FROM THE PRINCIPAL Kaye Mathwin-Cox

The Year 5 Exhibition, held on the 27th of August, is the culmination of the ‘Primary Years Project’ studies that help the students to realise their potential as independent and interdependent learners. Over a 6 week span the students identify a topic to research and use skills and expertise learnt over their Junior School years to investigate this topic. It is intended that they use as many forms of research as possible and they are encouraged to present the information at the Exhibition in a way that is most meaningful to them and their audience. This year’s Exhibition evening was again, a true delight to witness. The students were actively engaged in imparting their knowledge to parents, teachers, friends and the College community. It was a special evening. What an exciting opportunity for our students to engage in.

Students’ Superior Gains in Their NAPLAN Mathemamtic Results over 4 years, Leads TAS University to Research our Best Practice Teaching.

The Navigator College Junior School was approached earlier this term by the University of Tasmania to be involved in a project titled ‘Building an Evidence Base for National Best Practice in Mathematics Education.’

This project is funded through the Office of the Chief Scientist, and is being conducted in all states and territories, and within government, Catholic and independent schools. The project team comprises experienced mathematics educators from a consortium of universities across Australia, led by the University of Tasmania. The study aims to identify factors that influence achievement in mathematics and look closely at what successful schools are doing to help students learn maths.

ACARA had identified our Junior School as having made superior gains in NAPLAN Numeracy over two testing periods during 2011-2014. On Monday the 31st of August, Chris Hurst from Curtin University in Perth, visited our College. He spent the day in classes with Year 2/3 and 4/5 students, along with teachers, our Project Officer, Kimlee Foster (who compiles and analyses our results) and our Head of Junior School Stephen Jude. The aim was to research what it is that we are doing here at our College that has sparked this improvement. During the day, Chris observed two different classes engaged in their mathematics lessons, held one on one debrief discussions with the teachers from the class observation, and met with small focus groups of children to look at the ways students attack problem solving tasks.

Our College was excited to be involved in this research project and we look forward to reading the findings. Working with Chris was a great opportunity to be directly involved in a research project that has a positive outlook as well as being affirming for Navigator College’s approach to teaching mathematics.

Parent Driven Fundraiser a Huge Success.

A NIGHT WITH NAVIGATORS

Navigator College held its annual fundraiser on August 21st, A Night With Navigator. The committee would like to thank each and every person who donated to our silent auction and who came to the event. A huge thank you to Port Lincoln Hotel for all their support and assistance on the night. Special thanks to our musicians, Justin and Craig, Jasmine and Toby, Schilpy and Shelley, Danton Pearson for being our resident caricature artist, Richard and Meg Webb for being our last minute auctioneers and our MC Doug Douddle. We raised over $19,000 and we are now deciding how the money will be used within the College.

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