

NAVIGATOR COLLEGE NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL *Kaye Mathwin-Cox*

I have been blessed to be a mentor for a group of Year 5 students in readiness for their PYP Exhibition. As Mentor I am able to support them in their independent study and help them to facilitate the process of collectively deciding on a topic, gathering in-depth evidence from a variety of sources and creating an independent presentation that demonstrates the learning that has occurred. The process they work through signifies the culmination of their IB Primary Studies and enables them to have the opportunity to identify, investigate and offer solutions to real life issues or problems that are both relevant and meaningful to them. It was an absolute honour to be their mentor and to support them through this process. I now look forward to seeing all the students at their Exhibition evening this Thursday night, the 27th of August.

To fall in-line with the Early Learning Centre, Reception students will also be offered two intakes commencing in 2016

After much consideration and overwhelming parent requests, it was agreed at the College Council meeting last Tuesday to provide 2 intakes each in the Early Learning Centre (Opening in 2016) and the Reception Classes, as of next year. This move is also endorsed by Lutheran Schools South Australia and has already been adopted by other Centers and Schools over South Australia. We understand this affects families with new enrolments for 2016 in the Early Learning Centre (ELC) and

Reception, and correspondence will be sent home within the following days with regard to this important change. Please contact the College if you still have any further questions. The following is to clarify which intake your child will be eligible for;

To fall in line with the Early Learning Centre intakes, the College will also have two intakes for students entering Reception.

To start in the ELC (or REC) in Term 1, your child must turn 4 (5) on or before the 1st of May of that year. Children who begin in Term 1 will have 4 terms in the ELC and progress to Reception in Term 1 of the following year.

To start in the ELC (or REC) in Term 3, your child must turn 4 (5) on or before the 31st of October in that year. Children who begin in Term 3 will have four terms in the ELC and then progress to Rec in Term 3 of the following year for 6 terms.

Tonight the (25th August) we will be holding an Early Learning Centre, Parent Information Evening starting at 7.00pm. We strongly encourage all families who are already enrolled or those with an intention to enrol to attend. We will be able to answer all your questions regarding the centre as well as giving you a guided tour of the facilities. All are welcome. Please contact the office if you require further information about this important change.

YEAR FIVE EXHIBITION

For our Year 5 Exhibition we chose to look at the CFS because they deal with many emergency situations within the community. As a group we were particularly interested in how the CFS protects so many houses and properties. Our goal is to raise awareness for the CFS and the important role they have in keeping our community safe. We had the

opportunity to visit the local CFS station where we were guided by Captain Greg and Kylie, which we used as a primary resource in our research. On Thursday the 27th we will be displaying our creative pieces at our Exhibition where all are welcome.
Ari Ralph, Cooper Slape, Ashton Kenney and Thorin Averay.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 24th - 28th
Book Week

Tuesday 25th August
Early Learning Centre
Parent Information Night 7pm

Thursday 27th August
Year 5 Exhibition Night

Tuesday 15th - 16th September
Middle/Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 21st - 25th September
Junior School Swimming
More information coming home soon.

Tuesday 22nd - 23rd September
Student Lead Conferences
Junior School

LIL'GATORS PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 12th August
9.00am - 10.30am

MUROTO VISITORS

We once again welcomed the Muroto delegation to Navigator College. This year we combined Junior, Middle and Senior School students within lesson times to communicate and interact with the Muroto students. They enjoyed playing games, singing songs, dancing, art activities and an amazing race around the school, as well as learning about our online Language Perfect program.

One of the highlights was a Sumo demonstration from one of the Muroto Junior High School students. He explained some basic techniques to our Year 9s who are currently inquiring into different forms of Martial Arts. The Muroto delegation also joined in with Chapel in the morning and presented a gift of a beautiful book of Muroto local scenery to the school. From the friendships formed in one day and the smiles and laughter captured in the photos out in the playground, it is easy to see why this fantastic exchange program is truly a blessing to our school and community.



OPEN NIGHT WAS A CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION

Both the Middle and Senior Schools of Navigator College opened their doors to parents and friends to view some of the fantastic work of students from year 6-12. In the Senior School the Year 10 students showcased their Personal Projects, a self-directed study of choice. The Personal Projects conclude Year 10 of the IB Middle Years Program and are a demonstration of research, evaluation and reflection. There were many and varied topics including furniture restoration, music composition, and a recipe book to name a few. The Personal Project is a fantastic introduction to the year 12 Research Project. The evening also enabled the Year 12 students to showcase their Research Projects. Topics here included "How is Australian perception of asylum seekers driving relevant policies" and "What are the social and economic impacts of non-Australian corporations purchasing Australian land" in addition to many more. Both these topics were presented by the respective student researchers and were very well articulated.



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