They don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care!

I am passionate about all things to do with curriculum. I enjoy the challenge of planning engaging lessons, teaching lessons which challenge all students to think and finding out what the students have learnt. There is a ‘high’ that comes from knowing that I have planned, taught and assessed to the best of my ability. I enjoy tackling curriculum documents, whether they be connected to the Primary Years Programme or the new Australian Curriculum. I love bringing these documents to life in the classroom.

During devotion last week I asked staff to share a teacher who they remembered. In discussions later, the reason teachers were remembered was not because of their planning, teaching and assessing of the curriculum. They were remembered for the ‘person’ curriculum – the way they made their students feel.

Teachers are more than deliverers of a curriculum that comes from documents. They deliver a curriculum that comes from the heart – the ‘person curriculum’. We are blessed at Navigator to have teachers who are genuinely committed to the ‘person curriculum’ in addition to being exceptional practitioners. What a combination!

Jesus wrote a powerful ‘person curriculum’ based on the premise that people need to know how much you care before they care how much you know! What an example to follow.

In my ‘File of Love’, a file that holds a range of keep sakes, I found this poem which sums up how I feel about our Navigator staff because ALL our staff, not only the teachers, are involved in the delivery of the ‘person curriculum’.


Submitted by: Lyn Coote
NOTES AND NEWS

CLASS CARERS
As part of the Pastoral Care component of the College, we will again continue with the Class Carer program. This week the teachers have nominated a parent from each class to support them in this role. These parents will be asked to support teachers and class families as a ‘care contact’ within the school. Part of their role will be to support teachers as well as to liaise with families of their allocated class to identify any support needed. I will be contacting the nominated parents over the next few days. The Class Carers for 2011 are as follows:

Hayley Potts  Reception Kimber  
Kathryn Double  Reception Woodstock  
Susan McFarlane  Yr 1 Freeman  
Kerri Broome  Yr 2/3 Sharrad  
Tracey Waller  Yr 2/3 Treasure  
Dannielle Helliar  Yr 4/5 Masters  
Stephen Versteeg  Yr 4/5 Lienert  
Sally Wilson  Yr 6 Hodgson  
Nicole Tsesmelis  Yr 7 Meigel/Zacher  
Michelle Akers  Yr 8 Slater/Maxfield  
Dione Grocke  Yr 8 Kerin/Toogood  
Meg Webb  Yr 9 Jericho/Kannussaar  
Michelle Casserley  Yr 10 Hilder/Cox

We thank these parents for their support and time over the next year and look forward to working with them.

Kaye

SPORTS DAY PRACTICE DAY
This Friday the 4th of March, all students will be required to wear their sports uniform to school as we will be having practice for Sports Day.

SPORTS DAY 2011
Our Sports Day for 2011 is only a week away on Friday the 11th of March. Our classes have been busy practicing their events and are keen to compete. In order for the day to run smoothly we are asking for volunteer help. If you are able to spare a few moments on the day, please let your class teacher know. Students will need to wear their school sports shorts, socks and shoes. They are permitted to wear a shirt with sleeves in their house colours and to bring along streamers etc in their house colours. Any decorating of bodies is to be done at home under parent supervision. Students must bring and wear their school hat whilst waiting for events.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School and Sports Co-ordinator.

NUT ALLERGIES
We have several children in the school who have a severe allergy to peanuts and peanut products. For some of these children, contact with these products can cause a potentially life threatening reaction. We therefore seek your assistance in minimising the risk of exposure of these children to peanut products whilst at school. We are asking that you avoid giving your child peanut based products or products containing nuts (including Nutella) whilst they are at school and that you ensure that any food sent to school to be shared (for example birthday cakes) are free from these products. Thank you in anticipation for considering the safety and welfare of all our students.

ABSENT STUDENTS
Please note the mobile number to sms absences to is 0416 905 303. We apologise as this was incorrect in last week’s newsletter.

WANTED
If any families have cookbooks or food magazines they would like to donate to the Year 10 Hospitality program, they would be much appreciated. Magazines can be dropped in to the front office. Thank you.

Michelle Hilder, Year 10 Hospitality Teacher.

CANTEEN
If you have a need to contact our Canteen for any reason regarding lunch orders, please phone Di Schmidt on 0438 504 289. Thank you.

WOOLIES DISPLAY BOARD
If you are in Woolworths shopping, please take the time to have a look at our display board. For the next two weeks, the Reception Kimber class has displayed some of their work.

COMMUNITY NOTES
COME AND TRY SAILING The Port Lincoln Yacht Club invites you to be involved in a 2 week practical and theory program for 12 to 15 year olds. Life jackets provided. Must be able to swim. When: Saturdays 9.30am - 11.30am from the 19th to the 26th of March. Cost is $10 and places are limited. Contact Paul to register on 86823181.

AWANA CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUP at 4 Forbes Street, Port Lincoln. On Friday nights for ages 4-8, 5pm-6.30pm and ages 9-16, 7pm-9pm. Games, activities, workbooks, singing, Bible stories, quizzes and prizes. All boys and girls welcome. For more information phone Noleen 86830605.