Dear Parents,

Gifts come in many different forms. There is the gift of life we are all blessed with and there are the gifts/talents we each have within us or develop during our life. There is also the gift of giving, giving of oneself to a cause and also the gift of thanks and gratitude.

Last weekend I was blessed with the gift of being able to meet with members of the Class of 1993. The alumni were the second class to graduate from St Philip’s, and nearly half the class were able to attend. Old Saints travelled from the USA and interstate for the occasion, and what an impressive group of people they are.

Each person is using their God given gifts, together with those gifts they’ve nurtured, to succeed in the field of their choosing. If you know of an Old Saint who is using their talents in a special way, please let us know.

Another St Philip’s alumni, Emma Kraft is using her gift of athleticism to achieve at the highest level. Emma has been selected to represent Australia at the Cross Country Championships in Poland in September. What an amazing achievement and we wish her the best of luck.

Whatever gifts we possess, one of the best gifts we can give anyone is the gift of our time and attention.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Tudor AM
Headmaster

Congratulations to Tim Torzsok who has been selected to represent School Sport NT in the 15&Under AFL championship team. Tim, along with Dean Sullivan, took part in a three day development camp in Darwin in May.

Tim made a final trip up to Darwin on the 7th August to attend a final preparations and two day training camp. This year the championships will be held in Darwin, from the 10th to 17th August.

Good luck Tim and we look forward to hearing about how you went upon your return.

HOW TO APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY IN 2014

On Wednesday 14 August at 7pm in the Fred McKay Education Centre, our Career Adviser, Leslie Tilbrook, will be offering an interactive workshop with Year 12 students and their parents regarding how to apply for university in 2014.

Students are encouraged to bring their laptops to this session but it is not mandatory. Also a guest speaker from Lincoln College in Adelaide will be available to answer questions regarding accommodation for university students in Adelaide.

Please email leslie.tilbrook@stphilips.nt.edu.au to register your interest on for further information.

REMINDER...REMINDER...REMINDER

Have you returned your Confirmation of Enrolment for 2014 and Updating Parent Contact Details forms?

These forms were sent out with the Semester 1 reports and are now overdue. Please return these forms to Student Access or Reception ASAP.

If you did not receive a form, or have misplaced your copy, please contact Mrs Carol Leesong on 8950 4501 or registrar@stphilips.nt.edu.au

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

If you have not yet received your child’s report card for last semester, please contact Carol Leesong on 8950 4501 or registrar@stphilips.nt.edu.au and another copy will be organised.
Girls’ Boarding News

The Circus and a Picnic...

Last week was a very sad one for our boarding family. Ann-Marie, mum of Zara, one of our Year 7 boarders, passed away unexpectedly. Ann-Marie was a regular visitor to our boarding house and was known to a number of the girls. We send our condolences to Zara, her sister Shania, and Dad, Eric, and our thoughts will be with them over the coming days and weeks.

While Zara was not with us on Friday, she was very much in our thoughts, with many of the girls lighting candles in the chapel on Friday afternoon and writing cards which three of the girls took to her on Saturday morning. We were all really pleased that she came to the circus with us on Saturday night and we are looking forward to having her back with us in the near future.

Going to the circus was a first for many of the boarders, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the girls. The clown was a favourite with many but there were some very impressive and skilful acts. If noise and clapping are indicators of enjoyment, then our boarders had a great evening out.

There was another first this weekend, when we played ‘Would you lie to me?’. I don’t think I will ever believe some of our boarders again - especially Suinette, who had us totally convinced. Martha won a movie voucher for fooling the most boarders and Chelseanna won one for guessing the most true and false stories. People were queuing up to have a go and it was a lot of fun. I don’t think it will be long before we play it again.

After the circus on Saturday we went for a picnic lunch on Sunday. It was a perfect winter afternoon and far too nice to stay in doors. The girls seemed to enjoy our trip to Simpson’s Gap and particularly playing their old favourites, Camouflage, which we often play on camping trips.

In August, 2ndToe will be debuting our new-est show – FAMILY! We have been developing this show for the last two years and it is finally time for us to share it with the world. As you may or may not be aware, securing funding for professional artists can be extremely challenging and in light of this, we have embarked on a crowd funding campaign to raise money for the final realisation of FAMILY. Below is a link to our POZIBLE campaign, in which we are trying to raise $5,500 in order to be able to put the show on. We have until the 23rd of August to do so, with all the money we raise going directly to all the participating artists and wider creative team. There is no amount that is too small (or too large!) and every pledge helps us to get a little bit closer to achieving our goal.

So, it is with a huge amount of gratitude that I am humbly asking, on behalf of 2ndToe if everyone can spare a few dollars to go towards the campaign. It would be fantastic if you wouldn’t mind sharing this around your schools and other networks so we might be able to rustle up a bit of desert love from the wider community to make our little dream a reality.

There is plenty of information about the show and the Collective on the page, so have a look, watch the video and if you wish, we would love to welcome you to OUR Family.

Link: http://www.pozible.com/project/29820

Many thank you in advance, and a huge amount of artistic karma,

Frankie

Boys’ Boarding News

A Very Busy Long Weekend...

The boys that stayed in boarding over the long weekend enjoyed a night out at the circus on Saturday. It was an enjoyable night, with the highlight being the motorbike circle of death and the contortionist who managed to squeeze inside a small jar. Isaac Braeden came away from the night wanting to join the circus as one of the clowns.

The weekend was also full of various sporting activities. Hayden McGregor and Wayde Shadforth starred in the Saints U13 soccer side that had a 10-1 victory against Stormbirds on Saturday Afternoon. Hayden scored 3 goals and Wayde scored 4. One goal was from almost the halfway line. Issarah Braun made a comeback out of retirement and managed to get on the score sheet as well. William Jones, Corby Borrett and Ethan Bowman all had solid games as well. Dean Sullivan had a busy weekend umpiring AFL matches, from U14s through to A-grade matches. Wayde and Kaea Pomare have both been stand out performers in the local U14 AFL competition with both boys being named in the Alice rep squad to travel to Perth. Isaac Braeden, Wayde, Kaea, Mitchell McCormack, Hayden and Jake Auricht all have been playing AFL for Saints in the local schoolboys competition and have made the semi-final which will be played next Tuesday afternoon. Kyle McKell, Robert Martin, Drago Kalinic, Josh Spry, Cameron Abbott and Wayde are all part of the Federals U17 AFL side who are playing in the quarter finals this weekend against Rovers. Issarah Braun is also playing U14 rugby league and has scored some brilliant tries in the last couple of weeks playing on the wing. With so many boys involved with sport at present, we are hopefully having Nikolaus Minute coming to speak to the boys next week. Nikolaus is a world famous sports agent in Alice Springs and he is going to speak to the boys about sports marketing and the career path of a sports agent.

Also last weekend, James McCarthy rode his first bull at the Harts Range Rodeo. The bull’s name was called “Wild Thing” and James managed a 6 second ride in front of a full house. Louis Yao, our exchange student from China, also spent the weekend out at Harts Range and got a taste of the country life.

Kris Wheeler
Head of Boys’ Boarding

What’s Happening Week 4

MONDAY 12 AUGUST
~ Science Week
~ Cookie Bookie Club - luncheon, Library
~ Biology Olympiads (Year 11s)

TUESDAY 13 AUGUST
~ Topsy Smith Chapel Service
~ Year 11 (2014) Subject Handbook Distributed
~ Year 9 Love Bites - Session 1
~ Physics Olympiads (Year 11s)
~ Emails sent for overdue library resources

WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST
~ Round Square Assembly
~ Library/Homework Centre closed
~ Old Saints Reunion - Canberra

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST
~ Year 7 (2014) Bridging Entrance tests - 9am
~ Inter-House Cross Country and Quiz Day
~ Library/Homework Centre closed
~ Old Saints Reunion - Canberra

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST
The Real Pearl Necklace

Jenny was a bright-eyed, pretty five-year-old girl. One day when she and her mother were checking out at the grocery store, Jenny saw a plastic pearl necklace priced at $2.50. How she wanted that necklace, and when she asked her mother if she would buy it for her, her mother said, “Well, it is a pretty necklace, but it costs a awful lot of money. I’ll tell you what. I’ll buy you the necklace, and when we get home we can make up a list of chores that you can do to pay for the necklace. And don’t forget that for your birthday Grandma just might give you a whole dollar bill, too. Okay?”

Jenny agreed, and her mother bought the pearl necklace for her. Jenny worked on her chores very hard every day, and sure enough, her grandma gave her a brand new dollar bill for her birthday. Soon Jenny had paid off the pearls. How Jenny loved those pearls. She wore them everywhere—to kindergarten, bed and when she went out with her mother to run errands. The only time she didn’t wear them was in the shower, her mother had told her that they would turn her neck green.

Now Jenny had a very loving daddy. When Jenny went to bed, he would get up from his favorite chair every night and read Jenny her favorite story. One night when he finished the story, he said, “Jenny, do you love me?” “Oh yes, Daddy, you know I love you,” the little girl said. “Well, then, give me your pearls.” “Oh! Daddy, not my pearls!” Jenny said. “But you can have Rosie, my favorite doll. Remember her? You gave her to me last year for my birthday. And you can have her tea party outfit, too. Okay?” “Oh no, darling, that’s okay.” Her father brushed her cheek with a kiss. “Good night, little one.”

A week later, her father once again asked Jenny after her story, “Do you love me?” “Oh yes, Daddy, you know I love you.” “Well, then, give me your pearls.” Oh, Daddy, not my pearls! But you can have Ribbons, my toy horse. Do you remember her? She’s my favorite. Her hair is so soft, and you can play with it and braid it and dreams. You can have Ribbons if you want her, Daddy,” the little girl said to her father. “No, that’s okay,” her father said and brushed her cheek again with a kiss. “God bless you, little one. Sweet dreams.”

Several days later, when Jenny’s father came in to read her a story, Jenny was sitting on her bed and her lip was trembling. “Here, Daddy,” she said, and held out her hand. She opened it and her beloved pearl necklace was inside. She let it slip into her father’s hand. With one hand her father held the plastic pearls and with the other he pulled out of his pocket a blue velvet box. Inside of the box were real, genuine, beautiful pearls. He had them all along. He was waiting for Jenny to give up the cheap stuff so he could give her the real thing.

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 (MYP Corp) 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.

MYP Corp 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