What does it mean to be a parent?
I was fortunate to be on morning devotion last week following Father's Day and so I chose to reflect on what it means to be a parent. I also decided rather than just share my thoughts; I would ask the rest of the staff, some of whom are parents themselves, to share their thoughts with me.

The responses on what it meant to them was amazing. There were many things that were noticeable in all of their replies. There were the serious contemplations to the not so serious humorous thoughts on being a parent. What came through strongly was the passion, the love, the worry, the insecurities of how do I parent as well as provide the underlying foundation to build strength, nurture love for God and life, to grow respect, courage to face the tough times and the appreciation to enjoy the good times. However above and beyond all of this the one thing that parenting comes back to is that to be a parent is a privilege and not a right.

I also asked the staff to write down three things they wished for their children or their students or family members if they were not parents and keep that somewhere they could refer back to at any time.

As parents we are our children's main educators, before and after they attend school. Along with teachers and our schools we invest a great deal of time to prepare them for life after school. Though this is highly important, do we often become so preoccupied with their future that we forget to teach them in the "moment of today"? If we lose sight of teaching our children and students in the "moment of today", will they have the knowledge and skills for their future?

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go that when he is old he will not depart from it.

In conclusion, here are my three wishes for my children

- I wish for them to be successful in everything they do and that whatever they do makes them happy and fulfilled.
- I wish for them to know that no matter what happens that I am always here for them and will always try and help in any way
- That when I am no longer here they carry a piece of me in their hearts and all the memories and experiences with me and pass that to their children to be able to carry on

I now ask you - what would your three wishes be for your children?

Submitted by: Mark Panizzolo
This Friday Mr Stephen Rudolph, Director of Lutheran Education Australia will be visiting Navigator College for the very first time to celebrate with us 175 years of Lutheran Education. This is an exciting event for us to share with our students and as such we have invited special guests to join us for Chapel, followed by an official planting of our 175 years commemorative tree. Later in the day the students will be treated to a range of activities to further enhance our Lutheran schooling history and to create a sense of fun and fellowship. Please join us for the morning’s Chapel service.

YEARS 5 EXHIBITION

Congratulations to the Year 5 students and their teachers on an amazing display last Thursday evening with their Exhibition at Ravendale. The support from families was incredible and it was a true celebration of the learning these students have compiled, not only over the year but accumulated over the past 6 years. The Exhibition is the IB PYP ‘Rite of Passage’ that enables the students to demonstrate their understanding of the development of a central idea and to work towards a common goal. This is, in effect, their graduation from the PYP.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

The end of term is fast approaching with some great events to look forward to. The Middle School ‘Celebration of Learning’ will be enjoyed tonight, where parents can see how their child/ren have progressed in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. We hope to see you there.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We have Parent/Teacher interviews next week where parents will be able to discuss their child’s progress so far this year, sharing together the wonderful learning that is happening at Navigator College. Our teachers and support staff have been working diligently in preparing and marking assignments, supporting the students in their learning and guiding them through areas of concern. I commend our fantastic staff for their encouragement and support of our students.

YEAR 11 SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

The holidays are fast approaching and I feel blessed to say that on Monday the Year 11 Service Learning staff and student contingent are heading off on their amazing adventure. Fundraising has been happening in a variety of ways to help to raise funds for both the Margaretha Orphanage and the SMA GKPS School. We look forward to telling you all about our adventure in Term 4.

God bless
Kaye

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Just a reminder that as of the beginning of Term 4 Students will need to wear Summer Uniform.

Holiday opening times:
Thursday 9th October 1.00 – 4.00pm
Friday 10th October 1.00 – 4.00pm

Please ensure your child has the appropriate uniform. You can refer to our Website or contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Susan McFarlane, Uniform Shop

SRC CASUAL DAY

On the last day of term, Friday the 26th of September, the SRC will be holding a ‘Casual Day’. In order to be able to have the privilege of wearing casual clothes for the day, the Junior School/Senior School students are asked to come dressed as something starting with G, K, P, or S and the Middle School are asked to come dressed under the theme students to dress as teachers. The cost is a gold coin donation. Monies raised will go towards SMA GKPS School’s bunk beds.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.......
YEAR 5 PYP EXHIBITION

Wow - what an exciting time for our Year 4/5 classes who have just spent many hours preparing, organizing and then showcasing the amazing learning journey that they have been undertaking over the last term.

The IB PYP Exhibition is the culmination of the many years spent in the PYP. It was exciting seeing the teachers and their students so enthusiastically sharing their knowledge about energy.

Congratulations to the Year 4/5 Teachers on an awesome evening at Ravendale, showcasing their student’s learning journeys. Thank you for the tireless effort you have given that made this event such a success.

Thank you also to all of the Parents/Carers who came along and supported the evening. A large part of the exhibition required extra effort and support from our Parents/Carers and we thoroughly appreciate your support.

PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Last week you would have received a letter detailing the process for booking an interview with your child’s teacher. Please remember this is a compulsory component of our reporting process and at the interview you will receive your child’s report.

You can speak to your child’s classroom teacher if you have any issues.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Earlier this week you would have received a letter detailing that the Junior School will be attending swimming lessons in week 2 and 3 next term. This is an exciting time and important component of our Physical Education program.

CASUAL DAY

The Junior school SRC have decided to have a casual day on the last day of school for this term. The theme will be to come dressed up as something beginning with the letters GKP or S. The money raised will go to help provide bunk beds for the Orphanage at our Indonesian Partnership School SMA GKPS.

Steve Jude
Head of Junior School
We were designed to live in community. In the beginning when God created Adam, His pivotal statement before making Eve was “it is not good for man to be alone”. From the very beginning God put in place relationship, partnership, community. The Bible continues to share with us the importance of community, working together and doing life in community.

In Ecclesiastes, the wise king Solomon makes the following statement:

**Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

And in the New Testament:

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24, 25 (NIV)

Living in community and healthy relationships strengthens our walk through and outlook on life. These two verse capture not only the importance of meeting with others but also the nature of how our relationships work best. Community works best when the purpose of our relationships is

1. **to support one another** “one can help the other up” and
2. **encourage or inspire one another** “consider how we may spur one another on”.

Be intentional in your relationships this week. Strive to contribute to community. Look to contribute in both of these ways at least once this week. Help someone on their journey and encourage someone to greatness. What a fabulous place to start at the Middle School Celebration of Learning!

- Lend a helping hand somewhere in the setup or clean up.
- Enthusiastically share in the work and learning of your children or your peers.

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**WHATS HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**CELEBRATION OF LEARNING - Wednesday 17th September**

This festive evening is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the learning journey of your child/ren. Cluster 4 will be host to this year’s celebrations, as rooms showcase the rich learning experiences of the students of Year’s 6-9 across the breadth of subject areas undertaken at Navigator College. The festive atmosphere of this event always facilitates a fantastic environment for you to connect with friends and families of our College Community. Please come to share enthusiastically with your child in their learning. They will love it! And I’m sure you will too!

You will have received a letter outlining the program for the evening.

We look forward to connecting with you and celebrating your child’s learning at this event.

Andrew Jericho  
Head of Middle School
Parent Teacher Interviews are being held on Tuesday, 23rd of September and Wednesday, 24th of September from 3:30pm to 8:00pm for Reception – Year 11. Junior School parents will receive their child/s report at this interview. Parent Teacher Interviews are an invaluable way of promoting the partnership between parents and teachers to support your child/s success.

Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews can be made on our online portal, which can be accessed from the College’s website.

Junior School families will receive a reminder of their username and password in their communication book and this information has been emailed to Middle School and Senior School families. Alternatively, if you have an email address registered with the College, you can request your password online through the Parent Teacher Interview System.

If you have any trouble, please do not hesitate to contact the College Office on (08) 8682 5099. We look forward to catching up with you at the Parent Teacher Interviews!

Please note: Stuart Cox, Sarah Smith and Susan Hopping will be unavailable in Week 10 for Parent Teacher Interviews as they will be on the College’s Service Learning trip. However, the Parent Teacher Online system will allow you to book interviews with them for Week 1, Term 4.

BON VOYAGE!

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL.....

Next week we leave for Indonesia. Our Service Learning trip is organised the flights are booked, the accommodation booked, the risk assessment complete and the packing almost started. It is so exciting that we leave on Monday to share life with our brothers and sisters at SMA GKPS. For Mrs. MC and myself we will reacquaint ourselves with our friends and for our students and teachers, they will be immersed in a culture of faith and family. Each year a group of staff begin the planning for the next journey soon after returning and it is always gratifying to know that what we have done in Indonesia has made a difference to the people we interact with. After last year’s visit we learned that the new enrolments at SMA GKPS had increased by 65%. That’s enormous growth.

The teaching of English is paramount to our trip. Each of our students enter classrooms and interact with the students of Margaritha Orphanage and GKPS school, in an effort to teach conversational English. It is a daunting task, to teach your peers but the growth this imparts in our students is quite surmountable. There is a level of maturity that develops from the experience that can be observed but not quantified. There is great reward from trips such as this.

Service Learning is about learning by serving. The benefits to both communities are we interact, learn and spend time with each other. Speaking English is an important aspect of the final year exam for Indonesian school leavers. It opens doors for further study and employment prospects. When you think of the pool of applicants in Indonesia who complete school and join the job hunting hoards in a population of 245 million people, any advantage is a benefit. For our students they develop their language skills, presentation skills but more so their confidence. A confidence in travel, a confidence in communication, a confidence in what is culturally correct and a confidence in humanity. We thank God for our partnership.

What a busy week we have this week! On Friday our school celebrates 175 years of Lutheran education in Australia. You will remember 2 weeks ago our staff celebrated this event in Adelaide with 1600 other South Australian Lutheran school staff, this week we share it with the students. There are events for the students throughout the day including German cultural food and dancing. We have Steven Rudol (Director of Lutheran Schools Australia) visiting for the day and he will be planting a commemorative tree to mark the year. We look forward to this event and pray that the students enjoy what is on offer.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School

VALEDICTORY SERVICE

Keep the date free.
Thursday 20th of November 2013
FORGIVENESS and MERCY

If Forgiveness is your top strength, you are good at forgiving those who have done you wrong. You always give people a second chance. You believe in mercy, and not revenge.

Virtue Category:
Forgiveness falls under the virtue category of Temperance. Temperance deals with strengths that protect us from excess. It is the practiced ability to monitor and manage one’s emotions, motivation and behavior in the absence of outside help.

Key Concepts:
It is important to distinguish forgiveness from:
- condoning (removes the offense)
- forgetting (removes the awareness)
- reconciliation (restores the relationship)

Instead forgiveness is a strength that we employ to protect ourselves from the feeling of hatred. It is a specialised form of mercy; a general concept of feeling kindness and compassion towards others.

 Forgiveness is:
- Willingness to forgive those who have done wrong
- Tolerant of other
- Grants “second chances”
- Gives GRACE when others come up short
- Not vengeful when wounded by others
- Avoids holding grudges

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” — C.S. Lewis

Francois Pienaar
Student Development/Careers/VET Coordinator

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students. The assessments comprise eight Computer Skills tests, eleven English tests, eleven Maths tests, eleven Science tests, five Spelling tests and ten Writing tests.

A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by their team of subject matter experts. All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students’ skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Some schools use ICAS as a placement test. Some schools use the ICAS as a psychometric test to better understand what students can and can’t do at a point in time or to improve results in certain learning areas. Each test is sat at the student’s school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions.
Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools across Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

At Navigator College Literacy (English) and Numeracy (Mathematics) are considered as a high priority which is why we have decided to focus on Numeracy this year. All students (Year 2 – 11) participated in the ICAS Maths Competition (Results not received yet). The results and data analysis will give us important information in formulating a strategic plan to improve Maths results at Navigator College.

Except for Maths which was compulsory, students voluntarily participated in: Science, Spelling, Computer skills, English (Literacy) and Writing. Students had the opportunity to select at least ONE of the above. Some students undertook all the ICAS tests (by choice) and performed really well.

The results achieved for Science, Computer skills, English Writing and Spelling were excellent compared to the state and wider Australia. We received the following results.

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**Jasmine Slater** (Year 10) achieved a High Distinction for English Writing which makes her the highest achiever in the category in South Australia and Northern Territory. She will also receive a gold medallion from the University of NSW at a ceremony in Adelaide later this term. Her writing skills are beyond Year 12 level which is exceptional for a Year 10 student. We are proud to celebrate this excellent achievement with her.

Francois Pienaar (Student Development Coordinator), Jasmine Slater and Kaye Mathwin- Cox (Principal)
ICAS Spelling

Left to right back: Alanah Sanders, Grace Shore, Abbey Wilkins, Hayden Carey, Eden Slater, Charlotte Nicholls and Kyle McInerney

Left to right front: Ayomide Ajao, Mieke Beckman, Hugo Wilsen, Ari Ralph, Lucinda Nicholls, Tia Hoopman and Isabella Harris

ICAS Writing

Left to right back: Allyce Fatchen, Emma Hamnett, Hannah Versteeg, Jasmine Slater, Lily Gassner, Charlotte Nicholls and Sarah Murchnison

Left to right front: Alanah Sanders, Summer Shepherd, Nicholas Kleinig, Ari Ralph, Lucinda Nicholls and Anika Parenta.

I want to congratulate all the students for participating in ICAS and also their teachers for the hard work they do in the classroom which is reflected in the results obtained by our students at Navigator College.

Francois Pienaar
Student Development/ Careers/VET Coordinator
Southern Cross

Twilight Markets

A huge selection of food and drinks, as well as show bags, jumping castles, carnival games, sumo wrestling, arcade games, face painting and local community groups. Special guests Mickey and Minnie Mouse will be there too!

The chapel band, along with local artists will be there to entertain you with live music. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year so please come along and support this event. Join us for an evening the whole family will enjoy!

On the College grounds, Stamford Terrace
Friday, 14th of November 2014, 5pm – 8pm

Join in and be a part of our College Community!