



Topsy Smith House Breakfast

# NEWSLETTER



## NT Youth Week Ambassador and Round Table Members



Dear Parents,

When Rev Dr Fred McKay established the College he had the vision for it to become (at some stage) an outstanding day and boarding school; and over the years St Philip's has grown and achieved Fred's vision.

When The Minnamurra Hall was built 20 years ago, the student population back then was 300 – 400 students, and the hall has a total capacity of 750. I don't think anyone could have foreseen the growth we are experiencing today, where we now have a student population of 760.

As a result of this, the College held it's very first full school assembly in the Bruce Reid Sports Centre where we were able to comfortably accommodate everyone. In the future this will also allow for parents to be more comfortably accommodated when attending an assembly.

With growth comes evolution, with growth comes challenges, with growth comes the anticipation of us continuing the hard work of those who have come before us to ensure Rev Dr Fred McKay's vision stays alive.

Regards,

Roger Herbert  
Principal



Chelsea Hamilton

Congratulations to Year 12 student Chelsea Hamilton who has been named as a NT Youth Week Ambassador.

We must also congratulate Year 12 student Raymond Tilmouth, and Year 10 student Sean King who have been successful in their applications to join the NT Youth Round Table for 2018.

Each year, 16 members aged between 15-25 years are selected to take part in the Round Table.



Sean King

The Round Table provides an opportunity for young people to have their views about issues that interest them heard by the Minister for Territory Families.

This is a great privilege and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments.



Raymond Tilmouth

## \$100 Sports Vouchers

### ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS and ALL NEW STUDENTS

The NT Government has changed the Sports Voucher procedure for 2018.

All children commencing at a new school in 2018 need to apply for their sports voucher by completing the online form at [www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au)

Any queries – call the Sport Voucher Team 1800 817860

### RETURNING STUDENTS IN YEARS 8 TO 12

The next round of Sports Vouchers have been issued and are available for collection from Reception.

Vouchers are valid until 31 May 2018.  
Uncollected vouchers from Semester 2, 2017 are also available.

Students or parents are able to collect these anytime between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm.

## Important Dates For Term 1

### Monday 12 February

VET Work Week at CDU (for students continuing VET from 2017)  
Year 8 Camp Information Night - 6pm to 7pm, The Minnamurra Hall  
Year 10 Mittagundi/Wollangarra Information Night - 7pm to 8pm, The Minnamurra Hall  
Library Hours:  
Monday to Thursday: 8am to 6.30pm  
Friday: 8am to 4.30pm  
Homework Centre commences (teachers on duty from 3.15pm to 4.30pm)  
Ex Activities commence

### Tuesday 13 February

Year 12 Leadership Breakfast - 7am, Fred McKay Education Centre  
Musical Auditions  
Griffiths House Welcome Breakfast - 7am, Rivergum Cafe  
Topsy Smith House Service  
Bridging Parent & Teacher Afternoon Tea - 4pm to 5pm, Rivergum Cafe

### Wednesday 14 February

Long Assembly  
Year 9 Endeavour Information Night - 6pm to 7pm, The Minnamurra Hall  
Year 11 Leadership Course Information Night, 7pm to 8pm, The Minnamurra Hall

### Thursday 15 February

McKay House Welcome Breakfast - 7am, Fred McKay Education Centre  
Year 11 Meeting - 8.20am, Fred McKay Education Centre  
Duke of Edinburgh Meeting - 3pm to 4pm  
Musical Auditions

### Friday 16 February

Flynn Uniform Free Day

## Girls' Boarding News



Our first weekend in boarding was a very busy and enjoyable one with most boarders being in for the weekend.

On Friday afternoon we walked to the cinema to see *The Greatest Showman*, returning around 6:15pm in time for a late dinner and just before it started raining. Later in the evening we had what we always call a 'clothes auction.' A lot of the staff who have teenage girls often pass on clothes, knick knacks and all sorts of items their daughters have grown out of and the girls have always enjoyed looking through them and acquiring some free clothes. Some staff had had a big turn out over Christmas so there was a lot to look through. Thanks to Niki, our boarding captain, for organising this.

On Saturday a number of boarders went to town and in the evening we played

games with the boys in the school quad.

We had a long and fun filled game of cat and mouse, followed by tails and capture the flag. After that there was time for a swim and a pancake supper before bed. Thank you to Niki, Zoe and Ema who did the cooking.



On Sunday morning a couple of the girls, Ruby and Caitlin, came with me to weed our garden plot and what a good job they did. They also harvested some beetroot, okra and egg plants and went off to school on Monday to sell them at school and make some extra pocket money.

In the afternoon the girls had a swim, after which we walked to the



Telegraph Station for a picnic. We had originally planned to go to the town pool but this was being used for water polo so we had to change plans. The Telegraph Station was almost empty so those who wanted to

had plenty of space to play football while another group climbed to the nearby Trig Point. Thanks to the kitchen for a lovely picnic and to Leslie Tilbrook who made chocolate brownies for everyone. Joining us at the picnic were Roger and Sue Herbert, Tony Knott, Sarah Pollitt, Vick Hutchinson, our two Gap students Lea and Leonie, and boarding staff Sam, Ash, Jack and Marsha.

Once we were back at school it was either swimming or football for the younger girls while some of the older ones went over to the stadium for our Sapphire basketball team training. It's been good to see some of our new boarders joining in. Many thanks to Tony Knott who has agreed to coach the team and we are all looking forward to our first game of the year on Monday night.

Marg Stevenson  
Head of Girls' Boarding

## Chaplain's Message

### Rocks in a Jar

An expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high powered overachievers, he said "okay, time for a quiz." He pulled out a one gallon, wide mouth mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. Then he produced a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?"

He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work down into the space between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered.

"Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted.

Once again he said, "Good." he replied. Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked to the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the big rocks in your life? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your dreams? A worthy cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all. So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then put those in your jar first.

Submitted by Sarah Pollitt  
Chaplain

### Outdoor Furniture Donations

In 2018, the Year 12's will be renovating their locker area and would greatly appreciate any donations of outdoor furniture.

If you have any questions, please contact College School Captain Heath Lines at [heath.lines@stphilips.nt.edu.au](mailto:heath.lines@stphilips.nt.edu.au)

# We're excited to be part of this global event!



Gold Coast 2018

# Queen's Baton Relay

XXI Commonwealth Games

Is coming to St Philip's College on  
Wednesday 28 February at 12:18pm.

Learn more about where it's been, where it's going and other Commonwealth nations.

<https://www.gc2018.com/qbr>



## House Welcome Breakfasts

## Uniform Alterations

If you need any uniform alterations done (hemlines, etc) please feel free to contact either Mrs Spencer on 8955 2458 or Janet Skein (Central Uniforms & Alterations 7/59 Elder Street) on 8952 2458

## Bridging Parent & Teacher Afternoon Tea

4pm to 5pm, The Rivergum Cafe  
Tuesday 13 February



First Full School Assembly in Sports Centre

# AGM

SAT. 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
12:00 NOON

To be held at Gap View Hotel  
Gap Road

PLUS

## SIGN-ON-DAY!

Saturday 10th February  
Junior Sign On: 11am - 2pm  
Annual General Meeting: 12 noon  
Senior Sign On: 11am - 2pm

Merchandise on sale, Sports Vouchers accepted & EFTPOS available. All past, present & new players, umpires, coaches & supporters most welcome.

For further information please contact:  
**Sally on 0438 835 566 or email**  
[netball@memoroversnetballclub.com.au](mailto:netball@memoroversnetballclub.com.au)

[www.memoroversnetballclub.com.au](http://www.memoroversnetballclub.com.au)

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**Q:** What **ONE** activity benefits academic, social, physical and psychological development?

**A:** Learning an Instrument!

Learn an instrument at school and become part of the wider Performing Arts community here at St Philip's College.

**The Music Tuition Program is now taking applications for lessons beginning in 2018.**

**Lessons start in WEEK 3.**

Instruments on offer include: piano, guitar, drums, violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, singing and others.

Applications Forms can be obtained from the Performing Arts Staff Room or from Student Access.

In 2018 lessons will cost \$235 per Term and instrument hire will be from \$68 per Term.

For further information, please email [sally.spencer@stphilips.nf.edu.au](mailto:sally.spencer@stphilips.nf.edu.au) Or call Monday - Thursday 8950 4529

# TOTEM YOUTH THEATRE



**COMMENCING Monday 5 Feb 2018**

After school drama classes at the Totem Theatre  
Monday 4pm: 6-10 year olds  
Thursday 4pm: 11-16 year olds.



Want to be the best netballer you can be?

Could you represent the NT?

Alice Springs

HERE'S HOW

TERM 4 - 2017 NNT ACADEMY FOR 11-13yo

TERM 1, 2018

FOR:

Players born in: 1997-2000 (11-13)

No selections: All players can register & attend.

6 weeks (12 sessions): 12 Feb - 28 Mar 2018

Sessions:

• Fridays 4-5.30pm

• Sundays 3.30-5.00pm

Venue: ANM Stadium

Cost: \$72.00

Registration is essential!

For all programs, fees to:

[netball@stphilips.nf.edu.au](mailto:netball@stphilips.nf.edu.au) (your teacher can be used)

Any queries: Fitness Manager

[stphilips@stphilips.nf.edu.au](mailto:stphilips@stphilips.nf.edu.au) 8950 4514

NNT Academy Yearly

Term 1 - 11-13 yrs, 6 weeks, 12 sessions

Term 2 - 11-13 yrs Fri 4-5.30pm, 10 weeks, 10 sessions

Term 4 - 11-13 yrs, 4 weeks, 12 coaches

Neata Glass Giants Netball Club  
**SIGN ON DAY**  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Yeperenye Centre 9am - 3pm

Neata Glass Giants Netball Club  
**NETBALL TRIALS**  
13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Alice Springs Netball Courts  
U13 & U15: 5pm Seniors & U17: 6pm

INTRODUCING..  
**CENTRAL AUSTRALIA'S FIRST YOUTHGIRLS COMPETITION!**

ARE YOU A FEMALE?  
ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 15?\*

\*MUST BE BORN BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2003 & 31 DECEMBER 2004

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING AFL?

**TEAM NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

REQUIREMENTS:

1 x COACH      MINIMUM 12 PLAYERS  
1 x MANAGER    \$20.00 REGO FEE PER PLAYER

TO NOMINATE A TEAM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT AFL NT ON (08) 8952 1670 OR EMAIL [KATIE.DEAN@AFL.COM.AU](mailto:KATIE.DEAN@AFL.COM.AU)

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