Dear Parents,

What allows some people to succeed in life? What makes some people's dreams come true? Why doesn’t it happen to all people?

Patience and perseverance are two qualities needed. Do we all possess these qualities? Many say the youth of today are in an age of instant gratification, do they possess them? I believe they do, we witness it every day in the classroom when students learn new skills, we see it on the sporting field, we see it in their creative pursuits.

John Quincy Adams once said, “Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.”

Countless achievements, inventions and discoveries all required people to possess patience and perseverance. One such case was back in February 1969 when NASA launched the Mariner 6 spacecraft. NASA personnel had to wait until July of that year before the craft reached Mars. Another well documented case is Thomas Edison's 1,000 attempts to invent the light bulb – a classic case of patience and perseverance.

A few weeks ago I mentioned Nelson Mandela; a man who epitomised patience and perseverance and who witnessed his dreams of freedom and political and social change in his own country.

May we all have the patience and perseverance to see our dreams come true.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Leesong
Acting Headmaster
Girls’ Boarding News

FUN AND POOL PARTY

Friday evening was a time to relax after the Swimming Carnival. The girls watched a movie in the Fred Shed and then headed back, most of them for an early night.

Going to bed was a good idea too, especially for the seven girls who took part in the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club Fun Run in town early on Saturday morning. Well done to them for getting up early and many thanks to Deb for taking them. This last week also saw the start of regular Tuesday afternoon gym sessions with Deb. It was very well attended and left the boarding house almost empty. Many thanks to Deb and Jenny from Get Physical who ran the session.

On Saturday evening the boys headed off and so it was a great time for a pool party. We had a great array of party food - cold chicken, pizza, spring rolls, fruit platters, cheese cake, etc - and it was great to see the girls having so much fun in the pool with a great array of pool toys.

On Sunday there was more swimming and in the afternoon there was an opportunity to do pottery again. There were some very creative little creatures being made this week. Many thanks to Kathleen who puts this activity on for the boarders.

Above: Alyssa, Iona and Meagan enjoying the pool

Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

From the Registrar’s Desk

“Who to See for What” booklets have been distributed to all families of new students.

If you have not received your copy, please contact Reception (8950 4511). There are some surplus copies available at Reception for any other families who would like a copy - please ask your child to pick one up.

Open Night

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday 12 March: 4pm - 7pm

2016 Year 7 Enrolments

Places are filling fast!

If you have a child you wish to enrol, please contact Carol Leesong (8950 4501) or registrar@stphilips.nt.edu.au or download an application form from the website.

Places are not guaranteed until the enrolment paperwork is received.

Boys’ Boarding News

FUN AND SIMPSONS GAP

It has been another busy couple of weeks in the Boys’ Boarding House. The boys have started the boarding challenge for 2015, which is for every boy to complete 40 hours of community service throughout the year. Tyson Johnston and Kaylon Johnson are leading the way at present with almost 15 hours completed to date. A couple of weekends ago, a group of boys got up early on a Sunday morning and walked up the Todd River with rubbish bags in hand and picked up all the rubbish that they found on their walk.

The boys have also started their healthy lifestyle program, which includes 30 minutes of exercise every day, educating themselves on healthy eating choices, portion control, etc and making sure they get a good night sleep, as well as participating in extracurricular activities. As part of this lifestyle, all the boys participated with the intersport fun run/walk last Saturday morning. Karan Dahya was the first boy home in the 4km race in a time of 16.03.

Mishai Elvey was placed 2nd overall in the 2km race. It was great to see all the boys participate.

Last Saturday night all the boys went out to Simpsons Gap for a BBQ and games night. They enjoyed kicking a footy around, followed up by playing spotlight once it got dark. William Radovic was the only boy that could not be found using the torches.

All of the boys are also busy being active by participating in hockey, soccer, AFL and tennis at present, which is great to see. This week Josh Spry-Pilkington and Collyn Furu tatameri are off on Year 12 Retreat for a few days, and both boys are looking forward to getting out bush.

I hope the boys enjoy their Exeat Weekend and cherish the time spent with family and friends.

Kris Wheeler
Head of Boys’ Boarding

Rugby, Netball and Soccer Trials

Rugby:

For your child’s chance to be in the team, they will need to attend both trial days as well as meet the selection criteria. Once they have been selected, they will be required to attend the regular training sessions to help develop the team before we head away to Katherine in May.

Trial dates as follows:

7 March: 8.30-9.30am, Anzac Oval
14 March: 8.30-9.30am, Anzac Oval

12 & Under Netball:

4 March: 4.00-5.30pm, Netball Courts
11 March: 4.00-5.30pm, Netball Courts

Soccer:

16 March: 4.00-5.00pm, Ross Park Oval

Davey Tudor
Head of Sport/PE

Above: Max at the Fun Run

Above: Getting ready for the Fun Run

Above: The boys at Simpsons Gap

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VET Students

All students studying nationally recognised training in Australia from 1 January 2015 will be required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). A USI is an account (or reference number) made up of numbers and letters. The USI will allow VET students online access to their training records and results (transcript) through their online USI account.

A USI is not a School Student number or any other identifying number. It is a national number created for VET students to obtain statements of attainment or statements of qualification.

Without a USI, students cannot be issued the necessary documentation to demonstrate completion of a VET qualification.

USI’s are issued at no cost and students can view their records online.

Any student enrolling in VET this year must obtain their number as soon as possible by visiting the website www.usi.gov.au.

Once you have your USI number, you must use this number on your CDU enrolment form and keep your number safe for any future enrolments. You can also give your number to Ms Anderson and she will pass it onto CDU for you (kathryn.anderson@portal.stphilips.nt.edu.au).

CDU will not give you any VET results until you have supplied them with your USI.

Olivia Jiborn, along with 250 Rotary exchange students in Australia, has been asked to raise $380, which will purchase four Backpack beds for the homeless. Rotary Clubs were also asked whether they would match the amount raised by the Rotary Exchange Students. If all the students and Rotary Clubs participated, this would mean that 2000 homeless people in Australia would get a Backpack bed.

In Alice Springs the three Rotary Clubs have agreed to cover $380 each, which will supply 12 Backpack beds. Currently Olivia has raised over $820, which adds to a total of 8 Backpack beds. The Alice Springs Clubs currently have raised enough money for 20 Backpack beds. Olivia’s goal is to raise in excess of $1000 and so she has decided to complete one more fundraising event at the College. Plans are in place for more fundraising with the Rotary Clubs.

On Thursday 5 March at lunchtime, Olivia will be running an ice-cream stall where students and staff can purchase a Vanilla or Chocolate ice-cream in a cone for $2.

To see more photos from Swimming Carnival visit www.stphilips.nt.edu.au.
What's happening in Week 6?

**Monday 2 Mar.**
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**Tuesday 3 Mar.**
- Musical Auditions
- Vaccination
  - Year 7 - 1st Dose HPV (Gardasil)
  - Year 8 - Varicella (Chickenpox)

**Wed. 4 Mar.**
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**Thursday 5 Mar.**
- Musical Auditions
- Year 8 Wellbeing Morning - Periods 1,2&3
- Vaccination
  - Year 7 - 1st Dose HPV (Gardasil)
  - Year 8 - Varicella (Chickenpox)

**Friday 6 Mar.**
- Performing Arts Festival
- Library and Homework Centre Closed

**Saturday 7 Mar.**
- Year 11 Outdoor Education Mt Arapiles Trip depart

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### Chaplain’s Message

**Rise Above Criticism**

Former U.S. President John F. Kennedy received endless advice and criticism from the media concerning how he should run the country. Much of it he took good-naturedly. In fact, he often used a favorite story in response to the media’s comments about how they thought he could do a better job.

He told about a legendary baseball player who always played flawlessly. He consistently hit when at bat and was never thrown out at first. When on base, he never failed to score. As a fielder, he never dropped a ball and he threw with unerring accuracy. He ran swiftly and played gracefully.

In fact, he would have been one of the all-time greats except for one thing – no one could ever persuade him to put down his beer and hotdog and come out of the press box to play!

Most of us can empathize, for we all have people in our lives who criticize and second-guess. They are quick to point out flaws and quicker yet to offer advice.

When it comes to receiving criticism, I believe it helps to remember first that not all criticism is invalid. Wisdom listens for the kernel of truth and saves it for future growth. But when criticism seems unfair, I believe it helps to remember the hawk.

When attacked by crows, it does not counterattack. Instead, the hawk soars higher and higher in ever-widening circles until the pests leave it alone.

When there is nothing to learn from criticism, can you rise above it and soar?

Steve Goodier

Sarah Pollitt

Chaplain

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### Joke of the Week

What is a pirate’s favourite letter?

You’d think it would be ‘R,’ but their true love be the ‘C’

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### Homework Centre is Now Open!

Homework Centre is a great tool for students who would like extra help or even just a quiet place to study.

Teachers will be available in the Library from 3.15pm to 4.30pm everyday after school.

The Library will stay open until 6.30pm Monday to Thursday and 5.30pm on Fridays

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### Enrol now for 2016

Enrolments now being accepted for Year 7, 2016