The Purpose of Prayer

…one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray’
Luke 11:1

Prayer is not a normal part of the life of the natural man. We hear it said that a person’s life will suffer if he doesn’t pray, but I question that. What will suffer is the life of the Son of God in him, which is nourished not by food, but by prayer. When a person is born again from above, the life of the Son of God is born in him, and he can either starve or nourish that life. Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished. Our common ideas regarding prayer are not found in the New Testament. We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.

“Ask, and you will receive . . .” (John 16:24). We complain before God, and sometimes we are apologetic or indifferent to Him, but we actually ask Him for very few things. Yet a child exhibits a magnificent boldness to ask! Our Lord said, “. . . unless you . . . become as little children . . .” (Matthew 18:3). Ask and God will do. Give Jesus Christ the opportunity and the room to work. The problem is that no one will ever do this until he is at his wits’ end. When a person is at his wits’ end, it no longer seems to be a cowardly thing to pray; in fact, it is the only way he can get in touch with the truth and the reality of God Himself. Be yourself before God and present Him with your problems—the very things that have brought you to your wits’ end. But as long as you think you are self-sufficient, you do not need to ask God for anything.

To say that “prayer changes things” is not as close to the truth as saying, “Prayer changes me and then I change things.” God has established things so that prayer, on the basis of redemption, changes the way a person looks at things. Prayer is not a matter of changing things externally, but one of working miracles in a person’s inner nature.

(My Utmost for His Highest Devotion, ‘The Purpose of Prayer’ August 28, 2014)

Submitted by: Tania Masters
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
At the end of last year I compiled a ‘Principal’s Report’ which outlines the past year’s key events and management structures. This report has been posted on the school website. If you would like a hard copy of the report it will be available at the front office.

SPECIAL VISITORS
We are anxiously awaiting our Indonesian visitors from our SMA GKPS Partnership School in North Sumatra. Teachers, Rista Purba, Juandi Damanik and student Anni Saragih will be visiting Navigator College from Tuesday the 29th of April and will be with us for 4 weeks. They will be observing our curriculum methodology, spending time in classrooms as well as sharing in the way our teachers plan and program for learning. During this time the students from years 6 onwards will be learning basic Indonesian culture and language. It is hoped this will build enthusiasm in our mission overseas and interest in the Service Learning component of our program.
If there are any families who may be interested in spending time with our three guests over a day, an evening or a weekend, to share in Australian family culture, please let me know through Isabel Pienaar in Administration.

DRAKES FOODLAND – PORT LINCOLN
Today you would have received a Drakes Foodland Key Tag, which was sent home with your youngest child. These are a part of the Community Dollars Program and when you shop at Drakes Foodland you are able to support the College. Please know that this is a purely an option for families to support the College, not a directive. For each $2.00 spent at a Drakes Foodland Store, points are rewarded to the College. This can be done by simply presenting the keytag at the counter, it will then be scanned and the points will accumulate to the College. With these accumulated points the College will then be able to purchase goods. We thank you in advance for your support, should you choose to use these keytags.

As we close this term with our last newsletter I would like to thank you all for a wonderful term’s start to our school year and wish you all a safe and blessed holiday. May you all enjoy your Easter long weekend, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

God bless
Kaye

SRC CASUAL DAY
This Friday, the last day of term, the SRC will be holding a “Casual Day”. In order for the students to have the privilege of wearing casual clothes, they are asked to come dressed under the theme “your favourite character” be it sporting, celebrity or TV character. The cost is a gold coin donation. We look forward to seeing you all dressed creatively on this day!

EARLY DISMISSAL
Please note that on Friday, the last day of term, school will be dismissed an hour earlier at 2.00pm. This is due to the bus leaving earlier to arrive at the Port Lincoln Primary School by 2.30pm. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The office will be open from 8.00am until 4.00pm each week day of the school holidays.

UNIFORM NEWS
Please be aware that students need to be wearing the Winter uniform at the beginning of Term 2. During the school holidays the shop will be open at the following times:

Tuesday 15th April 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 16th April 1pm – 4pm
Tuesday 22nd April 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 23rd April 1pm – 4pm

Susan McFarlane
Uniform Shop Assistant

EASTER SERVICES - LUTHERAN CHURCH
Maundy Thursday 17th April 7.00pm
Good Friday 18th April 10.00am
Easter Sunday 20th April 10.00am

Coffin Bay Services
Good Friday 18th April 9.00am
Easter Sunday 20th April 9.00am

ENROL NOW FOR 2015
We have limited vacancies in Reception and Year 8. Enrol now to secure your child’s place and avoid disappointment. Please encourage family and friends to contact the office today or visit the website to fill out an enrolment form.
As this term draws to a close and we finish the term off, I am conscious of new beginnings. Over the past fortnight I have had the privilege of taking tours for new students. During these tours I am reminded again of what it is that makes our College special and I gain a new perspective on what it is that draws people to join our learning community.

Next term will see the beginnings of a new term for students at Navigator College. We welcome 5 new students and their families. We also welcome a new teacher to our staff. Mrs Alicia Baines will be taking the Year 1 class for the remainder of the year. This is an exciting and fresh start for the students and their families from this class. Alicia is an experienced teacher who will passionately and enthusiastically create a welcoming and productive learning environment. We look forward to her joining our team.

Our reporting system and interview booking system has been new this term! We trust that whilst there may be some teething problems, the benefits to both of these systems are well and truly worth breaking new territory with these programs.

As we head off on our holidays and Easter break, we are reminded of the Christian message of Easter. Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and through this we can receive the undeserved gift of new life in Christ. At Navigator College there is always something new to celebrate.

Enjoy the rest and relaxation that comes from a much deserved break from the rigor and routine of schooling and prepare yourself for a new and exciting chapter next term.

Every blessing!

Stephen Jude
Head of Junior School

FROM THE PYP COORDINATOR.....

Something that I love about Navigator College is its caring nature. It is wonderful to feel supported and cared for. Our students show care not only towards one another, but also to their teachers. A staff discussion last week led to the topic of the wonderful actions that the students take to show their teachers just how much they appreciate them. The Learner Profile Attribute Caring is often reflected across a range of subject areas. This term the Year 2/3 students in Christian Studies have been inquiring into the responsibility they have to care for the world. I caught up with Will and Stella from Mrs Bouwman’s class to talk about their inquiry unit. The students shared things they love in the world and how to care for these things, they investigated organisations that exist to care for the particular aspects of the world, and collected newspaper articles about caring for the planet. Stella and Will identified Caring as the Learner Profile Attribute that stood out for this unit.

“We can care for the world by cleaning up.” Stella
“We can care for the world by looking after plants in the community.” Will

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

They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

Questions to ask your child:

- How have you been Caring this week?
- Why is it important to be Caring?
- How can you be Caring in the classroom?
- What learning activities have helped you to learn more about being Caring?

Enjoy your conversations!

Gemma Leonard
PYP Coordinator
A SUNRISE A REMINDER.

Firstly I would like to send out a great ‘Thank you’ to all of the parents who engaged with the interview process over Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. As a school we greatly appreciate your interest in your child’s education and value partnering with you to help your child develop in their learning capabilities, achieve their goals and become a valuable contributor to community. I thank you for accessing both the online interview booking tool and your child’s reports through Managebac. Once again if you require assistance with reports, please contact the school.

As we approach the end of Term One, there are many things to celebrate and remember. It has been an action packed term and certainly for me one aspect that has left an impression on me is the optimistic atmosphere that Navigator College Middle School students are carrying. I would like to commend the staff and students in their ability to focus on positives, inspire one another and be thankful for the blessings in their lives.

It is important to have reminders in our lives. Reminders that you see regularly and every time you see them you are reminded of a great victory or achievement, or a great work God did in your life. Inspiration, confidence and faith can be fuelled by reminding yourself of these times. In the Bible David recalled the victories God gave him in the past before he went out to face and defeat Goliath. Joshua was one of the few who recalled the way God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, to build faith as they were to enter the promised land. Likewise the celebration of achievements in a child’s life gives them the confidence to do the same or better again.

I was recently privileged enough to take a Year 10 Christian Studies class for a relief lesson. And on a side note this class was an amazing group of students, focused and productive. The students were reflecting on pictures of Christian spirituality and how the images might impact society. One such image was of a sunrise over Port Lincoln. Out of this exercise the revelation that impacted me was that God gives us a new and unique sunrise every day, every one is amazing, everyone is a new creation. In the same way Jesus offers us forgiveness, cleansing and refreshing us continually from anything that stands between us and God. Every day is a new day and every sunrise should remind us that we are new creations in Jesus Christ. The mistakes or failures of the past have been washed away as we believe in Jesus’ work on the cross, and we have been made new.

The sunrise of each day is a powerful reminder of what Jesus did for us at Easter. Let it be a daily reminder of God’s love, and his ability to make us new every day.

I hope that as you ponder these thoughts in the holiday break, that every sunrise, every new day allows you to experience the refreshing peace that Jesus offers. Congratulations to all for their achievement on the Middle School Journey thus far in 2014. Enjoy a restful break and I look forward to connecting with you again in Term Two.

I also wish the Year 9’s all the best in their City Week Trip Week One of Term 2. This is an amazing opportunity to develop a close culture within your class, to spread your wings and thrive when given some freedom and responsibility. Enjoy.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School

JAPANESE ASSISTANT TEACHER

Hello, my name is Ai Tanaka. I work as Japanese Assistant Teacher in Term 1 and 4. I am from Japan, Shimane which is the west of Japan, located on the Hiroshima. Before coming to Port Lincoln I was living in Kobe, near Osaka for 4 years. I will graduate from college in this March, and I am 22 years old. I like ice cream and seafood. I am glad to eat delicious fish in Port Lincoln. My hobby is watching movies and taking pictures. I am looking forward to many good experiences at Navigator College.

Ai Tanaka, Japanese Assistant Teacher
We have been lucky to have the opportunity to have Ai Tanaka work with us in our Japanese language program this term which was made possible through the Kobe Japan Society. She will join us again in Term 4 after visiting the High School and assisting with their Japanese program in Term 2 and 3. Ai Sensei has been invaluable in assisting our students from Reception to Year 9 during their Japanese lessons with conversation, reading and writing. The students have embraced this authentic opportunity to work on the learner profile of being a ‘communicator’ by practicing their Japanese with Ai Sensei and they have enjoyed listening to her share stories about her life in Japan.

Fiona Parenta, Japanese Teacher

As we come to the end of what seems like an extended term, I can reflect on all the happenings around the school and I find nothing better than to talk with the students about what is going on in the school. These discussions allow me insight into a student’s view. Sometimes these views are supportive, sometimes they are challenging and a lot of the time they are of the now. As we progress though the activity of education we will always have ups and downs or highs and lows in the interaction of others, whether that is peers or teachers. We formulate opinions of happiness or sadness with each interaction. I would like to think that for a student to have a place to discuss issues or concerns is productive in airing out any miscommunications or concerns about their world. Over the course of this week I have had the opportunity to discuss with students issues pertaining to them through their lens. This also allows me to identify adjustments that may need to be made to placate the concerns of our students but they must also support the strategic goals of the Senior School and the College itself.

One of the things that sets us apart as a school is the boundaries we provide our students. These boundaries are there as a guide to improve our school life and personal outcomes. These boundaries are often tested and sometimes thwarted but they are there just the same. The boundaries do not always suit all of us and sometimes make us feel a little uncomfortable but they are in place for good reasons. These reasons are numerous and varied but the most important of these reasons is safety and protection of our student body.

Sometimes we have no control over the activities of our students, particularly after they leave school at the end of the day but we can still offer advice that will support the safety of our students, one such event is the after formal party. Through formal discussion and support a letter was sent home to all Year 12 students explaining where the duty of care lies with such activities. There may be a belief that it is out of the schools jurisdiction, and this is true, but as a College we have a vested interest in the safety and future of our students and therefore we aim to inform parents accordingly.

As we progress towards ‘the Formal’ on Friday the dresses and suits are purchased and altered and the cars are organised for the red carpet arrival. The food and entertainment has been planned and we are ready to have fun. Parents are reminded that they can meet their young adult in the foyer of the hotel and see all the students arrive, cameras are a must! All this organisation was conducted by the formal committee, Sharna Whittle, Alanah Beard, Carley Schmidt, Chelsea Dunn and Emma Grosser. It has been a mammoth task and one that has been supported by Mrs Diane Moseby. We all look forward to a spectacular extravaganza.

We look forward to the Year 12 formal and all the glitz and glamour that it supports. I would like to wish our students all the best for the night and I pray that they enjoy this much awaited event.
INTRODUCING DANIEL WILSON

Daniel Wilson in a new recruit to Navigator College this year and is one of the 6/7 Home Room Teachers. Mr Wilson joins Navigator after completing his post-graduate studies last year and previously worked for the Federal Government. He likes to make his classes enjoyable and memorable, and integrates multimedia to add breadth and depth to his lessons. With 12 years Retail Management experience, and 4 years working for the Department of Infrastructure, Mr Wilson has a lot of ‘real-world’ experience to offer his classes. His focus is on English, however he also teaches SOSE, Legal Studies, Business Studies and Christian Studies.

He is a voracious reader and consumer of pop culture. Mr Wilson is an avid film buff and enjoys cinema and trivia from every genre. He has described his greatest thrill as a teacher as seeing students have a ‘light bulb’ moment: The spark of understanding, the joy of realisation, and the amazement of successful application. This is what teaching is all about for him. He describes his teaching desires as wanting to expand his students’ knowledge, extend their understanding and ensure their ability to utilise this knowledge is both accurate and creative. He takes very seriously the responsibility of guiding young minds and souls, and will do everything in his power to help every student achieve their best. Please take the time to make him feel welcome to Navigator College.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Jump into some fun this school holidays at the Port Lincoln Library!
Wednesday 16th of April:

10am – 11.30am - $5.00 per child - 5 to 8 year olds
Hop on in to the Library for some Easter fun!
Make a basket, an Easter card and a bunny photo frame!

Wednesday 23rd of April:
11 am – 12 noon - $5.00 per child
9 to 12 year olds
Learn to play the ukulele with Lesley from The House of Creative Learning!
Any skill level welcome, BYO uke! (some ukuleles will be available)

Don’t miss out - to register call in or contact the Port Lincoln Library 8688 3622

Flinders Hockey Club
Registration Night
April 10th
5pm to 7pm
Sausage sizzle on the night
Enquiries – Geoff Carr
0409711961
All Welcome
CHOOSE JOY

BECAUSE HAPPINESS ISN’T ENOUGH

WOMEN’S WEEKEND
MAY 23RD TO 25TH, 2014
(Longwood Camp in the Adelaide Hills)

Women of all ages are invited to join us for a weekend packed with joy, friendship, fun, refreshing God and spiritual growth. Not to mention fabulous food you don’t have to cook.

For more information contact Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Aberfoyle Park on 08 8270 4466

PORT LINCOLN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
‘Basketball Holiday Camp’
When: Tuesday 15th of April & Wednesday 16th of April
Where: Port Lincoln Leisure Centre
Who: 10am – 12pm both days (Beginner association level players aged 5-15)
1pm – 3pm both days (DNSP & Sharks Representative players)
Cost: $20 for both days
Bring: Basketball, water bottle and a positive attitude
Register: Please contact Charmaine Otto
Ph: 0429 842 058
Email: charmaine@searange.com.au

Marauders Hockey Club
Come and play for the Green and Blue!
Junior players needed
Mondays 5pm – 6pm
Contact Danny Sherry on 0427834021

COMMUNITY NOTICES

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2–12 years old
A three-session program for parents and carers with Uniting Care Wesley CountrySA
at 80 Oxford Tce, Port Lincoln on Friday 9th, 16th and 23rd May at 9:30 – 11:30

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration Fee? There is no cost for this course.
Register for this course contacting Marie Klander (86827903) or Sharon Betts (86827910) UCWCSA