Dear Parents,

For the past few months I have been on extended carer’s leave and Jill and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind messages of support. It has been a challenging journey, with still some distance to travel, but everyone’s thoughts and prayers truly gave us strength – thank you.

I was able to take this time off with the knowledge that the school was in the safe hands of Deputy Headmaster, Chris Leesong, and I would like to thank Chris and all our staff for their hard work during my absence.

I have returned to see our new College leaders settling well into their new roles and to also witness our current Year 11s commence Year 12 work. Every year our graduates remark on how fast their final year of high school passes, and this year was no different; I wish our new Year 12s every success for the next 12 months.

Next Wednesday we will be celebrating the academic achievements of our students in Years 7 – 11. Congratulations to all those students who have worked so hard this year to learn, improve and achieve – well done!

This week we were deeply saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Old Saint, Asher Kanaan (Class of 2007). Our thoughts and prayers go to Asher’s parents, family and friends during this very sad time.

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Tudor AM
Headmaster

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2014 Book Lists

2014 book lists have been mailed to all families.
If you haven’t received a book list for your child/children, or have any queries, please contact College Reception on 8950 4511. The College encourages families to place orders online at www.campion.com.au. If you wish to fill out a hard copy order, please return the form to the College either at the end of the Second Hand Book Sale on Monday 2nd December or Tuesday 3rd December.

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

The Second Hand Book Sale is on Monday 2 December from 5pm to 6pm in The Minnamurra Hall. This is an opportunity to buy and sell books – cash only! (Please note: The College provides a venue only, and does not participate in the buying, selling, swapping of books for parents.)

Below is a list of the only books that can be sold or purchased on the night.

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Only one more weekend to go and we are still as busy as ever.

On Friday night we had the Boarders’ Christmas Party. It’s usually a great night and this year’s party was no exception.

It’s always a happy and sad occasion with farewells to staff and students. This year we said goodbye to Suz and Rachel, two of our casual staff, Marie our Senior Dorm residential staff member and Julie who has cleaned for us for the last 12 years. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We also said goodbye to Rhiannon, Kelsey, Umema and Cyndy, four of our Year 12 boarders who have all been here either five or six years. They have each made a unique and significant contribution to boarding over that time and will be greatly missed.

Many thanks to Colin, Margo and Miss Soorkia for their musical entertainment and well done to Zara, Savannah, Sunette, Margo and Justin Zammit on their skit. Well done also to Cameron and Margo on being excellent MCs for the evening. The food as always was superb and abundant – as good- if not better- than any restaurant in town. Many thanks to Ketut, Lilly, Sal and Harumi for their hard work.

Somehow, despite being full of food and tired, nine of the boarders still managed to be up at 5am the next morning to take part in the second of the Alice Springs Running and Walking 5km Race Series. There was a great performance from Zara who clipped an amazing 7 minutes off her run time and a tight finish in the walk between Natalie and Savanah. Well done to everyone for making the effort. It was also great to see Jo, our College nurse, Wendy, who does our laundry and the superbly fit Deb, our Boarding Assistant, all taking part too.

What great models they provide for the girls. It was also nice to see Umema’s Dad, David, participating while in Alice for the Christmas Party.

The week has also been busy with fund raising for the Philippines. We’ve been washing cars and gardening mainly, but Kirsten has also raised $100 with her head and shoulders massages. There has been an awesome effort from some of the girls and the total currently stands at nearly $1000. Well done to all our community minded young women.

Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

School Holiday
SWIMMING PROGRAM!
at the ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE

Holiday Intensive Program $1 - $65.00
16th Dec – 26th Dec 2013
7 week intensive program Mon-Fri

Holiday Intensive Program $2 - $78.00
13th January – 26th January 2014
7 week intensive program Mon, Wed, Fri only

BONUS: Entry to both holiday programs and the participants will receive free entry to the pool for the entire summer holidays (16/12/13 – 28/1/13)

Thank you
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They looked great! Thanks again Geoff.

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Above: Cameron and Keiarah
Above: Savannah, Kate, Natalie and Louise
Above: Zara and Justin Zammit in the skit
Above: Girls’ Boarding News

Above: The Year 12’s with Libby

Above: Year 12 students and their families enjoying the skit

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John Hawkins Memorial Scholarship
$18,000 over 3 years in equal installments.

Who can apply?
A Central Australian student who will be studying a Bachelor degree at an approved tertiary course anywhere in Australia, commencing 2014.
Applicants should be available for an interview during the first two weeks of December 2013.

For further information and selection criteria, please call Peter 0407 977 345 or Roger 0448 978 807 or visit www.alicespringsrrotary.org

Applications close: Friday 20 December 2013
The Rotary Club of Alice Springs
PO Box 12,
Alice Springs NT 0871

ALICE
SPRINGS
TOWN
COUNCIL’S

Christmas Carnival
Friday 13 December
5pm to 9pm
In the Todd Mall & Council Lawns
The official lighting of the Council Christmas Tree from 7.45pm

SPORTS MEDICINE
AUSTRALIA
Northern Territory Branch

STOP Sports Injury - Youth Program
A FREE Introductory to Sports Medicine workshop for ages 12-25
Basic Taping - Drugs in Sport - Injury prevention
Date: 17th January 2014
Time: 9am-4.30pm
Venue: Eagle Training
Numbers are limited, so REGISTER today.
Contact: Lisa.johnson@lma.org.au Mob: 0404789314

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Living On The Line
Isolation. Technology. Dance it.

Old Connellan Air Hangar, Memorial Ave
(Central Australian Aviation Museum)
Thurs 5th and Fri 6th Dec 2013 7.30pm
Entry by donation, BYO seating
**Prayer**

Lord of beauty and grace, teach me to gaze at you. When I am bereft because of the ugliness within me and the brokenness around me, give me hope, peace, courage, and good humour. Let me wait well for your return. Let me trust you in the times of shadow and fear, let me have your joy in the times of grief and the temptation to despair. Let me be truly beautiful, for the sake of your glory.

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**What’s Happening in Week 8**

**Sunday 1 December**
~ Netball and Cricket teams to JSR Perth depart

**Monday 2 December**
~ Second-Hand Book Sale - 5pm to 6pm, The Minnamurra Hall
~ Homework Centre open from 3pm to 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday

**Tuesday 3 December**
~ Last day to return completed Year 7 - 11 booklist orders for 2014 - order forms then sent to the supplier, Campion Education.

**Wednesday 4 December**
~ Academic Assemblies
  - Years 7 - 9 (8.30am to 10am)
  - Years 10 & 11 (10.45am to 11.45am)
~ Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 exams
~ Emails sent for overdue library resources
~ Library closed from 8.45am to 3pm: Open for book returns ONLY
~ Homework Centre open from 3pm to 4.30pm

**Thursday 5 December**
~ Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 exams
~ Library closed from 8.45am to 3pm: Open for book returns ONLY
~ Homework Centre open from 3pm to 4.30pm

**Friday 6 December**
~ Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 exams
~ Netball and Cricket teams to JSR Perth return
~ Emails sent for overdue library resources
~ Library closed from 8.45am to 3pm: Open for book returns ONLY
~ No Homework Centre
~ Term 4 Concludes

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**Are you leaving us at the end of the year?**

Class lists for 2014 are filling up quickly!

Waiting lists for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 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

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**Group Photo Orders...**

Group photo orders have arrived!

If you placed an order with Miss Braunack, please collect your photo/s from **College Reception** from Monday 2 December.