Godly Gifts & Talents

I believe that we have all been called upon by God for certain things. Sometimes, these things come to us in the shape of gifts and talents.

1 Peter 4:10 says “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”.

This Bible verse stood out to me because I often call upon people to help and support me if I am aware of their particular gifts or talents in a certain area. This Bible verse also made me realise that we are to share the ‘gifts’ God has given us, to uplift and inspire and challenge each other. Our gifts are meant for encouraging others to rise to their full potential in God. We all have been given a gift that we can use to help someone else along the way. No matter what it is – big or small – we have a part to play and we can use our gifts for God’s glory.

If you are not sure what ‘gift’ or ‘talent’ you may have that God has given you – ask Him to reveal it to you. It may be what you consider a ‘natural ability’ or ‘talent’, but when it’s dedicated to the Lord, He can use it for His purposes. After all, even our natural abilities and talents are a gift from God. He has given it to us so we can use it to encourage and inspire others, and therefore glorify Him.

I also think it is important for us to remember that talents and gifts are not reserved for those who are good at them. Just because we may consider things our downfalls doesn’t mean we should stop doing them, especially if you really enjoy it. If we believe in ourselves, and if we look to God we can build up a whole repertoire of talents!

Submitted by: Jessie Trudgen
A very warm welcome back to you all. I trust you enjoyed a restful, relaxing school holiday break, spending time with your family and are ready for a fabulous, fun and exciting Term Three! Thank you all for my well wishes this week as I returned to work after my Sabbatical / Study leave. It was certainly a worthwhile process to undertake and one where I now feel refreshed and reinvigorated ready to lead the next steps in our Navigator ‘journey’. My study centred around leadership and leading schools, and from this I am inspired and excited, ready to share the next chapter together, along with the staff, the students, the College Council and the parent community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Stuart Cox, Acting Principal and Nathan Wohling, Acting Head of Senior School for conscientiously and diligently leading our school during my absence.

WELCOME
This term we welcome some new students to the College. In Reception Jesse Baldock, in Year 2 Hannah Moseby, in Year 5 Codi Moseby, in Year 7 Ruby Costin and we have in Year 11 Lola Penuela who is a Spanish Exchange student and will be here with us for the term. We wish these students and their families every blessing as they begin their time here at Navigator College.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK
In the first week of the student’s school holidays our staff continued their commitment to life long learning by attending Professional Development training. We spent time gaining knowledge and understanding in Christian Studies, Lutheran Theology, reviewing Behaviour Management strategies, considering our IT needs as well as our reporting structure. It was an intensive week but we certainly enjoyed the collegiality that comes with learning together and we look forward to implementing some of this learning in the classroom.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF CONFERENCE
On Friday the 5th of September our Navigator College staff will be attending the Lutheran Schools Association (SA/NT/WA) Annual Staff Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. The staff will have the opportunity to worship and network with teachers from Lutheran Schools throughout our region. We look forward to learning much from this excellent program offered to us by our system, Please note this is an advance notice as this day will be a Pupil Free day for all our students.

Last term the Pastoral Care Committee started a prayer group, consisting of parents and staff who meet together every second Thursday to pray for families of the College. If you have any prayer points you would like the group to pray about during this time please contact either Mark Thiel or Lisa Heidenreich, who will happily pass the prayer points on. We thank the members of our prayer group for taking the time to support our College community in this way.

Just a reminder that the kiss and drop / drop off area at the front of the College (Windsor Rd entrance) is for just that; - To pick up and drop off children. If your child/ren is not ready to be picked up in the afternoon please park in the car parks provided as we need to keep the traffic flow moving. Thank you in anticipation.

God bless
Kaye

2014 HORIZON MAGAZINE COVER COMPETITION
We would like to invite all those budding designers out there to create a cover for our 2014 Navigator Horizon Magazine. The competition is open to all Navigator students from Reception to Year 12.

The theme this year is the Navigator Journey. The design can be in any medium, photography, collage, drawing, sculpture or a mixture. We would like it to be A4 sized (portrait). For further details see your Home Class teacher.

Entries can be delivered to Student Services and the closing date is Friday August 29th 2014. The winning entrant will have their design on the front cover as an inspirational introduction to our fantastic 2014 Navigator magazine.

Horizon Magazine Committee

2014 MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP
Navigator College will be publishing its 2014 College Magazine later this year which will be an overview of College activities and events throughout the year. In order to offset the printing costs, we are asking local businesses and organisations to sponsor our 2014 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 College Front Office if you are interested in advertising in our 2014 Horizon College Magazine. Local businesses will be contacted via a letter in the near future. If you have a business ‘contact’ who might be interested please let us know. Thank you in anticipation.
After School Care at Navigator College!

Navigator College is pleased to announce that we have engaged Sherpa Kids, Port Lincoln to operate after school care and vacation care here on site at the College Resource Centre. For further information please contact Sherpa Kids, Port Lincoln on 0419 524 563.

(Sherpa Kids) has begun this week and is being held in the Resource Centre. See our website for more information. Enrolment forms are available at the Front Office.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Semester Changes - There have been a number of instrumental lesson time changes due to the semester change over. Any instrumental student affected has received a note to stick in their diary indicating the new time, but please contact the College for any further information you may require.

Flute, Piano and Voice – There are limited places available for students from Year 3 and above to learn an instrument in these areas. If you are interested in your child beginning flute, piano or voice lessons please contact the College for further information.

Annette Mesecke
Instrumental Music Coordinator

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures for Term 3 have been sent home to the youngest in the family. If you are interested in purchasing any items from Scholastic Book Club, please return the order form by Friday the 1st of August. Unfortunately, no orders can be taken after this date due to processing requirements.

If you order/pay on line or by phone it is essential you provide a receipt number on the order form or a copy of your print out.

Many thanks for your continuing support as the College benefits from your orders in the form of free books for our Library.

Annette Mesecke & Uta McQuillan

Librarians

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

The Uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.30am until 10.30am and on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

Susan McFarlane
Uniform Shop

BORROWED ITEMS

Anyone who has borrowed spare clothes including ties from the Sick room, could you please return these items.

Thankyou
Student Services

NUT ALLERGIES

We have several children and adults in the school who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. For some of these people, contact with these products can cause a potentially life threatening reaction. We therefore seek your assistance in minimising the risk of exposure of these people to nut products whilst at school. We are asking that you avoid giving your child nut based products or products containing nuts (including Nutella) whilst they are at school and that you ensure that any food sent to school to be shared (for example birthday cakes) are free from these products. Thank you in anticipation for considering the safety and welfare of all our students and staff.

PORT LINCOLN COUNCIL POOL SURVEY

The Port Lincoln City Council is again surveying residents about their views on the development of an indoor aquatic facility for the town. Whatever your thoughts on the issue please consider completing the short 5 question survey before it closes on the 3rd of August. Alternatively, pick up a feedback card from the Town Library, Nautilus Arts Centre or the Council Office and fill it in and drop it back or reply paid post to Council survey card. 

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JSHJWXX

Annette Mesecke

DRAKES

A big thankyou to all the families who have been using their tags when shopping at Drakes. We have just received our first contribution of $64 from the Community Dollars Program. We really appreciate your contributions to the College.
Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that you have had some quality family time and enjoyed the 3 week break.

The Junior School Staff spent their Professional Development week investigating a number of programs and current teaching pedagogies. They have been challenged and are looking forward to implementing some exciting practices in their classrooms.

A particular high was the reading workshop and the parent reading work shop. The parents who attended, heard first hand from a guru in parent reading, some of the strategies that are really helpful in ensuring you are doing the best for your children.

Parent A “The workshop was fantastic. The strategies we learnt for reading at home have already resulted in positive changes in our household - my son is enjoying reading so much more.”

Parent B “What a learning Curve! The way Margaret explained how to change the way we help our children read just made sense. It was awesome!”

Parent C “I didn’t think I’d learn much, but how wrong I was! I was very impressed with Margaret’s knowledge, Thaand loved learning some great tips for reading with children of all ages. To be reminded to keep it fun and to really help children with comprehension of the story, is fundamentally to their success.”

We look forward to continuing to develop an environment where together in partnership with parents, our students are developing excellent reading skills and habits.

This term is a very exciting term as our Year 5’s embark on their PYP Exhibition. We look forward to the wonderful learning that will occur and wish them all the best as they prepare to present their findings to the College Community. A Parent Information Night is being held tomorrow night at 7.00pm for the parents of our current Year 5 students. This information night will be crucial in ensuring everyone is on the same page regarding expectations during this period.

All the best for a wonderful term.

Steve Jude
Head of Junior School

YEAR 5 EXHIBITION – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

This term students in Year 5 will be involved in the Navigator College Exhibition. This is an important part of their learning journey in the Primary Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate.

In order to support their learning and inform you about the Exhibition process we are holding a Parent Information Night this Thursday the 24th of July at 7pm in Cluster 3.

It is important that you attend to be able to understand the changes to the timetable and expectations of students during this time.

We look forward to seeing you and answering any questions that you may have. Please return the form that was sent home Tuesday detailing your intention to attend.

Warm Regards,
Sarah Stobart, Ashleigh Friebel and Jessie Trudgen
At the beginning of this year during a parent information evening I delivered a presentation giving information about the International Baccalaureate; in particular the Primary Years Programme (PYP). As a part of this presentation I shared a video featuring a ‘Fairy Scientist’ to give an example of the type of inquirers that we as staff encourage at Navigator College. In this video, a young girl is on a quest to find evidence that fairies exist. She applies many different research skills during her investigation. You can watch the video by following this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akk5EvTMGKo.

The following table outlines eight research skills that make up part of the Primary Years Programme.

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<td>Formulating questions</td>
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<td>Observing</td>
<td>Using all the senses to notice relevant details</td>
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<td>Planning</td>
<td>Developing a course of action; writing an outline; devising ways of finding out necessary information.</td>
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<td>Collecting data</td>
<td>Gathering information from a variety of first and second-hand sources such as maps, surveys, direct observation, books, film, people, museums and ICT.</td>
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<td>Recording data</td>
<td>Describing and recording observations by drawing, note taking, making charts, tallying, writing statements.</td>
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<td>Organising data</td>
<td>Sorting and categorising information; arranging into understandable forms such as narrative descriptions, tables, timelines, graphs and diagrams.</td>
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<td>Interpreting data</td>
<td>Drawing conclusions from relationships and patterns that emerge from organised data.</td>
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<td>Presenting research findings</td>
<td>Effectively communicating what has been learned; choosing appropriate media.</td>
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Specific research skills are selected by the teachers to include in certain inquiry units and are explicitly taught to the students. Over a student’s PYP journey (from Reception through to Year 5) it is hoped that they will have an opportunity for each type of research skill to be developed. I encourage you to have a discussion with your child about their research skills. Questions to ask:
- Why are research skills important?
- When/how do you use research skills in your Units of Inquiry?
- Which research skill do you feel most confident in? Why?
- Which research skill do you need more practise in? How could you practise this skill?

Enjoy your conversations!
Gemma Leonard
PYP Coordinator

_Congratulations to our first student to get married Emma Dennis (Webb) and her partner Fabian Dennis on their beautiful Wedding._
Welcome back from the mid-year break!

As we enter the second semester I would like to encourage every student, and adult in our community... “You are extraordinary!” The verse above from Ephesians 2:10 paints a fabulous picture of how we should view ourselves. It is all too easy to get hung up on our limitations or faults, when really every one of us is unique and a masterpiece crafted by the ultimate creator, our Father in heaven.

This term, I encourage our students to see themselves in this light as they approach life. See themselves as having great value, and purpose that they are one of God’s great treasures. The second part of this verse responds very well to any immediate thought you might have that says, “that’s fine but in my past I’ve done this or that or failed many times.” The verse says “he has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can do …”

The Bible is full of defining verses that can build a person’s confidence and belief in themselves. It is a privilege to work in a school where we have the opportunity to open student’s minds to view themselves, as God’s masterpiece, unique, extraordinary and living with a ‘can do’ attitude.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff that make our school what it is. You are all extraordinary. Let us continue to build a culture that helps each individual to see their great value.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

Welcome to a new term of inspiration and dedication as we, the leadership team fall back into our respective roles and we welcome back our Principal Kaye. As we all return from holidays we take on a renewed vigour from which we draw strength to present educational outcomes and from which we engage in our learning. There are many events over the course of this term that will engage our students in learning but also set them up for future pathways for the following years. As always there will be information nights for students and parents for subject selection processes and discussions for SATAC registration for our current Year 12’s. Although this is a time of trepidation for all Senior School students it is also a time of great excitement.

As I look at these events I am reminded of a quote:

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”
- Mark Twain

If I could impart some wisdom to my students it would be to think beyond today and dream of the future. Have a belief in yourself and give everything that is placed in your path a go.

This week we think of the poor souls that lost their lives in the Malaysian Airline incident and pray that their families can recover from this tragic event. We look closely at this event and wonder why, but it also affects us emotionally as we use this carrier often in our journeys to distant places. This week we have sent home a letter to identify the concerns of our participant families in our Service Learning trip to Indonesia. We feel that to proceed without consolation with our families would not be conducive to our goal and mission and would give us insight into the expectations and concerns of our families. I pray that the trip can continue as it is of great benefit to everyone whose heart this touches. It is unfortunate that we live in a world that is in conflict with itself, and we pray that disagreements are resolved civilly.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School
Featuring former Compassion sponsored child Richmond Wandera and talented Artist Jaye Holly

A real story of hope and transformation, Richmond’s remarkable childhood and life experiences have inspired and impacted people throughout the world.
Compassion Australia’s “I Am Not Forgotten” event promises to deliver a uniquely inspiring evening that highlights the eternal love that God has for us and the hope that we find in Him.

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Thursday July 31

Lincoln Community Church
15-17 Sleaford Terrace, Port Lincoln


Richmond Wandera

Jaye Holly

NET SET GO

The Port Lincoln Netball Association is commencing a NET SET GO Programme for 5 to 8 year olds.
This programme is designed to assist the development of motor skills in the participant.
The programme is open to both Boys and Girls and we encourage everyone to come along and have a try.

REGISTRATIONS
All participants need to register prior to commencing. Registrations can be done at the PLNA Office on Saturdays.

NET SET GO
12.00 to 1.00pm approx
Cost of only $15.00 for a 6 week programme
Register your interest with the PLNA Office
Conducted by Accredited Coaches

WHAT TO BRING /WEAR
Bottle of water
Sneakers
Comfortable clothing

DATES
July 19th, July 26th, August 2nd,
August 9th, August 16th, August 23th

Further details contact the PLNA Office 8682 4440

COMMUNITY NOTICES