Dear Parents,

For the past 5 weeks, my wife Jill and I were fortunate to travel to several of our sister schools based in exciting locations around the globe. One of the many things I learned, was that parents no matter what their ethnic background all want the same thing for their children; the best opportunities, the best education, the best life has to offer. I’ve returned comforted in the knowledge that even with our geographic isolation we are well and truly on the right path.

Another benefit of exploring the globe is being reminded that we never stop learning. Teachers in particular are expelling knowledge and learning strategies daily and yet it’s imperative they have the time and the opportunity to be learners themselves; not only to expand their knowledge base but to also rediscover the process of learning. Often it is ‘a seed’, be it a comment, observation or discussion we as parents have with our children (or teachers have with their students) that can lead children towards making ‘the connections’, ‘the associations’ that sparks the flame of curiosity.

I know I learn best when my curiosity is ignited, when the topic is relevant to my interests or I can see ‘the connections’, ‘the associations’ and the benefits in the teachings with what I already know.

Being able to take a trip like this is only possible due to the staff we have at the College and I’d like to thank Deputy Headmaster, Chris Leesong and all our staff for ensuring that everything ran smoothly during my absence.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Tudor AM
Headmaster

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MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY

Mr Stanley Colin Gillmore
12 April 1919 - 30 September 2012

Please join Headmaster, Chris Tudor, and the St Philip’s College community for a Memorial Assembly to commemorate the life of the late Mr Colin Gillmore AM, former St Philip’s College Council member, Patron of Griffiths House, Life Governor of St Philip’s College and, generous supporter of St Philip’s College, particularly in the area of Indigenous Education.

The Memorial Assembly will be held Monday, 27 May, 8.20am in The Minnamurra Hall.

The Assembly is to be followed by morning tea in the downstairs Hall foyer - please let us know if you wish to stay for this by replying to the Headmaster’s PA - Kristy Ryan on 08 8950 4502 or kristy.ryan@stphilips.nt.edu.au

Winter Uniform 2013

With the colder weather fast approaching, students are now required to wear their Winter School Uniform.

The date for this changeover has been set for Monday 27th May. Please note, blazers must be worn to and from school when students are wearing their winter uniform.

For further questions regarding the winter school uniform, please contact Lyn Tieck in the Uniform Shop 8950 4560.
It was a peaceful weekend in boarding with everybody away. The weekend wasn’t laid back for everyone though. Two of our girls, Hanna and Zara went on a cadet camp. Our two exchange students, Erin and Shubhi visited Uluru and Kings Canyon. Sport carried on as normal with Rickaine and Jennifer playing netball. Jennifer continued her scoring success with another six goals and it was lovely that mum was there all the way from Maningrida to watch her play.

Next week we are planning a moonlight bike ride along the bike path from Simpson’s Gap and back to school. We’re also hoping to be out in coming weeks with trips to the bowling alley and beach volleyball.

This coming weekend we have our second new member of staff starting work. Shannon Killer, the College’s Head of Art will be a welcome addition to the boarding staff. Next term she will be taking over a regular week night duty and I know the girls are very excited to have her with us.

Selection of an NT student to attend the Australian National Mathematics Summer School

The Mathematics Teachers Association of the Northern Territory (MTANT http://mtant.wikispaces.com/) will fully fund one Year 11 NT student to attend the Australian National Mathematics Summer School. The two week residential school will be held at the Australian National University, Canberra from the 5th – 18th January 2014. It is aimed at talented students of mathematics who have just completed Year 11 in 2013.

All students for the National Mathematics Summer School are selected by the Director of the school (Associate Professor Leon Poladian of the University of Sydney) based on nominations supplied by the State and Territory mathematics teacher professional associations. In the NT, this is the Mathematics Teachers’ Association of the Northern Territory (MTANT).

Around 70 students are selected to attend the school each year. States and Territories are represented approximately in proportion to their populations, so there are only one or two places available for NT students.

The NT selection is not based on a competition. The MTANT selectors aim to send a list of names of students to the Director where every student on the list is judged to be able to benefit from the school, to contribute to the life of the school, and to gain a lasting academic and social – and perhaps future professional – value from it.

At the National Mathematics Summer School, mathematically gifted and talented students from all over Australia stay together in student accommodation, and participate in lectures and tutorials across a wide range of mathematical topics such as number theory, topology, cryptology, chaos theory and game theory. There is no sense in which the National Mathematics Summer School is a competition or a ‘cram school’.

At the school, there is an emphasis on problem solving: on doing mathematics, not just listening to someone else talking about it. Students spend a considerable amount of time during the school working independently on problems. They need to have persistence and tenacity as the problems require them to critique and construct mathematical arguments, rather than get the ‘answer’.

They will have the opportunity to mix (and bond) with like-minded students from across the country, and also with young people who are involved in various ways in academic mathematical studies.

The MTANT selection process requires students to demonstrate that their mathematical skills and experience sufficiently equip them to cope with and benefit from the mathematical content of the school. It is expected that students would be studying at least a Pre Mathematical Studies course or IB SL in Year 11, and intending to study (or be already undertaking) Mathematical Studies or IBSL in Year 12.

Students and their teachers are invited to submit other evidence that demonstrates high mathematical ability and achievement.

The selectors are also interested in knowing more about students’ involvement in mathematical activities beyond the classroom, particularly where these show the student’s ability and interest to work independently on mathematics, where they have demonstrated sustained interest in a mathematical task, and where they have been involved in extracurricular activities related to mathematics. Please see Head of Mathematics, Steve Kimber for more information.
St Philip’s College Senior Drama proudly presents...

Lady Audley’s Secret
- a melodrama -

By C.H Hazelwood
An original version of Miss Braddon’s popular novel, of the same name - in two acts
This adaptation was first produced at the Royal Victoria Theatre, London, 25 May 1863

Thursday 30 May & Friday 31 May
7.00pm
The Minnamurra Hall
St Philip’s College

Tickets $10 adult $5 child/conc
Available from Dymocks, Travelbaggers, College Reception and at the door

Thought of the Week
Life is made up of a series of experiences. Each one will make you stronger, even though it may be hard for you to realize it at the time.
Chaplain’s Message

THE MISSING WATCH

There once was a farmer who discovered that he had lost his watch in the barn. It was no ordinary watch because it had sentimental value for him.

After searching high and low among the hay for a long while; he gave up and enlisted the help of a group of children playing outside the barn.

He promised them that the person who found it would be rewarded.

Hearing this, the children hurried inside the barn, went through and around the entire stack of hay but still could not find the watch. Just when the farmer was about to give up looking for his watch, a little boy went up to him and asked to be given another chance.

The farmer looked at him and thought, “Why not? After all, this kid looks sincere enough.”

So the farmer sent the little boy back in the barn. After a while the little boy came out with the watch in his hand! The farmer was both happy and surprised and so he asked the boy how he succeeded where the rest had failed.

The boy replied, “I did nothing but sit on the ground and listen. In the silence, I heard the ticking of the watch and just looked for it in that direction.”

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-Sports Quiz-

Question: Who is currently ranked World number one in Table Tennis?

Please write your answers on a piece of paper with your name and year level and place it in the box in the library by next Tuesday.

Jesse Brooks & Stefan Yamada
(Sport Captains)