DON’T WORRY - BE HAPPY  
Michelle Jude

There are so many things we could worry about – everything from how we’ll pay the bills to concerns for our country. We can get to the point where we feel irresponsible if we’re not worrying about something! But worry is toxic. It robs us of God's peace and accomplishes absolutely nothing. It reveals how we rely on ourselves and our own desperate search for understanding rather than relying on God to fix things. We have a choice not to worry. As this passage in Luke testifies, we can decide ahead of time not to give in to anxious thoughts. Jesus promises that no matter what we face, He will be with us.

Is there something looming on your horizon right now that is stealing your peace? It doesn’t have to. Make up your mind not to worry. Entrust it all to the One who assures us that He will help in every need.

Written by Becky Toews.

“But make up your mind not to worry beforehand…” (Luke 21:14a)

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2017

We are now at the stage where we begin to consider class placements for 2017. There are many factors that go into placing your child in a specific class. We believe that a happy child learns and therefore we make our decision after discussion with your child's past and future teachers, based on their social group as well as other general considerations, including gender and group dynamics. It is our belief that if your child is (socially) happy and content, learning naturally occurs. Ordinarily if your child is surrounded by others that make him / her feel safe, he / she is then able to work at school. Of course in all classes at times there are incidents that may result in a clash of personalities. However, the more socially secure child can usually manage the situation easier than the one who feels less confident.

If you have any reasonable requests regarding your child's placement in a class, please make an appointment to see the relevant Head of School, by Monday November 28th. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this matter.

COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

As part of the Future Directions Planning, Navigator College Council is establishing a College Development Committee to act as a “think tank” for and to oversee matters relating to promotions, marketing and fundraising for the College. We are now looking for creative and innovative members of our school community to be involved in this committee and to contribute to the ongoing advancement of Navigator College. Elise Pocknee-Clem has been appointed as the chair of this committee and if you have questions and /or would like to be involved, please call Elise on 0400 824 566 or email her on elisep@internode.on.net. The committee is planning for its first meeting in approximately 2 weeks.

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL  
Stephen Jude, Head of Junior School

This week we have had the privilege of hosting a number of delegates from the International Baccalaureate Organisation as part of our Primary Years Program evaluation. The purpose of their visit was to meet with staff, parents, students and college council to confirm our status as an authorized IB school through a process of meetings, viewing documentation and analysis. Prior to this, Navigator College staff have spent the year collecting evidence. The visiting team were able to then confirm our findings regarding the standards and practices of the Primary Years Program. From this process a 4 year action plan has been implemented to continue to uphold the philosophy and curriculum of the IB, PYP. We welcome the rigor and professional learning that results from this process.
On Wednesday the 9th of November the newly formed Student Environment Council carried out their first ‘recycling bin inspection and sort’ for the term. One of the group’s goals for the remainder of the year and into 2017, is to help our student and staff cohort to better understand what items go in which bin to ensure recyclables aren’t just going to landfill. The group has plans to change the colour of bin lids (to reflect what we have at home), improve signage on bins and run short educational presentations at sub-school assemblies.

Today (Wednesday 16th) the Yr 5 and 6 students began the journey of the inaugural Yr 6/7 band for 2017. Each student worked with Adelaide consultant David Longden to discover which instrument, trombone, trumpet, clarinet or flute, would suit them best. It was a day of strange noises and lots of fun! The students were given a recommendation as to which instrument suited them best and they could choose that one, or one of the instruments that they love, which was usually the same anyway! We are really looking forward to the band program next year and we hope that you can come and listen to us when we perform!

In Week 3 the Year 10’s embarked on a walking expedition through the Port Lincoln National Park. We walked 50 km over 4 days, covering some beautiful landscapes and encountering native wildlife. Each day provided new challenges that we overcame with determination and personal growth.

Tuesday of Week 4 saw nearly all of our instrumental students give a performance to around 100 parents and staff. It was an evening filled with great music and great vibes!

Congratulations to all of the students that performed, and thank you to the parents and staff that continue to support music at Navigator College.

Do you want to learn an instrument?
Instrumental tuition is available for a wide range of musical instruments through the Navigator College Instrumental Music Program. Private lessons are provided by visiting instrumental specialist tutors. Register your interest online!
http://www.navigator.sa.edu.au/music-instrumental-program/