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Ashley Smith awarded Charlie Bell Scholarship

Congratulations to Ashley Smith who on Monday was awarded the Charlie Bell Scholarship and a $5,000 cheque. The Scholarship is in recognition of the contribution made by the former McDonald’s Corporation CEO, Charlie Bell (a scholarship for future leaders has been created in his name). The Scholarship is awarded to those students who overcome serious illness and still succeed in their studies.

Applications for 2017 can be found on: https://mcdonalds.com.au/charlie-bell-scholarship

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Work Experience for PLP

If you are a Year 10 student that is currently enrolled in the PLP course this semester you will be participating in work experience between the 27th – 31st of March. Placement must be organised for by the 9th of March.

If you are an employer and would consider taking a student for work experience could you please contact Leslie Tilbrook, 89504553 | leslie.tilbrook@stphilips.nt.edu.au

PART-TIME WORK FOR GAP STUDENT OR PARENTS

Principal Products is looking for a GAP student or parent to work part time during school hours in their retail business. If you would like more information about the position please contact Steve O'Burtill on 89521138 or 0418897119.

AUDITIONS BEGIN ON TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY (WEEK 3).

SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE POSTED ON THIS NOTICEBOARD VERY SOON!
**Chaplain’s Message**

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand:

**TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE.**

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mine and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

**TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE.**

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, “After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?”

The other friend replied “When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

**LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE.**

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Do not value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life!

Sarah Pollitt  
Chaplain

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**Vaccinations**

The College vaccination program commences this term for students in Year 7, 8 and some Year 10 students. Please keep an eye out for an orange envelope from the NT Department of Health. This contains the consent forms. Please complete and returned to the College by Thursday 9th March 2017. Please complete the forms regardless of your choice to vaccinate or not.

Please contact St Philip’s College Medical Centre Nurse on: 89504567 | jo.robertson@stphilips.nt.edu.au

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**Bialik Button Project**

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**Boys’ Boarding House News**

Welcome back! 2017 has begun with a blast. It has been great to see all of the boys returning. I would like to welcome all of our new students to the Boarding House. It can be a very hard thing for a young man to move in to a boarding environment, so I commend all of our new boarders on their courage and positive attitudes. Each boy has done a great job of getting involved in the day-to-day activities. All of our veterans have been excellent in helping to make our new members feel welcomed and involved, offering helping hands and friendly words.

Last weekend the boys joined the girls for balloon games in the common rec room and a well-deserved splash in the pool. On Saturday, we had games in the quad. It was a lot of fun; the boarders played Cat and Mouse, 44 home and other games. It was great to see most boarders getting involved and having a go. Following the games, the boarders had a good swim and some fun in the pool; all appreciated this as the temperatures have continued to rise.

On Sunday evening, we had a ‘Welcome Back Party’ at the town common rec room and a well-deserved splash in the pool. There were lots of additional activities to fill in the spare time too. The junior dorm are on a mission to raise $25 each for the Fred Hollies Foundation, $25 being the cost of an individual sight-restoring operation in many countries. Four of them got off to a flying start and had raised their $25 by 8am Saturday morning after we went clearing buffel and bindi from the horticulture area. As Anesha said when we had finished, “it’s only 8am and we’ve just saved four people’s sight! What a great start to the day!” A number of other boarders cleaned cars and did other jobs and we’ve got plenty of work lined up so well done to all those involved.

It was also good to see so many boarders starting individual activities outside of school. We had people going to basketball training and matches, AR training, dance sessions, and church and I’m sure this will increase greatly as our new boarders become aware of what is available in town.

Next weekend we are going to the NRL match with the boys and doing some more fund raising. A number of girls will also be doing their Bronze Medallion and the more energetic will have the opportunity to take part in an Alice Springs Running Walking Festival event on Saturday morning. Should be fun!

Marg Stevenson  
Head of Girls’ Boarding

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**Girls’ Boarding House News**

Looking at the weather forecast to see whether events can go ahead is not something we’re used to in Alice Springs, with our days of endless blue sky, but this year is already proving this is no longer the case.

Our town pool picnic was the first casualty of the weather this year with all arriving home cold and drenched – and yes I do mean cold! At least we had had a swim and had almost finished the main course before the heavens opened and of course by the time everyone was home the rain had stopped and we had dessert back at the boarding house. We were joined by the Leesongs and Herberts and at least as Sue Herbert said – it was memorable!

The rest of the weekends events were not rain affected thankfully. On Friday night we had a fun time playing balloon games with the boys, followed by a swim. Saturday night we spent in the school quad playing cat and mouse, tals and 40-40, once again followed by time in the pool.

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**Parents as Career Transition Support**

20th February & 27 February 7pm, Fred McKay Education Centre  
The Parents As Career Transition Support (PACTS) workshops have been developed to bring parents up to date with practical strategies and information about career transition through workshop activities over a two week period. The aim is to provide parents with general career transition knowledge, resources and ongoing support, so they can help their teenager to access information about career transition.

These workshops are recommended for parents of students in Years 10 – 12, ideally parents will be available for both workshops. Space is limited to 20 parents so if you would like to reserve your place or have further queries please contact: Leslie Tilbrook  
89504553 | leslie.tilbrook@stphilips.nt.edu.au

**MUSIC TUITION LESSONS 2017**

**- 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.**

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

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**Do you ride to school?**

Your bike?  
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**$100 Sport Vouchers Have Arrived!**

The second round of Sport Vouchers issued by the NT Government have now arrived for all enrolled students, and can be collected from St Philip’s College Reception Monday - Friday (8:00am - 4:00pm). These vouchers are available for redemption until 31 May 2017. These should be collected by parents, or alternatively by students with a note in their diary authorising collection.

**Mountain Bike Activities**
- Frantic February 5pm starts for Wednesday during February (20min + 1 lap). Dusty Demons circuit at the scout hall.
- 12 Hour Freely 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).

**Airforce Cadets Recruiting:**
Are you aged 13 to 18 and looking for a challenge? The Australian Airforce Cadets might just be for you! Activities undertaken by the AAF include flying, field craft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding. 804SQN is currently recruiting, if you are interested please make contact with us below or attend our next recruitment information session on the 13th February 2016 at 6:00 pm.

**Girls’ Australian Rules Information**
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Online Ordering - Rivergum Cafe

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

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Australian National University Road Show
for the Tuckwell Scholarship
8 March 2017
5:30pm - 7:30pm

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