Dear Parents,

Like many other years this one has been incredibly busy. In this the College’s 50th anniversary year, we celebrated with a weekend of festivities back in March, yet sadly for many members of our College community it has been an incredibly difficult year.

It is wonderful to see Headmaster, Chris Tudor back, and he announced this week that he will stay on the bridge for the final leg of his voyage until the middle of 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for working so well towards our common purpose of developing young adults. Teachers, thank you for thinking of new and interesting ways to help students learn, for working at school for long hours, for continuing to smile when exhaustion approaches, for sacrificing your lunch breaks etc. for students who need you, and for remaining professional and dedicated without expectation of thanks or reward.

Sadly it’s at this time of year that we say farewell to staff. Ms Rhiannan Parker, Ms Laura Illingworth, and Ms Zoe Coyte will be leaving us together with assistants and GAP students

Cherise Evans, Jess Duffy, Alicja Kruske, Monty Nixon and Jake Butler. Mr Kris Wheeler, Head of Boys’ Boarding also leaves us to become Head of Boarding at St Paul’s College in Walla Walla, NSW. Also, Ms Kerry Macpherson, Mr Ed Nicholson and Nurse, Bron Grieve will be taking a year’s leave.

To our parents, thank you for placing your faith in us to nurture your children.

To our students, thank you for your willingness to contribute so much to our community. It always makes me proud when visitors to the College comment on how much they are impressed by you. This happens often and you too can be rightly proud.

I would like to particularly thank Mrs Christine Neves, chair of the Parents and Friends association, for her incredible dedication to the College, particularly for her work in the Café this year.

As we move rapidly towards Christmas, be sensitive to everyone’s needs and do your best to make their lives a little happier and our community even stronger.

Thank you for a wonderful year and I wish you a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Uniform Shop opening 11 January to 28 January, 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Normal hours resume Friday 29 January, 1pm to 3.30pm.

Read previous Headmaster’s Messages online

Congratulations to Year 10 students, Heber-Jay Schwalger, who has been named in the All Australian U/15s Touch Team after participating in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide last week.

A national team of 14 were selected which included 12 players from either NSW & QLD who dominated the tournament, another player from the ACT and Heber-Jay representing the Northern Territory. The NT U/15s and U/12’s boys’ teams each won the plate division finishing 5th overall.

Well done again to Heber-Jay for his amazing accomplishment.

Congratulations to Year 10 students, Chloe Southam and Jacob Moore, who are co-recipients of the 2016 Careers Scholarship.

Their outstanding applications and interviews enabled them to share the $1000 prize towards their Year 11 tuition at St Philip’s next year.
It was the last tournament of the year in the Boys’ Boarding House. Friday night was a quiet evening relaxing, with a few boys enjoying a late night swim in the pool.

Saturday afternoon most of the boys went down to the town pool and enjoyed some time sliding down the hydro-slides and splashing around in the wave pool. On return from the town pool, everyone had a barbeque dinner with the girls. Kaylom and Alex Johnson were the head chefs and did a wonderful job of cooking all the food.

Well, we have come to an end of another wonderful year in the Boys’ Boarding House. I wish everyone a merry Christmas, enjoy and cherish your time with your sons over the holiday break and I wish everyone all the best for 2016.

A reminder the boy’s dorms will lock up at 5pm this Friday.

Kris Wheeler
Head of Boys’ Boarding

The College places great importance on uniform, and we look to the support of parents to ensure that our rules are followed. Particularly, we ask parents to ensure that students commence each day with their school items ready and tidy, and that students always wear their uniform properly when outside of school. Students should make themselves fully aware of the College’s expectations.

We would expect that all students checking in the weeks before the end of term and also a very active one for some of our bush families who were attending an event in Alice. Many thanks to them for doing this community service.

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As well as packing and revising for exams, the boarders found time on Saturday morning to play the Bentley Trophy. This is an annual event it was definitely in recent years it was definitely a much larger junior in the Senior Dorm.

Girls’ Boarding News

As part of the St Philip’s College Outdoor Education program and the development of our young climbers, I would like to offer a small group of students the opportunity to compete against other schools within the Northern Territory. This trip will be held from Tuesday 15 March to Friday 18 March 2016, towards the end of Term 1.

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The aim of this trip is to extend our students’ climbing ability and expose them to other climbers of the same age in a competition setting. Students will participate in divisions of junior or senior students with their peers. It is hoped that we could field 10-15 students for the championships.

Register interest with David Atkins by email – david.atkins@portal.stphilips.nt.edu.au

Earlier this term I asked parents of new students in 2016 to write “a million words or less” about their child. Thank you to everyone who has given us insight into their young person starting at the College next year.

As an incentive, I said that two lucky entries would be chosen at random to receive a copy of either ‘He’ll be ok’ Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men by Cecilia Lashlie or Raising Girls by Steve Biddulph.

I would like to announce that the lucky recipients are Anastasia Byrnes and Kim Lovat.

St Philip’s College

Newsletter 2015
Head of Students

John Shea
Sarah Pollitt
Chaplain

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On Sunday morning, Jordan was up again early to take part in a 2.5km 12 and under running event at the Desert Park. Anyone who gets up at 5am on three consecutive Sundays deserves a medal and Jordan duly received hers. St Philip’s was well represented as Ketut from the kitchen took part too, along with Moogie from Student Access and Tom the Gappy. Well done to them all.

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Students with Disabilities
Parent Orientation

Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability who is new to the Territory or about to start their educational journey?

If so, you are invited to attend an information session:

Date: Saturday 5 December 2015
Time: 9.30 to 10.30am
Light refreshments provided
Venue: Bradshaw School Hall, Adamson Ave, Alice Springs

Discussion topics will include:

- NT DoE website for students with disabilities
- Parent-friendly glossary of terms
- How to navigate your way through meetings
- What is a support team and who makes up this team
- Response to Intervention
- Working with a special education teacher
- My best allies in an education system as a parent
- Channels of communication
- Where Student Support Services fit in

NB. There is a playground in close proximity to the venue, but no supervision of children will be provided.

www.education.nt.gov.au
Community Notices

Smith Street VELO MTB
12 Hour Night Enduro
27th February 201
7pm to 7am—Telegraph Station, Alice Springs

Food
Hot Coffee
Cold Drinks

Junior Bike Shop
SMITH ST VELO

Trophies &
Prizes
Up For
Grabs!

Central Australian

Alice Springs Town Council's
Christmas Carnival

Friday 4 December
5pm to 9pm

In the Todd Mall & Council Lawns

The official lighting of the Council Christmas Tree from 8.45pm

For more details go to: www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au
Ph: 08 8950 0500

Mathers
Back to School
Williams

Support for growing feet AND your school!

With this newsletter you can support your child's education through Mathers Shoes & Williams. The money raised is not only an insightful way of supporting the education of your child but also helps to support the school. Mathers & Williams shoes will be donated to your school.

How can your school get involved? It's easy!

Simply let us know you want to participate and we will provide you with a special code for you to provide to your school supporters. When parents using this brochure to purchase shoes at Williams or Mathers, they should quote the school name and code provided.

Get a better fit at
Williams & Mathers

Dates
Preorder sales start 3 December 2016
Preorder ends 31 December 2016
Postage & packaging will be billed separately and packaged together.

Things to note

- Order at least 2 weeks prior to school term start as: Mathers & Williams
- Donations are negotiable

A Christmas experience in the desert with games designed to fun and family entertainment, the magic of the Northern Territory, and the spirit of Alice Springs Public Library including the choice for any child at the opportunity. We invite you and your family to the annual Christmas Lights Festival on the 4th December. All are welcome as the lights will be on from 7.30 pm.

Carnival Information

Carnival Location: Alice Springs Todd Mall

For more information please contact: 08 8950 6232 or email: info@stphilips.nt.edu.au