special gift from
God, he told the angel. “Let me help you understand, Hans,” said the
angel. Look at the nativity scene. Giving Christmas gifts is a fine custom, but
the real message of Christmas is God’s gift of His Son. “For unto you is
born this day..a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” After the angel left, Hans
finally understood. “A saviour, which is Christ the Lord!” That is the real gift,
for me and everyone! A moonbeam hit the red boots. He grabbed the
boots and ran all the way to Elsa, and put them on her cold little feet. When
Adelaide saw this, she whined to her Dad about wanting the boots. The
Mayor hushed her by saying “This is what Christmas is all about…we give to
each other because God has given us the greatest gift of all!” Then
Adelaide understood too, giving Elsa another gift, the music box with
twirling Christmas trees. As the snow continued to fall, the village of
Friedensdorf sang the great glad news of Christmas.

Interactive link www.redboots.com.au
Submitted by: Sue Thiel
FROM THE PRINCIPAL......

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
At the end of each year I compile a ‘Principal’s Report’ which outlines the past year’s key events and management structures. This report will be posted on the school website in the near future, however if you would like a hard copy of the report it will be available at the front office later this week.

HOME CLASS TEACHERS 2014
A note will be sent home via the post to all students informing you of your child’s class for 2014.

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School - Stephen Jude
Reception A - Melissa Little
Reception B - Elise Kimber
Year 1A - Rebecca Werner
Year 1B - Pam Treasure
Year 2/3A - Emma Jones
Year 2/3B - Zheree Bouwman
Year 2/3C - Tania Masters
Year 4/5A - Ashleigh Friebel
Year 4/5B - Sarah Stobart
Year 4/5C - Jessica Trudgen

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Head of Middle School - Andrew Jericho
Year 6/7A - Marc Eckert/Sheree Zacher
Year 6/7B - Carlyn Pearson/Paul Grey
Year 6/7C - Daniel Wilson/Melissa Bartel
Year 8A - Rhiannon Perkins/Greg Maxfield
Year 8B - Hannah Prout/Sarah Smith
Year 9 - Brenton Borchardt/Fiona Parenta

SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School - Stuart Cox
Year 10/11/12 A Francois Pienaar/Jenni Morel
Year 10/11/12 B Fleur Slater/James Phillips
Year 10/11/12 C Sonia Ford/Susan Hopping
Year 10/11/12 D Jo Pannizollo/Annette Mesecke

OTHER NEW TEACHING STAFF FOR 2014
Senior School
VET Childcare Specialist Teacher – Naomi Woodstock

COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2014
Late in 2012 the College voted for our current 2013 Junior, Middle and Senior School College Captains. The End of Year Service marks the end of their responsibility as College Captains for the year. At the End of Year Service we will be announcing the 2014 Junior, Middle and Senior School College Captains in readiness for their leadership as the new school year begins.

These students have been chosen by our current staff and students considering the criteria of leadership, responsible behaviour, effort in academics, impeccable appearance and service to others. The nominated students prepared a speech to the school to demonstrate their public speaking abilities and staff and students then voted for the person they felt would be best suited to the criteria for selection. Students are eligible if they are in Year 5, Year 9 and Year 12 in 2014.

END OF YEAR SERVICE
OUR END OF YEAR SERVICE IS ON THIS 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 last rehearsal is scheduled for tomorrow morning and 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.

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.

To help ensure that all runs smoothly, could you please:
• Parents of Junior School students are asked to drop your child to the “holding room” at the back of the theatre at 5.30pm and proceed to the theatre to secure a seat. (Donation at the door). The students will be sitting with their classes backstage.
• We ask that all mobile phones are turned off or placed on silent prior to the Service for the benefit of all watching.
• We also ask that there be no video taping of the Service. The College will be taping the evening and copies of the dvd can be pre-ordered as you leave the End of Year Service. Cost $10.
• Parents of Junior School students are asked to collect their child/ren immediately after their service from the “holding room” at the back of the theatre. After you have collected your child/ren and if you intend staying for the MS/SS service, light refreshments are available for purchase in the foyer during the break.
• Those students who have won an award, please wait behind at the end of the Service for photographs.
FAREWELL
Regretfully we say goodbye to Mr Barry Tattersall who ventures to Adelaide with his family and Mrs Heather Hage, both of whom have been an asset to the College this year. We wish them both every blessing in their next new chapters.

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 2.00pm on Friday the 13th of December.

The College will close on Wednesday the 18th of December and will reopen on Monday the 13th of January.

As this is the last newsletter for 2013 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2014. Enjoy the love of family and seasons greeting at this special time.

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.

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 or a can, packet or long life food item, which we will donate locally through Lutheran Community Care. 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.

SCHOOL FEES
Can you please ensure that all your school fees for 2013, are paid in full by the end of the week. Thank you.
Liz Smith, Business Manager

LOST PROPERTY
We have had several items of lost property handed in, including food containers and drink bottles. If you have lost an item please call into the front office. Any items remaining on the last day of term, will either be thrown out or donated to the uniform shop. Thank you.
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.

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.

FAMILY TEA

The Class Carers are organising a Family Tea on Friday the 7th of February at 6.00pm at Flinders Park. This will be a great opportunity for families (new and old) to meet and greet each other over an informal ‘BYO everything’ tea. Hope to see you all there.

OUR SAVIOUR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Port Lincoln:
DEC 24th – 7.00pm Children’s Christmas Presentation
DEC 25th – 9.00am Christmas Day Service

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Children’s Nativity Presentation 2013

You are invited
to help us celebrate
The Birth of Jesus

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
95 Oxford Terrace, Port Lincoln

On Tuesday 24th December at 7.00pm
All Welcome

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.
What a hive of activity this week has been in the Junior School. Many end of year activities happening including, completing assessments, compiling reports, end of year service rehearsals, Christmas activities, end of term celebrations and farewelling staff and students.

At this time of the year you get the opportunity to reflect on what a wonderful year it has been, but also on the success of the year.

I draw your attention to the Upside down Christmas tree! When we look at the media and what it is suggesting about Christmas, it is very easy to get swept up in the tinsel, presents, parties and decorations and to forget about the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to turn things upside down. He wasn’t the traditional king and he certainly wasn’t born in the traditional way.

This Christmas, take the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and think about how some of your past traditions can be turned upside down, by including Jesus fully in the celebrations.

Some suggestions could be to worship more, spend less, give more and show love to everyone!

May you have a truly wonderful Christmas and enjoy a restful break with your families. I look forward to a happy and exciting 2014!

Stephen Jude
Head of Junior School

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TIME TO REFLECT AND REFRESH

As the finish line of another school year is nearly upon us I would like to thank all of the staff, students, families and friends that make up our wonderful community.

It is because of your character and unity Navigator College thrives. I would like to thank you, as a community, for living out the Learner Profile attributes that are displayed in every one of our classrooms. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, thank you for caring, thank you for taking educated risks and for enjoying the reward that lies on the other side of experience and adventure. Thank you for being inquirers and engaging with the journey of discovery along with our staff and students.

Especially as the year comes to a close I would like to thank you for being reflective on 2013. I encourage you all, as we will as staff, on what has been 2013. What were the strengths, the highlights, the risks, the failures, the discoveries and the opportunities. Let us reflect on these things, that as true lifelong learners we might emerge greater in 2014, wiser, more knowledgeable and more confident. Every experience good or bad is valuable for growth. Growth only emerges through the pathway of reflection.

As you enter the Festive Season I wish you all an abundance of blessings and trust that you are able to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at Christmas with those closest to you. May the Summer break be a time of reflection but also one where we are all refreshed and refuelled for the journey ahead in 2014.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

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As I write this weeks article sitting in the control room at the Nautilus Theatre I am reminded of all the wonderful things that take place at our school. It is not very often that one gets the opportunity to see the school in its entirety and I have to say the fruit that emanates from the hard work of our teachers is nothing less than impressive. This, the conclusion to the year, is a community celebration of the gifts we have received from God and a fitting time when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Over the last week, I have had time to reflect on the year that was and I look back in awe at the many events that have been celebrated, acted out and attended throughout the year and say wow! How awesome are our students! How fantastic are our teachers! How supportive are our ancillary staff! Without the work and dedication of all of these individuals the school would not be the place it is.

I hope and pray that your holidays will be joyous and that your travels will be safe. Have a fantastic Christmas and a happy new year.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School
YEAR 10 VISUAL ART CLASS

The Year 10 Visual Art class has been busy working throughout the semester with local artist Karen Carr to design and create this beautiful mosaic that traces the history of the school. The mosaic is made up of nine different panels that feature thousands of pieces of tile, each cut and placed by hand.

The history aspect is based on Kingsley and Wendy Macdonald’s experience of the 2005 bushfires, where they were so humbled by the help they received after their farm was destroyed, that they wanted to give back to the community. The way they felt they could do this was by starting a Lutheran school, and so Navigator College began. The mosaic has several features that reflect this history, the fire in the first panels through a burning tree branch. Then the tree starts the process of regrowth and renewal which is seen in the last panel. There is a mirror line that we refer to as the ‘dove line’ which represents the Holy Spirit which weaves its way through the panels to the dove at the end.

This is a symbol of God’s presence in our difficult times and through times of growth and change. The rainbow colours shown through the background are a symbol of hope for the future which is what we wish to impart to each one of our students here at Navigator College. Many thanks to the following people who have assisted us. Karen Carr for her invaluable support, parents and friends, and lastly our dedicated students for your amazing work; Kirrily, Geordie, Nikki, Tamika, Tori, Dana and Indiah.

Fleur Slater, Visual Arts Coordinator

(A sincere thank you to Fleur Slater who has also spent countless hours on these pieces. The art work is a credit to her as well as the students.)
Every year about 100 primary aged children gather each morning for a week-long program. This year we will be hearing stories from the book of Daniel in the Bible. The theme is Space Academy with related songs, craft, games, and possibly some moon walking...

9am - 12 noon - Primary aged children @ Tumby Bay Rec Centre - Junior Teens @ Scout Hall
8 - 10:30pm - Youth Hangout: music, sporty games, cafe, bouncy castle.

* Volunteers represent local churches. They are screened and trained to be part of the team *

6 - 10 January 2014, Tumby Bay

To find out more or to register your child, contact:
Dale Telfer: 08 8676 8080 / 0428 867 680
Or email: glenyst@sa.su.org.au

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.