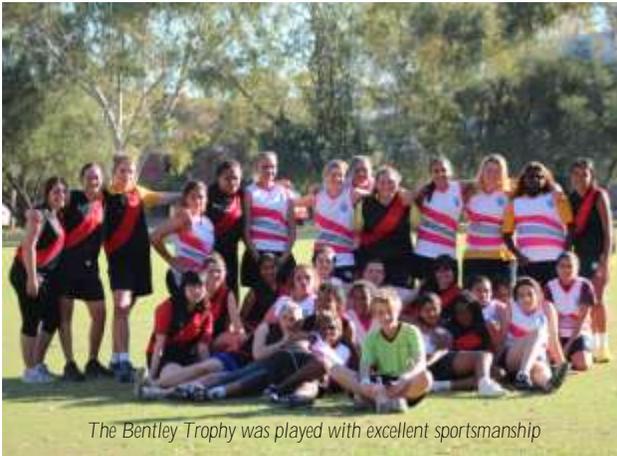


Boarders' Buzz

St Philip's College Girls' Boarding

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Team spirit in abundance!



The Bentley Trophy was played with excellent sportsmanship

Another term has come and gone with amazing speed. Maybe it's just my age that makes the weeks whizz by or maybe it's just how much we fit into our boarding lives.

This term we've been bowling, swimming at the town pool, held a picnic and later in the term a camp, both at Simpson's Gap.

On campus we've had a disco, played volleyball, played netball against the boys, held a camp fire, tried our hand at making some international cuisine, taken part in the 12 Hour Sports and held indoor and outdoor games nights with the boys.

We've been to the school musical, helped at the Old Timers Fete, watched and participated at the AFL Grand Finals and played in the Ryco AFL tournament, where Cheyane was

selected for the All Stars team.

Sport has, as always, played a major role in our activities and team work has been a feature of so much we have done this term, both on and off the sports field.

We sent a great team of boarders to Old Timers Fete, for example, where they did an awesome job of face painting.

It's been good to see an increasing number of the

boarders taking their health and fitness more seriously and it would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity to again thank Allen Skeen, who puts so much effort into providing fitness coaching for the girls.

So many of them have taken advantage of his skills this term on Fridays and a regular little group (including 'Granny') have also been training on Head Street Oval on Saturday mornings.

It's been great to see the improvement that so many of them have shown. Helena's weight lifting is just awesome!

The end of this term is also when, for all practical purposes, we say goodbye to our Year 12 boarders. Some will become day students for the exam period, others will be here for a week or so next term.

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Our 12 Hour Sports team relaxing in the shade

News in brief

Hello and goodbye to:

- Yoojin and Kendra our exchange students

Au revoir to:

- Sunette who goes to India on exchange next term

Good luck to:

- Caelli, Heleama, Annie, Jess and Rachael in their final exams

Goodbye to:

- Annie and Jess who are becoming day bugs for their exam period next term

Congratulations to:

- Helena who ran cross country in the inter school competition
- Heleama, Margo and Jess as members of the Alice Springs **Women's Football Team** which won this year's **Grand Final**
- Sheridan for being Dux in Computing last term
- Rhiannon on becoming our new Boarding Prefect

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An afternoon at Simpson's Gap

On the Sunday of the long weekend early in Term 3 we decided to take a picnic to Simpson's Gap.

It was a beautiful day, and one not to waste.

We had a group of girls who volunteered to make the rolls for lunch and organize other nibbles.

It was also a great opportunity to show some of the international exchanges around.

The girls, after eating, decided to go for a walk to the gap and wander around.

It was a nice day to sit in the sun and relax, and many thanks to Amanda who drove us there.

Umema Curtiss



Margo and Zoe enjoying the shade at Simpson's Gap

The Bombers take on the school at 12 Hour Sports

On Sunday 16 September half of the girls from the boarding house played in 12 Hour Sports.

We were called the Bombers and we had red and black uniforms and a matching flag.

12 Hour Sports was really cool and fun. We all enjoyed it and looked after each other.

Some of the teams were mean to us, but we didn't let them get in our way.

We won some games and lost some, but they were all good games.

For lunch we had pizza and it was good. Then for dinner we had pizza again. Stevo got us some little snacks for the day and night.

We ended the night very tired but we still tried hard. We didn't win it but we weren't last either.

We can't wait for next year's 12 Hour Sports.

Paige Morris



Painting the Bombers flag

The grass is
always
greener on
the other
side because
they mow
and water
the lawn

(chosen by Rhiannon)

Old Timers Fete



Ready for customers at Old Timers Fete

This term some of the girl boarders went to the Old Timers Fete to paint faces and nails.

The pictures we were painting ranged from transformer symbols to butterflies and we had lots of cute stickers to stick on people's fingernails.

We were there for a few hours so we all took it in turns going to get lunch

and buying fairy floss from our neighbouring stall.

We all had so much fun and felt really good after helping the community raise money. Everyone left in high spirits and we look forward to helping out next year.

Margo Sullivan

Everybody dance now!

Disco in the boarding house will always be an event to look forward to.

This term, we decided to change the rules a bit by ditching theme costumes and allowing it to be just be a night of enjoyment, fun and simply running amuck.

The preparation for the disco was one heck of a job, but being the very determined kids we are, we got the job done that afternoon.

With our DJs Heleama Whiting and Lucy Campbell-Brogan all ready, the fun was finally underway.

Of course a disco is not complete without fun and games in between. Mounts, knights and cavaliers was the first game we played, then followed by the flexible game of limbo.

Both were very tough and physical though very enjoyable. Friendships were made and people generally bonded well together.

The night was an overall success and a big thank you goes to Kris and Stevo for being yet again our Mum and Dad in organising this.

Martha Ondeyo

Le Cordon Bleu—well maybe not quite!



Mimco and Meraud cooking scones for Old Timers

One Saturday night the girl boarders cooked food from around the world.

We were in small groups and we had all chosen something different. I was

with Hanna and Skye. We made white chocolate cigars with filo pastry, chocolate and almonds.

There were some great smells as some people made savoury dishes from Kenya and Greece.



Paige making a Greek savoury dish

We listened to music while we read the instructions. We tried each other's food, some main courses and some savoury. It all tasted great so it all got eaten up.

Many thanks to Sarah Tudor for letting us use the Home Economics room.

Lyarni Hampton



Hanna making chocolate filo cigars

A night under the stars.....

This term the boarding house girls decided to plan a camping trip to Simpson's Gap. We all decided that going on camp in Week 7 would suit everyone best, especially the Year 12s who will be leaving us at the end of this year: Annie, Rachael, Jess, Heleama and Caelli.

All the girls started getting ready for the camping trip around three o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday. A few girls who had got ready earlier were very helpful by packing all the stuff we needed for camping. All the girls were excited that we were going camping (personally I think they just wanted to eat the steak!)

Around 2;50pm all the girls were waiting near the bus ready to go. The bus ride was long and very quiet, but as soon as we got to Simpsons Gap everyone was more energized.

The minute we got there all the girls got unpacked and made their beds. An hour later when everyone was settled we found a few volunteers, Rhiannon, Stella, Sheridan and Skye, to cook the dinner for everyone. This was a hard job for them especially because our pro cooker in the boarding house is Annie and this time she was not available to cook, but they did a great job and the food was cooked well and tasted how Annie usually cooks it.

The food was incredibly delicious and everyone



went for seconds. Some of the food was left, but not that much. The meal was even better thanks to Annie who donated some soft drinks. As the night went on, it got crazier because half of the girls had so much energy from the soft drinks.

As the night went on the fire grew bigger, thanks to Annie and Caelli who collected all the wood. Some of the girls sat around the fire and started playing games like Good day Bruce and Guess the Movie. The games were fun. It was nice seeing the seniors and juniors working together, when they had to guess clues or helping each other out in the games.

After we were all out of ideas for games to play, our chapel singer Jess, one of the Year 12s decided that we should sing chapel songs. All the girls joined in. It was really magical seeing them sing and listening to how they memorized the words of the songs. Mrs Pollitt would have been so proud of us if she had been there. The singing went from chapel songs to more hip hop and teenager songs.

Later on in the night some of the girls decided that it was a bit late for them to be awake so they said their goodnights.

.....camping at Simpson's Gap

Some girls stayed behind, and started telling scary stories. Every time the stories got more scary and the screams got louder and louder. Finally around ten o'clock the girls had no more energy. At last the campsite was peaceful and quiet.

In the morning, Paige, Martha, Annie and Stella cooked breakfast for everyone. The girls were extra excited because we had bacon and eggs for breakfast, and again there was seconds for breakfast and almost every girl had seconds.

After the breakfast, Jess organized a game which nearly everyone played. Thanks to those girls who did not play as they helped to pack and clean up the campsite while this was on.

The game that Jess organized was called Camouflage. The game went on for a while until the girls decided it was time to head back to the boarding house for a rest before school tomorrow.

The bus ride back home was peaceful and quiet mostly because everyone was tired and wanted to do their washing, school work etc.

The minute we got back, most girls jumped in the



showers; others helped unpack and clean up the dishes we used for camping. Thanks to them.

Even though the camping was only for one night everyone enjoyed themselves, especially our Year 12s who will be missed for a long time.

Next year we're hoping to go back camping so again we can say goodbye to next year's Year 12s.

The best thing about camping was that we were all together. *Our minds say we're friends, our hearts say we're sisters* is a true motto for our boarding house because no matter how many mistakes or arguments we have with each other, we always solve them and we love each other again, and that's a love that never dies.

Thanks to Stevo, Libby and Marie who put their time into planning the camping trip and I hope it becomes a tradition for the boarding house.

Sunette Mndebele

The Bentley Trophy



One Thursday after school the juniors and seniors played against each other to see who would win the Bentley Trophy.

For three years the Bentley Trophy had been in the junior rec room, but could the seniors get it away from the juniors this year?

It was a very hot day, but almost everybody gave it a go and played.

The first quarter started off really well because everyone worked as a team and tried to get goals.

In the second quarter everybody started to build up their energy and the juniors and seniors started to get goals.

In the third quarter the juniors started to get more goals, but the seniors never gave up.

In the last quarter the seniors tried to catch up with the juniors but the juniors kept on getting goals. Everybody played very well, but there could be only one winner and that was the juniors, by a large margin.

The best and fairest trophy for the juniors went to Lyarni for getting all the rucks, for sharing the ball and for being a team player.

For the seniors it went to Lucy for being a great team player and also for making sure everybody was doing the right thing.

Many thanks to Dean for umpiring and to Jen Waterhouse and Garry Bentley for their support and encouragement.

It was an entertaining climax to a busy and enjoyable AFL season.

Rhonda Uzzell





Ready to take on the boys at netball

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I would like to wish Annie, Jess, Caelli, Rachael and Heleama all the very best for next term and beyond and thank them for their contribution to boarding life.

Annie has been with us since Year 7, Jess, Caelli and Rachael since Year 8 and Heleama for three years and it's always hard to say goodbye after such a long time.

But life goes on and Rhiannon will be taking over as Boarding Prefect

next term. She too is a long term boarder and I know she will do an excellent job.

Boarders return Sunday 14 October

Congratulations to her and to four of our other Year 11 boarders: Cyndy, Umema, Kelsey and Sheridan who have also been

made prefects.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all our dedicated staff without whom we could not function and a special mention to Rachel Lindner, who has started working in the boarding house this last term.

It is great to have plenty of young staff around to compensate for 'Granny' and the girls have loved having



Cheyane in her All Stars guernsey

her around.

Have a wonderful break with your daughters and we look forward to seeing them next term.

Margaret Stevenson

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- Kelsey, Sheridan, Cyndy and Umema on becoming school prefects
- Kelsey on becoming Vice Captain of Topsy
- Jess on being selected as Captain of the NT U16 AFL team for the trip to Adelaide
- Juniors for winning the Bentley Trophy, Lyarni and Lucy for being Best and Fairest Junior and Senior respectively
- Cheyane for being selected for the All Stars team at the Rycos AFL tournament

Thank you to:

- Annie for all her work as Boarding Prefect this year

Introducing Rhiannon

Hi! I'm Rhiannon Wilson and I'm the 2013 Boarding House Captain.

I've been in the boarding house since Year 7 and strive to be my best, seek to find the truth and care for my friends and all who are around me.

I would like to be a role model for the younger boarders, to support and help them, considering I know what it is like to be home sick.



I would like to show the boarders what I have learnt and what they can also learn from being a boarder. I have a sense of humor and I believe laughing is the best medicine.

I believe I have matured so much throughout my boarding life and consider this my second home, seeing as I live here more than I do at home.

I have no sisters and it is a pleasure to adopt all these girls I have grown up with over the past years and also this year.

Having fun is the most important thing to do in boarding and I would love for all the girls to have fun in their boarding life, like I have so far.

Honour Roll

Most Improved
Boarder

Paige Morris

Contribution to the

Boarding House

Kelsey Reynolds

Boarder of the Week

Wk 2 *Sunette*

Wk 3 *Alicka*

Wk 5 *Hanna*

Wk 6 *Jess*

Wk 7 *Martha*

Wk 8 *Stella*

Wk 9 *Martha*

Wk 10 *Cheyane*