HAVING LUNCH WITH GOD  
Mel Bartel

I recently read an email called “Potato Crisps”. It is a story of a little boy who wanted to meet God. So he packed his suitcase and went to the park where he saw an old man. Long story short, he shared his ginger beer, packet of chips, many smiles, no words, but a final goodbye hug. When the boy returned to his mother she commented on how happy he looked. The boy replied “I had lunch with God.”

“Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, “Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?”

He replied “I ate potato crisps in the park with God.” However, before his son responded, he added, “You know, he’s much younger than I expected.”

This story made me think of a few bible passages that call us to be Christ-like (1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 5:1-2); to follow Christ’s example of love, mercy, forgiveness and extend grace to all people.

So don’t underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL  
Kaye Mathwin-Cox

Last Sunday the College staff attended the Blessing Service at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. The new staff were introduced to the Congregation and the continuing staff were also given a special blessing. It is a highlight of mine each year to spend time speaking about each of our new staff members and to see the growth in our whole staff cohort over the years, from our small team of 12 in 2009, increasing to over 70 this year. I was so proud to see our staff enjoy this time with the Congregation as, together, we are united in our faith.

FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Andrew Jericho

“How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! ….. Yes, that’s where God commands the blessing, even life for evermore.” Psalm 133:1

One of the very special things about Navigator College is the positive relationship that exists between our students and staff. This is evident in the extra mile both staff and students go to create a culture where we work together. Recently a Year 8 class united to make a card and gift for their teacher who has been unwell. How great that we are raising young people who care! Likewise I commend Mr Peter Fraser, our Year 8/9 Coordinator for initiating the lunchtime Staff vs Students Netball game. The good of healthy rivalry, great sportsmanship, fun, as well as the opportunity for students to coach and build team spirit are signs of a united culture… And God commands a blessing.
BOYS TEAM Andrew Jericho

It was a privilege to coach the SAPSASA Basketball team as they competed at Tumby bay against other schools from around the region. Given the responsibility of representing the College, the boys united well and showed grit and determination as they competed throughout the day. It was fantastic to see the strengths of each individual, working to support the team. The likes of Darcy Wilkins, Joseph Harris and Joseph Gassner showed great ball control and a cool head under the ring. Kyle McInerney, Tate Bienieasz and Max Window were outstanding in defence, applying pressure on the opposition and showing great work rate all day. Kye Butler and Cooper Wilkins took on the responsibility of playing as tall, and worked with great tenacity in every game. Jaiden Jude was outstanding on the day with excellent ball skills, great leadership, as well as being a excellent team player and bringing everyone into the game.

GIRLS TEAM Rhianna Whelan

During week five the year 6-7 girls competed in the SAPSASA basketball competition held in Tumby Bay. The girls showed excellent team skills, communicating effectively to ensure they took advantage of every opportunity to possess the ball. They consistently displayed sportsmanship by being gracious in defeat and considerate of other teams who were challenged on the day.

In particular the students are to be commended for congratulating and encouraging other players in opposing teams when they achieved well. It was a fantastic effort by our students that we can be truly proud of as a College!

The team consisted of: Eve Hersey, Lucinda Hyland, Felicity Graham, Codi Moseby, Elke Hawke, Molly Burns, Jakoda Skinn and Lucy Waller.

HINAMATSURI - GIRLS DAY FESTIVAL

Last week we celebrated Girl’s Day festival, Hinamasturi, held on the 3rd day of the 3rd month in Japan.

The Japanese room displayed all things pink with lots of creative origami decorations made by our students.

With the assistance of our Year 10 Japanese students, the Junior school girls enjoyed eating pink rice with ‘ohashi’ (chopsticks) in origami cups, folding paper fans, creating sakura flowers and decorating bookmarks incorporating lots of beautiful hiragana writing.

ALL THE WAY FROM JAPAN

The students especially enjoyed the sweet treats sent from Zacher Sensei in Japan. Arigatou Zacher Sensei for making our Hinamatsuri celebration so special!

SAPSASA SELECTION

Congratulations to the following students on their selection into the following SAPSASA Lower Eyre Peninsula Teams.

SOFTBALL
Jakoda Skinn
Kaleb Oestmann

SWIMMING
Kyle McInerney
Ari Ralph
Alanah Sanders
Angus Waller

YEAR THREE ….. DID SOMEONE CALL THE AMBULANCE?

The Year Three classes have begun their learning this year by inquiring into how systems are created to meet the needs of the community.

As a part of this unit, Chris, a father and paramedic, visited our classes in his ambulance on Friday the 26th of February. His expertise in this field enabled him to help the students discover the structure to the system used when someone is in need of medical assistance. He emphasised calling 000 for an ambulance. Then he showed us the systems involved with some of their equipment they use when saving lives. Students were able to ask him questions and develop their own understandings as to why this system meets the needs of many communities.