FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Navigator College Middle School is well and truly finishing strong in Term 4, 2015. I’d say gaining momentum for the coming year. The Year 7 Canberra Trip took place last week, our SRC have an action packed Term 4 agenda including Outdoor Movie Night, Navigator’s Got Talent, Live on the Deck and a Short Film Festival. We also have a great number of Middle School students volunteering to serve in Junior Classes and build a whole school community culture. Transition, and Come and Try Day took place last Friday as well, which was a wonderful day with a personal touch to welcome our future students. The day was greatly enjoyed by our guests and host student leaders.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS SERVE CUISINE FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

Year 10 Design & Technology Food students have been conducting an inquiry into the role food plays as a focal point for many culturally significant special occasions in every corner of the globe. Students have developed elaborate table settings, published menus and created a two course meal which they have been able to recognise symbolic representations of colour, ingredients, texture and taste. And what an event they staged, with open minded, risk taking Year 4 and 5 students invited to take part in a global feast where they had the chance to explore new flavours and meals that they had never experienced. Midsummer’s Eve from Sweden, St Patricks Day, complete with Soda Bread and Corned Beef, Holi Festival (an explosion of colour and spice) from India and a beautiful picnic setting to celebrate International Picnic Day (which celebrates the end of the French Revolution) were some of the choices the Senior students made.

LEP PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS SWIMMING

It was fantastic to see 42 Navigator College students from years 3 - 7 taking the chance to show off their swimming skills at the 2015 Lower Eyre Peninsula Swimming Championships on Friday 30th of October. For the second year running Navigator College was the recipient of the Chris Wareing Memorial Handicap Trophy whilst the highest scoring school went to St Joseph’s. Proudly receiving the trophy from Port Lincoln City Councillor, Mr Jim Papezoglou were year 7 students, Samuel Griffiths and Emma Hamnett. Students who were placed first in their age group in individual events were Samuel Griffiths in the boys backstroke (13 years) and Kyle McMahon in the boys breaststroke (12 years). A huge congratulations to the 13 year old boys relay team who also won their division. The team again featured Samuel and Kyle along with Jedidah Jude and Ashton Whittle. Older students invested a lot of their energy into supporting younger students through the process of marshalling for races and cheered their team mates on from the sidelines. Based on the result of this event students will be notified shortly on their selection into the SAPSASA Target Squad for swimming with the final team being announced in late February next year. Plenty of our Navigator College students will feature on the team and have the chance to race at the SA Aquatic Centre in Adelaide in March 2016.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Kaye Mathew-Cox

Last week we welcomed back our Year 7 students and their teachers from Canberra, hearing about all the wonderful experiences they had in our Nations capital. We also farewelled the Year 7/8 students as they embarked on their overnight camp to Trunana, as this ties into their Unit of Inquiry Central idea ‘Public places have an important purpose in a community’. It’s definitely a very busy time of the year.

It’s also a time when the Year 12 students finish their final exams. We celebrate with them the completion of their final year at Navigator, however we will greatly miss the students as they embark on the next chapter of their life’s journey and wish them God’s richest blessings as He walks alongside them. We look forward to the Valedictory Dinner on Thursday, the 3rd of December where we celebrate their achievements.