HEALING POWER OF MUSIC

Danton Pearson, Junior School Music Teacher

Last week’s Year 4 camp, at the Nyroca Scout Campsite, was most successful and blessed with beautiful weather, great activities and good company! I had the pleasure of leading some campfire-singing on the guitar, with some ‘classic’ songs like ‘She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain’, ‘Waltzing Matilda’, and ‘My Highland Goat’. Hearing the children ‘sing-up-a-storm’, smiling and swaying to the beat is a marvelous experience, as the music lifts-our-spirits and cements the bonds of friendship!

God also knows about the ‘healing-power’ of music, quoting from Ephesians 5:19: “speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Neville Grieger

I write this message from the other side of the country! I have been in Cairns for the first part of this week, along with over 100 Lutheran Education leaders from around Australia, at the biennial National Lutheran Principals’ Conference. While it has been awkward timing for me to be away this week, the collegiality and connections that come from attending such an event on everyone's behalf are critical. Unfortunately this has meant that I have had to temporarily put on hold the task of connecting to the Navigator community, including being able to add to the list of people for whom I can put a name to a face. I look forward to getting back to that. At a closer level of connection, I have made it a priority to meet with all staff on a one-to-one basis and so far have completed around 70 of those meetings, which have been very insightful and helpful for me, in getting to know the community. The invitation of course still stands, at any time, for parents to arrange to meet with me on a one-to-one basis.

We especially want to make sure that everyone is aware of the opportunity next Monday night, to be a part of the Navigator Chapter 2 session. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend this presentation, at which we will share some background information, some future directions thinking and talk to the group about the process that we intend to use for shaping the way forward from this point. I am looking forward to speaking to you and meeting more people next Monday night.

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Jamie Fewster

Life in the Senior School has settled into a steady routine. It is great to see students focused on their studies and working hard to achieve their best.

I’d like to take this opportunity to flag the Year 10/11/12 Exams that will be taking place on Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th of June (Week 8). This will give our Senior students a taste of what to expect when they reach their final Year 12 exams, as well as provide great feedback to the students on their current progress. An exam ‘return day’ will be conducted on Monday 27th of June (Week 9), in order to ensure that students receive as much beneficial feedback as possible. The Semester 2 timetable will then begin on Tuesday the 28th of June. Further information, including an exam timetable, will be sent home in the coming weeks. I would like to thank all of our parents and families for their support and may God bless you all as we approach this very important stage of the year.

WELCOME TO OUR INDONESIAN VISITORS

Miss. Sonta Manik, Harianty Damanik and Novelia Saragih joined us on Friday 6th May from our sister school, SMA GKPS1 in Sondi Raya, Sumatra, Indonesia, and were welcomed at chapel last Friday. They are spending four weeks in Port Lincoln, experiencing our culture and schooling, sharing their culture and language, and immersing themselves in the English language. Since arriving they have been to Glenforest to meet our local wildlife, spent time with the Year 4’s at Nyroca camp, attended church and have shared meals with several different families. Our Year 11’s are looking forward to returning the visit in September this year.
BOOK FAIR
Only open Thursday and Friday (19th and 20th May)
Times: 8.30am – 10.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm

YEAR 4 NYROCA CAMP  Sarah Stobart & Emily Knapman Year 4 Teachers
At the end of week 2, the Year four’s spent two glorious days at Nyroca Scout Camp as a provocation for our Unit “The World’s Indigenous People Have Changed Over Time”. Thirty five students engaged in a variety of workshops which inquired into bush food (catching yabbies in the creek and making damper), indigenous art (dot painting on natural materials and making tools), indigenous games (pirrah, boogalah), bush walking and navigation (a big trudge up to the lookout and around), dreaming stories and yarning round the camp fire. We did have a little bit of free time to play footy, volleyball, swing in the trees and stage a talent show and an Amazing Race! Phew. The students were a credit to our school showing great risk taking, kindness and compassion to each other and being great inquirers.

Where to from here?
What lies ahead?

I would like to invite you to help us shape the way forward.

Chapter 2 is not locked into print yet ... but there is a skeleton outline.

I’d like to share with you some of my emerging thoughts for the future. I will also outline to you the mechanisms that we have in mind for hearing the voice of parents.

I look forward to talking with you on Monday night.

Neville Grieger
PRINCIPAL