THE HEART OF A SERVANT

The world defines greatness in terms of power, possessions, prestige, and position. If you can demand service from others, you’ve arrived. In our me-first culture, acting like a servant is not a popular concept.

Jesus, however, measured greatness in terms of service, not status. God determines your greatness by how many people you serve, not how many people serve you. This is so contrary to the world’s idea of greatness that we have a hard time understanding it, much less practicing it. The disciples argued about who deserved the most prominent position, and 2,000 years later, people still jockey for position and prominence.

Thousands of books have been written on leadership, but few on servanthood. Everyone wants to lead; no one wants to be a servant. We would rather be generals than privates. Even Christians want to be “servant-leaders,” not just plain servants. But to be like Jesus is to be a servant. That’s what He called Himself.

While knowing your shape is important for serving God, having the heart of a servant is even more important. Remember, God shaped you for service, not for self-centredness. Without a servant’s heart, you will be tempted to misuse your shape for personal gain. You will also be tempted to use it as an excuse to exempt yourself from meeting some needs.

God often tests our hearts by asking us to serve in ways we’re not shaped. If you see a man fall into a ditch, God expects you to help him out, not say, “I don’t have the gift of mercy or service.”

While you may not be gifted for a particular task, you may be called to do it if no one who is gifted at it is around. Your primary ministry should be in the area of your shape, but your secondary service is wherever you’re needed at the moment. Your shape reveals your ministry, but your servant’s heart will reveal your maturity.

No special talent or gift is required to: stay after a meeting to pick up trash or stack chairs, volunteer your time at the local sports club or help your child’s teacher in class. Anyone can be a servant. All it requires is character.

Jesus said, “You can tell what they are by what they do” (Matthew 7:16 CEV)

http://rickwarren.org/devotional

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL  Jamie Fewster

Blessings to you all as we approach the end of Term 1! It has been a big term in the Senior School with lots happening. Here’s a quick run-down of the events from the term….

- Yr. 12 Retreat in Week 1
- College Captains and Prefects visiting Adelaide twice for Leadership development days
- Senior School Parent Information Night
- Initial preparations for the Service Learning trip to Indonesia
- Splash Carnival and Sports Days (including WASAC in Port Augusta)
- RAP (Road Awareness Program) for the Yr. 11’s
- Community Conversations to reflect on what we do well and identify areas for growth
- Pastor Phil’s installation

And that’s just outside the classroom! There has been some amazing efforts and results in the classroom and we celebrate those achievements with the students.

So as we approach the end of Term 1 we look forward to a well-earned break. We ask a blessing on our Yr. 12’s as they enjoy the Formal on the last day of term, and we also thank and praise God for the amazing contribution that outgoing Principal Kaye Mathwin-Cox has made to Navigator College. May God bless you all as you rest and reflect on a busy Term 1, and prepare for Term 2 which promises to be just as exciting!

Blessings, Jamie Fewster
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FAREWELL CHAPEL SERVICE FOR OUR PRINCIPAL

Please join us on Friday the 15th 8.45am to farewell our founding Principal of 7 years, Mrs Kaye Mathwin-Cox in a very special Chapel Service.

Want to share your farewell wishes with Kaye, please head to the website and click on Special Notice – Read More (as shown below) and leave your message in the comment section.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

On Friday the 2nd of September our Navigator College staff will be attending the Lutheran Schools Association (SA/NT/WA) Annual Staff Conference in Adelaide. The staff will have the opportunity to worship and network with teachers from Lutheran Schools throughout our region. We look forward to learning much from this excellent program offered to us by our system. Please note this is an advance notice as this day will be a SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY for all our students. To help families prepare for this day, Sherpa Kids will be offering a FULL DAY service for Navigator College families.

LAST DAY OF TERM – DISMISSAL 2.00PM

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