Dear Parents,

This week saw the culmination of a semester’s worth of effort by our students (and our staff). We held the Academic Assembly, our Year 9s are returning from a successful camp season and last week our Open Night and new Sport and Wellbeing Expo were a huge success.

Over the weekend the Weekend Australian newspaper listed St Philip’s in the top 40 Australian country schools in reference to NAPLAN results. Also making news lately have been two ex-students (Old Saints), Benjamin Kenny an Indigenous ranger, was featured on the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald a few weeks ago, and just this week, Dr Damian Evans (Class of ’92) one of Australia’s foremost archaeologists and (Director of the University of Sydney’s archeological research centre in Cambodia) had an article written about him, also in the Sydney Morning Herald about his amazing success at discovering previously unrecorded temples in the jungles of Cambodia. These two Old Saints are great examples of the variety and diversity of success experienced by past St Philip’s students.

The future for our current students is also bright and positive if they ensure their recipe for success includes: a passion for learning; a willingness to take action and be an active learner; having a thirst for knowledge; and endless curiosity. Mix all of those ingredients together and they will have a basic recipe for success in any field they choose.

This Friday we commence a four week break and during this time our Year 12s will be sitting their mid-year exams and I wish everyone the best of luck. Also during the holidays, our first group of Year 10s will be setting off to Mittagundi and I wish all staff and students a safe and happy time in what is another memorable milestone in the St Philip’s experience.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Tudor AM
Headmaster

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Thanks to all the parents who baked the fabulous range of cakes and helped serve in the ‘café’ as well as the delicious dinners in the ‘restaurant’ in the Home Economics area during the College’s Open Night and the inaugural Sports and Wellbeing Expo last Thursday evening. Particular thanks to Lauren Winter who coordinated the cake stall.

Parents and Friends President, Cate Coffey

One of Australia’s foremost archaeologists

DAMIAN EVANS - CLASS OF 1992

Good luck to the following students who left for a four day triathlon camp on Wednesday. Jasper and Moby Edwards, James Steer, Stephanie Hanlon, Shane Van Luenen, Seth O’Brien, William Stojic and Issaraha Braun. These students, accompanied by Tony Knott and Allison Foster, will take part in a hands-on course to help them with their triathlon training. We look forward to hearing how they went upon their return.

Congratulations to Damian and his team, we wish them the best with their future research.

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Damian Evans (Class of 1992) has recently revealed a lost city and a holy temple. He was over in Cambodia when the discovery was made. Damian is the Director of the University of Sydney’s archeological research centre in Cambodia and his amazing discovery was featured in the Sydney Morning Herald.

Finally the end of term is almost here and I’m sure we are all ready for a holiday. That didn’t stop us keeping busy last weekend though. Among the packing and revising for exams we also found time to do some cooking on Friday night. The theme was desserts, but it really just came down to different varieties of chocolate cake decorated with everything from M&M’s to Kit Kats.

Nothing goes smoothly some days and Friday was one of those evenings. Everything was prepared, the girls came to put the ovens on and there was no gas! Despite recruiting the help of Sheree Fickling, the Head of Home Ec; Joseph Ladouce, from the Science Department where we thought the gas had been switched off and even Headmaster, Chris Tudor, we finally had to give up and de-camp to the kitchens to finish cooking. Poor Marie, it was her first experience of cooking with the girls and what should have been fun turned into a bit of an endurance event! Anyway the cakes eventually got cooked and everyone went to bed happy.

On Saturday evening, Louise took the girls to the stadium for volleyball, after which they joined the boys for a movie in the Fred McKay Education Centre and on this occasion everything did go smoothly.

Thanks to Marie and Louise for being willing to branch out of their comfort zones and offer these activities to the girls at the weekend and thanks to the senior boarders who helped with the organisation and clearing up.

And now peace will reign in the boarding house until Sunday 21 July!

Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

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**Cairns half ironman adventures**

On 9th June, Debbie Page and I headed into the unknown, but our journey had actually started 12 months earlier. In June 2012 we heard some fellow triathlon club members talk about their experiences at the Cairns Ironman Adventure Festival. They were normal, everyday people like you and me, who had taken on the challenge of completing an ironman.

Fast forward 3 months and Debbie and I decided, along with 12 others, that maybe, just maybe we could do a half ironman event; that is a 1.9km swim, 90km bike ride finishing with a 21.1km run. Training began late last year and continued right up until the week before the event, when we could start the cherished “taper”. Along the way, housework got left behind and friends were put on hold and were both replaced with intense discussions about energy bars and gels, whether one swimming cap was better than two and which type of hat to wear on the run in the hot Cairns sun!

Race day dawned cloudy but warm, and the sun was out by the time we were swimming. Cairns tested us in more ways than one by throwing some punishing hills onto the bike leg and a blistering head wind that stayed with us for much of the bike and run. Much of my run was spent walking and thinking about the journey, but never once did I believe that I wouldn’t finish. When you put everything you have into achieving a goal it becomes impossible not to achieve it. My time didn’t matter to me, what mattered was the journey I had embarked on with friends and the support of family, St Philip’s and the Alice Springs Triathlon Club.

How do I feel now? Like I want to do another one…… someday!

Kate Anderson

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Containers still to be collected: If you baked any goodies for Open Night and still need to collect your container, please visit Reception between 8am and 4pm.
Here we are, approaching the last couple of days of Term 2. It just feels like yesterday the boys returned from Term 1 holidays!

It is a busy final week in boys’ boarding with all Year 7, 8’s and 10’s having their end of term exams. Most of the boys have been studying hard over the last few weeks and I’m sure all the hard work will pay off when the boys receive their results. William Jones and Isarahah Braun left for Darwin on Wednesday afternoon to attend a four day triathlon camp. Both boys are keen distance runners who are looking forward to a new challenge on the bike. It will be an action packed camp, with quality coaches from across the country involved in passing down knowledge to the boys. Dean Sullivan, Kaea Pomare and Hayden McGregor all returned from Year 9 camp this week, and I’m looking forward to hearing how they fared with nine days out bush without any showers!

Two weeks ago, we took ten boys out camping to watch the Finke Dessert Race. It was an excellent two days, with all the boys enjoying themselves, and for most of the boys it was their first time watching the buggies and motorbikes flash by on the red sand. It was also an opportunity for some of the boys to hit a few golf balls. Wayde Shadforth was a natural and could be the next Frank Nobilo. Isaac Braeden almost took the head off our neighbouring campers with a wayward swing.

I hope all the boys enjoy their holiday break with family and friends; I look forward to hearing all their stories at the start of Term 3! The boarding house will open again on Sunday, 21st July.

Kris Wheeler
Head of Boys’ Boarding

Congratulations to Gracie Secombe (Flynn) and Joseph Worrall (McKay) who have been chosen to represent the Northern Territory in the national competition in Brisbane later this year.

A large number of St Philip’s students played in the Desert Storm teams and played beautifully. Yuji Nojima (Griffiths) was also chosen as a reserve. Their behaviour was exemplary both on and off the pitch. It was a very successful competition for Alice Springs, with the boys’ team becoming joint winners for the first time in four years and the girls’ team coming equal second. Gracie was a rock in defence and Joe captained his team and played in midfield. This will be Gracie’s second time representing the NT and Joe’s third time. Good luck in September.

...Beanie Festival is calling all cake makers...

It’s time for the Beanie Festival again and it promises to be another great event. As always, there will be the Tea Shop serving up yummy goods and we need our regulars as well as newcomers. If you would like to sell a cake or 10 at the festival, please email Annie Farthing at anniefarthing@bigpond.com with details of what you make for which days (the festival will "reimburse" between $15-20 per cake / batch/ dozen).

The festival runs from Friday 21st - Monday 24th June with cakes and goodies required for each day. They need to be either fresh on the day or made the day before (please don’t bring cakes that have been frozen). We need muffins, biscuits, cakes, brownies, tarts, slices - whatever you would like to see at a cake stall. If you want more information, please email or call Annie on 0407 015 791.
A night full of activities...

The College opened its doors for the annual Open Night and the new Sport and Wellbeing Expo

On Thursday, 13 June the College opened its doors for its annual Open Night activities PLUS the new Sport and Wellbeing Expo. Both events were a great success and many thanks to all the students, staff and parents for their efforts in ensuring everything went well.

The inaugural Sport and Wellbeing Expo had an unprecedented number of ‘local’ exhibitors (75 in total) including a range of community, sporting, volunteer and social groups as well as health & wellbeing service providers.

The feedback has been very positive and an event such as this is not possible without the support of sponsors.

Many thanks to: NT Government (Chief Minister’s Office & Department of Sport and Recreation), Southern Cross TV, SUN969/8HA, Driver Web, Bendigo Bank, Rotary Clubs of Mbantua and Alice Springs, Bellette, Centralian Sports, Coleman’s Printing, Brushcraft Signs, RMT and Coca-Cola Amatil.

Special thanks also to: St Philip's College P&FA, OLSH, Alice Springs Town Council, Alice Springs Community Support Program (ASP Correctional Centre), Beaurepaires, Alice Springs RSL, Alice Expo Hire, Emma Kraft, Rotary Club of Stuart and Ciara Buckley from BCCC.

To the members of the following organisations, thank you for giving up your time to share your passion and interests with the people of Alice Springs

AFL NT
Alice Sport News
Alice Springs Bowen Therapy
Alice Springs Chiropractic
Alice Springs Community Bank (Bendigo Bank)
Alice Springs Cycling Club
Alice Springs Gliding Club
Alice Springs Physio & Sports Injury Clinic
Alice Springs Prostate Cancer Support Group
Alice Springs Radio Control Modellers
Alice Springs Running Walking Club
Alice Springs Rural Volunteer Fire Brigade
Alice Springs Saddle Horse Club
Alice Springs Swimming Club
Alice Springs Table Tennis Association
Alice Springs Toastmasters Club
Alice Springs Town Council
Alice Springs Triathlon Club
Alice Springs Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Alice Springs Quilting Club
Australian Labor Party
Australian Red Cross
Birth and Beyond
Bosom Buddies
Blueearth Foundation
C AFL Umpires Association
Cancer Council NT
Central Australian Rugby League
Central Australian Rugby Union
Children’s Book Council of Australia NT Branch
Congress Healthy Lifestyles Team
CWA
Dead Centre Bowhunters Archery Club
Desert Pole Fit
Eastside Pilates
Emerging Leaders of Alice Springs
Forevolution Fitness
Frontier Services
Get Physical
Headrush
Healthy Living NT
Incite Youth Arts
Kasazz Scrapbooking
Lifeline & Headspace
Malice Springs Roller Derby League
Medicine Tree
National Seniors Australia NT Cricket
NT Govt - Arts and Museums
NT Govt - Emergency Services
NT Govt - Fire
NT Govt - Health
NT Govt - Police
NT Govt - Sport & Recreation
Office of Women’s Advancement
Outback 4WD Club
Parks & Wildlife Commission NT
Red Centre BMX
Red Heart Riff Raff - Red Hat Society
Red Hot Arts
Rotary Clubs of Mbantua, Alice Springs, Stuart
RSPCA
Sing Australia
St Vincent De Paul
The Salvation Army
Tennis Alice Springs
Top End Orientees
Totem Theatre
U3A
Volunteering SA & NT
Weight Watchers
YMCA
Zumba
8CCC

ABC Half Marathon

When: Sunday 28 July 2013 at 7am
Start/Finish: Adjacent to Steiner School, Ragonesi Rd, Alice Springs
Entry Fee: $5.00 individual and team events.

The course is 4 x 5.27km loops. The race starts at the Steiner School, heads down Ragonesi Rd, left into Stegar Rd to the turnaround point, returns down Stegar Rd, right onto the Ross Highway, along the Highway, right onto Ragonesi Rd and then back to the Steiner School.

Entrants may enter one of three categories:
21.1km Half Marathon (4 laps)
5.27km short course (1 lap)
Team relay 4 x 4

Entry forms can be collected are to be delivered to 783 ABC Alice Springs, Gap Road, Alice Springs along with the correct entry fee of $5.00 per individual prior to 5pm on Friday 26 July.

You will be issued with a timing chip on the morning of the race supplied by the Alice Springs Running & Walking Club. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers on the day and are subject to the discretion of the race director. Late entry fee is an additional $5 will apply. Entrants who run the full Half Marathon must be over 18 years old.
Totem Theatre
School Holiday Performance Workshops

- Acting
- Dance
- Puppetry
- Circus
- Music & Singing
- Film
- Tech & Lighting
- Costume
- Set & Prop Making
- Performance Skills

Learn, play, create and work towards a show!
Created by young people for young people
with Melissa Kert and Maegan Arfair.

Wk 1-3 22nd June – 12th July
Every Tues and Thurs 7 12yrs 10-10 pm and 13 26yrs 2-4 pm $6 per session.
Wk 4 July 15th-19th 5 day intensive with a show – All ages 10-3pm - $10 per day.
Performance – July 19th 4pm – entry by donation.

For bookings and info contact:
Melissa - 0434 240 106 totemtheatre070@gmail.com

Venue: Totem Theatre
Along river path behind Anzac Oval.

Free Teen Circus Classes
During June/July Holidays

**Tumbling Class**
Learn; Flips, Handstands, Cartwheels, rolls and Mini Trampoline in a safe environment.
Ages: 12-15 Years
Cost: Free!
When: Tuesdays and Fridays 4pm-6pm Starting 2nd July.

**General Circus**
These classes are aimed at all skill levels and allow participants to try a range of different activities such as Tumbling, Unicycling and Aerials.
Ages: 12-15 years
Cost: Free!
Times: 4-6pm Thursdays, 2-4pm Sundays

Location: Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre Inc.
Phone: 8952 1649
Email: manager@asyc.com.au

These Classes are Funded by the Northern Territory Government.
Chaplain’s Message

The Law of the Garbage Truck
excerpt from David J. Pollay

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us!

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, really friendly. So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!”

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, “The Law of the Garbage Truck.”

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage (frustration, anger, and disappointment, etc.). As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they’d dump it on you. Don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don’t take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life’s too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so…love the people who treat you right & pray for the ones who don’t. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a blessed, garbage-free day.

Message for Year 10s not going to Mittagundi

Year 10 students not going to Mittagundi need to return to school on Monday 22 July.

Message for Year 11s

All Year 11 students are not expected back at school until Monday 29 July.

What’s Happening in Term 3 - Week 1

**Monday 22 July**

~ Term 3 Commences

**Tuesday 23 July**

**Wednesday 24 July**

~ Commencement Service

**Thursday 25 July**

~ RACI Quiz (Year 12s)
~ Year 11 Leadership Course - Groups 1 & 2 return

**Friday 26 July**

~ Mittagundi Camp - 10C and 10D drive from Mittagundi to Melbourne
~ Year 11 Leadership Course - Groups 3 & 4 return

**Saturday 27 July**

~ Mittagundi Camp - 10C and 10D fly from Melbourne to Alice Springs

Music Conference 26 – 28 July, 2013

Music NT would like to invite senior music students to be involved in this year’s iNTune Music Conference Friday 26 – Sunday 28 July 2013.

Join us for workshops and showcases with key music industry experts from around Australia.

Learn great new skills to develop yourself as a professional musician.

For more information contact Milyika or Amy on 89520322
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