

### A Memorable Challenge

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
Middle School/Senior School Interviews

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Yr 6/7 Canberra Trip  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
Yr 4/5 Excursion

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Pastoral Care meeting 2pm  
Building and Facilities meeting 7.30pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Yr 8-10 Boys/Girls Tennis

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
Class Carers meeting 2pm  
College Council meeting 7.30pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
TWILIGHT MARKETS 5-8PM

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Finance meeting 11am  
Fundraising meeting 2pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 8 (2012) Transition Day 9am – 3.10pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
Kindy Transition Day One (2012 Rec)

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Yr 8/9 Super \*'s Cricket

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
Kindy Transition Day Two (2012 Rec)



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Genesis 11:1-9 **The Tower of Babel**

“Yes! Aren’t we great!” “We are absolutely splendid! While, we are SO wonderful, let’s build a magnificent city to show just how wonderful we are!” The people who came after Noah were at it again. How quickly they forgot that everything they had, came from God. And God is far, far more wonderful than they were. But still, they said, “Let’s build a glorious city to ourselves. And in that city, let’s build a tower that reaches into heaven!” “Splendid idea!” “Excellent!” they agreed. And, the thing was, they COULD all agree, because in the time after the flood, everyone spoke the same language. They all could work together. And when you work together, you can do almost anything. (But that can be dangerous too, when you don’t do the right thing.) So one day God came to visit the magnificent city the people were building, and to see the great tower. “This isn’t good,” God said. “Because they all speak the same language, there won’t be anything they can’t do! “Every great thing they do, they will think that they are even greater - and there will be no end to the trouble that will bring. We will have to put a stop to this.”

And so right then, God began to confuse the language of the people on earth. People started calling things by different names. “Hand me that hammer,” one worker said to the other one day under the hot sun, while they were working together way up on the tower. And the other worker handed him a brick instead. He didn’t know what the other worker was talking about anymore. “No! No! You dummy! Not a brick, a HAMMER!” Well, they couldn’t get much work done like that! And soon the people weren’t getting along so well anymore. They quit building the great city and the tower. All the people that spoke one new language decided to get together and move to a new place, while the people who spoke another language went to find a nice place somewhere else. And because of that, people began to move all over the earth. So the magnificent tower never got finished. It became known as the tower of Babel (“Babel” is like the Hebrew word for confusion), because that’s where God made all the people’s language sound like babbling to each other.

The year I spent overseas teaching English in Japanese Junior High Schools was one of the ‘best’, memorable, challenging yet rewarding years of my life. Learning how to open a bank account, send a letter, buy groceries at the supermarket, catch public transport and use a toilet were some of the daily tasks that became my new challenges when I lived in Japan as a ‘foreigner’ attempting to speak a second language. But **what a delight** to meet such humble, hospitable and proud people, eager to meet and befriend a westerner and willingly inviting me into their homes, to their Weddings, Festivals, School Ski Trips, Staff Parties and Family Holidays. **What a laugh** to be squatting backwards over a traditional Japanese toilet! **What an adventure** travelling to Sacred Mountains and ringing the Peace Bell in the Hiroshima Peace Park, **what an experience** being dressed in a Traditional Kimono and taken to a traditional festival and **what a challenge** eating unusual delicacies! **What a privilege and honour** it is to be able to now pass on those amazing experiences and language with the students of Navigator College, helping them to take on the challenge God set for us! Learning a second language sure can be confusing at times, just as God intended, but the reward, opportunities, new friendships and memories that remain with you forever sure are a gift from God. So parents, don’t be worried if your child comes home ‘babbling’ sometimes and you feel confused when you don’t know the words to the song they are singing, it’s all part of God’s plan!

Submitted by: *Sheree Zacher*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011

Internationally World Teachers' Day is celebrated during the month of October. In 2011 Australian schools will celebrate this special day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the important role of teachers within our communities.

Celebrated in over 100 countries World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

Without a doubt Lutheran schools are well regarded in the community. They are seen as safe and caring places where students experience a sense of belonging in the context of community. Above all, Lutheran Schools are places where God's love is demonstrated and lived out in forgiveness, new beginnings, and the 'extra mile'.

We salute the teachers who create this experience of the Lutheran School through numerous ways in the day to day routine of school life. World Teachers' Day is just another day, but for those who serve our schools, may it be special one when you can say with conviction, 'I thank God I am a teacher!' Our teachers will be given a special morning tea provided by our LSO's as we try in some small way to acknowledge the incredible work of our teaching staff at Navigator College. It would be wonderful if you could also acknowledge our teaching staff this Friday.

Last term there were a number of students who received 'outstanding' effort in their Reports. We acknowledge these students with 5 points towards their House Teams which will accumulate to give us a final House result to be announced at the End of Year Service on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. The Term 3 House point Principal Awards are included in this newsletter.

I will be enjoying Camp with the Year 6 and 7 classes in Canberra next week. If you have any concerns or queries please contact Stuart Cox in my absence.

*God Bless,*

*Kaye.*

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL

I thank all those parents who have made an effort to make contact with their child's teacher. We find this an important aspect of the reporting cycle as it gives a firsthand account of a child's progress and behaviour. Interviews are set at the beginning of Term 4 to allow corrective guidance for a student to improve, if necessary, or as a time to give praise to students who have completed Term 3 to the best of their ability.

You would have noticed that on the front page of your child's Report there is a note if an interview is required by any of your child's teachers. Once identified, it is the responsibility of the parent to make appointments on the



most convenient day of this week and relay that information through the student to the teacher. If for some reason you missed this process please contact the teacher to arrange an interview at a time conducive to both parties. All interviews will be held in Cluster 3.  
*Stuart Cox, Head of Middle School*

### TEST TEXT MESSAGE FOR CATASTROPHIC (CATS) FIRE BAN DAYS

In last week's newsletter you were informed that a **TEST SMS** Catastrophic (CATS) Fire Day alert would be sent out in the following week. I can now confirm that this test SMS will take place tomorrow morning Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, at approximately 9.30am. Parent/Caregiver (A) (usually the Female) of **every student** enrolled at the College will receive this text. On a Catastrophic Fire Day, this text is the only communication that you will receive from the school regarding closure, should it be required. Therefore, families must make sure they have a **CURRENT and PREFERRED** mobile number listed with the school. If families have not received this TEST SMS by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, we ask that you contact the front office. In regards to a TRUE Catastrophic (CATS) Day, you will receive a SMS depending on when it is confirmed (the day prior or on the morning of). I thank you in advance for your complete attention and co-operation with this TEST SMS as it is extremely important with the fire season approaching.

*Thank you, Administration*

### 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.

### 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 NOTICES

Our Saviours Lutheran Church **Littletackers Fellowship** for 5 - 9 year olds on **Saturday the 5th of November 1pm-3pm** at the **Port Lincoln Leisure Centre**. Dash & Splash \$10.00/child or Splash & Swim \$7.50/child. All parents are to attend to supervise children. All children under 120cm are required to have assistance from an adult on the slide.

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