MUSIC AND LOVE GO TOGETHER  Ashleigh Freibel  Rick Warren’s Daily Hope http://rickwarren.org/

You’ve probably noticed that music and love go together, because music comes from the heart. It’s not something you do intellectually. It’s something that comes out of your soul, your emotions.

There are many love songs in the world. In fact there are radio stations that are dedicated entirely to the love song format. But did you know that more songs have been written about Jesus Christ than any other topic in the world? Christianity is a singing faith. Why? Because it’s not about religion. It’s about a love affair. It’s about a relationship with God, who loves you so much that he sent his Son to die for you and who wants you to love him back.

Psalm 147:7 says, “Sing out your thanks to him; sing praises to our God” (TLB).

Nothing will make you more aware of God’s love & presence in your life than singing & praise.

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL  Andrew Jericho

The Middle School Celebration of Learning, taking place on the evening of the 19th of August was again a highlight of the 2015 Middle School Year. Running parallel to the Senior School event and Open Night the atmosphere at the college was inspirational. The Middle School Cluster 4 classrooms presented a wonderful showcase of the inquiry based, concept driven learning taking place through the IB MYP program. As always it is wonderful to see parents engaging with their child’s learning environment and students eagerly sharing the learning journey they are on. The “Buskers lounge” was a new twist, creating a unique atmosphere as sharing took place. The evening started with a Year 8 “Stomp Routine” and closed with Year 9 Martial Art & Drama presentations. Thank you to all who attended for your support of your children, and our College community.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL  Kaye Mathwin-Cox

Last week the Year 5 students held their Exhibition. The Exhibition is the culmination of the student’s Primary Years Project studies that helps them to realise their potential as independent and interdependent learners. Over a 6 week span the students identified a topic to research and used their 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 are encouraged to present the information at the Exhibition in a way that is most meaningful to them and their audience. Last Thursday’s Exhibition evening was 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. Particular thanks must go to the mentors of each group as well as the Year 4/5 teachers who facilitated this learning. What an exciting opportunity our students engage in.
PAPER PLANES SOAR HIGH  Annette Mesecke

During Chapel on Friday the 21st of Aug we officially launched Book Week (24th – 28th Aug). The Year 12 students, College Captain’s and Staff launched paper planes at Chapel to soar high above our excited students.

The enthusiasm continued throughout last week, with paper plane designs filling the air Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes as students perfected their designs before the competitions begin.

On Wednesday the Junior School competed for prizes in Distance, Creativity and Innovative Design categories. Thursday was Middle School’s opportunity to shine with Senior School competing on Friday to wrap up an exhilarating week of inquiring into aeronautical design.

Don’t know about your house, but mine was full of paper planes!

On Friday when the Senior School took on the teachers in the ultimate Paper Plane challenge, the competition was fierce! The staff showed some concern when all their practice flights and design innovations didn’t go quite to plan on the day and as a result the Senior School students were too good, taking out first place in all categories. It was great to see so many staff and students involved,

YEAR 5 EXHIBITION

Last Thursday night the Year 5 students from Navigator College celebrated the culmination of their years in the Primary Years Program (PYP) by presenting their own independent inquiry. They chose an issue they were passionate about and researched how an organisation was able to serve or assist others in this issue. Each student had a mentor who guided them through the process of contacting primary sources and organizing their presentation.

The students wrote a journal to recount their journey and were also asked to present some data as a graph and in a creative task linking their concept questions with the work. We were thrilled to see so many parents and friends who came to support the students at Ravendale. It was fantastic to see how confidently the students were able to communicate their learning to an audience. “The Exhibition has been amazing and it was so good to share all our work in one go with our parents on the night,” said Ashton Kenney.

A NIGHT WITH NAVIGATOR

The night was a huge success and the Committee are pleased to inform you we have raised $13,000 for the College. It was a great night of fellowship and bringing the College community together.

A Heartfelt thank you to the Committee members; Kathryn Doudle, Tracey Waller, Sheree Zacher, Paula Hartley, Paula Symonds, Sandra Eldridge, Deidre Sanders, Melissa Hains, Tracey Tape, Alison Gassner and Elise Clem, for their incredible effort. What an excellent result for the College.

Thank you to all those families and businesses who donated items towards this fundraiser!
This year’s NAPLAN results have shown many significant improvements from the same cohort of student’s results two years ago.

Majority of our students are achieving well above the National Minimum Standard as well as a number of students achieving in bands 3-4 above the National Minimum Standard for their year level.

In light of these significant improvements in Numeracy, Navigator College has been selected by the University of Tasmania to be included in a research project titled Building an evidence Base for National Best Practice in Mathematics Education.

YEAR 3
Our Year 3 results show excellent achievement in Grammar & Punctuation with 100% of students above National Minimum Standard and over 28% achieving in the top Band for Reading and 22.9% achieving in the top band for Spelling and Punctuation and Grammar. 97.1% of students achieved at or above National Minimum standard in Spelling and Writing and 85.3% achieved above National Minimum Standard for Numeracy.

YEAR 5
Our Year 5 results remained steady this year when compared to the same cohort’s 2013 results with 100% achieving at or above National Minimum Standard in Spelling and Numeracy. 96.8% at or above National Minimum standard for Punctuation and Spelling. 23.3 % of students achieved in the top two bands for their year level in Reading and 22.6% achieving in the top two bands for their year level in Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation.

YEAR 7
Our Year 7 Cohort this year has showed steady achievements in Writing and Numeracy since they were last tested in 2013. 94.9% achieving at or above the National Minimum standard for Writing and 97.4% at or above National Minimum Standard for Numeracy. There was also significant improvement in reading with 97.4% at or above National Minimum standard. 35% of Year 7 students achieved in the top two bands for their year level in Spelling, 30% for Punctuation and Grammar, 29% for Reading and 23.1% Writing.

YEAR 9
Our Year 9 cohort has shown improvement in the areas of Reading, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy, with 100% of students achieving at or above National Minimum Standard for Numeracy. 96.2% achieved at or above National Minimum Standard for Reading.

Navigator College is currently working through the analysis of the 2015 NAPLAN results with focus being on the students who have achieved in the top band for their year level to inform parents and support our teachers to maximise student learning.

REMINDER NOTICES

DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS NAPLAN TESTS
Our 2015 NAPLAN results have arrived. The Individual Student Summary and NAPLAN Student Reports are currently being sorted and analysed and will be ready to be distributed to parents at the upcoming Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews. Please arrange a time to meet with your child’s teacher once you receive the reports if you would like to discuss the NAPLAN results.

YEAR 7 REMINDER
Year 7 Canberra Trip Week 4, Term 4 (Monday to Friday). Payments are to be finalised by 1 October 2015. All payments are to be made to the office.

LEP PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Navigator College has called for nominations from students in years 3 – 7 who are interested in competing in the 2015 Lower Eyre Peninsula Primary School Swimming Carnival. The event is held annually on the Friday of Week 3 in Term 4 (30th of October 2015). Swimmers can register their interest with teachers Carlyn Pearson or Sonia Ford and those who register will receive official nomination forms ASAP.