Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for 2013. It is only an 8 week term and this week has already been busy with many different activities. One of these was the Cybersmart Internet Safety Sessions held for students, staff and parents. Those sessions highlighted the ever changing technological world we live in, and how as parents and teachers we must monitor and be knowledgeable about how our children use this technology, who they communicate with and how much private information they share with the world. Ironically, Walt Disney said many years ago, “Times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly focused on the future.” Something that is not only pertinent today but should be something our children should think about when communicating online.

Our world is an amazing place full of incredible inventions, natural beauty and people who have achieved amazing things. At the other end of the spectrum we also have the more negative aspects of our society, however, it is our attitude to life and what we focus on that is important.

How we contribute positively to society (serving the community) should also be an important part of our lives. Not only will it make a huge difference to the world we live in (whether it’s our neighbourhood, town, region or country) but it’s also been proven to assist with keeping a positive mindset.

Taking the focus off oneself and positively assisting others is a sure way to make our world a better place.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Leesong
Deputy Headmaster

Honours - Workskills Australia Food and Beverage NT

SKYLA STEWART

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Skyla Stewart who was awarded top honours in the Workskills Australia Food and Beverage NT final at the Desert Lantern restaurant on 4 October 2013.

Throughout the day, students had to complete eight tasks relating to serving a three course lunch. These tasks included: setting-up of a table, greeting and seating guests, docket writing and the serving of the meal, coffee and other beverages.

Skyla is now eligible to represent the NT in the upcoming VET in schools component at next year’s nationals.

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Attention Year 12 Parents

This year’s Year 12 Farewell Dinner will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on Wednesday 20 November. Viewing is at 6pm for a 7pm start. Tickets are $65 pp.

If you are interested in attending or have any other questions, please contact Sandi Crogan on 8950 6215
Boat Building 2014

Planning for next year’s Year 12 boat building course continues to progress with the completion of two important stages. Firstly, the design for NUGGET a 4.7m rowing or “lake” boat has now been completed with St Philip’s being the constructor of the first hull. The design was a collaboration between St Philip’s College and Ross Lillistone in Queensland (internationally recognised designer) and is expected to be an easily driven lapstrake hull, ideal for lake and river use.

The second major step was the cutting of the molds or framing pieces which help generate the hull shape. This was efficiently done using a computer numeric controlled router (or CNC router) at THE CABINET SHOP in Alice Springs. The manager and owner, David Bloomer very kindly donated the programming time required for this slightly unusual exercise at his workshop with all molds cut to a very high degree of accuracy. Wally Liddner ably assisted in this process of converting five sheets of MDF into the shapes required by the Class of 2014.

Above: ‘NUGGET’, designed in collaboration between St Philip’s and Ross Lillistone.

TRIATHLON SWIM CAMP REPORT

BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS BUT LOADS OF SMILES AS WELL

The third and final triathlon camp was held in Darwin from the 25th - 29th September. Seven young triathletes (James Steer, Jasper and Moby Edwards, Seth and Thor O’Brien, Alia Clark-ElSayed and Jordyn Kindness) boarded the plane armed with swimmers, stockings and tent pegs. This was obviously not going to be your average swimming camp. With Tim Ellison in charge you need to be ready for anything.

The accommodation at the Darwin Surf Club on Casuarina Beach was an ideal spot. There weren’t even any complaints about sleeping on army stretchers, cold showers and Moby’s clean-up roster. The first day started bright and early with a stroll and stretch on the beach followed by the now mandatory core strength clean-up roster. Following breakfast it was off to the Darwin Wharf Precinct for a session in the lagoon. The warmth around the lagoon provided the perfect vantage point for coaches to work with the swimmers on deep water starts and open water swimming techniques.

The NT Open Water Swim Squad brought experience to the camp. The series of short swim/run races were intense, fast paced and required careful consideration of race tactics. From the lagoon it was onto the bus for the hour and a half trip to Dundee Beach.

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The students involved are selected randomly by the body doing the research.

The first assessment is being undertaken on Tuesday 29th October. It will involve twenty students from Year 10 and will deal with Civics and Citizenship. The research is part of the National Assessment Program and is being undertaken by ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research).

The second assessment is being undertaken on Friday 8th November. It will involve about thirty students from Year 8 and will deal with Computer Literacy. The research is part of an International Computer and Information Literacy Program and is also being undertaken by ACER.

If you do not want your child to participate in these or similar programs, please contact me on 8950 4504.
Chaplain’s Message

A Recipe to Dream

Take one dream
Dream it in detail.
Put it into your own hands.
See its final outcome clearly in your mind.
Mix it with a little effort
and add a generous portion of self-discipline.
Flavour it with a wholesome pinch of ambition.
Stir briskly with confidence
until the mixture becomes clear,
the doubt separated from the resolution.
Bake at an even temperature
in a moderate mind until
the dream rises and is firm to the touch.
Decorate with individuality.
Cut into generous portions
and serve with justifiable pride.
Approached in this manner,
life is a piece of cake.
Good Luck.

Bryce Courtney

What’s Happening in Week 2

Monday 21 October
~ VET Work Week
~ Year 12 normal lessons for external written examination subjects
~ Year 8 Seminar ‘High Resolves’ - Whole Day, The Minnamurra Hall

Tuesday 22 October
~ John Flynn Awards - Flynn House BBQ
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Wednesday 23 October
~ Long Assembly
~ Year 12 normal lessons for external written examination subjects
~ Immunisations
  - Year 10 Pneumovax 23 (all indigenous students)
~ Emails sent for overdue library resources
~ The S Factor - Lunchtime, The Minnamurra Hall

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~ Year 12 Intensive Study Day
~ McKay House Chapel Service

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Class lists for 2014 are filling up quickly!

Waiting lists for Year 7 and 8 have already been established, and other year levels are in high demand.

If your son/daughter will not be returning in 2014, please notify the College by email or in writing ASAP.

If you would still like to enrol a student for 2014, please contact Mrs Carol Leesong on 8950 4501 or registrar@stphilips.nt.edu.au

Enrol now for 2015
Enrolments are now being accepted for Year 7 2015