

## *It's all part of the Grand Plan!*

Choices are something we make on a daily basis. Sometimes they are almost unconscious, some may be very quick or long deliberated over.

Our Unit of Inquiry this term with the Year 4/5's has really made me focus on choices in my life I have made and how I made them, the consequences to myself and others. When my husband and I decided to apply for a Migrant's Visa for Australia four years ago we were in a good place. We were financially okay, both working in jobs which were fulfilling and in a beautiful place close to our families. We both felt something was missing. What if we up sticks and moved to Australia? We could give our daughter the chance to experience a new country with a more wholesome lifestyle, change jobs and get off the treadmill of commuting hours each day to work. We sat down and made a pros and cons list and came out with mostly pros. The biggest minus was being away from aging parents and all our friends. The push came from our ages because if we didn't get a wriggle on we would be too old at 45 to be eligible for a Migrant's Visa. After filling in mountains of paper work and getting medical clearance we sat back and waited thinking it would be at least a year before we found jobs.

Within three months our visas were granted and my husband had landed a job working for SARDI in a tiny place in the middle of South Australia called Port Lincoln. After flying out and staying in Port Lincoln for three days we still weren't sure. As always our choice had already been made for us but we weren't aware of it! Family and friends were pleased for us but being on the opposite side of the world was a very long way. We gave crash courses on Skype to the Grandparents and promised to visit when we could. 'Well let's have a go', became my motto. 'If it doesn't work out we'll just go back!'

**Proverbs 3 v 5 says 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.'**

We had to trust in God and it was a good thing we did because we couldn't go back. Three years later we are both in jobs which are infinitely more rewarding than we could have ever hoped for. Our daughter is in an amazing school at Navigator College and growing up outdoors and living in a supportive community. Back home we would have both lost our jobs due to the worsening economic situations in Mallorca. God's choice for us is predetermined and however we think otherwise His will be done.

**Prayer: Lord we are faced with choices every day. Help us to listen to you and allow you to guide our decisions.**

Submitted By: Sarah Stobart

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Kindy Transition Day

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
Grandparents and Special Friends Morning for Junior School, and Open Afternoon

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
SAPSASA Swimming

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
College Council meeting at 7.30pm

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
SAPSASA Athletics

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
Kindy Transition Day  
SAPSASA Touch Football

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp at Coffin Bay

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Year 8 Camp at Errappa

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Junior School Interviews



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Last Sunday at Our Saviours Lutheran Church, the staff of Navigator College, were blessed as part of their Installation and Rededication to the College. Today their formal rite of Installation was held at Chapel, along with the Installation of the College Captains and Prefects. The SRC badges and certificates were also handed out. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge our 2012 Leaders.



As the end of term fast approaches we now gear up for Reports as well as Parent Teacher Interviews for the Junior School families. These interviews will be conducted in the last week of this term, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd and 4th of April. It is during this time the teachers of your children will report on your child's learning. We ask that you arrive on time to the interviews to avoid any time delays for others and together you discuss your child's progress in all aspects of their schooling. By now our teachers have well and truly discovered much about the students in their class and are keen to share with you the incredible learning they have been doing. The process for the interview procedure will be outlined in next week's Newsletter.

*God bless,*

*Kaye*

### GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS MORNING FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL AND OPEN AFTERNOON

Our Grandparents and Special Friends Morning for Junior School and Open Afternoon will be held this **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.**

**Please note: The Grandparents and Special Friends Morning is only for those who have children in the Junior School. The wider community and those who have children in Junior/Middle/Senior School are welcome to attend the Open Afternoon, which begins at 1.30pm. During the morning the Middle and Senior School Students will be operating to their normal timetables.**

*Thank you*

### IMMUNISATIONS

Consent forms have been sent home to all Year 8 and Year 9 students for their immunisations this year. We ask that these forms be returned as soon as possible. The date for the first vaccination has not yet been finalised but we will inform you via the newsletter when we know. Thank you.

*Julia Thiele, Administration*

### 2012 ICAS COMPETITIONS

Anyone who is still interested in entering their child/ren in the 2012 ICAS Competitions, entry fees must be paid to the College front office by this **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.** Thank you.

**Sarah Hodgson, Year 6-10 Curriculum Co-ordinator**

### MATHS TOOLBOX

Following is a list of websites that will aid your child in their Mathematics homework (and your understanding of today's concepts).

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

Easy language for Junior School and 200 charts that can be printed and pinned onto walls, for further practice.

<http://intermath.coe.uga.edu/dictionary/homepg.asp>

A dictionary for Middle School students which includes a description of the term, everyday examples, an interactive checkpoint (where students can practice examples) and challenges (to further practice and revise their knowledge and understanding).

[www.mathisfun.com](http://www.mathisfun.com)

Suitable for Reception - Year 9. Not only a dictionary, but also games, puzzles and worksheets.

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/>

A dictionary for Secondary Maths.

Happy Math's Learning!

**Mel Bartel, Teacher**

### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN POINTS

As you may be aware, Navigator College participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards system last year. We amassed an amazing 25,000 points. These points were then turned into teaching aids from Modern Teaching Supplies.

We thank you for your support of this program which has allowed us to purchase a variety of equipment we would not have been able to purchase. Below is a photo displaying some of the equipment which has arrived and can now be utilised in classrooms.

**Steve Jude, Head of Junior School**



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Ecumenical Lenten Studies

The Ecumenical Lenten Bible studies will be conducted at the Catholic Hall at 7.30pm every Wednesday night during Lent. The studies will be led by representatives from the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Churches. All welcome!

### Port Lincoln Soccer Association

Port Lincoln Soccer Association invites you to our Pre-season trainings being held on 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 1<sup>st</sup> of April and 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Minis/Juniors at 11am, High School children at 12noon and Seniors at 1pm being held at Kirton Point Oval. Any parents interested in helping are welcome. For more information please contact Leon Duns 0429 422 800 or Joe Perone 0438 830 795.