Advent

This week in churches all around the globe, Christians begin the season of Advent.

What is Advent?

The season of Advent is a time when individuals prepare their hearts to receive Christ. Advent refers to the “coming” or “arrival” of Jesus Christ. The first Sunday of Advent occurs near or upon November 30 each year. It always includes four Sundays and varies in length from 20 to 28 days. Advent ends with Christmas Eve.

Advent can be celebrated at church and at home. This celebration can include singing a carol, reading scripture, praying and a brief devotional reading.

What does it mean to prepare our hearts to receive Christ?

Believers who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ find Advent a particularly meaningful time. Regular devotions and time in prayer help the people of God experience the presence of Christ in their hearts. Christians are also waiting for Christ’s promised return to the world, called the “Second Coming.” Advent is a time of waiting, expectation and longing.

Often times when we are making or buying gifts, preparing meals, or visiting friends and family, we forget about Christ. Advent provides an opportunity for us to slow down, talk and listen to God who helps us get ready for the coming of the Christ child.

Gathering together during these special times gives us a sense of identity that comes from knowing and experiencing the presence of Christ. These kinds of gatherings become a tradition and helps children enjoy family and friends who provide stability, love and faith.

May we find time in our business to prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Christmas.

Mark 1:1-3 The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” – “a voice of one calling in the desert,” “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.”

Submitted by: Steve Jude
FAREWELL TO MR THIEL
Last Friday at Chapel we said farewell to Mr Thiel. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye. Mark and Sue will be heading to Alice Springs, Central Australia, where Mark has been called to serve in the Aboriginal ministry there. Mark has been a valuable part of our school from its inception and we will all miss him greatly. However we know that God has called him there and we wish him, Sue, and Zack God’s blessings as they all settle in to work in His service in Alice Springs. We also wish the extended family of Hannah, Eric, Benno, and Maddie all the best as they adapt to the changes in the Thiel family.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA
Invitations have gone out through the newsletter and through teachers for our Volunteers Morning tea, to be held this Friday, following our Chapel service. In a growing school volunteers make such a difference to the overall community as they support all our staff to undertake those extra activities that we can sometimes find difficult to achieve. We have volunteers at Navigator College who help in so many ways, from work in the library, reading, excursions, prayer groups, facilities as well as in the classroom. In fact, the ways our volunteers support us are just too numerous to mention and they bless us with their extra support. To show our appreciation to those of you who take the time to volunteer in our school please come to our morning tea, mingle with the staff and enjoy the small gift of fellowship on this day. Thank you from all of you.

2015 STAGGERED START TO SCHOOL
Next year our ‘Learning to Learn Week’ will have a staggered start and will incorporate an orientation focus. **Year 12 students will come to school on Tuesday the 27th of January** to begin their studies. The **Senior School students** will begin two days later on Thursday the 29th of January whilst the **Middle School and Junior School students** will start their first day on **Friday the 30th of January**. During this week there will be general getting to know you activities with Home Class teachers as well as testing and other beginning of the year activities, to enable us all to start the next week focussed and ready for the teaching year.

END OF YEAR SERVICE
As you are all aware by now our **END OF YEAR SERVICE IS 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 will need to be at the Theatre by 7.30pm ready to start at 7.45pm and their part in the service will run until approximately 9.15pm.

Please note official formal summer uniform is required unless told otherwise by your class teacher (see below).

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO TUESDAY REHEARSAL AT THE NAUTILUS THEATRE – INCORRECT DATE ADVERTISED IN LAST NEWSLETTER
We have had our first rehearsal today and our next one is scheduled for **Monday the 8th and then 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. **Middle and Senior School students will not be permitted to leave the theatre at any time to purchase food or drinks from nearby shops. Parents are also not permitted to deliver food to students who are at 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 from the front office. **There is no cost but will need to be pre booked by this Friday the 5th of December.** Please be specific about your ticket requirements as we have many families of the school 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.

To help ensure that all runs smoothly, could you please:

- Parents of Junior School students are asked to drop your child to the “holding room” at the back of the theatre at 5.30pm and proceed to the theatre to secure a seat. (Donation at the door). The students will be sitting with their classes backstage.
- We ask that all mobile phones are turned off or placed on silent prior to the Service for the benefit of all watching.
- We also ask that there be no video taping of the Service. The College will be taping the evening.
- Parents of Junior School students are asked to collect their child/ren immediately after their service from the “holding room” at the back of the theatre. After you have collected your child/ren and if you intend staying for the MS/SS service, light refreshments are available for purchase in the foyer during the break.

Those students who win an award on the night, please wait behind at the end of the Service for photographs.

UNIFORM POLICY – OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS
**GIRLS OFFICIAL UNIFORM – SUMMER FUNCTIONS:**

- Reception – Year 1: Short sleeve polo shirt, skort, white College socks and black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
- Junior School Year 2 – 5: Dress, white College socks, black...
leather lace up or buckle shoes.

**Middle School: Year 6 - 8**: Dress, white College socks, black leather lace up or buckle shoes.

**Year 9**: Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.

**Senior School Year 10 - 11**: Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.

**BOYS OFFICIAL UNIFORM - SUMMER FUNCTIONS:**

**Reception – Year 1**: Charcoal shorts, short sleeved polo shirt, black College socks and black leather boots or lace up shoes.

**Junior School Year 2 – 5**: Charcoal shorts, short sleeved shirt, short black College socks, black lace up shoes.

**Middle School Year 6 - 8**: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes.

**Year 9**: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes and College blazer.

**Senior School Year 10 - 11**: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes and College blazer.

**Year 11 students to also bring their College Senior charcoal jumper.**

God bless

Kaye

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**SPORTS UNIFORM**

Please note that on **Wednesday the 10th of December**, students are to **WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. THIS WILL ENABLE PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILD’S OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM CLEAN FOR THE END OF YEAR SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.**

**2015 DECS BUS TRAVEL**

If your child/ren are current DECS bus users, you as the parent/caregiver would have received a 2015 School Bus application from the College. It is important that these forms are completed and returned ASAP in readiness for the Combined Bus Committee meeting that will be held before the end of term to discuss these applications. We are asking that all users, eligible or ineligible fill out this application form and return to the office ASAP. Thank you to those that have already done so.

**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. Please note this is the final week that you will be able to participate in the survey.

Thank you in anticipation!

Mel Bartel
Special Needs Coordinator

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**SRC CASUAL DAY**

Our SRC are having a casual clothes day for all students. This will be held on **Friday the 12th of December** on the last day of school. In order to be able to have the privilege of wearing casual clothes for the day, the students are asked to come dressed under the theme “All things Christmas”. The cost is non perishable food items such as a can or packet of food or a gold coin donation to go to Lutheran Country Care.

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**HOMEWORK CENTRE**

Please note there will be **NO Homework Centre during week 9, the last week of this term.**

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

Our Navigator College School Magazine, 2014 will be available for purchase at the End of Year Service for $17. Alternatively, parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office, to be picked up on the last day of school.

**LATE ARRIVALS**

Parents please be reminded that you need to sign your child/ren in if they are late or have missed the roll call. We also need to know the reason for their late arrival so we can keep a record for truancy purposes. With thanks in anticipation.

**LOST PROPERTY**

We have a lost property pile that is quite large. By the end of the year it will automatically be placed in the second-hand clothes for sale as many items have been in there for months. Please check your child’s clothing items to avoid disappointment.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

A reminder to all Year 9 parents that the Senior School Blazers need to be paid for and collected before **Monday the 8th of December**, so they can be presented to the Year 9 students at our End of Year Service. These are a compulsory part of the Senior School uniform and are to be worn to and from school each day, as well as for official functions. The cost of the Blazer is $175 and can be paid for at the Uniform Shop or the front office. Instalments are possible.

The Year 12 charcoal jumpers have arrived and are $75 each. All Year 12 Students will be required to wear them as part of their uniform in place of the blue Woollen Jumpers. Also, if you have a child/ren starting school here for the first time in 2015, we encourage you to visit the Uniform Shop to purchase their requirements for next year before the end of term. **Our shop opening times are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8.30am – 10.30am and Thursdays from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.** Thank you.
GENERAL NEWS CONT.......!

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES
The Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays as follows:

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Susan McFarlane, Uniform Co-ordinator

GAMES WANTED
Mrs Lisa Heidenreich, our Student Welfare Worker, will be running a lunch time program for students in 2015. Any donations of board games or card games would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

LAST DAY OF TERM
Please note that due to the early closure of the Government schools and our bus connection, the Navigator College 2014 school year will end for students at 2.00pm on Friday the 12th of December.
Thank you.

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.....

As we rapidly approach the end of the year, I’d like to remind parents of next year’s Year 4 students to please return their iPad User Form and Consent Form to the front office. These need to be in by Monday the 8th of December so that we can finalise the group order in readiness for next year.
Thanks in anticipation.

Please also support our teachers as they finalise assessments and reports by ensuring all portfolios are returned from last term.

Can I encourage our community to record many of the events detailed in this newsletter in a diary or calendar, as there are many important dates and events over the next 7 school days.

Every Blessing for a great week!

Stephen Jude
Head of Junior School
As we near the end of another engaging and exciting learning term it is a nice time to ‘press the pause button’ and to stop and reflect on the year that was. I am lucky to have weekly planning meetings with the Junior School classroom teachers. This is our time to discuss the inquiry that is happening in their classrooms, plan future engaging learning experiences and reflect on where the students are at, where they need to be and ultimately how we are going to guide/assist them to getting there.

I have had many inspiring conversations with the teachers, which have led to critical discussions about what and how content is taught. Reflection is a huge part of this process. In the past few weeks as a Junior School we have been critically reflecting on our Programme of Inquiry and making plans for the future teaching year. Reflection is one of the IB Learner Profiler Attributes. It is about giving thoughtful consideration to your learning and experience and identifying your strengths and limitations to further support your development.

I commend the Junior School staff for being so reflective and for constantly striving to improve their teaching and learning programs to work towards best practice. I recently recorded our ‘curriculum journey’ for 2014 and was amazed at how much we as a Junior School have achieved, with many changes made to our inquiry units, planning processes, assessment and reporting, displays and portfolios. In amongst all this have been parent information evenings, Celebration of Learnings, camps, excursions, parent teacher interviews, reports, Exhibition, Guest speakers, buddy class, assemblies, Chapel and the introduction of I-pads at Year 4/5. What an exciting learning environment for your child to be a part of. From my perspective, it has been so wonderful to be a part of such a motivated, passionate and flexible team! So here I publically thank all of the staff at Navigator College for always going above and beyond. It has been a pleasure working with you in 2014 and I think you are all rock stars!

Gemma Leonard
PYP Coordinator

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For parents and members of the community the Service will begin with the Junior School emphasis at 6.00pm and we ask that Junior School students be at the back of the theatre at 5.30pm sharp. The service will run until 7.15pm when you are able to pick the students up from the back of the theatre. Those families who have Junior School students only will be able to take their children home, unless you wish to stay and watch the whole service. There will be an interval at 7.15pm until 7.45pm when the Middle School and Senior School part of the evening will commence.

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A Fruitful Partnership: Students, Staff and Parents

It is a beautiful thing when this partnership is working in unity. When communication, understanding and encouragement flow freely between all parties. As a College our goal is to provide our students with the best possible education, to grow them into wonderful contributors to the community and equip them for the future.

The best growth of students is achieved when we all work together, we all learn and we live with understanding. This is achieved best when all three parties agree to move together, take responsibility for what they have control over and above all, communicate constructively.

As 2014 draws to a close, I want to firstly thank students and families for a wonderful year. Secondly, as we look forward to 2015, if you have questions, concerns, ideas with regard to initiatives coming up, please allow us to be your first contact to express these and clarify any issues. This might be with regard to the Year 7 laptop roll out, Year 9 Journey Program, Year 5 into 6 questions, uniforms, homework expectations etc.

Please make attending parent information events a priority as these are designed to allow parents access to detailed information as well as give you the opportunity to ask informal questions.

I look forward with connecting with you all in 2015, and continuing to build strong partnerships between students, staff and families.

What an exciting finish we have had to the year in Middle School! Check out the action below!

**HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**YEAR 9 JOURNEY – SOLO EXPEDITIONS**

The Year 9 girls conquered the Journey Program’s Solo Night challenge last week. Constructing an overnight shelter from limited materials the girls showed resilience and courage to see the night through on their own. As they returned to school the next day there was an obvious sense of achievement and confidence among the group.

The boys head out for their Solo Night challenge this week.

Thank you to parents for encouraging your child’s participation. The Journey program has been a great season of growth, reflection and appreciation.

**YEAR 5 INTO YEAR 6 (2015) TRANSITION AFTERNOON**

On Tuesday the 25th of November we were privileged to welcome another group of students who will enter the Middle School in 2015. This time it was the current Year 5 students. The transition afternoon aimed to ease any anxiety about the transition, become familiar with the Middle School expectations and routine and become familiar with the Middle School facilities. The highlight of this transition program was the leadership of our current Year 9 students. A group of 10 volunteered to host the Year 5’s and pass on their experience, and advice with regard to entering Middle School. This was a special time to see the support that exists across the year levels of Navigator College.

**CONGRATULATIONS MIDDLE SCHOOL SRC - MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL SUCCESS!**

The inaugural Middle School Social took place last Friday Night at Lincoln City Church. A big congratulations goes to the Middle School SRC who planned and coordinated such a successful event. The combination of decorations, smoke machine and party lighting set an atmosphere of celebration. The great leadership of the SRC inspired every attendee to take to the dance floor and have some fun. The evening was packed with an exciting and entertaining program full of dances, games, competitions and prizes from start to finish. This SRC driven event truly was a great success, and has set a very high precedent for future years. Well done Middle School SRC!

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL
It is the season to be jolly.

This week I thank the year 11 students for taking chapel once again. The theme this week being ‘the real meaning of Christmas’. I always celebrate when our students take chapel. They interact well with their peers and engage all the students along the way, but also give a fresh perspective of the delivery of the message. I wonder what Christmas means to you? Is it just about the presents?

Yes, Christmas is a great time of celebration but it is not about the receiving of gifts. To me it’s about the giving. I have heard about, and I am sure many of you would have heard about, ‘random acts of kindness’. A buzz word of recent times but it is something that touches the hearts of people. Doing something for others without a reason except to say, you care. The benefits of this action raise the hopes of those that receive and the opportunity for the giver to feel good about giving. Two gifts for one action. In this same way at Christmas we received the gift of a person, Jesus, who came to Earth to save us. Here to Earth as a living sacrifice for all the sins we commit in our lives, now and into the future. All we have to do to receive that forgiveness is to ask God and through the work of the Holy Spirit we can be set free of our burdens. It is the season to be jolly!

As we begin the closing of studies in the Senior School we also welcome the election of our College Captains for 2015. This will occur on Thursday and we wish all contenders the best of luck in their election.

As I reminisce about the year, another activity around Christmas, I think of those that have passed, Pastor Ben particularly. In amongst the sorrows however there are the joys and what a joyous year it has been. I think about the work of our graduating class of Year 12 and the great successes they achieved. I remember the 175th celebration of Lutheran Schools and the fun day we had here at Navfest. All our celebration of learning activities and the Twilight Markets and these are just semester 2 activities. I often say this is a busy place but it is also a happy place of community and fellowship. God be praised.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School

**FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL.....**

The principal, Kaye Mathwin-Cox and staff warmly invite

**Parents and Caregivers**

to attend the

**Middle/Senior School End of Year Service**

Held on Wednesday, the 10th of December, 2014 at the Nautilus Theatre, at 7.45pm – 9.15pm

Please note: you must reserve your tickets at the front office before December the 9th, as seating will be limited.

RSVP: 08 8682 5079 aheldenrech@navigator.sa.edu.au

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**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 9 students and Special Awards presented.

For next week’s rehearsals which are scheduled for Monday the 8th and then 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. **Middle and Senior School students will not be permitted to leave the theatre at any time to purchase food or drinks from nearby shops. Parents are also not permitted to deliver food to students who are at the theatre.**

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CANTEEN LUNCH SPECIALS IN 2015

We are excited to announce the introduction of Canteen Lunch Specials in 2015. Each week in the Newsletter we will announce the Menu for following week. These Lunchtime Specials will be available on...

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KIDS CLUB

Tuesday 16th December
9:30am - 3:30pm
at Unity Hill
63 New West Road

For kids aged 5-12 years
$7 per child
Please RSVP by Friday 12th December

Places are limited - download a registration brochure from unityhill.com.au