Dear Parents,

Welcome and what an exciting time to be at St Philip’s College, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary.

On 12th February 1965 the College opened its doors for the first time to 56 children. St Philip’s was originally only a boarding college for children from remote areas who attended other schools in town.

In 1989 when we opened the day school it was a privilege to be at the start of something new. With a total student population of 148, we had students in Years 7 to 9 only. However, the journey for me started in 1986 when the move towards becoming a day school began. Twenty-nine years later it is an even greater honour to still be at the helm to see our traditions continue and new ones evolve.

With our student population in 2015 sitting at 726, the opening of our new Science and Food Technology building couldn’t have come at a better time. There was an incredible amount of hard work from Peter Walsh and all his team at SCOPE Building NT to ensure the building was ready by this week, and for this we are very grateful.

I would also like to say a huge welcome to all our new staff this year. With increased student numbers, comes an increase in teacher numbers and I would encourage all our parents to take advantage of the upcoming Welcome Breakfasts and BBQs in the next few weeks to meet your child’s Tutor Group teacher and Head of House.

Have a wonderful 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Tudor AM
Headmaster

Old Saint Greg Napier Receives Australia Day Honour

Congratulations to Old Saint, Greg Napier who received the Australian Fire Service Medal (considered to be the highest honour for an Australian firefighter) in this year’s Australia Day Honours.

Greg is currently the captain of the Port Lincoln Country Fire Service brigade and has been fighting fires since 1998. Mr Napier has been credited with stopping the spread of the Proper Bay fire in January 2009 and has also held other leadership roles within the CFS.

In addition to the Australia Day honour, Greg has also been awarded the National Medal, the South Australian Emergency Services medal and many awards for service to the CFS. Greg acknowledged that even though it is an individual honour it was due to the teamwork of his brigade for which he is most proud.

This is an amazing honour and achievement, and the St Philip’s community congratulates Greg on this well-deserved recognition.

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Sport Travel Opportunities

This year St Philip’s again is offering a number of opportunities for students to travel away with various sporting sides. On Monday, 2 February at 6pm in the Fred McKay Education Centre there is a Parent Information Night for the AFL trip to Melbourne, as well as the Soccer and Netball Trip to the South Island of New Zealand. All interested parents and students are encouraged to attend.

If you are unable to attend, but are still interested, please feel free to contact me for further information about any of these trips at david.tudor@stphilips.nt.edu.au or 8950 4594.

Davey Tudor
Head of Sport/ PE
Eliza Crowe
Eliza joins the College as an Outdoor Education and Geography teacher.

After studying at both La Trobe and Bendigo University, Eliza has been teaching for six months and previously taught at Sophia Mundi Steiner School in Melbourne.

Eliza’s interests include the outdoors, making jewellery, running and swimming. She has travelled to the USA, Canada, Europe, South East Asia and Central & South America.

Did you know that Eliza has worked as a Nanny in Kauai and as a water-ski instructor in America? Wanting to work on the Outdoor Ed programs, Eliza fell in love with the St Philip’s and Alice Springs community.

Her goals for 2015 are learn how to be an amazing teacher and to have fun with both the students and staff.

Nicole Evans
We welcome Nicole who joins us a Drama, English, Tourism and TE teacher.

Nicole studied at both the University of Queensland and Griffith University, and previously taught at Trinity Lutheran College, Brisbane Grammar, Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Yirra College and Living Waters Lutheran College.

She enjoys guitar, running, swimming, cooking as well as baking, and has travelled to South Korea and Hong Kong. Nicole chose the College as it was a chance to move back into secondary teaching.

Did you know that Nicole received a Regional Teacher’s Scholarship with Bell Shakespeare in 2012? She has also directed many musicals in her 20 years of teaching.

Her goals for 2015 are to enjoy every opportunity she receives at St Philip’s and to learn how to make a great Crème Brûlée.

Jenni Frank
We welcome Jenni to the College who joins us as a Science and Outdoor Education teacher.

This is Jenni’s first year teaching after studying at Swinburne University, the University of Sydney and the University of Tasmania.

Her interests include bushwalking and cooking, and she has travelled to Asia, South and North America, Europe and the Pacific.

Jenni came to St Philip’s to start her teaching career in a diverse school and culturally rich area. In 2015 she plans to expand her knowledge as a teacher and explore all opportunities that come her way.

Tiphenie Evans
We welcome back Tiphenie who joins the College this year as the Performing Arts Assistant.

Considering becoming a dance teacher, Tiphenie’s interests include dancing, singing and writing, and she has also travelled to New Zealand.

Did you know that Tiphenie has performed in every St Philip’s Musical production since 2009? She has also performed, along with crewed, in multiple plays.

This year Tiphenie plans to be the best Performing Arts Assistant yet.

Tammy Hawkins
We welcome Tammy to the College as a Chemistry, Junior Science and Maths teacher.

Tammy began teaching in 1994 after studying at the University of Queensland and has previously taught at Craiglea and Shailer Park in Brisbane, and Pimlico and Heathly Adult College in Townsville.

She enjoys photography and craft (pottery), and has travelled to the USA, Munich, Paris, Fiji, Vietnam, Thailand, Cook Islands, New Zealand and Singapore. Tammy moved to Alice Springs to accompany her husband who has taken on a new position.

She aims to explore Alice Springs and all it has to offer in 2015, and also try walking trails and start swimming training again.

Jess Henman
Welcome to Jess who joins the College as an Art and Maths teacher.

After studying at both the University of Southern Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology, Jess plans to get involved in as much as possible so she can teach from more life experience.

Jess’ interests include art and cycling and has travelled to Britain, Europe, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Her goal for 2015 is to explore Alice Springs and the Territory and to enjoy and make the most of her time here at St Philip’s.

Shaun Kirkby
We welcome back Shaun who joins us this year working as the PR & Marketing Assistant.

Shaun’s interests include archery, soccer and drama where you might have seen him perform in the recent school musical Spamalot.

Did you know that Shaun is a New Zealand immigrant? He also plays the saxophone and has directed an award-winning short film.

This year Shaun plans to save money for uni and enjoy his GAP year to the fullest.

Susan McCowan
We welcome Susan to the College as an Accounting, Business & Enterprise and Junior Maths teacher.

Susan has previously worked as an accountant and this will be her first year teaching after studying at Central Queensland University.

Her interests include stand-up paddle boarding, as well as baking. She has travelled to Japan, China, Thailand, the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Bali. A very convincing and friendly phone interview panel enticed her to St Philip’s, together with the chance of an exciting change.

Susan’s goal for 2015 is to have fun and meet lots of new and interesting people.

Kim Moloney
We welcome Kim to the College community as a Bridging ISA. She has been an ISA for 3 years and previously taught at Larapinta Primary.

Kim enjoys scrapbooking and singing, and has travelled to Hong Kong, America, as well as everywhere in Europe.

Kim came to the College as Kerry was so lovely at her interview that she couldn’t refuse! Her goal for 2015 is to enjoy the year.
Aiva Mostert
Aiva joins the College as a Maths teacher. She has been teaching for five years and has previously taught at Highlands Christian Grammar in Papua New Guinea and Smithfield State High School in Cairns, after studying at both James Cook University and Curtin.
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Alica Pegram
Meet Alica who joins St Philip’s as a Maths, PE and Sport teacher.
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Jacquelyn Sharp
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English Visual Texts
Dear Parents
Below is a list of the visual texts that will be taught in 2015, as part of the English course at St Philip’s. Please do peruse the list and if you have any objection to a particular title, do let me know at pushpa.vida@stphilips.nt.edu.au. Thank you.

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- SASTA Study Guide 2014
- Psychology Stage 2
- JACARANDA TEXTBOOK

Drama
- Living Drama 4th edition
- Critical reading work
- Modern History work
- Global Interactions
- Geography workbook
- Psychology
- Geography workbook
- Mathematics workbook
- Modern History work

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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If, for one reason or another, homework is not given in a particular subject on any 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 8650 4504.

Peter Wagner – Director of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum.

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Chaplain’s Message

A Child’s Mind

Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged with man. Now the story goes that a little shepherd boy was watching his sheep one Sunday morning and he heard the bells of the church ringing. And watching the people walk along the pasture where he was, he happened to think to himself, “I would like to communicate with God! But, what can I say to God?”

He had never learned a prayer. So, on bended knee, he began to recite the alphabet. Repeating this prayer several times, a man passing by, heard the boy’s voice and peaked through the bushes. He saw the young boy kneeling with folded hands, eyes closed, repeating the alphabet.

He interrupted the boy. “What are you doing, my little one?” he asked.

The boy replied, “I was praying sir.”

The man seemed surprised and said, “But why are you reciting the alphabet?”

The boy explained, “I don’t know any prayers, sir. But I want God to take care of me, and to help me care for my sheep. And so I thought, if I said all I knew, He could put the letters together into words, and He would know all that I want and should say!”

The man smiled and said, “Bless your heart, God will!” And he went on to church knowing full well that he had heard the finest sermon he could possibly hear that day.

Maybe if we thought like little children and let God put together the letters, what we should want, and what we should say, things would probably work out a lot better than we planned!

Author Unknown

Sarah Pollitt
Chaplain

What’s happening in Week 2?

Monday
2 Feb.
- Mittagundi expressions of interest due to: david.atkins@portal.stphilips.nt.edu.au

Tuesday
3 Feb.
- Sports trips (soccer, AFL and netball) Parent Information Night - 6pm, Fred McKay Education Centre
- Rolland House Welcome Breakfast - 7am, Fred McKay Education Centre
- Year 7 Meeting with the Headmaster - Period 1, Fred McKay Education Centre
- Year 12 Parent-Teacher Evening - 5pm, Library

Wednesday
4 Feb.
- Year 7 (2015) New Parent Information Night - 7pm, Fred McKay Education Centre

Thursday
5 Feb.
- Griffiths House Welcome Breakfast - 7:15am, Fred McKay Education Centre
- Year 8 Meeting with the Headmaster - Period 1, Fred McKay Education Centre
- Year 12 Retreat Medical Forms due to Student Access
- Football Trip deposits due

Friday
6 Feb.
- Flynn House Welcome Breakfast - 7am, John Flynn Memorial Garden (rear of the Fred McKay Education Centre
- Year 9 Meeting with the Headmaster - Period 1, Fred McKay Education Centre
- Year 12 Retreat Medical Forms due to Student Access
- Football Trip deposits due

Library closes at 4pm in Week 2...

Exchange Info Night

The Year 8 2015 Round Square National Exchange Information Night (originally 19 February) has been rescheduled to Week 4, Monday 16 February.

If you are thinking of going on exchange, it is imperative that you attend.

Your Contact Details

The College needs to be made aware of any changes in your contact details (postal address, phone numbers and email addresses) ASAP.

Please contact Carol Leesong at registrar@stphilips.nt.edu.au

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