Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2017, and a very warm welcome to all our new students, parents and our new staff: Mr Doug Algate, Mr Christopher Bartlett, Ms Tiana Bateman, Ms Jennifer Collier, Ms Linda Harris, Ms Sonia Morell, Ms Steph Pullen, Ms Laura Robertson and Ms Valentine Shaw.

This year is full of wonderful opportunities for our students and it is very exciting as we will be launching Positive Education at St Philip’s College. What is Positive Education? Positive Education brings together the science of Positive Psychology with best practice teaching to encourage and support individuals, schools and communities to flourish. Flourishing is described as a combination of ‘feeling good and doing good’.

Positive Education focuses on specific skills that assist students and adults to strengthen their relationships, build positive emotions, enhance personal resilience, promote mindfulness and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Through teaching these valuable life skills, St Philip’s will provide its students with an increased capacity to learn effectively, as well as offering them a strong foundation on which they can build a successful life.

The College will be hosting a Getting Started with Positive Education on 22 March, 2017 between 1-4pm in the Fred McKay Education Centre. This Positive Education Sampler will give an overview of the principles of Positive Education and how it can help school communities and individuals flourish. Parents are welcome to attend and are encouraged to book and pay to guarantee your spot.

The course will focus on personal transformation; through teaching practical skills that the science of positive psychology has shown can have a significant and lasting impact on wellbeing. I have been a proponent of Positive Education for many years, and the strategies I’ve learnt influence the way I interact with our students, staff and my own family.

If you have any queries regarding the above courses, please call St Philip’s Positive Education Coordinator, Jacilyn Lindner on 08 4552 or email PosEd@stphilips.nt.edu.au

Yours Sincerely,

Roger Herbert
Principal

Welcome to our new staff & students
Welcome to our new Staff

Doug Algate
Doug joins us this year as Head of Flynn House. Prior to St Philip’s he was the Vice Principal at Centralian Middle School. He has taught in Japan for 6 years and was also the Director of Sport at a boarding school in the United States for 14 years. Doug’s interests include Mountain Biking and Golf.

Chris Bartlett
Chris has newly arrived from the UK where he had been teaching for two years. He will be teaching English at Saints and is looking forward to experiencing our Round Square program. His interests are fitness, cooking and collecting vinyl.

Tiana Bateman
Tiana joins us this year as a 2017 GAP student who will be assisting in the Performing Arts Department. Tiana enjoys playing the guitar and taking photos. Her plans after her GAP year is to study a Bachelor of Teaching and Arts at Flinders University.

Jennifer Collier
Jennifer has moved from a teaching position at Marian College in Ararat. This year she will be teaching Science, Chemistry and Biology. Her interests include a range of sporting activities.

Linda Harris
We welcome Linda to the College this year. She will be teaching textiles. Linda is glad to be in the heart of Australia after teaching overseas for 15 years in Kuala Lumpur, North Carolina and Shanghai. Her goal for this year it to focus on art and textiles and renovating her home in the school holidays.

Sonia Morell
Sonia joins SPC this year as an English teacher from Sydney. She moved to Alice Springs for a regional experience and a less hectic environment. Her interests include reading and writing.

Steph Pullen
Steph joins the College this year as a university graduate from Monash University. She will be teaching Maths and Science! Steph has travelled to Africa, NZ and Fiji and her interests include camping, sports and eating!

Laura Robertson
This is Laura’s second year teaching. She has relocated from Melbourne and will be teaching Humanities and English. Laura looks forward to developing her teaching abilities and getting involved in the Alice Springs community this year.

Valentine Shaw
The College officially welcomes Valentine to our teaching staff this year after she completed the practical component of her degree at Saints last year. She will be teaching History and Geography. Valentine’s interests include gardening, camping and reading.

Congratulations to Jen Waterhouse and Davey Tudor on the safe arrival of their second son, Thomas James Christopher Tudor. Thomas was born on 25 January 2017 and is a little brother to William. Mum and baby are both doing well.

Congratulations to Jessica Fuller who married partner, James McNamee on December 17 2016 in Ballarat, Victoria. They shared their day with family and friends and then honeymooned in New Zealand.

Young Centralian Citizen of the Year - Cindy Uzzell

Congratulations to Old Saint and past staff member. Cindy Uzzell who was coreipient of the Young Centralian Citizen of the Year. Cindy is a highly active member of the community, contributing as a volunteer, advocate and student leader. Cindy makes significant contributions to numerous local organisations and fundraisers, also formally representing youth within local and Territory government committees. She was selected to attend the Australian National Student Leadership Forum in 2015, invited to Fiji for their Forum Bridging Initiative in 2016. Cindy is persistently and continually available to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Young Centralian Citizen of the Year - Claire Ryan

Old Saint, Claire Ryan was the other winner of the Young Centralian Citizen of the Year, and is the current secretary of the Finke Desert Race Committee, after volunteering for the event from a very young age. Claire is known for being a strong leader of volunteers, and is a key part of what makes the Finke weekend work. In addition, she annually coordinates local charity events, and also volunteers her time to organise the Alice Springs Masters Games.

Claire is well-known for her enthusiastic contribution to the life of Alice Springs.
Girls' Boarding News

It was a great start to the year even before the term began, when Cindy Uzzell was named Young Centralian of the Year. Cindy boarded at St Philip's from Yr 7-12 and then for the last two years has worked as a member of the boarding staff. Congratulations to her on her deserved award (see page 3 for photo and more details).

At the start of term we welcomed eight new boarders, five Year 7 girls and three Year 8s and what a lovely group of girls they are: positive, active, inquisitive and polite. It’s going to be a great year – I feel sure of that and we have some exciting activities planned.

We also welcomed Siobhan Niland as our new resident in the Senior Dorm and she has already done her first duty. She is an Art teacher at St Philip’s and I am sure will be putting those skills to good use at the weekends with some of our boarders. Cindy is temporarily staying over in our Junior Dorm flat until we appoint somebody so the juniors are in very safe and experienced hands.

This term our weekend activities will include a picnic at the town pool, beach volleyball, an NRL match (for those who wish), an Indian night, a moonlight bike ride, a Telegraph Station BBQ, a Quiz Night, and ten pin bowling plus lots of swimming and games in the stadium and quad so please watch our newsletter for weekly updates and photos.

Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

Sarah Pollitt
Chaplain

Chaplain’s Message

A psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,[a]
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

Mountain Bike Activities

- Frantic February 6pm starts for Wednesday during February (20min + 1 Lap) Dusty Demons circuit at the scout hall
- 12 Hour Firefly Teams at the Telegraph Station
25th February 7pm - 7am. Fun, fun fun!
- MTB Ex Activity will be starting from Week 3 at school
6:30-7:45am (Tuesdays)

Want to carve up the MTB Trails in February. Renew your race license or get a 8 week free Membership Trial from MTBA to be in it!


Long term Goal for Term 1 Holidays
Lasseters Easter in the Alice 14-16 April
http://www.easterinthealice.com
Get in touch with Dave Atkins:
E: David.Atkins@stphilips.nt.edu.au

Music Tuition Lessons 2017

Music Tuition Lessons will commence in Week 5, Term 1.
• Those students who have already signed up will receive their timetables for Term 1 by the end of Week 2.
• New Students will be accepted up to the end of Week 3.
• Returning Students who have not filled in a form for 2017 will have until the end of Week 3 to complete a new application.

Applications forms are available from Mrs Kidd’s office or Student Access.

NEW PARENT INFORMATION & P&FA Forum

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If anyone has any questions or concerns before then, please feel free to speak to your child’s Head of House or Tutor Group Teacher at any time.

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Dear Parents,

It is highly recommended to use School24 to order your child/ren’s lunch from the Rivergum Café. By using this system, you are assured that your child will receive their preference and it saves them time at recess and lunchtime.

Having said that, the College is looking at new online ordering providers, and as such, we recommend that you maintain only a minimal balance in your account. As soon as a new provider is selected, further information will be sent to you immediately. If you have any queries please call the College 8950 4511.

Dear Parents,

Please do peruse the list below which informs you of the visual text titles that will be taught at our school in 2017, as part of the English curriculum. If you have any concerns regarding any of the titles, could you please contact me at pushpa.vida@stphilips.nt.edu.au?

Thank you.

Pushpa Vida
Head of the English Faculty

LIST OF VISUAL TEXTS BEING TAUGHT AT ST PHILIP’S YEARS 7 - 12

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Do you ride to school?

Your bike?
Your responsibility.
Lock your bike up!

AUDITION TIPS:
* Do some online research to learn about the Musical (e.g., the plot, characters, songs, performance style, etc).
* Watch the 1994 film.
* Watch snippets of quality productions of the Broadway Musical version.
* Figure out which character resonates with you, who you would like to play.
* Choose a song that is similar to the type of songs that your chosen character would perform in the show.
* Learn your song, practice it LOTS, work out some simple gestures/movement if appropriate.
* Collect a scene from the Performing Arts Foyer at the beginning of 2017 to practice with a friend.

If you have any questions, please see Mr Kidd, Ms Evans or Mrs Fleming 😊

AUDITIONS BEGIN ON TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY (WEEK 3).
SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE POSTED ON THIS NOTICEBOARD VERY SOON!
Online Ordering - Rivergum Cafe

Register for online ordering at:
www.school24.com.au

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ROVERS NETBALL CLUB
Alice Springs

Est. 1972

To be held at Gap View Hotel
Gap Road

SAT. 4TH FEBRUARY
12:00 NOON

SIGN-ON-DAY!

Saturday 4th February
Junior Sign On: 11am - 12 noon
Annual General Meeting: 12 noon
Senior Sign On: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Merchandise on sale, Sports Vouchers accepted & EFTPOS available. All past, present & new players, umpires, coaches & supporters most welcome.

For further information please contact:
Sally on 0438 835 566 or email
netball@memoroversnetballclub.com.au
www.memoroversnetballclub.com.au

NETSETGO 2017

START DATE: Saturday, 4th February
TIME: 9:00AM - 10:00AM
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 8 Weeks
AGE GROUP: 5 - 7 years & 8 - 10 years
COST: $100 - Sports Vouchers Accepted

To register and pay online, visit netsetgo.com.au and search Alice Springs Netball Assoc.

Children's Sewing/Craft Classes - 2017

Does your child love to create? Do they ask you to teach them how to sew? Pester you to do crafts!
I offer Children's Sewing classes, after school for 1 1/2 hours, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays – 3:30 – 5pm

Required age is 8 years and over.
I currently have space available in all groups.

For further information please contact Janene
Phone: 0407 388 014
Email: aliceacutsew@optus.net.au
Check us out on Facebook – Alice Cut & Sew

Studio located at 52 Services 4/12 Ghan Road