FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL  Stuart Cox

It is very comforting to work in an environment that is conducive to work and study. Navigator College is blessed with facilities and staff that allow students to grow holistically. I share the student’s sentiments:

Kirrily Zacher
The Senior School is good in that it is an area where you are able to adjust to easily, and everyone is made to feel like they belong. This fosters an excellent learning environment, as you feel that teachers around you are there to help you achieve your best, and students around you are a good support network too. A learning environment such as this is essential for students going through Year 12 to reach their goals for the year. It’s a very welcoming place, and although Year 12 can be stressful, the people in the Senior School provide support that minimises that stress.

Nicole Winkles
Life in the Navigator College Senior School is a place of faith and learning, filled with laughter and friendship. This time gives us as Senior School students, the opportunity to mingle and form great friendships throughout the student cohort of Years 10, 11 and 12. We are able to share experiences and provide encouragement to the younger Senior School students. Our Senior School building provides great class time, and study learning spaces. With the encouragement and shared knowledge of the teachers and other students, we achieve greatness.

RECEPTIONS INQUIRE ABOUT LIFE CYCLES
The Reception classes have been busy inquiring into the changes that happen in nature over a period of time. Not only have they been observing life cycles, but also the changes in season and how it affects plant life. They decided to grow their own plants to take care of. They then observed and recorded any changes. The students were very excited to see the small changes each and every day.

EDUCATING OUR DIGITAL NATIVES TO BE EQUIPPED FOR THE FUTURE  Stephen Jude

As Navigator College continues to develop technologically Advance Practices, staff are committed to providing new technological experiences for students and to developing an environment where technology enhances student learning. In order to achieve this, two of our staff members recently attended the annual EduTech conference in Brisbane. Students have a natural affinity with technology and we need to provide 21st century learning for our 21st century learners. The ideas and direction for learning in a digital era continues to be exciting and we look forward to implementing some amazing learning in our various learning spaces.

STUDENTS GET TO EXPERIENCE INDONESIA  Sheree Zacher

As part of our Service Learning Exchange without partnership school SMA GKPS Sondi Rayal, we have enjoyed learning Indonesian over the past two weeks in our LOTE (Language Other Than English) lessons. Pak Jul has assisted in teaching about families, foods and hobbies in our lessons of Year 6-9. Through games, role plays, quizzes and conversation practise, students have engaged in the Indonesian language and learnt lots of related vocabulary. The Year 8-9 students are also registered with the online language perfect program. This world wide program enables students to partake in regular drills to boost reading, writing and listening skills whilst enhancing their vocabulary retention and competing against other students around the world. The students were able to choose to compete in Indonesian or Japanese, depending on which language they wanted to improve in or are most keen to pursue studying in a the future.

9-A-SIDE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL
On Wednesday the 10th of June the Year 8/9 students competed in the 9-a-side Football Carnival held at Ravenvale. It was a bright sunny day allowing for clean skills, big marks and strong tackles. Each side competed strongly throughout the day only losing three games between the three teams. The 8/9 girls ended up second overall for the day and the Year 8 and 9 boys teams won the Division B pools. All students showed great leadership, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL  Kaye Mathwin-Cox

I recently had the privilege of attending the EduTECH conference in Brisbane. Educators from near and far attend each year to become well informed of the progress of technology, in particular in education. There were many excellent guest speakers who spoke to us on a range of topics, but ideally the core of thought is to bring education into the present and to educate our students in the best way they learn. The general belief is that we are educating our students in the same way schools did during the Industrial Revolution and not for the 21st Century. Today’s students are not the same as they were in the greater past and yet some would say that education and the way schools teach our students has changed little. With the rapid rise in technology the consensus is to challenge the traditional way of thought and to use technology in and around all that we do because this is a part of our “digital natives” lives and will only become an even greater part. (How far has technology come in 10 years?) The conference was fascinating, thought provoking and inspiring and one that whilst it challenged thinking, it also affirmed much of the practices Navigator currently uses.

IMPORTANT DATES
Wednesday 17th June
Middle School SRC
“Call of Duty” Laser Tag Night
Term 2 ends for Students on Friday the 26th June.
Teaching Staff then use the following week to conduct Professional Development.

UNIFORM SHOP
Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am - 10.30pm
Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm

LILGATORS PLAYGROUP
Wednesday 17th June
9.00am -10.30am ‘Senses’ Theme

WEEKLY CANTEEN SPECIALS
Monday Chicken & Chips $2.00
Soup Tuesday $3.00
Hot Chocolate Daily $2.50

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