

# End of Year Reflections

Looking forward to 2019 from the Principal



*What a wonderful year it's been!*

Well it is difficult to believe that it is December and we have completed another year of schooling at Navigator College. Many memories have been made, relationships forged and learning milestones achieved. For me, I recall a number of firsts in my role as Principal for the very first time. I would like to extend a massive thank you to the college community for allowing me to serve in this way. There are countless wonderful achievements this year and many exciting developments to look forward to into 2019 and beyond.

I'd like to take this time to wish all members of our community a Merry Christmas. To those who are leaving our learning community, may you have a wonderful future as you embrace new challenges and new horizons. To those who are returning to Navigator College, or are joining us next year, we look forward to partnering with you in the important role of education.

Blessings - Steve Jude, Principal

## STAFFING

*We would like to wish the following valuable staff members a fabulous future in their new roles and thank them for their service to the College, over a number of years;*

Mr David Hickey, Ms Kellie Grace, Miss Taylor Cox, Miss Tanysha Bolger, Mrs Lyn Coote, Mrs Emily Beattie, Mr Alexander Haynes, Miss Emma Miede, Mrs LeeAnn Brook and Miss Hannah Weiss.

*We also welcome a number of new staff (and returning staff) who will be joining us in various capacities at the beginning of next year.*

- Mr Guy Bagshaw – Vet coordinator
- Miss Amy Nairn – Japanese and Performing Art
- Miss Brianna Harris – Science and Maths
- Miss Nikki Auricht – Reception Teacher
- Mrs Jo Schenkel – Teacher Librarian
- Mrs Sharyn Williams – Yr 3 Teacher
- Ms Susan Hopping – English and Humanities
- Mrs Emma Jones – JS Art
- Mrs Susie Higgins – JS PE
- Mrs Elise Watherston – Yr 3 Teacher
- Mrs Kelly Freeman – ELC Director
- Mrs Sarah Smith – MYP co-ordinator
- Mrs Nola Kennedy-Williams – PYP co-ordinator
- Ms Hinano Nishikawa – Assistant Language Teacher



*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 12:12*

# MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

## *Middle School Enclosure*

At the beginning of the year we unveiled the significant upgrade to the Cluster 4, Middle School precinct. The enclosure allowed for a Middle School break out space and an all weather undercover gathering point. This addition to the Middle School provided great flexibility to the teaching programs and learning outcomes for students.

## *Project Based Learning*

As part of the upper middle years, our Year 8 and 9 students launched into project based learning this year. The combining of Humanities, English, and additional Language into HEAL and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics into STEM, allowed for time and space in the timetable for a collaborative and integrated approach to the subject matter in these areas. As a result of staff willingness to work in this manner, students were able to work authentically on project based tasks that challenged their skills of collaboration, innovation, critical thinking and creativity. The resulting projects were a fabulous showcase of student achievement.

## *Future Directions 3*

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. We look forward to these statements driving our improvement into 2019.

## *SEQTA*

The launch of SEQTA Engage this year has been a fabulous tool for helping to communicate with parents regarding student assessment tasks and progress. 2019 will continue to see more features unveiled to support students, parents and teachers.

## *Mangiri Building*

The 18th of February was an exciting time for Navigator College with our students using Mangiri for the first time. The highly anticipated building took a little over a year to construct and has been utilised by students in their Health and Physical Education classes. The facility allows for a broad spectrum of sports to be offered and provides the opportunity to have practical lessons all year round. We hosted other schools for SSSSA events throughout year. Mangiri was also used for many different whole-school functions throughout the year.

## *Cricket Nets*

You may have noticed the two practice nets that are currently under construction between Mangiri and the Oval. These will be a welcome addition to our growing sporting facilities.

## *Pedal Prix*

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 in their category. Their improvement from last year in terms of km covered was exceptional, increasing from 300 km and 487 km in 2017 to 677 km and 672 km 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 parents who supported the program throughout the year and at the event. Congratulations to all students who were involved. Your efforts were incredible.

## *Musical Production*

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 was treated to an evening of musical highlights. I certainly left proud of the achievements of these students and their ability to perform so well. This year also saw our inaugural Musical production, 'You Can't Stop the Beat'. The pulling together of such a production was a highlight for students involved as well as for parents and staff, who left the evening tapping their feet to the theme song - 'You Can't Stop the Beat'.

## *That Coffee Cart*

We have loved having the option of freshly brewed coffee each morning from 'That Coffee Cart' situated in front of Mangiri. Tim's welcoming smile and expertly made coffee certainly helps bring a smile to our staff faces and we hope you, our families, have enjoyed it too.

We look forward to his (and his coffees) return next year.



### *Quality Schools Survey*

Thank you to members of our College community who took the time to complete the recent Quality Schools survey. This gives the College an excellent picture of some of the strengths of our school, as well as identifying some areas to highlight as needing improvement. It is interesting to view this data in relation to the survey completed 2 years ago and then identify trends across the college.

### *LEP Careers Expo*

Lower Eyre Peninsula Careers Expo was a highlight for the month of May was the inaugural Combined Schools Careers Expo. Over 700 students from the EP descended on Navigator College to gather information about careers, further education and employment opportunities. The Mangiri Centre was the perfect location for such an expo and the feedback about the program was incredible.

### *Science and Engineering Challenge*

On Wednesday the 4th of July, Navigator College was thrilled to host the Eyre Peninsula region Science and Engineering challenge. Students from all over the EP came to Mangiri to build bridges, earthquake friendly housing, send codes and heaps more. Congratulations to all our students on their third place finish.

### *End of Year Services*

The End of Year Service Award Recipients for all sub-schools are listed on the College blog for families to view and there will also be a two page spread in the Port Lincoln Times next Tuesday, 18th December.

### *New Fab Lab*

Over the holidays, work will be going on our new Middle School Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab). The Fab Lab building will enhance our project based learning approach to middle school, as we provide up to date equipment for students to build prototypes of their ideas and to test them as part of the design process. This project is expected to be complete towards the end of Term 1.

### *Projects Week and Step Up*

We concluded the year with our senior students stepping up to their new year level and our Middle School students participating in projects week. Our senior students benefit greatly from this opportunity to begin their academic study for 2019, developing a crucial foundation for success in their new year level. Our Middle School students have enjoyed focusing their last few days on projects that have allowed students to shine in a particular area of interest. The results of these projects have since been shared with the college community in an afternoon showcase.

### *Junior School Learning Spaces*

A focus throughout the year has been to create spaces that nurture an inquiring culture. This has included careful consideration of what furniture we use, freshly painted walls as well as the purchasing and placement of objects. Within our Junior School you can see both classroom and outdoor environments that appeal to our senses, invite learners to wonder as well as a place that they want to learn.

### *Digital Learning Journals*

Another opportunity for students' stories to be shared in the Junior School has been the introduction of the Digital Learning Journals (DLJ). Each term a selection of tasks were provided from different subjects to demonstrate each learner's growth. This form of continuous reporting has been very meaningful and we look forward to exploring its future possibilities.

### *Senior School Shipping Containers*

The addition of the Senior School Shipping Containers for students to use during recess and lunch has been very welcome and they particularly enjoyed the space during the winter season. They have also enjoyed the space as a place to continue with school work outside as an alternative to the up-stairs breakout space.



Student Award Recipients and End of Year Service Photo Gallery will be printed in the Port Lincoln Times Tuesday edition on the 18th of December.

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVIGATOR COLLEGE

*The College was opened in 2009 with 89 students. Next year marks our 10th Anniversary.*

From the fires of 2004, Kingsley Macdonald (past Chairperson of the College) discussed his dream of building a Lutheran School in Port Lincoln to Director of Lutheran Schools Association (SA / NT / WA), Barry Kahl. From there a Steering Committee was formed and after much discussion, hard work and prayer Navigator College was formed.

We continue to build our facilities each year and are very excited about next year's Fab Lab build, along with plans for our Senior School extension. A central part of our mission is a commitment to inspire individuals as learners, to create opportunities for students to flourish as people and move them to care for the world around them. This innovative learning environment is supported by a passionate and dedicated staff team who nurture and support students with quality pastoral care programs and who go above and beyond to achieve educational outcomes for students.

Next year the College will welcome 530 students, along with 90 staff members and we are looking forward to celebrating our 10th year with you all. Stay tuned, we have some exciting events planned!



## IMPORTANT 2019 DATES

### 2019 START DATES

#### Office Opens

Monday 14th January

#### ELC Starts

Tuesday 29th January

#### Year 12 Retreat

Tuesday 29th January

#### Junior / Middle / Senior Students Start

Wednesday 30th January

### 2019 TERM DATES

T1 - 30th Jan to 13th Apr (11 wks)

T2 - 29th Apr to 6th July (10 wks)

T3 - 29th July to 28th Sep (9 wks)

T4 - 14th Oct to 12th Dec (9 wks)

### SCHOOL CAMPS TERM 1

(Please note these are subject to change)

Year 5 Camp - 13th Feb (3 days)

Year 6 Errappa - 20th March (3 days)

Year 12 Kayaking - 1st April (3 Days)

Year 4 Camp - 3rd April (3 Days)

### TERM 1 EVENTS

#### SPLASH CARNIVAL

8th February

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS

22nd February

#### SPORTS DAY

8th March

#### 10th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

22nd February

#### YEAR 12 FORMAL

5th April