Life is hectic at the best of times and it often becomes more so with the lead up to Christmas, school commitments, work shows, cards to write, presents to buy, family visiting, plans for Christmas lunch, holidays to pack for, food preparations and the list goes on… but stop, just for a minute and breathe…

Calmer than the sky
Far away so blue
Land of living God
Grant your peace on earth
We can feel you move
And cannot stay the same
The winds are blowing strong
God of heaven come
(Chorus)
Breathe peace
Breathe your peace on us
So we might breathe you deep
Breathe peace
Breathe your peace on us
Land of the living God
If we are in the way
Move us to the side
God forgive our wrongs
Rest your hands on us
All the world is yours
Let us not forget
It was you who bore the cross
God of comfort breathe
(Breathe Peace Lyrics - Robbie Seay Band)

Christmas is a fabulous time of the year to stop and share precious moments with the ones we love - a time when God shared his precious Son with us. Slow down, reflect and breathe in all the wonders God has given us this Christmas and let Him ‘rest His hands on you’. Breathe peace and share it with all you meet.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

May your Christmas break bring good health, joy and rest to your families and friends.

Submitted by: Annette Mesecke
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
At the end of each year I compile a ‘Principal’s Report’ which outlines the past year’s key events and management structures. This report will be posted on the school website in the near future, however if you would like a hard copy of the report it will be available at the Front Office later this week.

HOME CLASS TEACHERS 2015
A note will be sent home via the post to all students informing you of your child’s class for 2015.

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School - Stephen Jude
Reception A – Stacey Wybrew
Reception B – Elise Kimber
Year 1A – Emma Dempsey
Year 1B – Alicia Baines
Year 2/3A – Tania Masters
Year 2/3B – Susie Higgins
Year 2/3C – Rhianna Whenan
Year 4/5A – Ashleigh Friebel
Year 4/5B – Sarah Stobart
Year 4/5C – Marc Eckert

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Head of Middle School - Andrew Jericho
Year 6/7A – Hannah Prout & Annette Mesecke
Year 6/7B – Emma Jones & Naomi Woodstock
Year 6/7C – Carlyn Pearson & Sheree Zacher
Year 8A - Greg Maxfield & Jo Panizzolo
Year 8B – Fleur Slater & Fiona Parenta
Year 9A – Daniel Wilson & Sonia Ford
Year 9B – Sarah Smith & Kelly Freeman

SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School - Stuart Cox
Year 10/11/12 A - Albi Meyer & Nathan Wohling
Year 10/11/12 B - Susan Hopping & Peter Fraser
Year 10/11/12 C - David Hickey & Jenni Morel
Year 10/11/12 D - James Phillips & Judy Hickey

COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2015
Late in 2013 the College voted for our current 2014 Junior, Middle and Senior School College Captains. The End of Year Service marks the end of their responsibility as College Captains for the year. At the End of Year Service we will be announcing the 2015 Junior, Middle and Senior School College Captains in readiness for their leadership as the new school year begins.

These students have been chosen by our current staff and students considering the criteria of leadership, responsible behaviour, effort in academics, impeccable appearance and service to others. The nominated students prepared a speech to the school to demonstrate their public speaking abilities and staff and students then voted for the person they felt would be best suited to the criteria for selection. Students are eligible if they are in Year 5, Year 9 and Year 12 in 2015.

END OF YEAR SERVICE
Our Junior School Matinee, held today, was an amazing success and we look forward to the Service tonight. I would like to thank the many families that helped accommodate our ever growing school by relinquishing some tickets. It meant that families could attend the evening event. 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 students will need to be at the Theatre between 7.00pm - 7.15pm with parents seated at 7.30pm. The Middle Senior School Service will run until approximately 9.15pm.

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

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 and copies of the DVD can be pre-ordered as you leave the End of Year Service. Cost $10.
- 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.
- Senior School Year 10 - 11: Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.

*****FOR END OF YEAR SERVICE*****
**GENERAL NEWS**

**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 – Year 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.**

**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.

The College will close on the 19th of December and will reopen on Monday the 12th of January.

As this is the last newsletter for 2014 I would like to thank you for a tremendous year and take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2015. Enjoy the love of family and seasons greeting at this special time.

**God bless**

Kaye

**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 a gold coin donation. Thank you.

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

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

**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.

**SCHOOL FEES 2015**

We have endeavoured to keep our school base tuition fee increase to a minimum of 4% for 2015. Any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Smith our Business Manager. Thank you.

**UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES**

The Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays as follows:
- **Wednesday 14th January:** 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- **Thursday 15th January:** 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- **Tuesday 27th January:** 8.30am – 10.30am
- **Wednesday 28th January:** 8.30am – 10.30am
- **Thursday 29th January:** 8.30am – 10.30am
- **Friday 30th January:** 8.30am – 10.30am

Susan McFarlane, Uniform Co-ordinator

**2015 TERM DATES**

- **Term One:** Tue 27th January (Year 12 students start)  – Thur 29th January (SS students start) – Fri 30th January (MS & JS students start)
- **Term One ends:** Fri 10th April
- **Term Two:** Mon 27th April – Fri 26th June
- **Term Three:** Mon 20th July – Fri 25th September
- **Term Four:** Mon 12th October – Fri 11th December

**FAMILY TEA**

The Class Carers are organising a Family Tea on Friday the 6th of February at Flinders Park, 6.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for families (new and old) to meet and greet each other over an informal ‘BYO everything’ tea. Hope to see you all there.

**OUR SAVIOUR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

- **Port Lincoln:**
  - DEC 24th – 7.30pm Christmas Eve Service
  - DEC 25th – 9.00am Christmas Day Service

**Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Children’s Nativity Presentation 2014**

You are invited to help us celebrate The Birth of Jesus

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
95 Oxford Terrace, Port Lincoln

On Sunday 21st December at 7.00pm

All Welcome
We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU AND FAREWELL** to our Japanese Assistant Teacher Ai Tanaka. Ai has been with us during Term 1 and Term 4 this year as part of the Kobe Japan Australia Society Exchange Program. Ai helped in all Japanese lessons from Reception to Year 10 and we will miss her! Ai shared her customs and culture with us along with supporting our writing of the Japanese alphabet and pronunciation of the Japanese language. We feel very lucky to have had her join us this year and we would like to thank the host families who Ai stayed with during her time here in Port Lincoln. Without these host families, it would have not been possible.

Next year we have Miki Yoneyama from Tokyo joining us in Term 1 and Term 2. **If you would like the opportunity to host Miki please register your interest with the front office and we will make contact with you in the New Year.** Miki will be arriving at the end of January.

*Fiona Parenta and Sheree Zacher*
*Japanese Teachers*
What a hive of activity this week has been in the Junior School. Many end of year activities happening including, completing assessments, compiling reports, End of Year Service rehearsals, Christmas activities, end of term celebrations and farewelling staff and students. At this time of the year we get the opportunity to reflect on what a wonderful year it has been, whilst also learning from the challenges and the successes of the year.

I draw your attention to the Upside down Christmas tree! When we look at the media and what it is suggesting about Christmas, it is very easy to get swept up in the tinsel, presents, parties and decorations and to forget about the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to turn things upside down. He wasn’t the traditional king and he certainly wasn’t born in the traditional way.

This Christmas, take the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and think about how some of your past traditions might be turned upside down, by including Jesus fully in the celebrations.

Some suggestions could be to worship more, spend less, give more and show love to everyone!

May you have a truly wonderful Christmas and enjoy a restful break with your families. I look forward to a happy and exciting 2015!

Stephen Jude
Head of Junior School

As we conclude what has been a tremendously successful year in the Middle School, I would like to thank all of the staff, students, families and friends that make up our wonderful community.

It is because of your character and unity that Navigator College thrives. I would like to thank you, as a community, for living out the Learner Profile attributes that are displayed in every one of our classrooms. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, thank you for caring, thank you for taking educated risks and for enjoying the reward that lies on the other side of experience and adventure. Thank you for being inquirers and engaging with the journey of discovery along with our staff and students.

As you enjoy the summer break I encourage you to reflect on 2014. What were the strengths, the highlights, the risks, the failures, the discoveries and the opportunities.

Let us consider these things and resolve to build on our strengths and grow out of our weaknesses. Let us take lessons from our challenges and celebrate our victories. Every experience good or bad is valuable for growth. Growth only emerges through the pathway of reflection.

As you enter the Festive Season I wish you all an abundance of blessings and trust that you are able to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at Christmas with those closest to you.

May the summer break be a time of reflection but also one where we are all refreshed and refuelled for the journey ahead in 2015.

Andrew Jericho
Head of Middle School
This September thousands of people all over the world lined up outside of apple stores waiting for the release of the iPhone 6. But where did all of these people's old phones go? What happened to them? They were all turned into electronic waste or e-waste for short. E-waste is any type of old, outdated or unwanted electronic. Much of our e-waste is taken apart properly and with safety precautions, but when it isn’t, that’s when it gets a bit ugly.

As electronics are becoming an even bigger part of our lives, we are buying more and more and throwing out all of our old electronics. This generates the problem of where can it go and what can be done with it? An easy solution is to illegally export the e-waste to developing countries where there are no laws to protect workers in dangerous conditions. This is cheap, easy and rids the government of another of their problems. Some of the main places where e-waste is illegally sent id China, Nigeria, Ghana, India and Pakistan. Most of the areas where e-waste is being dumped in are in slums, or in small villages and towns away from suburban life and GreenPeace and Planet Ark activists.

When the e-waste gets to its destination it is dumped and then taken apart. Because e-waste is sent to slums, people use only hammers, screwdrivers and bare hands to unassemble electronics. Each PC, monitor and Box TV contains approximately 30kg of poisonous chemicals and metals. E-waste is placed in and acid bath or melted to extract precious metals for profit then the remainder of the electronic is re assembled for sale in the secondary market.

As these electronics are unassembled chemicals and toxins are released into the atmosphere and drip into the soil. This also poisons drinking and washing water and makes it harder for a person to be poison free. The breathing air is also poisoned with gases. There are many diseases that come from the unsafe unassembly of old electronics. Mercury and Lead are the most poisonous poisoning the blood, damaging the nervous, digestive and immune systems and causing DNA damage. There is much lead in the dust and dirt. This poisons approximately 30% of the slum children’s blood from frequent hand to mouth contact.

What can be done? Are there other alternatives? Instead of just sending our electronics off and forgetting about them we can send them to the e-waste processing plant in Adelaide. Instead of buying an all new, awesome iPhone 6 that will be outdated by next year, buy a RugGear phone that will give more value for money and durability that lasts longer. You could send your old phones to a mobile muster or you can drop off old phones, batteries, chargers and accessories at student services. Mobile Muster will send all of the old mobile phones to an e-waste processing plant. Even if can’t do any of this there are other alternatives. If there are no old electronics there will be nothing to illegally export.

By Rebekah Fatchen
Year 9 Student

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL......

As I write this week’s article I am challenged by the many activities that I must administer, but in all the commotion and organisation that must occur I am reminded of all the wonderful things that take place at our school. This week many student movements have occurred to the Nautilus Theatre where the students rehearsed for the End of Year Service. It is not very often that one gets the opportunity to see the school in its entirety and I have to say the fruit that emanates from the hard work of our teachers is nothing less than impressive. This, the conclusion to the year, is a community celebration of the gifts we have received from God and a fitting time when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Over the last week, I have had time to reflect on the year that was and I look back in awe at the many events that have been celebrated, acted out and attended throughout the year and say wow! How awesome are our students! How fantastic are our teachers! How supportive are our ancillary staff! Without the work and dedication of all of these individuals the school would not be the place it is.

I hope and pray that your holidays will be joyous and that your travels will be safe. Have a fantastic Christmas and a happy New Year.

Stuart Cox
Head of Senior School
Going to Uni for the first time in 2015?

Port Lincoln Community Bank® Branch

Scholarship now open.

Applications are invited from eligible students in the local district attending university for the first time in 2015.

For more information or to apply visit www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships. Alternatively, contact the Port Lincoln Community Bank® branch on 8682 5226 for more information.

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Summer Dance Workshop

Where? 23 Blackman Place, Port Lincoln

When? 20th, 21st and 22nd of January 2015

Who? Emily Graetz

A current dance teacher and student, of Odette’s Dance School, is conducting a three day dance workshop in the summer holidays. The workshop will include the following dance classes: (may change according to numbers)

• Beginner: Hip-hop/Jazz
• Advanced: Hip-hop/Jazz
• Advanced: Contemporary

If you are looking to learn some new moves, extend your skill set or have some fun, come along for a cost of only

$10 per class. The classes range from beginner to advanced students, so all are welcome.

If you are interested call or email Emily Graetz to book your place:

Phone: 0427972243
Email: emilygraetz97@gmail.com