



**NAVIGATOR  
COLLEGE**

# TERM THREE REFLECTIONS

Earlier last year I was in the position to convince the College Council why I should be the next Principal of Navigator College. A key part of that pitch reflected my journey as a practitioner and my absolute love and passion for the staff, parents and students at Navigator College. I knew I had so much to give back to the College community, who had been such a large part of my life for the past 9 years. Even though my future aspirations were to Principal a school, leaving to peruse that was an undesirable option. I wanted to stay and be the Principal of Navigator College!

When I think about the College, this is what my dream is for all students, that in the end they just don't want to leave, they are so supported, so challenged and inspired that they flourish and really care about their school. Some of the key elements to making this happen is developing excellent relationships, having strong pastoral care connections, providing a dynamic curriculum and giving student voice, choice and ownership over their learning.

Underpinning all of these concepts is a sense that all students feel that there is something about Navigator College that makes them proud. When I look at the events of this previous term, there are certainly a wide variety of experiences offered to our students, in order to help support this emerging culture and give students directions for life.

My prayer is, that members of this community feel that same sense of ownership as they reflect on aspects of this term.

Blessings, Steve (Principal)

## *Year 11 Service Learning Trip*

Our Year 11 students concluded this term by being involved in the annual service learning trip. The 17 students who are currently in Indonesia this year have a wonderful chance to use their gifts to serve the members of the SMS GPKS community. Those Year 11's who didn't make the voyage, have been involved in various service activities at the college from gardening, cooking, tutoring, coaching and cleaning. Through these activities, the well-being and care of others is celebrated over the immediate needs of self.





### *Pedal Prix Team*

Once again Navigator College entered 2 teams in the annual Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) pedal prix at Murray Bridge. This 24 hour event saw our Year 7-9 team pitted against our Year 10 team. Both teams performed superbly and as a result of their tremendous preparation, physical conditioning and expert coaching finished an incredible 22nd and 23rd out of their category. Their improvement from last year in terms of km covered was exceptional, increasing from 300kms and 487 kms in 2017 to 677 and 672 in 2018. Congratulations to Sonia Ford, Amy Fiegert, Pete Fraser and Andrew Jericho for their work in co-ordinating our students to achieve this amazing milestone. Thanks also to the various parents who supported the program throughout the year and at the event. Congratulations to all students who were involved. Your efforts were incredible.

### *Regional Choir Festival*

A number of our student's also represented Navigator at the Regional Choir Festival at Nautilus Theatre. Over 2 nights, our team of 30 students joined over 120 other primary school age students to sing a repertoire of 16 songs. This opportunity to connect with students from the other schools and experience a large choir, was a highlight for these students.

### *Music Showcase*

This term, Mangiri was the venue for our annual music showcase. Those who attended witnessed a fabulous progression of the music program at Navigator College. Beginning with the Year 6 band program who have only been playing for 6 months, extending to the Year 7 band program right through to some of our Year 12 solo performers, the audience were treated to an evening of musical highlights. I certainly left proud of the achievement of these students and their ability to perform so well.

### *Shark Tank*

Wow what a hit that was. Members of our Year 10 pathways course have inquired into elements of small business. On Wednesday they had the opportunity to present their business idea to a panel of sharks who provided advice, mentoring and coaching and ultimately invested this imaginary \$1 million in their business. What began as a quite unnerving task, has given these students some valuable experience in the business world. Thanks to our panel of sharks who were able to support this process by giving generously of their time and expertise.

### *Hands on Learning for Year 8 and 9*

In Year 8 and 9 there continues to be a focus on Project Based Learning. The addition of Mr Geoff Bayly to our teaching team has ensured that there are greater opportunities for hands on wood working experiences for our students. Our Year 8 and 9's have certainly welcomed these experiences and this is something for our current Year 6/7's to look forward to. The 'Tiny House' project is a fabulous initiative and to see our students using their gifts and talents to help solve a global and environmental issue is very exciting. Feel free to follow the below link for an example of this project.

<http://www.i-beamdesign.com/the-pallet-house-newyork/>

### *Books Galore*

With a focus on finding your treasure, Book Week 2018 was a tremendous hit. The various costumes that surfaced on our casual day were a unique blend of pirate costumes and book characters from stories that peopled treasured. The celebration of all things books was certainly a highlight that was supported by the most incredible pirate ship never to see water. In line with the book theme, the Junior School participated in the Premiers Reading Challenge this term. These two events meant that there was an incredible amount of traffic flowing through the library as students kept a high word count of words read this term.

### *SEQTA Engage*

The launch of SEQTA Engage earlier this term has been a fabulous tool for helping to communicate with parents regarding student assessment tasks and progress. As the year continues, more features of this platform will be open to parents to allow for even greater access to College life.

### *Future Directions 3.0*

Consultation with parents, staff, students and College Council has been conducted this term and a series of key statements that will guide the strategic development of the College for the next year has been developed. These will be available for public viewing early next term.

### *Sport in Term 3*

Once again our students have had plenty of opportunities to get involved in sport this term with SAPSASA and interschool carnivals - two (Badminton and Basketball) of which we hosted here at Navigator College in the Mangiri Centre.

Some members of our Junior School also experienced both a cricket clinic and a Hot Shots tennis clinic. They are excitedly gearing up for the school swimming program, which begins week 1 next term.



## EP FIELD DAYS

The Field Days were a great opportunity for our current Boarding Program Students to spread the news about our 'home away from home' boarding option and how great it is for them to be able to return home to their local communities on weekends and be involved with their local clubs still, as opposed to heading to Adelaide for their education. Navigator College is an advocate for 'Keeping our Kids on the EP' and to support this, offer a 'Remote Student Scholarship' each year.



## Isaiah Firebrace Visits Navigator College

What a privilege it was to welcome X-Factor Winner and Eurovision superstar 'Isaiah' to Navigator College for an impromptu lunch time concert. It was fantastic to see a star up close and witness his inspiring story of overcoming adversity.



## IMPORTANT TERM 4 REMINDERS

### TERM 4 DATES

Starts - Monday 15th Oct 8.40am

Finishes - Tuesday 11th Dec 3.10pm

### Night with Navigator

3rd November 2018

Held at Adventure Bay Charters HQ

### Year 5 Exhibition

8th November

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Week 1 and 2

### PLAYGROUP

During Term

Thursday 9.15am - 10.15pm

### UNIFORM SHOP

Last week of Holidays:

Thursday – 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Friday – 9.00am to 12.00noon

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