NAVIGATOR COLLEGE

IMPORTANT DATES
Tues 20th & Wed 21st September
Middle and Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 26th September
Year 11 Students depart on Service Learning Tour to Indonesia

Tues 27th & Wed 28th September
Junior School
Student led Conferences

TERM DATES
Term 3:
Ends - 30th September

Term 4:
Start - 7th October
Ends - 15th December

PLAYGROUP
Every Wednesday during the term from 9.15am to 10.15am in the Trades Skills Centre.

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ManageBac Reporting
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Thursday 2.30 - 4.30pm

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NAVIGATOR PLANS TO MAKE THE HILLS ALIVE WITH MUSIC

Educators for centuries have recognized the study of music as a vital ingredient in a child’s holistic education. The following quote has been attributed to Plato writing more than 400 years B.C.: “I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning.”

There are two main problems in developing young musicians:
1. Many young people do not get the opportunity to seriously explore music to give themselves any chance of working out whether or not they could potentially become a musician.
2. Exploring music in-depth for a realistic length of time can be costly and precludes many from even getting started.

The College has decided that we need to address both of these points. We are about to launch into a major music immersion program for our Middle School students. As from the start of 2017 every student in Years 6 and 7 will be provided with a musical instrument at no additional cost to their families. The College will also fully fund the cost of the music tuition for each Year 6 and 7 student. We will initially base our program around four concert band instruments: trumpet, trombone, flute and clarinet. Our current Year 5 and 6 students will all participate in an “Instrument Try-out Session” early next term.

The introduction of an expanded music program at Navigator will be accompanied by a revised structure for a range of practical subjects. All students who enter the Middle School at Years 6 and 7 will have an amazing opportunity for additional Arts experiences through Dance, Drama and Visual Arts as well as at least three different Design and Technology options.

Exciting times lie ahead for our students in the Middle School!

ALLYCE ATTENDS STATE MUSIC CAMP

Last term Allyce Fatchen successfully auditioned on the French Horn to join the State Music Camp in July. The camp was held at Concordia College in Adelaide where she was involved in rehearsals over 5 days, which concluded with a concert. Well done Allyce. We all look forward to hearing you play in the near future.

ADOPTING A POSITIVE APPROACH

This year, we have had a large focus on Positive Education in our Junior School teaching and learning. This integrates a positive approach to reflection within the classroom, allowing students to focus on how they can affirm others and themselves.

In Year 1, the students have read the book, ‘The Bucket Fillers’ by Carol McCloud. This shows how we can be bucket fillers by being kind and caring towards others. We can also be bucket drippers when we are unkind. The Year Ones have become bucket fillers by taking every opportunity to display kind actions towards their classmates. They have created positive gardens in the classrooms, which share what they are grateful for in their lives. These have inspired students to show a positive attitude in their learning and play times at school. The students also participate in bucket filling in the classroom, writing positive notes for others, encouraging them and focussing on displaying the IB Learner Profile attributes.

NIGHT WITH NAVIGATOR SUCCESS

Once again our annual Night with Navigators has been a huge success, raising $11,436.00! We are consulting with the parents that were involved with organising this fundraiser regarding how these funds will be spent within the College. A majority of the funds raised came from the raffle. A big thank you to those who donated and supported this event. A photo gallery will be placed on the College Blog in coming days.

STUDENTS IN TOP 1% OF AUSTRALIA

Two weeks ago at the combined Middle and Senior School Assembly, we congratulated entrants in the Spelling, Writing, and Science competitions for ICAS. Each year, Navigator College students from Year 2 to Year 12, participate in this competition for a range of subject areas. We would especially like to acknowledge the following students for their High Distinctions – which means they are in the top 1 percent of participants in Australia:

- Ari Ralph – Science (Year 6), Anika Parenta – Writing (Year 6) and Jasmine Slater – Writing (Year 12).

Jasmine Slater has been awarded the Gold Medal for this competition for achieving a High Distinction 4 years in a row. Congratulations to all Navigator College ICAS participants.

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Things have been moving along swiftly in the Senior School. In Week five, the Senior School conducted its first Course Counselling day, along with Subject Selections for 2017. This was in response to feedback we had received from the parent community, and was a highly successful day. With subject selection and subsequent timetable development in progress, it is an exciting time for our students as they consider their future pathways.

As the Year 12’s approach their final days here at Navigator College we wish them every blessing in the preparation of their final devotion and subsequent exams.

As well as this, a group of Year 11 students and staff are in the final planning stages of our annual Service Learning tour to Indonesia. Whilst there, they will spend time at our sister school SMA GKPS, teaching classes and working with the teachers. They will also visit Margarethia Orphanage, where students read and play with the children.