Thankyou to all the Mothers

A Mother’s Love

There are times when only a Mother’s love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother’s love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we’ve dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother’s faith
Can help us on life’s way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a Mother’s heart and a Mother’s faith
And a Mother’s steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.

Author Unknown

There is truly something amazing about the love and character of a Mother. The qualities that God ignites in a woman when they become a Mum are nothing short of incredible.

Every mum is unique, and amazing. Be sure to appreciate everything they do this Mothers Day. On behalf of the school, the teachers, and the students “Thank you to all the Mum’s”
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL.......**

**WELCOME**

This term we welcome a new staff member Alicia Baines that has joined our Navigator team as a Year 1 Teacher. In addition we welcome some new students, in Year 1 Izack Smith, in Year 4 Evelyn Bartlett, in Year 6 Leah Musolino and in Year 9 Bryce Sellen and Matilda Bartlett. We wish these students and their families every blessing as they begin their time at Navigator College.

**PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INTERVIEWS**

I am currently interviewing a number of prospective students for enrolment in 2015, along with their families. This is an exciting process, meeting people that are interested in our College for the future education of their children. We are full in some year levels for 2015 and filling fast in other year levels. However we still have some vacancies specifically for Reception and Year 8. If you know of any families who are considering sending their child/ren to Navigator College in the near future, please encourage them to make an appointment to meet with me and have a tour of the College.

**OFFICE PROFESSIONALS DAY**

Last Friday we celebrated Office Professionals Day at Navigator. This was a time where we acknowledged and appreciated the many non teaching staff at our College, who also go the extra mile to make sure this amazing place runs smoothly and efficiently. We had morning tea and gave them a small gift of appreciation to tell these ‘unsung heroes’ just how much we value the work they do at Navigator. They are very special people in our College lives.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Elise Kimber and partner Blake on the announcement of their Engagement. We wish them both every blessing as they prepare for the next exciting chapter of their lives.

The term has yet again geared up to be a full yet exciting one with students attending the Year 9 City Week camp last week, as well as a number of sporting events occurring around this time. We are very blessed with such supportive staff who go the extra mile to give our students experiences they may not always have had access to.

This week the staff acknowledged National Principal’s Day with flowers and acknowledgements. I am very blessed to be part of such an amazing place that ‘fills my bucket’ with love, a sense of belonging and appreciation. It is humbling to be thanked for my work and I appreciate being able to work in such an incredible College.

I will be taking Sabbatical / Study leave from next week and in my absence Stuart Cox will be Acting Principal. As he fulfils my role Nathan Wohling will be taking on the position of Acting Head of Senior School. Any contact related to these two positions can be made through the College. We wish both Stuart and Nathan every blessing as they experience a different role and extend their learning within these different fields.

*God bless,  
Kaye*

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**GENERAL NEWS**

**Community Announcement:**

**Performance Appraisal for Development:**

*A Process for Principals of Lutheran Schools*

Appraisal is an important part of quality management as it allows strengths to be affirmed and areas of concern to be addressed. Consequently, the School/College Council, in conjunction with the Principal, has agreed that a Performance Appraisal of the Principal will be conducted.

The survey will be administered by the Lutheran Schools Association of SA/NT/WA and will be supported by the Regional Director. Respondents to the appraisal will be chosen from various groups at random, so some members of the school community will be asked to complete a questionnaire. The survey will be an on-line survey, forwarded by email, and the results will be anonymous. Your support of this process will be greatly appreciated as it will guide plans for the professional development of the Principal.

*Kingsley Macdonald  
Chairperson of College Council*

**NAPLAN TESTING BEGINS NEXT WEEK**

**WHAT IS NAPLAN?**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken simultaneously nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

Want to know more?

ACARA has produced a number of videos to support parents to support their children through NAPLAN. They are published on ACARA’s You Tube channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLP7WrHp7_iueHqQ1ABVWm64tZLjb0w9x3
YEAR 12 DRAMA PRODUCTION - MARY

Mary is coming soon...

The Year 12 Drama production ‘Mary’ is in full swing having moved into the Multipurpose Room today for final rehearsals. The cast and crew are busily making final preparations for what will be a first for Navigator College. The one act play will be performed at two evening performances with a full dress rehearsal matinee performance for classes.

Synopsis
Mary is a play about being Greek and growing up in Melbourne in the 1970’s. It contrasts a Greek-Australian family with an Anglo-Australian one, focusing on the relationships between mothers and their teenage daughters. The play explores the conflicts and comedy of cultural difference, both within families and between them. It is also about the quest for identity as women, daughters and mothers.

Performance dates
Tuesday 20th of May 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st of May 7.30pm

Tickets
Entry is free and light refreshments will be available at the end of the performance.
As there are limited seats please book prior to the performance through the front office on 8682 5099 to avoid disappointment.

Annette Mesecke
Performing Arts Coordinator

DRAGON BOATING

Congratulations to the intrepid staff members and partners who braved the weather on Sunday for the Dragon Boating Corporate Challenge. We recruited some fantastic help from the Ceduna and Streaky Bay dragon boat teams to make up our numbers. What fantastic team spirit! After a disappointing first race in which we seemed to cover twice as much water as everyone else, we brought our A game and smashed 12 seconds off our time by the end of race 2. Pipped at the post by Maisha Gym in the third race we came a pleasing 8th. Great work and a huge thank you to Meg, Carol-Anne, Issy, Jenni, Leanne, Sarah Stobart and Ben.

Sarah Stobart, Teacher
NEW WEBSITE & PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Check out our new look website!
www.navigator.sa.edu.au

We are very pleased to introduce our new look website, with smart phone friendly access. The top half of the screen caters for interested families, providing them with information about the College and direct access to our new Promotional Video (which we are very excited about). We ask that you ‘Share’ this video with your friends/family through social media and email. We are very proud of this production and trust you will be also.

If you scroll down the screen (not shown on above example), you will find where we cater for you, our College Community, with quick access keys to all the College’s online systems such as; ManageBac and PTO (Parent teacher interviews bookings), plus the absentee online form and the Newsletters. You will also be able to view from this home page; upcoming events, term dates, College news (from the blog) and also subscribe to the College Blog.

It will also see the return of the Junior School Class Blogs (launched next week, with more information to be sent home soon). Please note however the Middle and Senior School will use the ManageBac system for their parent/teacher/student online communication.

We encourage you to go online and explore the new website. Let us know your thoughts and any suggestions, we want to know what you think. Contact: dmoseby@navigator.sa.edu.au

Navigator College App.
We are currently working on the new College App and anticipate it’s launch in Term 3. So stay tuned for updates.
Will provide notification advice & alerts.
This week we were asked as a staff, “What is it about Navigator College that we absolutely love”. On the one hand this was an easy task as there is so much I love about this College. The genuine, caring family feel; The rigorous International Baccalaureate Curriculum; The modern functional facilities; Teachers that go above and beyond for their students; The high level of professionalism; The respect for people and property that is encouraged; The focus on service to others; The passionate leadership that exists; The safe environment that comes from a focus on effective behaviour management; The Lutheran values that are embedded in all aspects of College life. These are all elements that make our College wonderful.

On the other hand it was quite a difficult task. It was tricky to condense all that is great into a concise statement that gives justice to the many great qualities. I settled for; Navigator College is such an inspiring and exciting place to come to work each day!

What is your Navigator College testimony? If you were asked at the footy by a friend, what is it about Navigator College that you really like? What would your response be?

Take a moment to reflect, as you never know when you might be asked such a question, and your response may just be the answer that family is looking for.

Have a great week!

Stephen Jude
Head of Junior School

FROM THE PYP COORDINATOR....

At lunchtimes the library is a hub of learning and excitement. Students across the Junior School visit the library during their play time to explore new books, play board games, read individually or in small groups, or to chat to Mrs Enneking-McQuillan. Last week I discussed with Clara, a Year 2 student, about the Balanced choices that she made while reading in the library. Clara reads different books that have different titles, authors and are a part of different series. She reads the blurb of books to help her find something different to read. Clara also mentioned that when she wants to study something she will choose a non-fiction book to read.

This week at home...I encourage you to speak with your child about being Balanced. Students should understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

Questions to ask your child:

- What does it mean to be a Balanced person?
- How are you Balanced at Recess and Lunch time?
- What Balanced choices can you make to have a healthy lifestyle?
- Why is it important to be Balanced?

Enjoy your conversations!

Gemma Leonard
PYP Coordinator
The most natural way to brighten someone’s day!

*Romans 15:13 NLT*

13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People often talk about making a difference in the world. The simplest way to make a difference, is to be a refreshing influence on the people you see day in day out; your classmates, your family, your work colleagues. Often when we try to be a good influence, it is met with resistance, feels like work and ends up wearing us out.

I believe one of the most powerful ways to effortlessly influence those around you is to let the best qualities you have in your heart, overflow into every aspect of your life. The essential thing here is to be sure that the overflow of your heart is going to brighten someone’s day. A heart filled with hurt, resentment, frustration and jealousy will overflow these things, and make a negative difference in people’s lives.

A heart filled with joy, peace, and hope, will overflow these things into the people around you. Who doesn’t want a little joy spilling into their world? A friend who carries hope into every circumstance or a peer who just seems to bring a sense of peace and reassurance into the midst of every storm, little or big. This sounds like a refreshing influence to me. Unobtrusive, gentle and natural.

The question is “Where is your limitless source of joy, peace and hope?” The answer is in the above verse from Romans: “God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Our God is amazing. This limitless source comes not from striving or earning points, but from simply ‘trusting in him’. My encouragement today is to trust God and pray. Ask Him to fill you to overflowing with joy peace and hope, and quote this verse from His book. You will be amazed at the effortless refreshing influence you will be on your world, and the difference you can make. This kind of influence is nothing but inspirational!

Welcome back from City Week:
I would like to welcome the Year 9’s back from City Week. The reports from staff were that this group of students were amazing, the growth and camaraderie that resulted from this trip was incredible. Your reflections on the journey nearly brought them to tears. Well done Year 9’s. I can testify to this as well, on my first journey to the Year 9 room this week I was met by a couple of students just absolutely overflowing with enthusiasm and energy for the school day and life in general. Very refreshing!

Extracurricular Activities:
Congratulations to those students who have recently competed in the Cross Country and Rugby events this week. You have represented our school with pride, and I would like to thank those students for their efforts and the integrity and camaraderie with which they competed.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School
Moths had been shaken out of our winter uniforms, sleeping bags and pillows stuffed into bulging suitcases and excitement was running high when the year nines met up at Port Lincoln airport recently for the start of our much anticipated City Week.

On arrival in Adelaide Mrs Smith and Mr Borchardt handed out our Metro cards for the week, so we could travel on any bus, tram, or train. All you had to do was wave the card in front of this machine and it removed the fare from your balance instantly. You did not even have to take the card out of your wallet! We all felt terribly important.

Our accommodation for the week was at Warradale Urban School Camp. It is a lovely facility, set very close to the aquatics centre and Marion Shopping Centre. There was a big common room, and two large dormitories. On Monday evening we tried out our skills at Marion Bowland. Matt Marshall topped the leaderboard with a grand total of 120!

You are probably thinking how on earth did anyone manage to get to sleep with two big dormitories? But to tell the truth after the first night’s excitement (vast amount of talking done by the girls, and some issues sorted out by two very excited and talkative boy campers) everyone finally got to sleep.

Tuesday saw us don the winter uniforms once again and head off to more formal places in the city. We visited Parliament House, the Magistrate’s Court, Supreme Court, and the Art Gallery. One of the highlights of Tuesday was listening to a real murder trial, and to actually be in the court itself!

But Wednesday saw the most anticipated event of all - The Amazing Race! The night before we had done some planning, and we were all raring to go. Most of the day went rather smoothly, with students using all sorts of transport methods to get around. Some downloaded apps on to their phones and others asked members of the public for directions. The day did get a bit chaotic towards the end with three teams getting lost in Glenelg, but thanks to a text message we were able to get to Harbour Town. The overall winners were the LOLS, who finished just after 2pm.

Thursday was also the day for another much-awaited activity - ice skating! Many students have never been on the ice before, so it was very interesting (and slightly amusing at times) to see how everyone reacted to the slippery surface. Some aimed for speed instead of grace, while others took it nice and slow. We also went to see the redeveloped Adelaide Oval. It was interesting to learn about its history and to see that they had restored some original features.

That evening we had the choice of certain activities at Marion. Some chose shopping while other chose to watch movies in the cinema that has TWENTY screens (I still cannot get over that!) Friday morning saw us pack up and debrief on the week that had just been. While everyone had different highlights, there was one idea that we all agreed on. We all felt that we have come closer as a group because we had overcome barriers and could now have a conversation with anyone. While the week had many positives and some challenges, it was a challenging yet rewarding week that I will never forget.

In the end I think that we were all very grateful to have had such an amazing opportunity to discover more about ourselves. To unite as one.

Isabella Wright, Year 9 student
The term has begun in haste and the events and activities within the school are many and varied. This all adds up to a busy start to the term. As you are aware our Indonesian visitors have now arrived and they are engaging in school activities, these include some interaction and presentation of Indonesian culture and language. The classes they will be teaching, under supervision, are 6/7 LOTE, Year 8 LOTE and Year 9 LOTE. The students will be, over the next 3 weeks undertaking an inquiry into Indonesia as a part of the LOTE program. This will be an exciting prospect for our students and we look forward to seeing the results.

As our guests embrace Australia and it’s culture we are blessed by the willingness of families to billet them. This enhances the exposure and experiences they receive and gives them greater depth in understanding. Already they are overwhelmed by the cost of everything. It is very sad to think that without the support of organisations such as Navigator College these people would not be able to experience different cultures. As part of a weekend visit to Adelaide we had the great fortune to take Anni to an Indonesian Church service in Pasadena. This was a great time for her to reconnect with her culture and connect with the congregation of that church. We were also blessed with an Indonesian lunch prepared by one of the parishioners. (In the short time that they have been here, the food we eat, is the greatest of the changes they have made.) Additionally, they are finding the work of teachers in Australia far exceeds the work of teachers in Indonesia. Yet in Indonesia they start school at 7.30am finishing at 1.00pm and teach 6 days a week.

The other side of our partnership is the sponsoring of our LOTE teacher Mrs Zacher to teach English in Indonesia. Mrs Zacher will be in Indonesia for 4 weeks and is already finding the same challenges our guests are having here. The language barrier being the most prevalent. Mrs Zacher is supported by her family, Alexis, Kane, and husband Rob who are also learning, teaching and living in SMA GKPS for the duration of her stay. What a wonderful experience this is for the whole family.

In the business of school though, we need to reflect on life and of course the future. This week the Year 11 and 12 students experienced a visit from Adelaide Universities who presented an outline of some of the opportunities that exist post secondary schooling. It was an informative experience. In the same way of being informative Mrs MC and I have shared lunch with our Year 12 cohort. This gives us all the opportunity to discuss aspects of student life that can be improved and possibly some of the challenges that exist for our students. It is a nice casual event that is very rewarding.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School
Port Lincoln

Thursday 15th May
5pm—7pm Community Recognition Night (Bunnings, Verran Terrace)
Face-painting, children’s activities, music

Friday 16th May
11am—1pm Free Community BBQ (Home Timber & Hardware, Porter Street)
Free BBQ, giveaways, visit from Sandy & Rusty

Saturday 17th May
11am—1pm Family DIY Activities (Bunnings, Verran Terrace)
12noon—4pm Poolside Beach Party (Port Lincoln Pool, Jubilee Drive)
Face-painting, games, music, Dash n’ Splash
$20/family (presale) or $25/family (at the door)

Sunday 18th May
11am—1pm Family DIY Activities (Bunnings, Verran Terrace)
11am—2pm Community House Open Day (Community House, Conrad Street)
Bouncing castle, free BBQ, face-painting, children’s craft activities

Monday 19th May
6.30pm Family Movie Night (Youthoria, Hallett Place)
$5 tickets; all children under 12 years to be accompanied by an adult

Wednesday 21st May
10.30am—11.30am Family Story Time (Port Lincoln City Library, London Street)
Family-themed stories, children’s activities