FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL Andrew Jericho

The Middle School is a place that infuses energy and life to all. As we continue growing our positive culture our students and staff are seizing more opportunities to brighten the life of those around them. Term 2 has launched with energy. The Year 9 City Week was again a pivotal experience in the life of our graduating class. We have also had a number of Middle School students represent the College fantastically at the first E.P Schools Gymkhana. Our students returned from the event with beaming smiles and armfuls of ribbons. High Achievers included Kayla Grange, Molly Burns, Abbey Wilkins, Emma Turner and Belle Jolly. I commend all Navigator College participants on their attitude and approach to the recent NAPLAN testing. These events also provided a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students to engage in a program focused on developing healthy friendships, and the power of positivity in handling stress.

BUILDING POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY WITHIN OUR COLLEGE

At Navigator College we are taking a whole school approach to developing students’ individual strengths as a means to motivate and increase student well-being. Positive Education is based on the theory of well-being, which is modelled by Martin Seligman’s PERMA Model. This stands for P – Positive Emotions – and build positive emotional experiences. E – Engagement – experience complete immersion in activities. R – Relationships – experience nourishing relationships. M – Meaning – understanding, believing and serving something greater than yourself. A – Accomplishment – develop individual potential. Our aim is to integrate Positive Education into our curriculum to ensure that teachers identify students’ strengths and to plan and program accordingly. Students will be given the opportunity to be more successful in their learning which will increase their well-being.

Tania Masters reports on her recent ‘Positive Study Tour’ in Queensland.

I had the privilege of attending a 2 day Positive Psychology Study Tour at Saint Andrew’s College in Coolangatta at the end of April. Saint Andrew College is an International Baccalaureate, Reception to Year 12 Lutheran College which is one of the leading schools in Positive Education. Both days were filled with valuable information about the journey Saint Andrews College underwent as they adopted Positive Education. Amid the take home messages for me was the importance of on-going and diverse data collection and the recognition of this methodology being science based and much more than subjective ‘ways to stay happy’. I was particularly interested in the effect of mindsets (Carol Dwek) on motivation and the ability to learn. My trip was a fascinating one that has fuelled my desire to support Positive Education at Navigator College and make it a fit for us.

FORMING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR YEAR 1 & YEAR 4/5 BUDDY CLASSES

YEAR 9 START TERM 2 WITH AN ADVENTUROUS WEEK IN THE CITY

Daniel Wilson

The Year 9 students had a fantastic Adelaide experience during City Week. For five days they were set loose in the city with the opportunity to explore iconic Adelaide, travel the trams, buses and trains, and experience new food and entertainment opportunities. The students visited the Art Gallery Museum, Parliament House and Open Court, and trekked through the mighty metropolis that is Adelaide City. In teams, their confidence in themselves and others flourished as they conquered the Amazing Race with only a few getting lost! Bounce was highlighted, bringing out the gymnast, the athlete and the fun enthusiast in all. Ice skating, also full of cheer and graceful discounts. A huge thank you to all for their support and trust, and also to the wonderful staff of Warradale Urban Camp for their hospitality. It was an amazing, educational and group-bonding experience filled with fun and building friendship!

ONGOING STAFF DEVELOPMENT ENHANCES LEARNING

Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar

Emma Dempsey

I attended a Professional Development workshop recently, on Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar to build my understanding of the best way that the foundations of literacy can be taught. I was so full of excitement after this training and had so many ideas to put into practice. After having implemented this in my classroom, it is so valuable to watch my learners engage in lesson content whilst having fun at the same time!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL Kaye Mathwin-Cox

The childcare section of our Trades Skills Centre is now undergoing its outdoor learning space additions over the next few weeks. This area will include playground, sandpit, outdoor garden and lawn area. Watch this space for exciting developments!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday to Friday 25th - 29th May
SAPSASA Netball and Football

Tuesday and Wednesday 9th and 10th June
Year 10/11 Exams

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday and Wednesday
8.30am - 10.30pm
Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Middle and Senior School Sports Uniform in Navy on SPECIAL

LITGATORS PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 20th May
9.00am - 10.30am ‘Music’ Them

NAVIGATOR COLLEGE APP

The College App will allow you to view the College Blog, Newsletters, Calendar of Events & send an Absentee Notice! It is our hope this initiative will assist our families to be better informed, with information available at their fingertips at all times.

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