Dear Parents,

The importance of building good relationships is vital for so many things - for our health, for progress, for education, for discoveries, for bringing ideas to life.

In the past (and thankfully still today) people build relationships over a cup of tea, a drink, eating a meal together or through a common interest.

Many people today are also building and maintaining relationships over the internet.

No matter where or how we meet, it is by communicating in a positive and healthy way that our relationships grow and work and that amazing things can be achieved.

One of our staff members coined the phrase ‘relationships’ - highlighting the importance of the relationship between a teacher and their students. Other very important relationships are of course those between parents and children, friends, colleagues etc.

This year in addition to the Positive Education program continuing in the College, St Philip’s will also be playing host to the very first Positive Education Training Course to be held in the NT in July.

Positive Education Training teaches the principles behind Positive Psychology and the techniques taught can improve our wellbeing. These techniques have had amazing success and have been taught globally. The conference will be relevant for all teachers, parents, carers and youth workers and anyone in the NT or regional Australia are welcome to attend. More information about the conference will be sent out next week.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Herbert
Principal

St Philip’s College
Parents’ & Friends’ Association

AGM
Wednesday, 22 February
7.15pm for 7.30pm start
Fred McKay Education Centre

As a parent, you are automatically a member of the Association.
Your involvement & support is most welcome.

President, Mrs Christine Neves, and the committee.

SUMMER CARNIVAL NEXT FRIDAY
Swimming Carnival will now take place in Term 4
663 million people around the world don’t have access to safe water, yet the global bottled water industry brings in billions of dollars every year!

Thankyou is a social enterprise, born in 2008 in response to the World Water Crisis whereby every decision made is ultimately about maximising impact and funding life-changing projects around the world – powerful stuff!

For the first time at St Philips, Business and Enterprise students were invited to engage with Thankyou at its core, participating in an interactive video conference with one of the key players within the organisation.

“GET OUT AND STAY OUT” was the take home message, encouraging students to GET OUT and STAY out of their comfort zones; challenge the status quo and BELIEVE that one person CAN make a difference and change the world.

For more information or to become a Thankyou Ambassador, please visit https://thankyou.co/

Online Ordering - Rivergum Cafe
Register for online ordering at: www.school24.com.au

$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 who have a note in their diary authorising collection.

Chaplain’s Message

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah’s Ark.
Don’t miss the boat.
Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark.

Stay fit. When you’re 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Don’t listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Build your future on high ground.

For safety’s sake, travel in pairs.

Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

When you’re stressed, float awhile.

Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

No matter the storm, when you are with God, there’s always a rainbow waiting.

Sarah Pollitt
Chaplain
What a busy weekend it was. Not to mention hot!

On Friday evening we sought the cool of the air conditioned stadium to play basketball and volleyball. There was a lot of talent on show and we are looking at the possibility of forming basketball and volleyball teams to play in the town competitions once the new season starts. After all that exercise it was not surprising that the next stop was the school pool.

A number of boarders were up early on Saturday morning. We had seven girls take part in the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club Time Tease. Many thanks to Roger Herbert for driving them out there and congratulations to him on winning the second place prize. I cycled out there and cheered them on and it was great to see them doing well.

On my way home I called in to the town pool to see our Bronze Medallion entries - Mereoni, Meagan, Nikita and staff member Siobhan who had arrived punctually but were still waiting for the pool to open. Congratulations to them all on doing this important qualification and also to staff member Alicia who updated hers the following day.

We are aiming to start painting again in the next few weeks so in preparation for this some of the boarders and Cindy primed twenty boards ready for painting. If you haven’t seen the mural the boarders produced last year please have a look in the dining room next time you are on campus. There is still plenty of space for paintings along the side walls so hopefully there will soon be new paintings for you to look at.

There was more swimming on Saturday afternoon and then it was time to go the NRL match between the Parramatta Eels and Gold Coast Titans. The highlight for the girls was definitely the selfies with players and the autographs at the end!

On Sunday some of us were up early again to do some more gardening for our Fred Hollows fund raising. Well done to Zoe, Megan, Jordan and Arena who worked hard clearing buffel from the Peace Garden. We have now raised $320 and have a huge list of jobs lined up so we are definitely hoping for some cooler weather soon.

On Sunday there was swimming in the morning and evening and in the afternoon some of the juniors played Boggle with me. Then one of them politely asked, ‘Stevo are you too old to play Twister’ and I knew I was in trouble!

We gave in to the heat in the evening and had chapel in the air conditioned luxury of the boarders’ rec room. A good decision Mrs Pollitt!

Next weekend we are going off campus for a BBQ and swim on Friday, and then going bowling on Saturday.

Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

I would like to begin by congratulating Hamish, Charlie, Imran and Ash on the successful completion or update of their Bronze Medallion. Well done!

On Saturday night, we took the boys to the rugby league match between the Parramatta Eels and the Gold Coast Titans at Anzac Oval. It was a good fun night. All the boys represented themselves and the school well, displaying great maturity. Even those who were not too interested in the game got involved and enjoyed the social outing and opportunity to get out of the boarding house.

With the hot temperatures, we have been able to make great use of the pool. Most afternoons it has been open, allowing the boarders some down time to cool off. A number of boarders have begun a competition to see who can swim the furthest underwater. Most are almost at one full length, and getting better each day.

As of the coming weekend the boys will be participating in events held by the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club. It will be an expectation that any boarder who is here, join in in the events, albeit walking. This will provide a great opportunity to get out in the morning air, get some exercise and have some fun.

Our homework sessions, Monday to Thursday nights, have been up and running for the past week. For the most part the boys have been using the time wisely and getting their work done. As of this week boys who aren’t using the provided study time effectively or receive two or more ‘H’ marks for uncompleted work in school, will have to spend two hours on the following Sunday catching up their work or studying.

If the boys wish to go out for the weekend, with family or hosts, please remember that leave forms and notification needs to be supplied by the Thursday prior. I would also like to encourage parents to come in and meet the supervisor on duty; it provides a good opportunity for a quick face-to-face catch-up.

Sam Muir
Head of Boys’ Boarding
Congratulations to Kai Simpson, Keenan Abbott, Heber-Jay Schwalger, Victor Tessman, Dakota Priestley, Chloe Southam, Georgia O’Neill, Gladys Barettta, Bianca Walmsley and Chealcee Fitz who on Friday 10th February, had the privilege of taking touch football teams to compete in the Parramatta Eels Touch Football Gala Day, that coincided with the Eels v Titans NRL trial match. The senior and junior teams finished second and third respectively, meaning that they faced each other in the second semi-final. The junior team almost snatched a major upset with scores locked at 1-1 with 40 seconds left to play and a chance to score the winning try. However, the senior team maintained their composure, defended well and managed to seal victory with a try on the siren. The senior team went on to play OLSH in the final on Saturday evening in front of a strong crowd, in a match that acted as one of the curtain raisers to the NRL game. The standard of play was exceptional, with both teams demonstrating brilliant skills and immense commitment in what was a very tight contest. Down 4-3 at half time, it took some resolute defending from Saints to lock out OLSH in the second half, along with three separate flashes of brilliance to score three tries and take the match 4-6. All of the students involved contributed strongly to the victory and represented St Philip’s College with pride and professionalism.

Chris Cook
Head of Partridge House
Teacher of Physical Education and Sport

Alice Springs Region School Sport is looking for 15 years and Under Australian Football Players.

We are looking for 8 male and 8 female players who are interested in representing Alice Springs Region at the School Sport NT Development Camp.

Date: Male camp 21-23 April
Female Camp 23-25 April
Venue: TIO Stadium, Darwin
Accommodation: Kormilda College
Cost: $650

Forms due to School Sport on Tuesday 7 March, 2017. See Davey Tudor for forms.

CALLING ON STUDENTS WHO WANT TO BE IN THIS YEAR’S MUSICAL - LITTLE WOMEN!

If you are a student wanting to be in the Musical this year, please sign up for the group audition next Thursday (Week 4) on the Drama/Dance Noticeboard.

See Mrs Fleming for more information.

The T-20 Blast Cricket Challenge was held at Traeger Park on Friday 10th February. 25 students from our College participated in the event, representing the school in an excellent manner. All students had the opportunity to work on their batting, bowling and fielding skills during a round robin. Well done to the following students: Ali Anderson, Luka Glynn-Cole. Thea Wischusen, Ellie Herbert, Hayley Nobbs, Ellie Hookey, Millie Jaine, Matisse Hunter, Micaela Hull, Maya Jakubiszyn, Zachariah Lamb, Jett Egan, Lachlan Briggs, Christopher Holmes, Zane Espie, William Kelaart, Nicholas Bozza, Moses Waring, Thomas van Haaren, Max Duffell, Corey Neill, Declan Pascoe, Harry Wallace, Bevan Chundanga and Alwin Kachappilly.

Jessica Fuller
Teacher of Physical Education and Sport

St Philip’s College
Who to See for What

The “Who to see for What” booklet has been posted out to all new families. There are spare hard copies available at Reception if you would like to collect one.

If there are any changes of contact details throughout the year, please keep the Registrar up to date:

Carol Leesong
registrar@stphilips.nt.edu.au

DELICIOUS SPC Honey
For Sale AGAIN SOON!

$9 per jar
(cash sales only) - limited supply
at
Rivergum Cafe

It’s coming...

St Philip’s College Quiz Night

Saturday, 18 MARCH

great fun...great questions & lots of laughs

Bar opens at 6:30pm - but please bring your own nibbles

Please note: Due to liquor licensing rules, BYO alcohol is not permitted

Heads down at 7pm
Tables of 8
Tickets out soon

St Philip’s College

November 2017

Newsletter 2017
**Australian National University Road Show for the Tuckwell Scholarship**

8 March 2017 - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Alice Springs Town Council - Andy McNeil Room

**Neata Glass Giants N.C.**

**SIGN ON DAYS!**

Yeperenye Centre
4th & 25th February
All Grades:
neataglassgiants@gmail.com

Want to be the best netballer you can be?
Could you represent the NT?

**Term 2, 2017**

**Dates - times - information**

**NNT Academy, 15 - 15 year olds**

NNT Academy, 15 - 15 year olds

Join: Players born in '04, '05, '06
No restrictions: All players can register & attend.

Sessions: Fridays 4-5:30pm & Sundays 12-1:30pm
(31 sessions): Starts Sunday 26 Feb
Venue: AS Football Stadium Cost: $90

**DADA**

**Term 2, 2017**

DADA (Develop a Diamond Academy)

Term 2 (pages 10 - 17)

**Dates - times - information**

**NNT Academy, 15 - 15 year olds**

Join: Players born in '04, '05, '06

No restrictions: All players can register & attend.

Sessions: 4-5:30pm
10 weeks (50 sessions): Starts 23 April 2017
Venue: AS Football Stadium Cost: $50

**Registration is essential.**

For all programs, head to:
http://as.netball.nt.edu.au/sport/advertisement/

Sports Vouchers can be used.

**queries:** Gillian Lee, gillian.lee@netball.nt.gov.au, 0475 825 964