THE POWER OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE  Emma Dempsey

Positive thinking is a mental and emotional attitude that focuses on the bright side of life and expects positive results. With a positive attitude, we experience pleasant and happy feelings. This week I have reflected on the positive influences in my life which have been centered around my family and friends. From this, I then considered my role as a teacher and the opportunities I have in being a positive role model for the students that I interact with. I feel blessed to be able to inspire the lives of so many young children in my day-to-day interactions. I feel honoured to be able to model the power of a positive mind through my everyday teaching interactions and through our positive psychology program. Every day, make the most of the opportunities God gives you to inspire the lives of other people in order to develop positive attitudes, by loving and serving them.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL  Kaye Mathwin-Cox

Last Friday’s Twilight Markets was both a tremendous success and a wonderful community event. Many people there commented on the inclusive family-like atmosphere, that centred on fun and enjoyment whilst having a great social evening. To add more excitement we raised a total of $12,300 ! A HUGE thank you must go to all the staff who gave of their best to produce and manage either a food or entertainment stand. This was an incredible effort and thanks too of course goes to the wonderful parent and community volunteers who also supported us with their time, effort and energy. Thank you, one and all.

Please see Twilight Markets photo gallery on following page!

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL  Nola Kennedy Williams (MYP Coordinator)

Introducing “Service and Action” in the MYP (Years 6-10)

What is Service as action?
Service as action is an opportunity for students to take action from what they have learned to make a positive difference in the lives of others in their local and global community.

Why teach Service Action?
Service as action are key components of Navigator College’s mission to inspire and equip students “to live as active contributors in the community”. We also embrace the International Baccalaureate Organisation mission to develop ‘caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect’ (IBO 2013).

Service and action enables students to discover new skills, talents, and interests. Service and action helps students develop as leaders who take initiative.

Recently our Yr 6-10 students have been reflecting on the Service and Action they have already participated in around the school and wider community this year and started planning future activity opportunities on Managebac.

What Service Action activities could enhance and extend your child’s skills, talents, and interests as they look beyond themselves to make a positive difference in the lives of others?
My arrival at school last Friday was one filled with trepidation. The thoughts in my head were telling me stories of the antics occurring overnight; the antics of our Year 12 students as they celebrate their last formal day before SWOT VAC. As I arrived I could already see that there were changes. The principal’s car park was already taken, and, as I walked around the Senior School building I found the staff room had moved outside. An interesting concept! But what of my office? Again the stories came and as I walked up the stairs there it was, it had been turned into the Year 12 common room. Filled with balloons and furniture from the common study area and my computer, desk, and chair were wrapped in plastic. There was no way I was entering this room to complete the usual morning tasks. After a lot of laughter and the Friday chapel the students were farewelled by a guard of honour as they let the school for the day. A day at the beach was a fitting end to a year of study and the beginning of SWOT VAC. We wish all our Year 12 students God’s Care & comfort over the exam period. Congratulations on a great year!