Dear Parents,

This was a week of celebrations. On Wednesday we acknowledged and celebrated the achievements of our graduating class of 2013. Year 12 Graduation was held on Wednesday morning, and that evening we held the Year 12 Farewell Dinner at the Convention Centre.

Our students looked very glamorous on the night and we thank Old Saint, Owen Auricht for being our guest speaker for the evening. Events such as Graduation and the Farewell Dinner do not happen without a lot of planning and preparation and I’d like to thank all those staff who work so hard to ensure our students have a fitting farewell.

It’s also timely to mention that this year’s recipient of the Outback Achiever Award, announced at Graduation is Dr Tim Henderson, Head of Ophthalmology at Alice Springs Hospital. This award (voted by our College staff) honours a Central Australian who has contributed above and beyond the call of duty to better the lives of members of the community and region. We congratulate Dr Henderson on his work and achievements.

Tonight will be the Boarders’ Christmas party where the boarders are able to farewell the Year 12s, and this usually involves a lot of laughter and a few tears. I wish them well.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Leesong
Deputy Headmaster

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Darcy Renkin who has appeared in the November issue of the Australian Shooter Magazine.

Darcy thanks St Philip’s College for introducing him to a hobby that he has come to enjoy. “In the beginning, it looked interesting and I wanted to try it out. I think its pretty cool that we have the opportunity to do it through school”.

Darcy competed in his first SSAA competition at the 2013 National Junior Challenge.

See the November issue of Australian Shooter Magazine, page 100 for the full article.
We have a few empty beds in boarding at the moment as our Year 12 boarders make their way out into the world. Exams are over and we are looking forward to our Christmas Party on Friday 22 November when we will officially farewell them from the boarding house.

Even in the midst of their packing and the odd exam Kelsey, Cyndy, Umema and Kirsten have started their own massage business for the cause and is getting some good business for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Kirsten has started her own massage business and has not been idle either. Our Year 11s have been gardening and washing cars. Rhiannon still found time to do some tree pruning and shovelling round the front of the boarding house.

There was an early start for nine of the girls on Saturday morning when they took part in the first of a three week series of 5km races at the Desert Park, organised by the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club. Natalie put in a particularly impressive walk and stands a good chance of a medal if she completes all three races.

There’s never a boring moment in the Girls’ Boarding House!

Study Sessions (Held in your Exam area)

- **Wednesday 4th December** – Year 10 students to study while the others are at assembly.
- **Thursday 5th December** – Year 7 to 9 to study while the Year 10’s are at assembly then lunch.
- **Friday 6th December** – All Year 7 to 9 students will study prior to their exam within the 2 hour period so they are in line with the Year 10 exams.

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**Exam Timetable**
A MESSAGE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...

Dear Parents,

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday and Friday of Week 8, but will be open at selected times over the school holidays. Please see page 6 for Uniform Shop holiday hours.

Please contact Mrs Donna Summers on 8950 4560 for further information.

2014 BOOK LISTS

2014 book lists have been mailed to all families this week. If you haven’t received a book list for your child/children, please contact Carol Leesong on 8950 4501 or College Reception on 8950 4511.

STUDENT CRICKET UMPIRES FOR 2014

School Sport NT strongly encourages the involvement of students in our program in roles other than as players. Each year students are involved in areas like administration, umpiring/referreeing, computer work with scoring and design, assistant managers, assistant coaches, managers, scorekeepers, umpires, line officers, and a range of other roles. We strongly encourage coaches and teachers to offer their students these pathways for future skill development. Thousands of young Australians work in the sports industry. Not all of us can make a living out of our playing talent, so give a thought to some of the other non-playing students in your school. Your thoughtfulness could make a difference and open a door of opportunity.

We would like all teachers and club personnel to use whatever means they may have at their disposal to find, dig out and encourage those new players who may have the necessary skills and an inclination to take a non-playing role and be an umpire/referee in our School Sport NT program. There are many jobs out there quite capable of fulfilling this role, so please help us to help them.

Any student umpire/referee identified must have demonstrated a skill competency in the sport, be confident enough to handle beginner level students and be mature enough to cope with upset adult parents/coaches/managers. Students must be able to demonstrate they are already on an umpire/referee developmental pathway. Each selected student umpire/referee needs to travel to attend their chosen event and will have their travel costs paid in full and be under the supervision of the NT Team Official.

In 2013, Bandojai Bank sponsored a portion of the Interclub levy and we hope this too will continue for 2014.

An School Sport NT is holding the School Sport Australia 12 years and under Cricket Championship in Darwin June 26th to June 29th. We will have a great need for umpires. We along with Wolfgang Wessing NT Cricket Umpires Association President, have keen to offer this opportunity to our students.

For students to be eligible they need to:

1. Attend a coaching clinic with Wolfgang on Tuesday February 4th and Wednesday February 5th from 4 to 5 pm at Esombe College.
2. If deemed suitable, be able to attend the School Sport NT 12 years and under Cricket Championships in Alice Springs: April 26th to April 4th.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU FIND THEM?

If you can identify any student at school, who is skilled in a sport at the 12 and Under Cricket level, then they need to complete the attached form and return it to Trish at the School Sport NT office (trish.eden@nt.gov.au) at least 4 weeks prior to the state of the NT event.

Students who are selected will be notified of the School Sport NT program and once they have been approved, they will need to complete a School Sport NT Permission Form with both parents and principal signatures, and return it to Trish.

Due to organisational pressures and travel payment timelines, our deadlines must be met and no late entries will be accepted, so please be diligent and let your kids know about this opportunity.

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It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold.

The hedgehogs, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

Author Unknown

Chaplain’s Message

LESSON FROM THE HEDGEHOGS – Teamwork

What’s Happening in Week 7

Monday 25 November

Tuesday 26 November

Wednesday 27 November

~ Advent Service - 8.45am to 9.45am, The Minnamurra Hall
~ Music Soiree - 7pm, The Minnamurra Hall

Thursday 28 November

Friday 29 November

~ Music Scholarship Auditions - 3.15pm, MD1

Enrol now for 2015

Enrolments now being accepted for Year 7, 2015