

My Home

I was 16 when I first left my home town in Germany to move to another country. The country was Australia, the town we moved to, Port Lincoln.

Since then I have experienced many moves, a move back to Europe to travel, a move to Adelaide to become a teacher, a move back to Germany to work and to found a family with my Australian husband. A move back to Australia (Queensland this time), back to Germany and finally ... home!

Beautiful Port Lincoln has now been our home for 4 years. During the last 20 years I have had a lot of time to think about the concept of "home". A famous saying says: "Home is where the heart is". True now, but as a teenager I felt rather lost moving countries and finding new friends, learning a new language and getting to know a new way of life. Another one says: "Your home is your castle". I certainly lived in many different dwellings during the past few years but all the "homes" I have had I had to leave behind.

One "home" which remained constant during all these years was God's home. My belief in God enabled me to feel at home wherever I was on this planet. It was a constant I could rely on, the one sure thing I knew when I woke up every day that would remain unchanged. My belief helped me to overcome challenges and to make decisions.

As it says in Joshua 1:9 *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*

Genesis 28:15 *Exceeded my expectations as I now live in a place where I truly want to be: "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."*



Wednesday 19th October
Middle Years Primary (MYP) Parent
Evening-time 7pm
Canberra Trip Parent Evening-time 7.30pm

Monday 24th October
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 25th October
Promotions and Marketing meeting 2pm

Wed 26th and Thurs 27th October
Middle School/Senior School Interviews

Mon 31st October to Fri 4th November
Yr 6/7 Canberra Trip
Yr 10 Work Experience

Tuesday 1st November
Pastoral Care meeting 2pm
Building and Facilities meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd November
Yr 8-10 Boys/Girls Tennis

Tuesday 8th November
Class Carers meeting 2pm
College Council meeting 7.30pm

Friday 11th November
TWILIGHT MARKETS 5-8PM

Tuesday 15th November
Finance meeting 11am
Fundraising meeting 2pm

Thursday 17th November
Year 8 (2012) Transition Day 9am – 3.10pm



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Welcome back!

I hope you enjoyed the break and managed to spend some time with friends and family. I always find in the busy-ness of school life the holidays are a great time for a catch up on all the work I have put aside 'until later'.



The office was quiet but very productive and I commend the work of my fabulous office buddies who keep the school running even when the students aren't here. They are greatly appreciated for their hard work and active interest in the College.

This term we welcome 6 new students to Navigator. Tahlia Roberts (Yr 8) joins us again having returned from schooling in Adelaide. We also welcome new comers Dannen Blacker (Yr 2), Grace Blacker (Yr 3), Billy Wheare (Yr 3), Meg Wheare (Yr 6) and Izabella Culjak (Yr 6). We wish our new students and their families every blessing as they join our wonderful Navigator College family.

The Twilight Markets are fast approaching (Friday the 11th of November) and are looking to be an even bigger and brighter event than last year! Our Fundraising team and our Class Carers have been working hard to bring about a fantastic community fundraiser that promises to be loads of fun with rides, show bags, food stalls and much, much more.

The teachers and Class Carers have been asking for parent helpers on the stalls as well as help up to and on the day. If you are able to spare any time we would certainly appreciate extra hands as there is so much to do. If you are able to offer any extra assistance please let the front office know and we will gladly put you to work! This event is one of only two major fundraisers and we would love to see as many families as possible joining us, particularly for the opportunity for our families to gather together in fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

NAPLAN TEST RESULTS

Earlier this year our students in Years 3, 5, and 7 and 9 were involved in NAPLAN testing. These results were sent home last term in the Reports and we had interviews for Junior School in the last week of Term 3. Middle and Senior School interviews will be held next week.

The NAPLAN testing is one snapshot of our student's achievement and should not be read in isolation as there are contributing factors that affect how a child achieves in assessments such as these. Navigator College monitors students' performance in a variety of ways including standardised testing and regular classroom assessment which is shared through our parent teacher interviews, student work and our end of term reports. The information from all these sources combined gives a complete picture of the progress your child has made throughout the year. If you would like to discuss your child's NAPLAN results with their teacher please feel free to make an appointment through the front office.

God Bless,

Kaye.

INTERVIEWS

Middle and Senior School Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next week on Wednesday the 26th and Thursday the 27th of October. Students will have received an Interview Request form with their Report last term.. Please complete this form and return it by the end of this week so times can be finalised.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be held next Monday the 24th of October. Please continue to return photo envelopes to the front office. Every student **MUST** return the envelope - whether or not an order is being placed. Envelopes are to be returned to the school **with the correct payment enclosed**, prior to photo day please. Family envelopes are available from the front office.

Students are to wear the **OFFICIAL** Summer uniform on photo day (PLEASE NOTE: This is slightly different from the 'normal' Summer uniform – details were sent home yesterday in a note to parents). **Black** hair ties are the 'official' uniform for photographs also. House and Vice Captains need to bring their Sports Uniform to change into for their photo, and bring their badges.

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE EAST AFRICA FAMINE RELIEF

We are pleased to inform you that our Term 3 class offerings and the money raised on SRC 'Odd Day' now total more than \$1000! What a fantastic effort! The \$1160 we have raised so far will go towards the ALWS East Africa famine relief fund to aid the hundreds of thousands of people affected by the crippling famine affecting parts of Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia.

This term's offerings will continue to go towards the famine relief fund until week 6 when classes will shift their focus to ALWS 'Gifts of Grace' as we get closer to Christmas. A special thank you goes out to the Year 8 classes who on the last day of Term 3 baked, decorated and sold cupcakes to raise money to contribute to the fund. They were delicious, well done!

Thank you to all parents and students who have contributed to this fundraising, either through Chapel offerings, dressing up 'odd', or buying a cupcake. Don't forget if you have any loose change lying around, put it in the Chapel offering box in your child's classroom to contribute towards this very important cause; every cent helps!

For more information about Australian Lutheran World Service or the East Africa famine visit the ALWS website: www.alws.org.au

Miss Hodgson & the Year 6 class

BUSHFIRE SEASON

Term 4 and Term 1 are times when we all need to be aware of the possibility of a bushfire. It was decided in 2009 that the State Government will close high-risk public schools and preschools in specific fire ban districts on days when the fire danger index is forecast 100 or more - Catastrophic (Code Red) level. As a non-government school we will also need to close the College during Catastrophic days. This preventative action to close schools will be taken to help keep our children and staff safe during the most serious fire danger weather.

Once it has been decided to close the College an advance warning will be provided to parents before the possible closure via an SMS. With this in mind the office will be testing the SMS system to make sure parents can be alerted as soon as possible when there is a Catastrophic Day – which, if notified early will be a school closure day.

Please be aware that this test will be sent early next week so keep an eye out for it and please alert the office if you did not receive the SMS by the 28th of October. Thank you in anticipation.

The notifications of Catastrophic fire risk days is also expected to be widely publicised in the media. In addition, Department of Education and Childrens Services has a hotline which will operate the day before the Catastrophic fire risk day and the day of the Catastrophic fire risk. The number is 1800 000 279. Information on schools to be shut will also be on a web site. www.bushfirereadyschools.sa.gov.au Both sources of information are expected to be widely publicised.

NAVIGATOR COLLEGE HOMESTAY

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 in boarding a student please contact Mark Thiel on 8683 3016 or the College on 8682 5099, or call into the Front Office for an information booklet.

COLES AND WOOLIES VOUCHERS

The promotional period for Coles and Woolies vouchers has now finished. If possible could you please drop in any vouchers and receipts as soon as possible so we can finalize this and post them off. A big thank you to Mel Bartel, Susan McFarlane, Kylie Window, Esther Campion, Alison Gassner and children, and Vicky Pahl for entering the many Woolies receipts we received. Thanks to also the community for going to the trouble of putting their receipts into the box at Woolworths.

Kathryn Doudle, Class Carer

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

At the end of last term, I collected 35 shoe boxes of gifts from Navigator College. These will be sent to children in need somewhere in our world through the Samaritans Purse Project Operation Christmas Child. I'd like to say a very big thank you to all who helped fill these boxes. Thank you to staff, students and families for your support and compassion. It was wonderful achievement and I hope you feel blessed to know that you will make a difference in the lives of 35 children and their families this Christmas. Thank you once again.

Sue Hodgson (for Operation Christmas Child).

2011 MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

Navigator College will be publishing its 2011 school magazine later this year which will be an overview of school activities and events throughout the year. In order to offset the printing costs, we are asking local businesses and organisations to sponsor our 2011 magazine. The following two sponsorship options are

available: \$110 for a business card size advertisement in the magazine and \$330 for a 1/3 page advertisement. All adverts are GST inclusive and a receipt will also be issued for taxation purchases. Please contact the school front office if you are interested in advertising in our 2011 school magazine. Thank you in anticipation.

Magazine Committee

Community Notes

CONNECT Worship Service - Our Saviours Lutheran Parish invites you to join us for a short 45 minute Christian based service with modern music lead by Bill Kannussaar. This service is held in a relaxed and welcoming environment in the Resource Centre Multi-purpose room at Navigator College. Please join us on Sunday the 23rd of October at 6.00pm. All denominations welcome. Leonie Ebert.

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE – Give your marriage a tune up. Four sessions on Wednesday evenings - 19th, 26th, Oct, 2nd and 9th Nov. at Ravendale Function Centre. Time 7-8.30pm, cost is \$40 per couple and \$20 per single. Bar open and nibbles provided. A free creche is also available - bookings are essential. Hosted by Grant and Lisa Heidenreich and sponsored by Global Care. To register phone 0429 822 507.

The CWA will be holding Embroidery and Patchwork classes for interested students on Tuesday nights after school until 6pm at the CWA rooms. No machines are needed but a fee will be charged for kits purchased. Come along and learn how to use a sewing machine and also do hand embroidery.

PORT LINCOLN MODEL AEROSPORT CLUB presents AIRSHOW HEAVEN 2011. Enjoy the public display at the Coomunga field on Sunday the 30th of October. See amazing model aircraft perform aerobatics, pylon-races and much more! From 10am to 2pm. Enquiries to Secretary Keith Tattersall on 86830107.

RAVENDALE TENNIS - Registration/Social Day on Saturday the 22nd of October at 9am at the Ravendale Tennis Courts Puckridge Place. Coaching will be conducted on Thursday nights between 4 & 5pm, commencing the 27th of October. Contact Anne on 86843517(ah) or 0429843517, if you are unable to attend. Juniors will be placed into matches as they arrive on Saturday mornings. Games commence at 9am each Saturday. This season we may include some Thursday or Friday night games. Our Subs are very reasonable at \$40 Juniors, & \$60 Seniors.

Senior Social Tennis will commence on Wednesday the 26th of October, from 6pm. Games conclude with a BBQ Tea. Ball Money \$3. everyone welcome – doubles combinations are organised on the night, so come & enjoy a game of tennis & a BBQ tea. Our Senior Team plays each Saturday afternoon in the United Tennis Competition & if you are interested in playing or being a reserve please contact Anne.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO'S - Halloween Night. Dress up and come and join the fun and dancing on Friday the 28th of October 2011, from 7pm - 9.00pm at the Port Lincoln Primary School Gym. For ages: 7 years – 13 years. Strictly no pass outs. Parents must collect children at door. Tickets: \$5.00. Canteen and drinks available.