Dear Parents,

This week we’re highlighting Wellbeing with our students. It is something we are each responsible for; whether it is our own wellbeing or the wellbeing of others, i.e. people’s comfort, health, happiness or safety.

How can we contribute to other’s Wellbeing? Firstly we must look after our own, by eating healthily and exercising, then we can look after our family, friends and community’s wellbeing by exhibiting generosity, good manners, assisting others, listening well and generally looking after their safety.

As we do this, (which for most people is second nature) we must also remember that we are all unique - everyone is different, with different likes, dislikes, cultures, beliefs and tastes; and as such we must remain mindful and respectful of our differences.

Here at St Philip’s we pride ourselves in being community minded. We are each a member of the St Philip’s community and as such let’s look out for one another and embrace our diversity.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Leesong
Acting Headmaster

Tennis VIC-tory Tour

Ten St Philip’s students were part of the most successful local tennis team in eight years over the school holidays.

The thirty-one player team travelled across country Victoria, spent two days at the Australian Open in Melbourne and even battled ghosts at a haunted castle! The big twist was that the students spent virtually seventeen days without a mobile phone... and lived to tell the tale. Continued on page 3.

Above: Joel van Haaren (second from back), Kylan Bishop (third from back), Anina Conradie (front center) and Matt Walsh (front right) holding their Margaret Court Cup trophies

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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
Three workshops will be run this term to bring parents up to date with practical strategies and information about career transition. The aim is to provide parents with general career transition knowledge, resources and ongoing support, so they can help their teenager to access information about career transition, therefore any decisions can be based on incorporating factual information.

The first workshop will be held on Tuesday, 24 February at 6 pm in the Fred McKay Education Centre. The topic for the first workshop is “Beginning to explore” and will cover issues such as communication with your teenagers about careers, identifying interests and skills, occupational categories and learning to use the Job Guide.

Workshop Two will be held Tuesday, 10 March at 6pm in the Fred McKay Education Centre. The topic for this workshop is “Career pathways and transition services” and will include training and further education options, apprenticeships and traineeships, as well as information about Group Training.

Workshop Three will be held Tuesday, 24 March at 6pm in the Fred McKay Education Centre. The topic is “Jobs” and will include tackling the employment market, telephone skills for job seeking, preparing for interviews and information about Job Services Australia, Youth Connect and Centrelink.

The workshops are limited to 20 participants each and ideally most people will complete all three. The workshop will conclude between 7:30pm to 8pm each evening. A light meal will be provided and tea and coffee will be available throughout the workshop.

Thank you to the Parents’ and Friends’ Association who have provided all of the funding to print the workshop booklets. If you have any queries or want to sign up please contact me at leslie.tilbrook@stphilips.nt.edu.au or 8950 4553. As places are limited, it will be first in, best dressed.

Leslie Tilbrook
Career Adviser

Parents of Senior Students (Years 10, 11 and 12)

Practical Strategies for Your Child’s Career Transition

This year we have welcomed seven new Boarders so far. Alyssa, Ruby, Jordan, Emily and Josie have all joined us in Year 7, Caitlin has come into Year 8 and Javantika has come on exchange from India. Also new to the day school is Shania in Year 7, but she is an old hand at Boarding, having been with us last year while attending Ross Park.

This year’s Boarders are Nikita, Meraud, Shania and Brooke at Philip’s and we are looking forward to getting to know them.

We have certainly kept everyone busy this first weekend. On Friday evening we played games with the boys: cat and mouse, hide and seek and the ever popular capture the flag, followed by a swim and a sausage sizzle. On Saturday afternoon most of the new juniors and some older Boarders continued playing hide and seek around the dorms. No wonder I couldn’t find anyone when I came on duty and tried to take the Boarding roll! There was a lot of chassing screaming and laughter and it was good to see our new Boarders in such high spirits.

In the evening we all went bowling which was fun and some of our first time bowlers did extremely well. On Sunday we all went to the town pool for lots of fun in the water and a delicious picnic of salads, whole grain rolls and fruit.

It has been a great start to the year and I’m looking forward to getting to know all our new Boarders as the term progresses.

Morg Stevenson
Head of Girls’ Boarding

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Tennis begins Fridays at 6:15pm for Yr 9-12 and 4:15 for younger players. There are grades for all levels.
Zoe Coyte

We welcome Zoe to the St Philip’s community as an English, History and Cultural Studies teacher.

After studying at the University of Sydney, Zoe taught as a graduate student for six months at Burwood Girls High School and Balmain Secondary School in Sydney. Zoe’s interests include fitness, reading, watching films, netball, as well as outdoor activities. She has traveled to Thailand, Laos, Europe and New Zealand.

She has visited Alice Springs several times before and enjoyed the atmosphere, so she decided to work here. Her goal for 2015 is to get involved with everything.

Siobhan Niland

Siobhan joins us at the College as an Art and History teacher. This is her first year of teaching after studying at both La Trobe University and the Australian Catholic University.

Siobhan’s interests include art and dancing (ballet, contemporary, etc.) and she has travelled to Ireland, the USA and Bali. She grew up in Alice Springs and always knew that when she had completed her degree, she would come home to teach the future generations of Alice.

Her goals for 2015 are to immerse herself in the St Philip’s community and begin to develop herself as the teacher she has always hoped she’d be.

Stuart Todd

Welcome to Stuart who joins St Philip’s as a Food Technology and PE teacher. Stuart has been teaching for eight years after studying at the University of Otago College of Education, and has previously taught in New Zealand and at OLSH.

His interests include rugby, golf, fitness and food. He has travelled to Samoa, Bali, Kuala Lumpur and ‘Australia.” Stuart moved to Alice Springs as it was a great chance to live somewhere a little different and since being here he has never looked back. Did you know that Stuart was a contestant on MasterChef?

His goal for 2015 is to have fun and enjoy life.

Monty Nixon

We welcome back Monty who joins us this year working with the Headmaster’s office.

Monty’s interests include cricket, tennis and the outdoors. He has travelled to Bali, Thailand, England, New Zealand, Ireland and the Czech Republic.

After his GAP year, Monty plans to play cricket professionally and his goal for 2015 is to be the best he can be.

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Jo Robertson and Bron Grieve
College Nurses

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**Chaplain’s Message**

**LIKE FLYING A KITE**

You have to receive God by faith – by faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. And when that happens, there isn’t any room for doubt. You don’t have to question whether or not God is in your heart, you can know it.

Whenever anyone asks me how I can be so certain about who and what God really is, I am reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. It was a fine day for kite flying, the wind was brisk and large billowy clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds.

“What are you doing?” a man asked the little boy.

“I’m flying a kite,” he replied.

“Flying a kite, are you?” the man said. “How can you be sure? You can’t see your kite.”

“No,” said the boy, “I can’t see it, but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it’s there!”

Don’t take anyone else’s word for God. Find Him for yourself and then you too will know by the wonderful, warm tug on your heartstrings that He is there for sure.

*Billy Graham*

Do not be afraid of opposition – a kite rises against the wind, not with it.

As you know, we consider blessed are those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. - *James 5:11*

_Sarah Pollitt_  
Chaplain

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**ROUND SQUARE ACTION**

**When?** Friday 13 February, 3.15pm to 5pm  
**What?** Re-oiling the Traveller’s Wall by the Swag Chapel  
**Why?** To make a difference at our school.

Attending this will assist with the Kurt Hahn Young Achiever’s Award, and is recommended for anyone who is interested in going on exchange.

Bring a change of clothes suitable for painting and don’t forget your bathers! There will be icy poles and cool drinks as a thank you for your help.

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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.