Philippians 4:6-7 Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

When you are going through a bit of a rough trot, it is always harder to see the blessings in your life. But when it is harder to see them, it’s probably more important to look for them. In order to force myself to think about these blessings, I found a couple strategies that seemed to help. I created the idea of a blessings jar a few years back, and its simply just a decorated jar with the aim that you write down one thing you are thankful for each day. When you look back at the end of the year – its amazing the buzz that you feel. Another thing I’ve adopted whilst being in Port Lincoln was a gratitude journal, similar thing but it is a book and has a section for each day for three years. Imagine going back on that 3 years down the track!

There are times as I’m sure you would all have experienced, when you are listening to a song on your iPod and a song comes up that is one you really needed to hear at that moment. The song called ‘Blessings’ by Laura Story was one of these songs for me, and one that gave me a whole new perspective on the things I count as blessings. That maybe sometimes, the things we wouldn’t normally count as blessings, the trials and the hard times, are actually God’s blessings in disguise.

“We pray for wisdom
Your voice to hear
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough
All the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we have faith to believe

‘Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You’re near
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise”

Laura Story – Blessings

Submitted by: Kim Hein
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL.......**

**SOUTHERN CROSS TWILIGHT MARKETS**

The annual Southern Cross Twilight Markets were held last Friday evening and what a fantastic event it was! The weather whilst cold was much better than expected, the food stalls were many and varied, the amusements were entertaining, the various musical representations were delightful and the ambience was exactly what we had planned for – one of fun and fellowship. Congratulations to the many staff, students, parents and friends of the College who collectively made the Markets such a success.

The event raised $12,500, which will go towards our canteen building, cluster 4 canopy extension and outdoor furniture. The Class Carers, the Fundraising Committee and our wonderful staff deserve a special mention for the extra time, effort and support of this event, as do Liz Smith and Di Moseby for co-ordinating the event so impressively. Congratulations to all!

**PREFECTS 2015**

After a very lengthy interviewing process I am pleased to announce the 2015 College Prefects are:

- **Kerrily Zacher**
- **Nicole Winkles**
- **Connor Dickie**
- **Gerard Meyers**

These students will work with the SRC and College Captains to form the student leadership at Navigator College. We congratulate them and look forward to their leadership in 2015.

Sincere thanks also go to the unsuccessful applicants as they were all very worthy participants and made us proud by applying for the positions.

**CLASSES 2015**

We are now at the stage where we begin to consider student placements in classes for 2015. There are many factors that go into placing your child in a specific class. I believe that a happy child learns and therefore I make my decision after discussion with your child’s past and future teachers, based on their social stance. It is my belief that if your child is (socially) happy and content, learning naturally occurs. Ordinarily if your child is surrounded by others that make him / her feel safe, he / she is then able to work at school. Of course in all classes at times there are incidents that may result in a clash of personalities. However, the more socially secure child can usually manage the situation easier than the one who feels less confident.

Looking at classes for next year, the social factor is very high on the list, but other factors such as class numbers, gender and siblings need also be considered. If you have any **reasonable** requests regarding your child’s placement in a class, please **make an appointment to see me no later than Monday the 1st of December.** Please note teachers will **NOT** be deciding on class allocations as it is a Leadership team decision. If you have concerns or requests for specific teachers, I ask that you speak only to me, as unfortunately these requests cannot be considered. Our focus is the child and their needs when organising their placement. Thank you.

**END OF YEAR SERVICE**

This year the End Of Year Service, will be held on **Wednesday the 10th of December at the Nautilus Theatre.** The Junior School will start the proceedings at 6.00pm and will be finished, ready for pick up at approximately 7.15pm. The Middle School and Senior School proceedings will begin at 7.45pm and their part in the service will run until approximately 9.15pm. It promises to be an exciting event, with all students having an important part to play in the Service. We will have the graduation of the Year 5 and Year 9 students and Special Awards presented.

For the rehearsals which are scheduled for **Wednesday the 3rd, Monday the 8th and Wednesday the 10th of December, we ask that only the Junior School students are dropped off to teachers at the Makybe Diva statue at 8.45am.** Students who come in on school buses will all meet at the Junior Primary School and walk together, supervised, to the Nautilus Theatre. The Junior School students will be delivered by buses back to the College when the rehearsal is completed and the Middle and Senior School students will then be taken down to the theatre. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2014 Forms Package.

**Tickets for adult seating must be pre booked and are available to be collected from the front office. There is no cost but you will need to pre book your tickets before the 5th of December to confirm seating availability.** Please be specific about your ticket requirements as we have many families of the College who would like to be a part of this service.

**Parents please note it is expected that all students attend this evening.** If your child/children will not be attending the End Of Year Service, a written note needs to be sent to their class teacher, explaining reasons for their absence. **Thank you.**

**Sherpa Kids Navigator College**

**Before School Care | After School Care | Vacation Care**

Don’t forget that enrolments for the Christmas holidays need to be in by the 24th of November 2014 to secure your child’s spot! Sherpa Kids will also be offering a service for Junior School families in Term 1, Week 1 (Tuesday the 27th of January – Thursday the 29th of January 2015). Stay tuned for further information! If you require further information about Sherpa Kids please contact Megan on 0419 524 563.

**God bless**

Kaye
LEARNING SUPPORT SURVEY
If you have a child at the College that is receiving additional support in some capacity, we would love your input and are asking you to complete a short, five question anonymous survey. Below is the link that you can click on to complete the survey or a paper copy can be supplied to you if you require one.
www.surveymonkey.com/s/8B2KM7P

Thankyou in anticipation!
Mel Bartel
Special Needs Coordinator

HOMESTAY PROGRAM
Navigator College is offering 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. Some of these students will require board for five days per week, others seven 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 please contact the College on 86825099.

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL......
As we head into the last couple of weeks of school there is plenty happening. Assessments are being finalised, reports are being written and collated and our magazine is being finalised and sent to the printers. We are in the midst of arranging practices to coordinate for our End of Year Service, class clean up and class parties to plan and organise.
In all our business let us come together and support each other, so that we can end the year well as a community.

Speaking of community, what a great celebration our Twilight Markets were. It was fabulous to see students, parents and staff from across the sub schools of our College collaborating, cooperating and serving one another as we celebrate. Many hands made light work. Congratulations to all members of our community who actively supported the evening.

Stephen Jude
Head of Junior School
Action is an important part of the PYP programme. It is a strong belief of the PYP that education must go beyond content, skills and attitudes to also allow for opportunities for thoughtful and appropriate actions. An indication of successful inquiry is when a student takes action as a result of their learning. Action is considered to be something that is student-initiated, extends the student’s learning and may have a wider social impact. The PYP encourages a cycle of action; reflect, choose, act.

During a parent-teacher interview a couple of years ago, I had a parent who shared with me the story of how her son had suggested that they needed to build a windmill in their back yard. The students at the time were learning about renewable forms of energy and this student in particular was taking action by asking his parents to jump on board with sustainable energy. Other examples of action that I have seen at Navigator College include making changes to lunch box contents, choosing to buy Australian made or fair trade products, collecting and bringing artefacts into the classroom that connect with the unit of inquiry, cleaning up beaches and other public spaces and raising money/awareness for various aid organisations. Action should be discussed, shared, recorded and of course, celebrated! Even your child sharing what they have learnt about in various units of inquiry is considered action. My encouragement to you for this week is to have a discussion with your child about action.

Possible questions you could ask include:
- What does it mean to take action?
- What has your current unit of inquiry made you think about?
- What changes could you/have you made as a result of your learning?
- What does this unit of inquiry make you want to do?
- What action has been celebrated in your classroom this year?

Enjoy your conversations!

Gemma Leonard
PYP Coordinator
Students Stepping up.

Welcoming our Transition Students with open arms...

Today we were privileged to host 22 students for the Middle and Senior School Transition day. Transition is a process, not an event. The process starts with becoming familiar with a new environment, and is complete when you call it your home.

Most of our guests arrived nervous, and with the hope to meet some new people. Our transition day was all about making personal connections, building new relationships and re-igniting existing ones. It's about including individuals in our community in a personalised way.

Over 30 current Navigator Students volunteered to host our guests today on a 1:1 capacity. They came with excitement and enthusiasm at the opportunity to ensure our guests had a fabulous day. Their job description “Make sure your guest has an awesome day!”

Hosting for a day is a big responsibility and I commend every student involved in this on their courage and willingness to include our guests. When given the opportunity to step up, I am proud to say our Middle and Senior students did it.

It was fabulous to see guests neatly fitted into the circles of friends in the classrooms, and the yard. It was wonderful to see our current students thriving at the opportunity to include others and share this place we call ‘Our College’.

To any Transition Guests reading this, I hope you had a fabulous day and that this is the beginning of a wonderful journey we have together. To our host students, thank you for your leadership and heart to serve others.

Andrew Jericho
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 9 JOURNEY – SOLO EXPEDITIONS
Throughout Term 4 the Year 9’s have been engaging in a short intensive version of the Year 9 Journey. This program allows students to explore who they are, how they relate to others and their purpose in life. It has been significant in helping the students identify and develop character qualities that they aspire to have as they enter adulthood.

An exciting aspect of the Journey is the Solo Night. This event gives students the chance to conquer the challenge of camping a night on their own, solo. It develops creativity and skills to build a shelter, and resilience to see the night through. It presents a great reflective opportunity for students to think about the ideas we have explored and the big questions of life.

The Solo Night entails the group travelling to a nearby bush location after school on a Wednesday. Students construct their shelters from limited resources supplied. No technology is permitted. After some final team building and encouragement the students settle in for the night. The group then returns to school for the following day. The Solo Night is a significant event in students tapping into the resilience, creativity, and courage that resides within them.

Please encourage your child’s participation. There is no cost for this event, the letter sent home provides details of items to pack.

Solo Nights will be taking place for Year 9’s on the following dates:
Wednesday 26th November GIRLS SOLO
Wednesday 3rd December BOYS SOLO

FROM THE SRC

Middle School Social
This event will be held at the Lincoln City Church, 2 Matilda St, Port Lincoln. 6:00pm – 9:00pm on Friday, Week 7, 28th November. The dress theme is ‘Black and White with A Splash of Colour’. Tickets are available from SRC Members, costing $3 for a normal ticket, or $5 for a VIP ticket. Please see any SRC in Middle School for more information about the social or VIP tickets.

Please complete and return the attendance form that was sent home with a letter on Tuesday. On the form please nominate who will be delivering and collecting your child from the venue as well as if you are willing to provide any items for supper.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School
Hard to believe that there are only 3 weeks left of the term but these are busy days for us all. As we prepare for the end of the year, we can reflect on the year that was and be thankful for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Tomorrow night is the Valedictory service for our Year 12 students and families. This is a great celebration of the final year of schooling for these students and the last time we, as teachers and staff, can say farewell. “For I know the plans I have for you, declares The Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11. These words from Jeremiah give us an understanding that the future is planned for us, if we chose the path that God directs. We pray that each year 12 student finds their path into the future and rejoices in that life.

Last night we also had the last debrief for the Service Learning trip. Students and their families reminisced of the trip and shared their experience with our current Year 10 students. This is always a wonderful time as we hear the perspectives of families as their children return from the Indonesian experience. The 2014 Service Learning trip was accentuated by the wonderful, committed group of students that attended, I commend them in their attitude. We are excited to continue the program into 2015 with the prospect engaged and enthusiastic students once again.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School

The Middle School and Senior School proceedings will begin at 7.45pm and we ask that the students are to be at the back of the theatre by 7.30pm sharp. Parents can then make their way to the theatre seating area for the re-commencement of the service at 7.45pm. The Middle School and Senior School involvement will take place until 9.15pm. It promises to be an exciting event, with all students having an important part to play in the Service. We will have the Graduation of the Year 5 and Year 9 students and Special Awards presented.

For the rehearsals which are scheduled for Wednesday the 3rd, Monday the 8th and Wednesday the 10th of December, the Middle and Senior School students will be taken down to the theatre once the Junior School have completed their rehearsals. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2014 Forms Package.
On Wednesday the 12th of November 8 students represented Navigator College at the Year 8-10 Tennis Carnival. They competed exceptionally well throughout the day, winning against Tumby Bay and losing to Saint Joseph’s. Overall the students played 6 sets each for the day, needing plenty of water breaks. A great day, managing to finish up 2nd overall.

Greg Maxfield
Teacher

We have recently received the student results for the ICAS Maths Test that was undertaken by all students (Year 2 – Year 11) back in August. If you would like to view your child’s results please contact the front office.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is a comprehensive assessment program (with a competition element) designed to challenge and differentiate between students at all levels of achievement. Some schools opt to only enter their high achieving students, some schools provide the option to any student who would like to participate, while other schools enter all of their students. This means that a student who achieves a top position in an assessment where there is mandatory testing of all students (such NAPLAN) may be placed at a lower position in ICAS. It is important to consider this information while interpreting your child’s results in the Mathematics ICAS test.

Based on recent NAPLAN results we (along with other Port Lincoln schools) have identified Mathematics as a learning area which we would like to improve upon. The choice for us to enter all students into the ICAS Mathematics testing this year at the school’s expense was one way for us to gain a clearer understanding of particular areas within Mathematics which we can work on. Over the next two years, the school has committed to a Mathematics training program called MLATS which all Junior and Middle School teachers of Mathematics will participate in. This course provides further training for teachers to provide inquiry opportunities for students within Mathematics and thus improve learning outcomes.

If you have any further queries regarding ICAS or our Mathematics improvement plan please contact your relevant Head of School.
Christmas Tree Festival
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
Flinders Highway, Port Lincoln
November 28th – 30th, 2014
Entry – Gold coin donation

Come along and enjoy a Christmas display including decorated trees.

Craft, cake and produce stalls, plants, lucky dips, cake and quilt raffle.
Tea/Coffee and refreshments, morning/afternoon tea and light lunches available

Friday 28th November 10am – 8pm (sausage sizzle available from 6pm)
Saturday 29th November 10am – 4pm
Sunday 30th November 12noon – 4pm (followed by a Church Advent service)

Oculus
DEMONSTRATION – NEW DK2

The Oculus Rift is taking the gaming and film community by storm
Experience VR as you have never seen before, as well as iPad demonstrations
Ground breaking technology being held at:
63 New West Road, Uniting Church
Saturday 22nd November 9am – 2pm