LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM BAMBOO  Fiona Parenta

Bamboo has long been associated with harmony in nature from which we can take important life lessons. Bamboo shows strength and resilience in times of adversity yet is flexible, an emptiness open to knowledge and new experiences. It is useful in the most simplest of forms and is committed to renewal and growth. A simple plant that can provide us with many considerations:

1. What looks weak is strong
2. Bend but don’t break.
3. Be strongly rooted yet flexible
4. Slow down your busy mind
5. Be always ready
6. Find wisdom in emptiness
7. Smile, laugh, & play
8. Commit yourself to growth & renewal
9. Express usefulness through simplicity
10. Unleash your power to spring back

God has shown us that through the simplest of forms everything has meaning and purpose. Sometimes we just need to take a moment to look beyond what is directly in front of us.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL  Kaye Mathwin-Cox

I am excited to be able to report to you the progression of our Health and Wellbeing Centre.

Recently, architect Tim Geue and I met to consider the plans for the Centre as part of a 2-3 stage process that includes a 2 court basketball space (competition size), 2 classrooms, a Gym, change-rooms, toilets and canteen. This space will also be a welcome addition to enable whole school gatherings in a large, open space. College Council has been briefed and they have discussed the plans which are now on display in the foyer of the Administration building. I encourage you to have a look and share the vision.

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL  Jamie Fewster

It has been ‘all systems go’ for the Senior School at Navigator College. With our largest cohort of Year 12’s, vast array of subject offerings including a number of highly sought-after on-site VET courses and state of the art facilities, the Senior School is primed for an outstanding 2016.

Chapel in Week 3 saw our College Prefects and College Captains installed – a great occasion where they publically stated their willingness to serve their College and wider community. We celebrate with Asha O’Brien, Nik Constantinopolous, Demi Smith and Sam Farmer as they undertake this important role. All four of the Prefects will fly out to Adelaide this Sunday (28th Feb) to attend the AISSA Commencement Service at Pultney Grammar, as well as the LSA Student Leaders day at Endeavour College on Tuesday 1st March. We pray a blessing on their time connecting with other student leaders from other schools.

As we get down to the ‘nitty gritty’ of the school term may your lives be blessed with patience, strength and courage to complete the work that God has set before you.

God Bless, Jamie Fewster
The Splash Carnival was held on Friday of Week 2 (12th February) at the Cummins District Memorial Pool. Students, Staff and Parents in attendance enjoyed the sunshine and fun, both in and out of the pool. A variety of events took place, including competitive 25m races and relays as well as novelty events such as a ‘big splash’, ‘peg scramble’ and ‘bullseye’ game. Thank you to Bendigo Bank Cummins Branch for their sponsorship of the shades used at the pool. All students are to be commended for their participation and fantastic attitudes on display. Congratulations to Magellan who were the winners of the 2016 Splash Carnival!

On Monday Miss Friebel’s Year 5 students had the pleasure of running the first Junior School Assembly for 2016.

This was a great opportunity for students to practice their oral language skills and communicate their first few weeks of learning with their peers. The students shared an insight into how they have set up their perfect classroom environment, begun building positive peer relationships and how they have decorated their desk boards to create an individualised learning space.

The 5A class would like to wish all staff and students a blessed 2016 and look forward to seeing what other classes will be doing in future assemblies.

Thank you to those of you who are already utilising the App. We would appreciate any feedback you have with regard to the App as we are always looking to improve our services.

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Funds raised by last year’s ‘A Night with Navigator’ fundraiser have been used to purchase the Middle School’s funky new seating on the deck of their cluster. Thank you to all those who helped with this fundraiser!