LOST YOUR KEYS? Angela Schubert

Have you ever lost your house keys? That tiny piece of metal has such an impact on our daily lives. A key unlocks the door, allowing us access to the comfort and safety of our home. Jesus is our key by his actions on the cross. He makes it possible for us to have free access to a loving, grace filled relationship with God.

Without Jesus, we are wrapped in the chains of sin unable to free ourselves. Chris Tomlin wrote in his version of Amazing Grace, “My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, My God, my Saviour has ransomed me, And like a flood his mercy reigns Unending love, Amazing grace”. When you unlock the door of your home today, remember Jesus has unlocked the chains of sin that bind you with his amazing grace.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – A LESSON FROM ANTS! Neville Grieger, Principal

One of our constant frustrations at home in recent years has been ants. It seems that despite trying all of the different proprietary treatments, we still even now find them regularly invading the kitchen. Our early trials of various substances seemed to make an impact, but they kept coming back in dribs and drabs. With just three ants on the kitchen cupboard, we thought it would be interesting to observe what would happen when given another taste of what must be some very sweet but supposedly deadly concoction. Well, two of the ants took off in the opposite direction, leaving one only to feast on the new found “food source”. We left for about an hour to do some shopping and when we returned, to our amazement there must have been at least a hundred ants on the cupboard enjoying the feast. What an amazing communication system God has given to these insects. It is fascinating to observe them at work on an ant trail. What is most striking, is the way that these little creatures communicate. They are never too busy to stop to greet each other – (is that what they do? Or perhaps they pass on a vital message – “hey food down that way!”)

A high priority focus for me in these early days at Navigator has been the 3R’s. Now that may not be the old traditional 3R’s that comes to mind for most of us. The 3R’s I am referring to along the lines of (Location, Location, Location in Real Estate) are Relationships, Relationships, Relationships. It is vital in a highly functioning community to get our relationships right. Hence my immediate priority has been to build relationships with staff, relationships with students and relationships with parents.

The last word on this, is via a challenge that I would like to put to the college community to take a lesson from ants. Take the time to pause and say hello, to greet each other and be bold enough to ask a name if we don’t know it. It is a powerful thing in building community, to be able to call a person by their name!

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL Jamie Fewster, Head of Senior School

I am writing this article sitting in Brisbane as I attend the EduTECH Conference (after hours of course). The conference is attended by over 5000 delegates and over 200 exhibitors, all equipped with the latest and best educational technologies, such as Learning Management Systems, virtually indestructible device cases and classroom furniture. David Hickey (VET/Pathways Coordinator) and myself have been blessed to spend time hearing from leaders in the use of technology in the classroom and looking at ways in which we can implement new technologies, or better utilise the technology that we have. At Navigator College we strive to use “technologically advanced practices” and this conference has certainly assisted with that.

From the impact that screen time has on brain development, to the untapped potential that technology plays in the VET space, the conference has enlightened and inspired both David and I. It is exciting to note, however, that much of what we already do at Navigator is consistent with the research surrounding best practice. We look forward to new innovations and consolidation of current best practice which give our students the best possible chance to succeed.
STUDENTS BATTLE THE ELEMENTS FOR THE SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

Twenty-two Navigator College students entered the SAPSASA Cross Country event for 2016, along with five other local schools. Students from Years 4 to 7 represented our school and can all be commended for outstanding sportsmanship, determination in running and principled conduct. The 10 year old students ran 2 kilometres and the 11 to 13 year olds ran 3 kilometres. We will hear soon how we were placed, but regardless of placement, the day was one of excellent achievement. The following students can be congratulated on their efforts and courtesy in this event amid Driving rain, many people and a challenging course:

Chase Bryant, Nicholas Kleinig, Brayden Windsor, Joshua Butterworth, Seth Kayser, Bella Kidney, Hannah Moseby, Tia Russell, Lucinda Nicholls, Kaleb Oestmann, Ayomide Ajao, Malachi Fatchen, Cooper Bishop, Angus Waller, Ben Doudle, Hugo Wilson, Jorjahna Farmer, Isabella Harris, Kyle McInerney, Jakoda Skinn-Buzzacott, Holly Wilson and Jasmine Slater. The students supported one another with enthusiasm and embraced a team mentality.

Thank you to the students who participated in today's event - Tania Masters & Sarah Stobart, (supervising teachers).

GYMKANA – INTERSCHOOLS

On Monday 16th May eight Middle and Senior School students from Navigator College proudly represented the College at the Regional Interschool Gymkhana at Port Lincoln Racecourse. Our competitors conducted themselves admirably across all disciplines and consequently placed second overall.

SAPSASA SELECTIONS

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

We wish them all the best as they represent Navigator College and the LEP.

Cricket Term 4:
Kye Butler
Jaiden Jude

Hockey Term 3:
Jaiden Jude
Joseph Gassner
Isabella Harris
Rachael Bartel

We raised just over $400 at the Coin Line, which is a great start to our fundraising for SMA GKPS1 (our sister school in Indonesia).