

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 26th September
Year 11 Students depart on
Service Learning Tour to
Indonesia

**Tues 27th & Wed 28th
September**
Junior School
Student Led Conferences

TERM DATES

Term 3:
Ends - 30th September
Dismissal Time 2.00pm

Term 4
Start - 17th October
Ends - 15th December

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

TUE/WED 8.30 - 10.30am
THU 2.30pm – 4.30pm

PLAYGROUP

Wednesday Mornings
9.15am – 10.15am
ELC (Early Learning Centre).

2017 START DATES:

Monday 16th January
Office opens

Monday 30th January
ELC starts

Tuesday 31st January
Year 12 Students Leadership
Day

Wednesday 1st February
ALL STUDENTS start

BE KIND TO YOURSELF *Leanne Gardner, Finance Manager*

Last week I saw Christmas decorations in a shop and on a footpath a sandwich chalkboard with the number of days to Christmas written on it. It is only a matter of days until the end of this term and then the final term begins. Year 12 students are counting down the weeks and we are already planning for 2017. The hectic time of year is heading our way, life gets frantic, the job list grows, money disappears and people feel tired, stressed and overwhelmed. Try not to let this be you. As the end of the year approaches be kind to others and more importantly be kind to yourself.



IT'S TIME TO PLAY! *Neville Grieger, Principal*

I've been reading a book lately "How to Raise an adult", which has been at the top of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools list of "What people are reading". The book by the way is sub-titled: "Break free of the over-parenting trap and prepare your kid for success." The thing that has stood out for me so far, is that the central philosophies of the International Baccalaureate especially through the Learner Profile characteristics, tells me that we are very much on the right track at Navigator College. We are however, aware that the topic of play-based learning has caused some angst for a few of our Junior School families. This has prompted me to use the chapter "GIVE THEM UNSTRUCTURED TIME" as a basis for comment in this newsletter reflection. This very recent book by Julie Lythcott-Haims as referred to above, leaves us in no doubt about the importance of play in the development of a child. A few quotes ...

"Perhaps we should consider how and when to give kids more independence to explore their environment, create playthings, interact with other kids, and simply enjoy being young"

"When there is an adult there directing things, that is not play"

"Embrace play as a necessity for your child, and figure out how to fit free play into your family calendar."

"Create a culture of free outdoor play."

"Enforce limits on electronics."

"There's a reason behind the joke that kids prefer the manufacturer's box over the toy inside; the box can be a ship, a sled, a house, a bed, a fort, a stage, a mountain. The toy is whatever the manufacturer says it is."

The author goes to considerable length to point out that our world is statistically much safer now than it ever has been, yet society has steadily increased the level of supervision, protection and restriction of the freedom of young people to simply be. We sometimes need to allow our children to make their own mistakes in order to develop the resilience, resourcefulness and inner determination necessary to succeed.

2017 ENROLMENTS

Preparation for the 2017 school year is well underway and to ensure successful planning for the year ahead, it is essential that we have the correct details. Families who would like their children to attend Navigator College next year, need to finalise their enrolments as soon as possible by contacting the College Registrar Leanne Gardner.

If you have students not returning in 2017 written notification is required by the end of Term 3, 2016. Please note the following excerpt from the Enrolment Policy "One term's notice in writing is required when withdrawing a student's enrolment from the College. In the absence of a term's notice the penalty on any withdrawal of a student is an additional one term's full tuition fee charged on a pro rata basis".



END OF TERM – DRESS UP THEMES

Senior School – PJ's ◆ Middle School – Back to the future... or past! ◆ Junior School – PJ's

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Next week our students in the Junior School get the opportunity to share their learning with their families by the way of a 'student led conference'. This conference is an important part of the student's development as it builds the capacity for students to reflect honestly on their learning so far and to communicate their capabilities to a trusted audience.

Parents, please make sure you book a conference time for you and your child through to 'Parent Teacher Online'.

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

Students were enjoying the outdoor learning space today and making the most of the outdoor furniture on the Middle School decking!



YEAR 6/7 T20 BLAST CRICKET

On Thursday 15th September, a group of 15 Year 6/7 students attended the Port Lincoln T20 Blast tournament at Ravendale. These students were split into two teams which consisted of students with varying levels of cricket experience. They played several 'eight over' cricket games against other schools from the Lower EP region. The day was a success despite some threatening rain in the morning, with both teams notching up wins. The most impressive feat was our team's encouragement of each other and determination to compete when facing quality opposition. This included narrow losses to the teams which placed first and second in the tournament.



CUPCAKES RAISE \$89

Each Wednesday morning students in year 8 and 9 have the opportunity to engage in FLOW (time for the first 30 minutes of the day). **FLOW time is dedicated to achieving a state of mind where the challenge involved in an activity of the students design, balances their ability and develops up to three of their character strengths.** A number of our Year 9 girls share common character strengths such as creativity, compassion and leadership. This group of students have chosen to make, decorate and sell cupcakes to raise money for a charity of their choosing. They have taught themselves a new skill of piping multi-coloured icing by watching short instructional videos, created eye catching flyers to advertise their product and worked both in break times and after school to ensure their product would be ready for sale. The group will now discuss which charity they will donate the \$89 raised from their activities to and make plans for how to increase the level of challenge to ensure they remain in the FLOW zone!



RECEPTION PLAY SPACE

The Reception and Year 1 students have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the newly established Play Space! This zone is exclusive to the Reception and Year 1's and gives them a safe and exciting place to play and interact throughout the day. Current educational research suggests that time spent in a natural environment is of enormous benefit to children and we are proud to provide this opportunity to our students. We are in the process of building the resources available to students in this space and are seeking the community's help in compiling some loose "odds and ends" for the area. This could include old saucepans, shovels, buckets, sticks – anything that could spark some imaginative, fun-filled play! If you have anything along these lines that you would be happy to donate, the Reception and Year 1 teachers will gladly collect them.