Dear Parents,

John can run.
Betty can run.
John can jump.
Betty can jump.

These are the first words I learned to read.

By the time I learned those words, I also knew many more stories. I loved stories (and still do). Books were such a big part of my life because my mother read to me every day. One of my favourite stories about the importance of reading comes from a past Head of English who used to teach at St Philip's.

This gentleman was raised in Ireland and his family was quite poor. However he has a memory of his father sitting down at the kitchen table every morning where he would read the newspaper. As our past Head of English got older and went to school, he was then accepted into an elite university in England, graduating with 1st class Honours in English. On his many trips home he would see his father continuing with the same routine, however by this time he’d realised one thing – his father couldn’t read. It had all been an act. His father knew the importance of reading and wanted to set a good example to his family.

The joy of reading and its importance cannot be underestimated or ignored, and this week we have been celebrating Reading Week. Congratulations to all these students who came dressed as their favourite book character on Wednesday, it highlighted the fun and the adventures we can have when we immerse ourselves in the pages of a good book.

Author George R.R. Martin once said, “A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only once.”

I wish everyone many thousands of lives.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Tudor AM
Headmaster

Old Saint News

MONICA TALBOT WINNS INAUGURAL PPB ADVISORY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Monica Talbot, Class of 2009, who has won the inaugural PPB Advisory Agricultural Scholarship, worth $20,000.

The scholarship was established for students from a rural background outside of the Sydney metropolitan area who could demonstrate excellent academic progress in a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics at Sydney University.

Monica is currently in her third year of a Bachelor of Resource Economics at Sydney University. She is quite interested in the policy side of economics, but is still keeping her options open for when she completes her degree.

Photo supplied by Monica Talbot

Young Endeavour Trip

From the 7th to the 17th June, Year 11 student, Tiffany Tregea took part in the Young Endeavour Tall Ship sail from Gladstone to Brisbane. She was one of twenty youth crew members, plus eight specially trained Royal Australian Navy crew that undertook the voyage.

Over the eleven days, the youth crew worked together learning how to sail the ship. They sailed around Fraser Island and Tangalooma where they saw dolphins and whales. They set sails, climbed masts and for one day took total control of the ship.

Tiffany said some of the most memorable moments from the trip include getting up at 3.30am to tack or wear the ship, sitting on the very top yard arm folding up the sails and swinging from a rope on the boat into the water.

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At the start of the term we welcomed a new permanent boarder, Rebecca, in Year 8, three new exchange students, Polly from the UK, Tamzin and Ty from South Africa, and a new staff member Paige Mitchell who teaches at St Philip’s. We hope they will all enjoy their time with us, they certainly seem to have got off to a very positive start.

The term got off to a staggered beginning with many of the seniors being away on either Year 11 Camp or Mittagundi. From all accounts they had a great time and have been busy telling the younger boarders about the benefits of going.

On the first weekend of term most of the junior girls and a few of the boys went to the town pool. The warmth inside was a wonderful contrast to the chilly mornings we’ve been having this week and the boarders spent a happy hour and a half on the water slides and under the fountains.

We have plenty planned for this term. In the first week of August the circus is coming to town and we are planning to go. We’re also going camping in September to say our traditional goodbye to the Year 12s. We’re also planning to do our own version of a couple of TV shows – Thank God You’re Here – which we’ve done before, and Would you Lie to Me – which we haven’t. Beach volleyball is almost certain to be on the agenda as well and I’ll be trying to encourage as many as possible to have a go at this year’s King of the Mountain race – a 7km plus event from the YMCA up to the Repeater Station. I’m sure as the term goes on we’ll think of lots more ideas to make sure the weekends are entertaining.

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Mary Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

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**Golf News**

Over the last few months St Philip’s students have been incredibly active on the golf scene.

During the holidays, seven students went to the Palmerston Golf Clinic. This is an annual training session and competition with approximately 100 children competing. Greg Norman’s old coach and a former British Open winner are some of the high profile coaches who attend. After an intensive three days of coaching, the students then played in the Junior Masters Competition. Charlie Newton had a very successful week and won the net event with George Worrall coming third in the gross event.

At home, Dan Brown and George Worrall were both chosen for the Junior Invitational in South Australia later this term. The students will get a chance to play the world class Grange Course, Glenelg and attend a coaching clinic. Mr Troy Wegener has worked tirelessly for this to happen, “It’s a great opportunity for our boys to test their progress against an Adelaide based school. Henley High have a solid golf program, so to be invited to participate in their tournament and other skill sessions is just fantastic.”

Our thanks go to Alice Golf Club Junior Committee and Mr Steve Tieck (PGA Golf professional) who continue to support the student golfers in so many ways.

Finally the amazing putting green and driving capes at St Philip’s are beginning to take shape and we are hopeful these will be available for all students to use later this term.

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**School Photographs**

The annual St Philip’s College photograph days are almost here! This year the school photos will be taken on Thursday 8th August and Friday 9th August (Week 3, Term 3).

All students must wear their full winter uniform. Information and order envelopes should have been included in the Semester One report cards that were sent to students’ primary carers (due to a limited number available) – except for those students in Rolland House, who have received their envelopes through Tutor Groups in Week 1. Extra envelopes can be obtained from Reception or Miss Braunack’s office.

Please note – all envelopes MUST be returned to the photographers on the day, NOT to school personnel.

Sibling and friendship group order envelopes are available on request from Reception.

Any enquiries, please contact Miss Braunack on 8950 4544.
Dear Parents,

As part of our ongoing commitment to continuously improve the school, we believe it is critical to seek each parent and guardian’s opinion on a range of issues relating to St Philip’s College.

Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to build a successful school and strengthen our reputation as an ‘educator of choice’.

As such, we have engaged the professional services of MYP Corporation (MYPCorp) to undertake a strictly private and confidential School Results Survey on our behalf. The survey should take approximately 10 - 15 minutes and will need to be completed online between Sunday 1 September and Sunday 15 September.

There are no right or wrong answers and we ask that you respond honestly to each statement.

Please note that this survey will be confidential. No member of the leadership team at St Philip’s will have access to your individual responses. We will be provided with a summary of collated results only.

MYPCorp will undertake the following process to ensure anonymity:

1. Parents and guardians will be emailed individual survey logins.
2. Results will be collated externally.
3. A summary of collated results will be provided to the school leadership team.

On the survey start date, survey instructions and a personalised login link will be emailed to all parents. You will continue to receive friendly reminders during the survey period until you have submitted the survey.

If you do not receive your survey instructions on the survey start date, please check your spam and junk email folders before contacting Jill Jansons at: info@stphilips.nt.edu.au

While we strongly encourage you to participate, the survey is not compulsory. If you decide that you do not want to complete the survey, simply click ‘Unsubscribe’ in the instruction or reminder email.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to shape the future direction of St Philip’s College.

Kind regards

Chris Tudor AM
Headmaster
Dear Parents,

Year 8 students should have homework in 3 or 4 subjects per night for about 20 to 30 minutes per subject. The time should total about 90 minutes per day. Friday and the weekend is for homework in the rotation subjects and to catch up on any missed homework.

If, for one reason or another, homework is not given in a particular subject on a given day, the time should be spent on revision. If you find that homework is not being given, on a regular basis, in any particular subject please let me know by ringing me on 8950 4504.

Regards

Peter Wagner – Director of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum.

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Tanaka’s Sushi is seeking junior staff for Saturday work. The hours are from 7am until 2pm. The applicant should be available every Saturday, have good communication skills and be reliable. Apply in person with a resume to Tanaka’s Sushi in the Yeperenye Centre.

Any questions, you can call Ollie on 0422 242 810.

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If interested, please see Mr Davey Tudor to get camp form and payment details.

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EcoFair 9th-11th August 2013 Olive Pink Botanic Gardens
Celebrating National Science Week www.ecofair.org.au

ABC Outdoor Broadcast Science Quiz Alice Springs Bike Film Festival
desertSMART Gala Dinner Sunday Ecomarchs & Sustainable Living Festival
Special Guest Performers Workshops Stalls – Kids Space – Food Fun
This inspiring Australia-wide event is supported by the Australian Government as part of National Science Week.
Chaplain’s Message

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As we cast ourselves upon the term it is easy to feel overwhelmed at all that has to be slotted into the next 9 weeks. The Prayer of St Francis of Assissi, with its gentle wisdom and humility helps to ground us, to get our priorities right and to keep our eyes fixed on the One who gives us life. May it be a blessed term!

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: Where there is hatred let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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Free Dental Service

The Department of Health (DoH) provides a FREE dental service to all children attending primary and secondary school. If your child/children attends school from Year 7 to 12 and requires a check-up or treatment, please make a booking at Flynn Drive Dental Centre on 89516713.

A parent or guardian MUST attend with their child/children.

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What’s Happening in

Term 3 - Week 3

**MONDAY 5 AUGUST**
- Picnic Day Public Holiday
- VET Work Week for students who started in 2013

**TUESDAY 6 AUGUST**
- Chemistry Olympiads (Year 11s)

**WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST**
- School Photographs

**THURSDAY 8 AUGUST**
- School Photographs

**FRIDAY 9 AUGUST**
- School Photographs

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**Joke of the Week**

Q. Why did the donkey cross the road?

A. Because hee-haw hee-haw hee-always crosses the road!