Friendship

Friendship is one of the most beautiful, essential, holistic relationships humans create. I was reflecting on this after viewing some stunning photos taken by Steve Mc Curry, a National Geographic Photographer, entitled The Power of Two. I wondered if our students from Reception to Year 12 required and valued the same qualities in a friend and if so, what were they? Our wonderful staff did a little research for me and yes, they did. What were these qualities? They were trust, forgiveness, respect, keeping promises, kindness and care. There were a few others involving having sleepovers and sharing ice cream but these were mostly in the Junior School!

Today's children are more than ever bombarded by a variety of instant ways to have 'friends'. The tidal wave of social media has enabled the average user to have thousands of 'friends' just with a click but are they really? Research suggests that social media 'friending' requires significantly less investment from the participants than meeting face to face and in fact many people who are tagged as friends are actually totally unknown. Perhaps the vastness of the audience that social media brings into the palm of your hand is what appeals.

We are fortunate to have a great role model for friendship in God as He demonstrates all the attributes of a great friend, a good listener, forgiving, always there, supportive, loving, kind and someone who keeps His promises. But as parents, teachers and nurturers of our students, what can we bring to balance out this lack of personal investment in friendships? We can be there to support and scaffold what being a good friend is, listening when things go wrong and encouraging more face-to-face ways of meeting friends. As a child who grew up before texting and Facebook, I'm glad to say I'm still friends with some of my peers from school. I would hope many of our students will be too in the future.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up." Ecclesiastes 4

http://steve mccurry.wordpress.com/
Submitted by: Sarah Stobart
I was fortunate enough to be one of the College representatives at this year’s Cleve Fields Days yesterday, ‘manning’ the stand with Liz Smith, Mark Thiel and our wonderful College Captains, Max and Moriah. It was a great opportunity to spend time with prospective families, those who are considering sending their child/ren to Navigator and the interest was exceptional. It’s wonderful to know that Navigator is becoming a school that families on the EP are seriously considering as a viable option for their children, rather than colleges elsewhere, further away from home. A special thank you to Max and Moriah who represented Navigator with a strong responsibility to showcase the school in the best way possible. They did an exceptional job and I’m sure the Tuesday and Wednesday student reps of Tahlia, Tim, Joe and Emily will also make us proud!

There have been a number of parent complaints to me about the safety of the car park again. There is concern that parents are not adhering to the speed limits and are making the car park very unsafe for our children. Additionally parents are turning right at the turn off, rather than adhering to the CLEARLY MARKED sign that says LEFT TURN ONLY and then traffic is held up. Please, for the safety of all our students make sure the car park is the safest it can be and follow the signage.

Students entering Senior school in 2014 have been busily working on their subject choices for next year. They are undertaking one on one counselling with senior staff to determine the best pathway for them whilst keeping the opportunities open for future directions. Special thanks goes to the staff for making their time available for this important support for students

Students from Muroto visited us on Thursday and spent time with the students throughout the day. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to spend time with the Muroto students from Japan and to engage in conversation with them. Fiona Parenta and Sheree Zacher worked tirelessly to make sure this event was the great success it was. A huge thank you to these staff members and to other staff who supported them. What an amazing and cohesive community we have!

God bless
Kaye

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**LATE ARRIVALS**

A reminder that our school day begins at 8.45am. If your child arrives later than this time, please report to the Student Services so they can be marked as present, otherwise you will receive an SMS saying your child is absent. Please assist them by being on time. Thank you.

**ABSENT STUDENTS**

If your child is absent from school due to illness or other reasons, please notify the front office by 8.45am, either with a phone call or by a sms text to 0416 906 261. Front office staff will then let the class teacher know of their absence. If they arrive after 8.45am you will also need to report to the front office. If your child is absent for holiday/travel reasons, schools are required to ensure an exemption form is completed. These can be accessed on www.ais.sa.edu.au/html/form_a.asp. Also if your child is away ill for 3 or more days you are required to supply a medical certificate. Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

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**THE ‘LOOSE CHANGE FOR A CAUSE’ CHALLENGE**

At the end of this term, fourteen Year 11 students will be travelling to Indonesia to practice serving other communities and grow ourselves as we do so. We will go to an orphanage and our partnership school, GKPS. We like to support this school as much as we can so that we can enable them to give more students a quality Christian education.

This year we are raising funds to buy bunk beds for the GKPS boarding house.

We think it would be great to engage all students in this fundraising effort. This will help create relationships between ourselves and other students from across the school and allow everyone in our school community to help support GKPS.

This Friday, 15th of August, we will be running the ‘loose change for a cause’ challenge. This involves students from across the whole school lining up a collection of coins on a word and symbol drawn out with chalk on the ground. The challenge is to try to fill up every letter of the word and all parts of the symbol with coins which will then be collected up and put towards our funds for GKPS.

If you or your children would like to be a part of this challenge we ask that you gather up some loose change and bring it in to school on Friday morning. This might be a good time to clean out under the seats of the car, look down the back of the couch cushions, or lighten the load in your piggy bank! Even a small amount of money would be greatly appreciated!

The ‘loose change for a cause’ challenge will take place this Friday the 15th August, so if you choose to be involved please send the coins to school with your child on Friday morning.

The Year 11 Service Learning Team
BORROWED ITEMS
Anyone who has borrowed spare clothes including ties from the Sick room, could you please return these items as soon as possible to Student Services.

LOST PROPERTY
Just a reminder to check lost property when you have misplaced an item at school. We have plenty of items that have been left here such as jumpers, lunchbox containers, headbands and reading glasses.

Thank you
Student Services

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.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Navigator College offers 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.

Join us for Playgroup

Navigator L’l Gators Playgroup welcomes you to join them Wednesday mornings from 9.00am till 10.30am at the College Resource Centre.

L’l Gators Playgroup Term 3
Dates and Themes
30th July: My Body
6th August: Music
13th August: No Playgroup
20th August: Fine Motor Activities
27th August: Pets
3rd September: Father’s Day
10th September: Spring
17th September: Life Cycles
24th September: Fruit
From Monday the 18th to Friday the 22nd August 2014, Navigator College and many public libraries and schools around Australia are celebrating the 69th Book Week, the longest running children’s festival in Australia. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to reading’, a very fitting theme for our college as we have just implemented an extensive literacy program. This was introduced to the Navigator staff by Ms Margaret Menner, an internationally renowned literacy expert, who shared her experience with the staff during PD week in July.

Navigator College is truly connected to reading!

Help bring Book Week to life and take lots of photos of your children reading. We have a ‘Connected to reading’ display in the library which showcases our students’ love for literature. Please leave any photos with your class teachers to forward to the library team or send directly to umcquillan@navigator.sa.edu.au

If you are interested in finding out the Navigator staff reading preferences, visit our library and check out our ‘Staff favourite reads’ display.

For more information on this year’s lovingly chosen books visit the Children’s Book Council website:


All Book Week books are displayed in the Navigator Resource Centre and will be the focus of library visits. Students are invited to engage in the lunchtime activities offered in the library and share the stories to highlight the joy and importance of reading.

Uta Enneking-McQuillan
Annette Mesecke
Resource Centre
This week has been a week of curve balls. Both personally and professionally there have been a number of hurdles to overcome this week.

Just when you think that things are humming along nicely, up pops a hurdle.

There are two ways of looking at these hurdles. One way and often the initial way is that “these hurdles are too big, this is all too hard.”

The other way, which requires discipline and training is to rejoice in the challenge of overcoming the problem and finding a solution.

As we lead and guide students through their education, how are we preparing them to deal with hurdles, difficulties and obstacles? Are we helping them to find solutions to their problems or are we removing the hurdles completely by solving the problems for them?

As an IB school the PYP attitudes of commitment and confidence, coupled with the development of persistence and resilience are key elements of schooling at Navigator College.

By providing opportunities for students to develop these attributes and work at overcoming hurdles, we are preparing students for a life after school where there are always hurdles to overcome.

Steve Jude
Head of Junior School

The Year 2/3C class had an excursion last Friday to the Uniting Church as part of their unit, “Religious beliefs and ideas shape people’s thinking and actions.” The students explored the church, looking for evidence of the various beliefs and values held by the people there. The children identified the new church playground, which they decided showed the belief that children are important to the people of the church. The candle and dove were curious objects and Pastor Benji explained how these are symbols that highlight certain Christian beliefs.

Mrs Masters,
Teacher
Learning to build...

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:10

The construction industry must be one of the most fulfilling industries to work in. Your job begins with a raw piece of earth and some plans. When you walk away from the site, you leave a creation, a new form and function for that space, a home for a family or workplace that contributes to community.

Tradesperson or not, we all need to learn to ‘build’.

As a society we have all too quickly learned the trade of demolition. Finding fault in others, pulling people down as soon as they achieve something great. I hear sarcasm tearing down the confidence of young and old people alike. We have all too well learned the art of pulling down others, as well as ourselves. Some people can tell you everything that’s wrong with the situation or with themselves. Unfortunately this doesn’t change a thing.

Change happens when the tools of demolition are put down and we begin to build.

We need to learn how to build. In ourselves and in others.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:10

It’s impossible to build and tear down on the same project. It is not productive. Building ... means encouraging others, showing belief in one another, helping each other establish positive attitudes and practices. It means supporting one another, and holding together when the circumstances are challenging. It means celebrating when we come through tough times and then recognising that new levels of resilience have been established. We are not on ground level again, we are building up and can now expect to build to another higher level.

My charge to all this week:

Reflect on the proportion of times we are building up, verses tearing down. If you are finding yourself or your peers in the same dilemmas from a year ago, chances are there hasn’t been much building happening in the last year.

Start Building! This means two things need to happen. Firstly, you need to start seeing the positives in your own life, celebrate them and establish some positive beliefs about yourself and what you are capable of. Secondly, start building up the people around you. As Thessalonians says, this happens through encouragement, “building courage in others’. You will find as you build others, they will also build you. Position yourself around people who are builders. Together we can build a culture, an environment, an atmosphere and a community of people with confidence.

WHATS HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School Assembly will be taking place after Chapel on Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is a time to celebrate the effort, attitude and achievement of our Middle School Students. Merit awards are presented during these assemblies, as well as discussion had of Middle School matters and events. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School
Last week we took two teams of Year 6/7 students to Tumby Bay to represent Navigator College in a SAPSASA Basketball Carnival. The teams played a number of modified games against a pool of 9 schools from the Eyre Peninsula district. The boys team were competitive and won the majority of their games. The girls team were also competitive and had some very close games. It is pleasing to see such positive sporting attitudes within this age group at the school. Those students that had the opportunity to represent Navigator College did so with pride and displayed excellent example of great behaviour and attitude.

Due to the popularity of Basketball within the age group, there will be another opportunity for all students to participate in an in-school competition later in the term. All Year 6/7 students are encouraged to participate in SAPSASA events or trials and these are made known to students at school. Thank you to Tumby Bay Area School for hosting a great event and to Mark Panizzolo for coaching the boys team.

Carlyn Pearson, SAPSASA Coordinator

Last Friday a group of Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Whyalla to the University of Newcastle’s ‘Science and Engineering Challenge’. The competition is run all over the country, with this year being the first time it has been held on Eyre Peninsula. The students participated in 5 hours of challenges including, building a model aeroplane, Mars Rover and Hovercraft, planning the electricity supply for a virtual city and making functional satellite dishes to funnel electromagnetic waves into a sensor. The team, which comprised of 19 Navigator Students and 12 students from St Josephs School all made a fantastic effort competing in their respective tasks and the team managed to finish the day in fourth position overall. I would like to thank Mr Thiel and Miss Morel for their help and support during the day.

Francois Pienaar
Student Development Coordinator
School is a great place

When I consider all the interactions one day brings you can’t help thinking about the impact these interactions bring about. This week I have had the privilege of engaging in discussions about home life, about stress and about just ‘stuff’. Stuff is the comment your child gives you when you ask “what did you do at school today?” but stuff for a teacher is much more. It gives us insight into the life of a student, a way of breaking the ice and entering into deep conversations about life as a teenager. Teachers are compelled to listen and reflect on what a student says and offer advice, a listening ear and in all cases support.

These past weeks I have had many of these discussions and have heard many stories or insights into the life of our students. It is these insights and glimpses that allow us to understand why students act in ways that can frustrate us and our perception of the world. It is these glimpses that allow teachers to develop positive relationships with students. Sometimes as parents and teachers we can get so caught up in the business of life that we lose sight of the importance of relationship.

Last week our staff devotions were led by Mrs Stobart and the focus was on Friendship. She posed the question of “what is a friend?” In this technological age our children and students are akin to accessing the internet and the social media in an effort to connect with people and call them friends. Sometimes the notion or meaning of what it is to be a friend is lost in the journey or need for acceptance which is today, quantified by the number of ‘friends’ one has. Yet the reality is, real relationship comes from our personal discussions, our sharing of our flaws, concerns, life!

I love school it is a great place.

This week Mr. Pienaar is discussing career pathways with Year 12 students each of whom will sit down and look at University courses and Tafe pathways. Please keep those subject selection forms coming in as this is important for next year’s program.

We have a contingent of Year 12 students attending the Cleve Field days. This is a great opportunity for our school leaders to interact with the greater community. There will be a presentation by Lions Port Lincoln on Friday outlining the process of applying for the Youth of the Year competition. Open to year 10-11 students we will encourage them to apply as we have fantastic young people in our midst that just need encouragement.

Have a great week and talk with your children.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School
We have been privileged to have our Assistant Teacher Ai Sensei with us this year and will again be hoping to apply for another assistant in 2015. It has been extremely beneficial to our Japanese language program by enhancing our teaching and learning. It has been an invaluable experience for the students to interact one on one with a native Japanese speaker and because of this we hope to host an assistant for four terms next year. In order for this to be possible we need the support of any families who are interested in hosting for a period of time throughout the year. We will be sending a notice home shortly for those who would like to be part of this rewarding cultural experience to register your interest. Please contact the Japanese teachers if you would like any further information.

Sheree Zacher and Fiona Parenta

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Samaritans Purse
Operation Christmas Child
Christmas Boxes

Samaritan’s Purse is a non-profit, non-denominational, international relief organisation who respond to the physical and spiritual needs of individuals in crisis areas around the world. One of their projects is called Operation Christmas Child (Christmas Boxes). This is when we make up shoeboxes containing 6 gifts which will be sent to children in need around our world at Christmas time. Items to be included in a class box, please send your gifts along to school before Friday week 5, the 22nd of August. Printed shoeboxes and brochures containing more information about Operation Christmas Child are available from the front office if you are interested, but please feel free to decorate your own ordinary (A4 size) shoebox. Thanking you so much.

Sue Hodgson and Sheila Sleep (Volunteers with OCC)

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