A Ray of Sunshine...

When I was at school I had an amazing teacher called James Muir. He taught me many things but one phrase stands out the most:

‘Never under estimate the impact that you have on other people’s lives.’

At the age of 15 I did not truly know the meaning of this but as my life progresses I continually see examples of how such small actions can have an influence on other people. Last week in staff devotion I shared a story of the first time this phrase stood out in my life.

When I was in year 12, I met a new Year 8 student named Catherine. Catherine was very shy, but over the course of the year I would always say ‘hello’ when I saw her around school and stop for a chat if we both had time. I did not know Catherine well but in my last week of school I was busy finishing off work when Catherine came and found me. She had made a bracelet for me and said that she just wanted to say thank you for always saying hello and having time to stop for a chat. Catherine said she had not enjoyed school over the past year but that my friendly greetings had encouraged her to come to school and help her feel like she belonged to the community. At the time, I was so shocked that something so simple like saying ‘hello’ could have such an impact on another person.

As this year progresses, the weather gets colder, workloads increase and it seems like there are not enough hours in each day. We are challenged by having enough time to fit all of life’s demands into each day and often forget to stop and acknowledge. A couple of weeks ago I was rushing between classes with a pile of books, as were all of the students. One student stopped and held the door for me and said, ‘I’ll get the door for you Miss Hilder. You look like your hands are full’. Such a simple gesture of kindness had a positive impact on my day. We both stopped, smiled and continued our day in a more positive way.

This reminds me of a song called Winter Sun by an Adelaide band called Gemini Downs. It is about someone feeling down and dreary in winter. A ray of sunshine beamed in the window and restored her faith. The main words in the chorus sing: ‘I saw a ray of sunshine, it didn’t last long but I know it’s a good sign’.

My challenge for everyone is to be that ray of sunshine in somebody’s day, just as the Lord will always show us rays of sunshine if we allow him to, through faith. It is the small gestures like saying ‘hello’, holding a door for somebody, or truly listening when another person is telling you about their day that can have underestimated impact.

By his light I walked through darkness.
(Job 29:3)

Submitted by: Michelle Hilder
NOTES AND NEWS

ENROLMENTS FOR 2012
Letters have recently been sent out asking prospective parents to arrange a time for an interview for their child/ren to begin at Navigator College in 2012. So far we have had an excellent response with classes beginning to fill fast and it looks like we will have full classes and/or waiting lists at some year levels. If you know of anyone who is interested in sending their child/ren to Navigator College in 2012 please strongly encourage them to fill in an enrolment form and make an appointment with the Principal as soon as possible to ensure a position at the College.

SPEED LIMIT SURVEY
The Port Lincoln City Council have been surveying residents regarding speed limits within Port Lincoln. Whilst the survey considers speed limits on specific roads, we are particularly interested in the speed limit on Stamford Tce being reduced to 50kph. If you are willing to complete the survey, please call in and fill out a form at the College front office, or alternatively, go on line to www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au
Thank you.

PLAY AREAS SUPERVISION
We have noticed some students opting to play on the playground and lawn areas before and after school each day. In the mornings we would like all students to go directly to their classrooms to start the school day prepared and ready. At the end of the day a staff member will be on duty monitoring the car park, and the students leaving the school and the playground and lawn areas will be unsupervised. It is for the students’ own safety that the playground is out of bounds. Please note that Navigator College will take no responsibility for children in these play areas out of school hours.

END OF TERM
The end of Term 2 is on Friday, the 1st of July. There is a three week school holiday break until Monday the 25th of July, due to our staff attending Professional Development in Adelaide during that time. The Navigator College office will continue to be open from 9am to 3pm. If you have any queries, please phone during these hours. Thank you.

MAGAZINE
Thank you to all the students, parents and community members who submitted suggestions for the competition to name our College Magazine. We have had lots of great suggestions, and have now narrowed the pile down to six finalists. The name will be announced before the end of term. Thank you again for your support and participation. Navigator College Magazine Committee.

CANBERRA TRIP
A number of families have not paid the 2nd instalment of $110.00 for Canberra trip. This is now overdue. Please note the 3rd instalment is due by the 1st of July. Please ensure that these outstanding instalments are paid ASAP. If any problems please contact Rowan Miegel or Sarah Hodgson.

SAPSASA
Ellie and Jasmine Slater have been competing in Adelaide this week in SAPSASA Hockey. We congratulate them and wish them all the best. Well done girls!

UNIFORM SHOP
Please note that the Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays on Friday the 22nd of July from 10am till 12n.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE
On Friday the 24th of June, our Band students, accompanied by Music Teacher Bill Kannussaar, will be visiting Matthew Flinders Nursing Home to perform for the residents.

LUTHERAN CHURCH ‘LITTLE TACKERS’
Fellowship for 5-9 year olds. On Saturday the 25th of June (please note change of day) from 3pm till 5pm at the Gymnastics Club on Coronation Place. Cost is $6 and please bring a water bottle. Any queries please call Jodie 8682 3906.