‘Being a Light in the Darkness’

On one of my daily walking routes, there used to be a paddock filled with sheep that had just given birth to lambs. My friend and I walked past regularly and watched the lambs getting bigger. One day I looked across the paddock and all the sheep and lambs were gone. I was just about to point this out to my friend, when suddenly one of the ‘rocks’ in the paddock stood up and began to walk around!

All of the sheep were lying down and in doing so, they blended in so well with their surroundings that I hadn’t even noticed them. Okay, admittedly my eyesight isn’t what it used to be but they really did look like rocks!

The first thought I had was “Are we like that as Christians? Do we blend in so well with unbelievers that we don’t stand out as Christians?” I pray not!

As believers we are called to be the salt of the earth, a light in the darkness!

Luke 8:16 tells us: “No one lights a lamp then hides it under a table, but he leaves it out so that all who come in will see the light.”

So too are we, both as individuals and as a Christian school community, called to stand out and be different. To be a light in the darkness to those around us who don’t know Christ. Is Christ in us evident to the unbelievers we come in contact with or do we just ‘blend in’ with society?

God would rather we be more like Him, than know more about Him!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL......

As you are aware Mrs MC is away on a well earned Sabbatical leave, after a long six years establishing Navigator College. While she is away I have the honour of trying to fill her shoes, a task that would be challenging to anyone. As a staff we wish her every blessing and a refreshing break.

As I leave my post as Head of Senior School, we welcome Mr Nathan Wohling to that role. Nathan has many skills that he brings to this position and we wish him well during his tenure in that position.

As I read through the newsletter I am amazed at the many activities and events that occur within our College and find great joy in being a part of such a fantastic organisation. There are many opportunities for students, staff and parents to join in fellowship and collegiality and all these activities build the community from within to make this College the successful organisation that it is.

WELCOME
This week we welcome back our Business Manager Liz Smith and Groundsman Craig Smith. They too went on extended leave and have come back refreshed and ready to tackle the next phase of the College’s growth. We are pleased that they have returned safely.

COLLEGE PARKING PLAN
Please pay particular attention to the parkin plan for the College.

MOTHERS DAY
I hope all the Mums enjoyed a special Mothers Day last Sunday. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the amazing gifts that mothers bring to all of us.

NAPLAN
This week the students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are participating in NAPLAN testing. The students in these year levels nationwide are given Literacy and Numeracy tests to help determine their ability in these areas against other students of the same age. The results are compiled and a report is given to parents to help them gauge how their child is working toward nationally agreed standards. Whilst we openly welcome many forms of assessments for our students at Navigator College the National testing is a snapshot of the student’s learning and along with the summative and formative assessments that we do at school, provides parents with an all round understanding of their child’s learning.

NAVIGATOR NIGHT OF NIGHTS
The ‘Navigator Night of Nights’ is on Saturday the 21st of June at 7.30pm at the Marina Hotel Function room. Tickets are on sale NOW from our front office. Cost is $45 per person which includes a complimentary drink on arrival, luxury ‘Tapas’ style platters and local band ‘Ethnic Cowboys’ This year we have introduced a theme ‘Vintage Glam’. See Night of Nights flyer for more details.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION OF WINDSOR AVENUE

The Port Lincoln City Council is currently undergoing consultation into project priorities for the 2014-2015 financial year and are seeking community input. One of these is the, ‘Road construction of Windsor Avenue from Stamford Terrace to the end’, ie. The extension of the bitumised road from Windsor Avenue into Navigator College. Currently this is not guaranteed to occur in the next 12 months and your support in identifying this as a priority to the Port Lincoln Council would be appreciated. This can be done through a survey available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6RXH5J7, or during a Special Meeting of Council on Monday the 26th of May at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers. Thank you for your support.

Stuart Cox, Acting Principal
As our College grows it is important that we ensure the safety of our students by having designated parking and pickup zones. With our growth this year these areas have changed and the use of different areas may have brought some confusion to parents. Please see the below map for the safe and appropriate park or pickup areas applicable to you. Please Note:

**Late After School Pickup:** Any students being collected from the College after 3:20pm will need to be collected from the Administration / Senior School Windsor Avenue Pick up.

(This provides us the ability to supervise the congregation of students that sometimes occurs)
Dear Parent/Guardian,

May is National Family Reading Month and to encourage reading Navigator College is hosting its fifth Scholastic Book Fair.

Date: Wed 28 – Fri 30 May 2014
Times: 8.30 – 10.00, lunchtime from 1.00 – 1.30pm, after school from 3.00 – 4.00pm
Location: Navigator College Resource Centre

Students, parents and friends of the College are welcome to visit the fair during the above mentioned times.

The Book Fair offers a wide range of books, including popular series, new releases, picture fiction, chapter books, fiction, nonfiction, activity and other great reads from more than 60 publishers.

Funds raised will help our Resource Centre to increase its collection with a current emphasis on catering for our growing number of Navigator students.

The Fair provides a wonderful opportunity for children to find exciting new books to celebrate reading. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Mrs Uta Enneking-McQuillan
Mrs Annette Mesecke
Navigator Resource Centre Team

Introducing Lee Rogers
Singing Teacher

A second Singing Teacher will be joining the Instrumental team this term. Lee Rogers (stage name Lee Gunness) has many years of stage experience with a particular interest in Jazz and will bring another option to students wishing to study singing through the College’s Instrumental Program. If your child is in Year 3 or above and is interested in singing lessons please contact Student Services for an application form or phone 8682 5099 for more information.

Annette Mesecke
Instrumental Music Coordinator

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Flute Players

There are openings for students to learn flute this term. Students from Year 5 -12 may apply for lessons through the college’s instrumental program. Please contact student services for an application to learn an instrument if your child is interested or Phone 8682 5099 for more information.

Annette Mesecke
Instrumental Music Coordinator
YEAR ONE
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
It was wonderful to be witness to the Year One Celebration of Learning on Tuesday morning. This is a time, specifically set aside for parents to engage in the classroom with their children and discover some of the incredible learning that has been happening in class. With almost one hundred percent attendance it was a true joy to see the students actively engaging with their parents, teaching them Maths activities, demonstrating their music prowess and sharing many highlights within the classroom. Congratulations to the students on an amazing effort in showcasing their learning so passionately and confidently. Well done to their teachers, Pam Treasure and Alicia Baines on an incredibly active and engaging classroom. I think we all agree it was a wonderful celebration!

NAPLAN
We extend our best wishes to the Year 3 and 5 students, as they conduct their NAPLAN testing this week.

FOOD REVOLUTION DAY
JAMIE OLIVER’S
FOOD REVOLUTION DAY
On Friday our Year 4/5 students will join with the Year 10 Hospitality class and take part in Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution Day. This is a global event aimed at teaching students where food comes from, how to prepare it and the importance of developing healthy eating habits. I am sure the Year 4/5 students will have plenty of fun along the way.

This week at home…I encourage you to speak with your child about being Reflective.

They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.
Questions to ask your child:

• How have you been Reflective at College this week?
• What questions can you ask yourself when being a Reflective learner?
• Why is it important to Reflect on your learning?

Enjoy your conversations!

Gemma Leonard
PYP Coordinator

Stephen Jude
Head of Junior School

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL……..

FROM THE PYP COORDINATOR....
Last week the Year 4/5 classes visited Mill Cottage at Flinders Park to further aid their inquiry about migration. When arriving back at college, the students were given the opportunity to reflect on their experiences. The reflection tool used by the students was an ‘I see, I think, I wonder.’ The students had to record what they saw at the cottage, what this made them think about, and questions they now have as a result of their excursion. I spoke with Anika and Bailey (4/5F) who explained that it is good to reflect on your learning because it helps you to understand more. They also mentioned that it helps to check their understanding, think at a deeper level and helps them to remember. The students also felt that when on an excursion they are absorbing a lot of information, but don’t actually get time to ‘think’ about what they are learning. They get the chance to do this through reflection. Anika and Bailey particularly enjoyed recording their wonderings. They both are wondering why people chose Port Lincoln in particular to migrate to.
YEAR 4/5 EXCURSION TO MILL COTTAGE

As a part of our Unit of Inquiry on Migration the Year 4/5’s went on an excursion to the Mill Cottage to learn about the Bishop family’s migration to Australia from England.

Whilst at Mill Cottage the children reflected on our central idea and lines of inquiry;

**Human migration is a response to challenges, risks and opportunities.**

- Reasons people migrate (causation)
- Migration through history (change)
- Effects of migration on communities, cultures and individuals (connection)

By applying what they had already learnt about migration the children were able to identify the challenges, risks and opportunities that the Bishop family faced in their home country of England, on their travels to Australia and in their new lives here in Port Lincoln.

*Captain John Bishop didn’t migrate for risks or challenges; he migrated for opportunities such as starting a new community in Port Lincoln.* – Dannen Blacker

*I learnt how the Bishop family had to have the kitchen outside because they had to have a fire in the kitchen to use as their oven. This was seen as a risk because they didn’t want to burn down the house.* – Lilee Trenowden

*I learnt that the Bishop family migrated because of the opportunities they had in Australia like jobs.* – Ema Stobart

*The Bishop family took a challenge on finding food in Port Lincoln because everything was scrub.* – Madison Sanders

Jessie Trudgen, Year 4/5 Teacher
YEAR ONE – CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

The Year One classes had their Celebration of Learning open morning for parents on the 13th of May. The students were engaged and excited as they demonstrated Maths games, a Japanese ‘Matsuri’, showed their writing, explained Inquiry Units, shared Christian celebrations and gave a tour of their learning year so far. It was wonderful to see every family represented and to see the parents involving themselves in playing, questioning and exploring all that was on offer. Some parents even explored Information Technology by playing guess my number on the smartboard and listened to a Tag Game video reflection on the ipads.

As teachers, we would like to say a big thank you and well done to the children and the parents for making this such a special moment of 2014.

Pam Treasure and Alicia Baines, Year One Teachers
There is something refreshing, about people, staff, students or parents that carry a sense of vitality with them into every day. Vitality radiates, health, aliveness and positive energy. As I have shared many times this year, I believe that the true source of joy, hope and peace lie in Jesus Christ. If you are looking for an abundant source of these qualities, they can be found in drawing near to Him. Today I want to share some simple and practical keys that can unlock a greater learning potential and sense of vitality for us all.

Many students find the day of school and homework challenging both mentally and physically. Many students also have great aspirations. With their goals in mind, it makes sense to me that each student should prepare themselves to maximise their capability to learn, and optimise their performance when learning. This is not all about learning technique or strategy, rather for some part the simple need for one to keep their body at peak vitality. Although seemingly unrelated to learning, lifestyle choices such as regular exercise, eating healthy food, drinking plenty of water and ensuring ample sleep can be the difference between being able to focus and learn effectively or feeling drained, tired and disengaged.

If you read the ‘Simple Guide to Health’ image (Lorna Jane promotion) no step is overly complex, yet that list can make a world of difference to your performance as a student, or worker.

My encouragement for us all today is to do an experiment. Resolve to make some choices in these aspects of lifestyle, and test to see how your vitality and capacity to learn changes. For some this might mean putting the phone or controller down, a couple of hours earlier at night, or swapping 10 mins of TV in the morning to have breakfast, fill a water bottle and pack some lunch, but it will be worth it.

Ensure you get plenty of sleep so that you wake up fresh, choose to reach for the healthy choice from the fridge for recess, ensure you have a bottle of water with you all day and include some exercise in you routine. Simple actions make a huge difference to your performance and vitality.

**NAPLAN TESTING**

As you would be aware students in Years 7 and 9 are undertaking NAPLAN tests over the duration of this week. Firstly I would like to encourage every student to simply let the best of their problem solving, creativity and comprehension skills be shown in these test. As with anything, we encourage our students to give their best to every pursuit. I would also like to encourage students and parents that the way we use this process, is to identify student strengths and weaknesses for the purpose that we can better support their individual learning needs and improve the learning of all students in our College.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School
WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the college community for the welcome I have received this week while stepping into the Acting Head of Senior School position at the College. The support and confidence the College leadership, staff, parents and students have shown me already has been humbling and I sincerely thank you all. Through the next 7 weeks I am looking forward to maintaining the positive environment left to me by Stuart Cox, and continuing to develop many of our practises in the Senior School. This will include Senior School Celebration of Learning, Senior Examinations, camps and Year 10 Work Experience among the day to day senior school operational matters. I am also looking forward to the personal learning experience this will be for me as I take my first steps into leadership. If you have any inquiries, feedback or information regarding any senior school matters please call or email me at the College and I will be happy to talk.

2013 – Celebration of Learning

THE LIGHTS GETTING CLEARER

As we begin to get our teeth into Term 2 in the Senior School we are reminded of just how quickly time can pass. Week 5 of this term will mark the midway point of the teaching year for our Stage 2 students and, though not blinding, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting clearer (and not just for our year 12s). While this is a source of excitement for many it can also be very daunting as the pressures of home, social, work commitments (not to mention the start of the netball/football season) are competing with an ever increasing college work load. We work very hard at the College to ensure the students are able to develop study habits and time management strategies which lead to a healthy work-life balance, however, it is at home that these must be implemented in order to be effective. I encourage you to take some time out this week to ask your children how they are going; how are they handling the work? Are they happy with how things are going? Is there anything they are concerned about? What is going well? If things could change, what would it look like? Taking some time to ask big questions like this can often lead to positive changes in our habits and a more balanced lifestyle and as always, we are always open to constructive feedback should you feel the urge to pass on the information.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Each year the College takes on the responsibility of mentoring and practicum placements of university students who are completing their study. As a College we believe we have a role in continuing to develop quality teachers and hopefully we can play a part in attracting more excellent educators to Port Lincoln. We currently have two students with us; Sam Grieger and Paige Murphy from Tabor and University of South Australia respectively. They have been in and around classes in the Middle and Senior School and in many instances have been planning and conducting lessons. Both have shown a proficiency for teaching and have taken some huge steps while at the College. As they finish their time with us we wish them both the best in the future and long, successful careers.

Nathan Wohling
Acting Head of Senior School
Mary is just around the corner…

Next week will see the Year 12 Drama Production of ‘Mary’ become reality after many hard weeks of rehearsals, creating sets and gathering costumes and props. The one act play will be performed at two evening performances with a full dress rehearsal matinee for classes on Tuesday afternoon. Please contact the College to secure your seat for the evening performances.

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, focussing 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

Rating
This play is rated PG with some coarse language

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 Phone 8682 5099 to avoid disappointment.

Annette Mesecke
Performing Arts Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

“CFS VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU FAMILY FUN DAY”
FOOD, RIDES, FACE PAINTING, PHOTOS with SMOKEY LINCOLN FORESHORE
SUNDAY MAY 18TH 11AM-3PM
Senior School
Celebration of Learning

Wednesday the 11th of June
from 6.00pm to 9.00pm
at the Ravendale Community Sports Centre

We are pleased to be able to invite you, our College community to come along and see some of the exceptional work that our students have been producing this year. Guests will have the opportunity to get involved with some learning activities on the night, which will highlight the exciting environment the students are exposed to here at the College.

There will be a $5 charge at the door to help support the catering. This will be supplied by our very talented Year 12 Food and Hospitality students. Their culinary skills are to be admired and the dishes on offer are sure to be a real treat.

This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity and depth of learning taking place here at the College.

Phone: 08 8682 5099
www.navigator.sa.edu.au
NIGHT OF NIGHTS

Night of Nights
Vintage Glam

$45 per person

Included in the ticket price is a complimentary drink on your arrival, luxury ‘Tapas’ style platters and the Local Band, “Ethnic Cowboys”. This year we are introducing a theme “Vintage Glam”. So come dressed in your pearls, fake fur, lace, velvet, crystals, silk and bling – think Gatsby!

Featuring local band
Ethnic Cowboys

As part of the festivities there will be a Silent Auction on the night offering a number of exciting items including: Accommodation, Seafood, Student Art works and much much more. Drinks are available at the bar. Please note: this is an 18 years and over event.

Saturday 21st of June at 7.30pm
Marina Hotel Function Room