

God is in the Interruptions

Wednesday 23rd November
Parent Information Evening
with Tim Dansie 7pm in Resource Centre

Thursday 24th November
Yr 8/9 Immunisations 11.30am

Friday 25th November
Kindy Transition Day (2012 Rec)
Coffee morning for new Reception Parents
starting Term 1 2012 at 9.45am

Tuesday 29th November
Promotions and Marketing meeting 2pm
Building and Facilities meeting 7.30pm

Friday 2nd December
Kindy Transition Day (2012 Rec)
Volunteers Morning Tea after Chapel.

Tuesday 6th December
Pastoral Care meeting 2pm
College Council meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th December
Student End of Year Service rehearsal at
Nautilus Theatre

Friday 9th December
Kindy Transition Day (2012 Rec)



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We all lead busy lives and it seems life only gets busier as the years pass by. We find we have more to cram into one day, more checklists to tick off and more deadlines to meet. In pondering on the increasing business of our lives, I came to realise that amidst the bustle and deadlines, our lives are never void of interruptions. Yes, interruptions I have quickly learnt always creep into the most incredibly thorough, immaculately, well thought out routine or plan.

You probably all know what I'm talking about. However, what I want to tell you is that *God is in the Interruptions*. When things go smoothly, that's our plan. When there are interruptions that we don't foresee or even want, that's God's plan. He willed or allowed those things to happen. To fight them is to fight His permissive will.

You've probably heard that before but as I meditate on this topic, I've come to realise that interruptions accomplish one of three purposes in our lives.

1) Interruptions allow us to bless someone else. When I'm busy teaching a class and two Year Nine students enter the room wanting help to locate a laptop, that's an opportunity for me to be a blessing to them and a chance to meet their need. Each time a person interrupts our tasks, we can choose to see ourselves as the hands and feet of God and let Him use us to meet their needs.

2) Interruptions provide unforeseen opportunities and blessings for us. When I'm waiting 15 minutes to use the photocopier in the staffroom, it can mean that I have the opportunity to have an awesome conversation with someone else who's waiting for their photocopying to finish. Practice recognising each little win not as a coincidence, but as a blessing from God and a reward for doing the right thing with the right attitude.

3) Interruptions strengthen our self-discipline. Every interruption, if we choose to view it that way, is an opportunity to build our self-discipline. All moments of being tested (even trivial interruptions) produce patience, which produces endurance, maturity, completion, and perfection. If nothing else good comes from an interruption, at least we can know that working through it with a good attitude and a humble heart has planted more seeds of self-control within us which we'll be happy to reap later on.

In the future, try not to mindlessly lose peace over every interruption, as trying not to have interruptions is missing out on the joy of being part of God's plan.

Submitted by: *Alysha Kerin*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

PRINCIPAL'S VISIT

Yesterday we were privileged to have the Lutheran Secondary Principals from South Australia visit our school. It was not only a wonderful opportunity to showcase the College and share our successes, but to also work on ways we, as a cohort of Lutheran Schools can support one another. The principals were spoilt with a special seafood lunch specifically prepared by our very own Jeremy Hartwich which was very much appreciated. Special thanks must go to Jeremy, Tracey and Matt Waller (from Adventure Bay Charters, who took them on a tour), Kathryn Doudle, Hannah and Mark Thiel and Diane Moseby who made sure the day was a success.



WELCOME NEW STAFF FOR 2012

It is my pleasure to inform you of the new staff line up for the 2012 year. We welcome to the Navigator College team:

Junior School: Sarah Stobart, Fiona Parenta, and Rebecca Werner.

Middle School/Senior School: Nathan Wohling (Science, Maths), Jenni Morel, (Maths, Art), Annette Mesecke, (Library, Music,) Hannah Prout (English, Drama), and Rhiannon Prime (English, Drama)

Administration: Meg Webb.

Regretfully we say goodbye to Alysha Kerin, Bill Kannussaar and Nada Gobin and wish these staff members every blessing in their new endeavours.

Kelly Freeman will be on accouchement leave next year and we wish her and Travis all the best for their new family arrival in the new year.

With sixty new students to Navigator College in 2012 we will be increasing our class structure to include two classes at Year 1 as well as continuing two Reception classes. It is such an exciting time in the history of the College! Our Leadership roles will change slightly with Andrew Jericho becoming Head of Middle School next year and Sarah Hodgson will be Year 6-10 Curriculum Co-ordinator.

CLASSES 2012

We are now at the stage where we begin to consider class placements for 2012. There are many factors that go into placing your child in a specific class. I believe that a happy child learns and therefore I make my decision after discussion with your child's past and future teachers, based on their social stance. It is my belief that if your child is (socially) happy and content, learning naturally occurs. Ordinarily if your child is surrounded by others that make him / her feel safe, he / she is then able to work at school. Of course in all classes at times there are incidents that may result in a clash of personalities. However the more socially secure child can usually manage the situation easier than the one who feels less confident.

Looking at classes for next year, the social factor is very high on the list, but other factors such as class numbers, gender and siblings need also be considered. If you

have any reasonable requests regarding your child's placement in a class, please make an appointment to see me. Please note teachers will not be deciding on class allocations as it is a Leadership team decision and as such I ask that you speak only to me if you have concerns or requests. Thank you.

God bless,

Kaye

END OF YEAR SERVICE

We are now gearing up for the End of Year Service which will be held at the Nautilus Theatre on Friday the 16th of December at 7pm. 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 Five and Year Nine students and Special Awards presented. Whole school practices have been planned at the theatre on the 7th, 14th and 16th of December. We are asking that all students are dropped off to teachers at the Makybe Diva statue in the morning at 8.45am. Students will be delivered by buses back to the College when the practice is completed. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2011 Forms Package.

LITERACY UPDATE

WOW, what amazing learning is taking place in our Junior School! In my weekly meetings with teachers and as I interact with students in their classes, I am very proud of the incredible programs that are being utilised and the tremendous learning opportunities that are occurring. Our literacy block for example, sees our students across Reception to Year 5 engaged in intense literacy activities for the first hour of the day, when student's attention is at its highest. Strategically aimed activities that support and challenge the development of phonics, spelling blends, reading strategies, grammar, punctuation, writing using appropriate sentence and paragraph structure, as well as using alliteration, simile and other tools are just some of the skills that our students have the opportunity to develop.

These programs are carefully selected and adopted from reputable sources and are implemented in a way that suits our cohort of students and their learning needs. Please feel free to chat to your child's teacher regarding any elements of your child's literacy development.

Steve Jude, Head of Junior School



A Guided reading group of Receptions

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

It has come to my attention that a number of students have been identified as not having the correct uniform. Could you please be vigilant of the Uniform Policy which outlines the correct uniform that our students must wear and includes socks, shoes, and jewellery. Additionally, our expectations for uniform include the travel to and from school whereby our students are obliged to wear correct uniform at all times. If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform on any one day, a note must be placed in their diary outlining the reasons why they are unable to wear the correct uniform. Navigator College students are easily identified in the community by the uniform they wear and we are proud of the way in which our students portray themselves in the community. It is our school pride that has made our school a welcome addition in the Port Lincoln community and one that has given us a great reputation. We thank our parents for their support of our school uniform.

Stuart Cox, Head of Middle/Senior School

IMMUNISATIONS

The final visit for Year 8 and 9 vaccinations will be tomorrow. Only the Year 9's who were absent last time and did not receive their Boostrix vaccination, need to be seen. The Year 8's are eligible for:

- * Chicken Pox vaccination – if they haven't had Chicken Pox before.
- * Girls only – Gardasil vaccination (should be the last of three doses).

If you have any questions regarding this please phone Aaron Price, Environmental Health Officer at the City of Port Lincoln office on 86212320.

Julia Thiele, Administration

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

If you have a Reception child or other children starting school here for the first time in 2012, 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 mornings 8.30am – 9.00am and Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm. Thank you.

Alison Gassner, Uniform Co-ordinator

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2011

The Canteen will not be open in the last week of this term due to class parties and End of Year Service activities running throughout the week. Our last Canteen day for the year will be Friday the 9th of December. Thank you all for your patronage this year.

Di and Ian Schmidt

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our Navigator College School Magazine, 2011 will be available for purchase at the End of Year Service for \$15. Alternatively, parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office, to be picked up on the last day of school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – SPECIAL GROUPS

If you would like to purchase copies of photos of the 2011 College Captains, College House Captains, SRC Members or College Council, proofs are now available for viewing at the Front Office. Photos will cost \$15.00 each and payment is required with the order. Orders to be returned to us by Friday 9th December.

GRAIN DONATIONS

The College gratefully accepts grain donations from farmers in lieu of cash donations. If you would like to make a contribution could you please donate to "Navigator College Inc" (12846521) and ask to have the grain to be warehoused. Thank you in anticipation.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Ebay scams! Red Flags to look for!

Oh beware BEWARE of that item on eBay that looks just too good to be true.

What to look out for when purchasing on eBay

1/ Avoid buying items that are only listed for 1 day. Scammers do this a lot, to get the item sold quickly before it's reported and taken down from eBay.

2/ It's good to check the users ratings, but this must only be used as a guide. There is software out there that allows users to fake ratings and even user feedback.

3/ Does the seller say contact me on an email address only, and not through eBay? This is a big red flag. Stay away from sellers that want to do any communication outside of eBay. They do this so conversations are not logged, in case you decide to dispute the auction (sale) against them.

4/ Is the buy it now price on the item way under what you would expect to pay?

5/ Does your mind keep telling you, "no way, no way, it's too good to be true" Yes your mind was right.

6/ Check what items they have been selling in the past. For example if the 'seller' has only been selling items like shoes, candles, clothes, toys, and then all of a sudden selling an iMac, or PC Computer, run a mile. Large eBay sellers always stick to what they know.

7/ Always buy your eBay item through PayPal. It offers you scam protection. If you purchase through bank transfer you lose all your protection. In most cases you can get your money refunded if you were scammed through a PayPal purchase.

8/ Even if you know the seller is trusted by thousands of users, don't let this be the way you decide the item is legitimate. Accounts can easily be hacked and items listed in their stores without them even knowing!

After saying all of this, enjoy eBay. If you're careful and follow these simple steps, you can end up with a good bargain.

Your friendly IT guy, Nick Foster

For afterhours work, call me at Navigator College on 86825099. Or email me at nfoster@navigator.sa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This will be from the 25th to the 27th of November, 2011 at the Lutheran Church, Flinders Highway, Port Lincoln. Times are: Friday the 25th from 10am – 9pm, Saturday the 26th 10am – 4pm and Sunday the 27th from 12 noon until 4pm. Enjoy a display of uniquely Decorated Trees, Christmas Quilts and other Christmas Collections and enter into the spirit of the Christmas Season.

There will be Cake Stalls, Lucky Dips and Raffles available also. Entry fee is a Gold Coin Donation. Light refreshments will be available and a Sausage Sizzle will be held on Friday evening. The Festival will conclude with an Advent Service at 7pm on Sunday evening and supper amongst the trees.

Navigator College - 2012 School Fees

The following is the fee structure for the 2012 school year. We have endeavoured to keep our school fee increase to a minimum for 2012, with an increase of 6%.

If you any queries regarding school fees, please contact the Business Manager, Liz Smith at the College.

Year R - 5	Annual	Term	Month	Fortnight
First Child	\$2,844	\$711	\$237	\$110
Second Child	\$2,644	\$661	\$221	\$102
Third Child	\$1,944	\$486	\$162	\$75
Fourth Child	\$1,094	\$274	\$92	\$43

Year 6 - 9	Annual	Term	Month	Fortnight
First Child	\$3,340	\$835	\$279	\$129
Second Child	\$3,140	\$785	\$262	\$121
Third Child	\$2,440	\$610	\$204	\$94
Fourth Child	\$1,590	\$396	\$133	\$62

Year 10 - 12	Annual	Term	Month	Fortnight
First Child	\$3,900	\$975	\$325	\$150
Second Child	\$3,700	\$925	\$309	\$143
Third Child	\$3,000	\$750	\$250	\$116
Fourth Child	\$2,150	\$538	\$180	\$83

Yr R - 5	\$195.00 p/a
Yr 6 - 9	\$210.00 p/a
Yr 10 - 12	\$250.00 p/a plus \$115.00 p/term (IT Laptop levy)
	Please note that some Year 10 – 12 subjects may incur additional charges

A Composite fee is paid by every student, (charged in full in Term 1) to cover subject fee costs in the following areas:

Stationery, Sport, Art & Craft, Photocopying, Library, Minor Excursions and Curriculum.

Discount

In Term 1, if you elect to pay your account in full within 30 days of the first account being issued, a 5% early payment discount will be deducted from your account.

PLEASE NOTE: If a student is not enrolled for all 4 terms, a proportion of the fees is charged.