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**MITTAGUNDI**

# A message from Principal, Roger Herbert



Dear Parents,

Term 3 is upon us and I hope you had the opportunity to relax and are all refreshed for a busy second semester.

Over the holidays a story captivated me, as I'm sure it did most people. I am speaking, of course, of the Thai soccer team who were trapped underground. They were found after nine days, but it was the rescue that astounded me. It was incredibly difficult and had never been done before. Through the use of teamwork, cooperation, creativity, innovation, persistence and problem solving the result was remarkable.

These qualities are actually ones that we as a Round Square and a Positive Education school focus on. I would not expect our students to have to use these qualities in such drastic circumstances, as was done in Thailand; however, the world we are moving into needs more people of this calibre with these skills. I know that if and when our students are called upon to lead and find solutions to difficult problems, they will in a very successful way.

Regards,

Roger Herbert  
Principal

# Catching up with students

## Parent Afternoon Sessions

This term the counsellors, Bre and Tim, will continue to dedicate Thursday afternoons for parents to discuss any concerns about their child's wellbeing.

The time will be: 3:15- 4:00 pm on Thursday afternoons.

Please email us at ruok@stphilips.nt.edu.au at least 24 hours in advance if you would like to come, and we will dedicate 20 minute sessions per parent/guardian (can be longer if necessary).

Alternatively, you can contact Bre on 0414 924 174 or Tim on 0477 889 498.

We look forward to meeting with you.



School Counsellors Tim Donovan (right) and Breanna Drew (left)

## Lost Property



Lost property continues to be a major issue for everyone here at St Philip's. It is imperative that every student is arriving at the college in full winter uniform, especially with official school photos being taken next week!

There are multiple school blazers currently sitting at Student Access, amongst various other lost items. These blazers make up part of student full winter uniform, and are essential for next week.

Please encourage your child to collect any misplaced items from lost property at Student Access. Let 's have an organised Semester 2, with less items for Ms Hutchinson to model for us each week.

*Ms (Vicki) Hutchinson has found herself a blazer or two, but I think she's taken the 'should have gone to Specsavers' sentiment a little bit too seriously.. (left)*

## Chaplain's Message

The question was once asked of a highly successful businessman, "How have you done so much in your lifetime?"

He replied, "I grow great by dreams. I have turned my mind loose to imagine what I wanted to do. Then I have gone to bed and thought about my dreams. In the night I dream about my dreams. And when I awoke in the morning, I saw the way to make my dreams real. While other people were saying, 'You can't do that, it is impossible,' I was well on my way to achieving what I wanted." As Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the U.S., said: "We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers."

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They see things in the soft haze of a spring day, or in the red fire on a long winter's evening. Some of us let these dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nourish them through bad days until they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true.

So please, do not let anyone steal your dreams, or try to tell you they are too impossible.

"Sing your songs, and dream your dreams, hope your hope and pray your prayer.

Jesus, give us your vision and implant your creativity in our dreams

*Paster Sarah Pollitt - Chaplain*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30 July.....	Year 9 Positive Health Day Library and Homework Centre hours: Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 6:30pm Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
Tuesday 31 July.....	Year 11 Leadership Breakfast Science and Engineering Challenge
Wednesday 1 August.....	NAIDOC Assembly Applications for College Captain due to Principal's Office by 4:00pm New Zealand Netball Trip departs Year 12 Parent Teacher Night 3:30pm to 5:30pm -The Minamurra Hall Information Session on University Applications 5:30pm to 6pm - Fred McKay Education Centre
Thursday 2 August.....	School Photos Duke of Edinburgh Year 9 Camp Meeting 3pm - 4pm - Room 62 RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz
Friday 3 August.....	School Photos Interviews for College Captain Principal's Office - 3:20pm



# Years of Mittagundi

Mittagundi has been providing programs for our students and staff now for 20 years! The adventure has allowed us Territorians to explore Victoria's high country through bush walking, camping, abseiling from nearby cliffs, rafting the Mitta Mitta River and helping to run a pioneer style farm - all without electricity!

In 1998, 10 days away from technology might not have been as difficult for our students as it is today! These days our students are a little bit more technology obsessed, which is exactly why we hold our Outdoor Education at such high importance for building resilience and creating a different atmosphere for students. The atmosphere at Mittagundi is simple, honest and happy. There is an opportunity for young people to live and work together in an environment where people matter more than anything else.

Every year our students receive a brilliant experience at Mittagundi, which helps sculpt them into the people they are at the end of their schooling. We continue to go back there every year because of the values they live by, values that are comparable and admired by us here at St Philip's. Mittagundi prides itself on attention toward respect, responsibility, environmental awareness, fun & resourcefulness.

Let's look forward to the next 20 years and the memories that are yet to be created.

*Exert from 1998 Yearbook after original trip to Mittagundi. (right)*

**YEAR 10 MITTAGUNDI CAMP**

We arrived in the dark and the pouring rain, a group of 19 kids and two teachers from the dry centre of Australia. From that dry centre to cold, wet Mittagundi. Just when the sun came the next morning we knew exactly why we were there.

New surroundings, new principles, so much to soak in and only 10 days to do it in. We saw the huge challenge in front of us, strode in and took it with both hands. If the adventures from Alice Springs were to get a taste of the snow, so be it. Whether it was face first, rear first or the first, we saw the snow at every angle possible. Yet, the best part of falling over is getting back up again. When you're lying in freezing snow, legs twisted (breath), you, wondering exactly why you're here, there's nothing better than a friendly hand to help you up and encourage you to keep going. If you were a problem, our group provided a safe net of trust and friendship. It's amazing the places friendship can be found.

*"That was what we did at Mittagundi; we got up and continued. Whether it was with skiing, chopping wood or cooking, we cleaned up and got on with the job."*

David Armstrong and Julie Barham in the "winter wonderland" at Mittagundi.

With the help of our group leaders, Steve, Jan and Suzie from Mittagundi, and Dave Armstrong and Thom Suttles, from St Philip's, we started to get a different side to things we took for granted. We learned to improvise, take what we had and put it to the best use possible.

Sitting around the fire at night made me realize who the people around me really were. There were no complications, or limitations, we were just us. So Dave, Trish, Jade, Jay Amanda, Nathan B., Carly, Nathan H., Pip, Barbara, Michael, Kacoul, Jesse, Dale, Julie, Crystal, Jane, Emma and Meghan, you're all legends. Thankyou for making the Year 10 Camp of 1998 a brilliant one.

Stephanie Dezel Year 10





**Stretch the imagination!**  
**Leap with confidence!**  
**Join the fun!**

6-10 yr olds, Mondays, 4:00-5:30pm

11-16 yr olds, Thursdays, 4:00-6:00pm

For more information:

Email: [totemytclub@gmail.com](mailto:totemytclub@gmail.com)

Ph: 0439 857 295

**YEAR 12  
 PARENT  
 TEACHER  
 INTERVIEWS**

WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST  
 3:30 - 5:30 PM  
 THE MINNAMURRA HALL

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY INFO  
 SESSION ON UNI APPLICATIONS

BOOK FROM THURSDAY 19 JULY  
 ON THE COMMUNITY PORTAL

**NAIDOC week acknowledgement - Whole school Assembly**  
**Wednesday 1st August at 8:20 am**

**All family members of students are welcome to the assembly  
 and to come and enjoy light morning tea refreshments at the  
 Rivergum Café at approximately 8:45**

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**Sunday 12th August  
 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA  
 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Rhonda Diano Oval, Head St Northside  
 Events start at 2.30pm sharp  
 Sign-on and warm-ups from 1.45 pm

**Enter up to five track & field events  
 Medals awarded for all events**

Contact Alice Springs Athletics Club for an entry form  
 Facebook: Alice Springs Athletics  
 Email: [athleticsasp@y7mail.com](mailto:athleticsasp@y7mail.com)  
 Club members \$10.00, Non-members \$10.00 plus \$5.00 per event entered

**Enter by  
 Wed 8<sup>th</sup> August**



# BUILD YOUR OWN CAPITAL

Join the fun at Alice Springs Public Library and let your creativity run wild by designing your own capital using Lego™ or build an iconic Canberra institution. Do you accept the challenge?

**ALICE SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 Corner of Leichhardt Terrace and Gregory Terrace  
 Alice Springs

**8 June to 17 August 2018**

**FREE ENTRY**

Brick by Brick is for ages 4+. Carers must stay with children at all times. For session information and bookings contact us on 08 8950 0555 or email [library@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:library@astc.nt.gov.au)

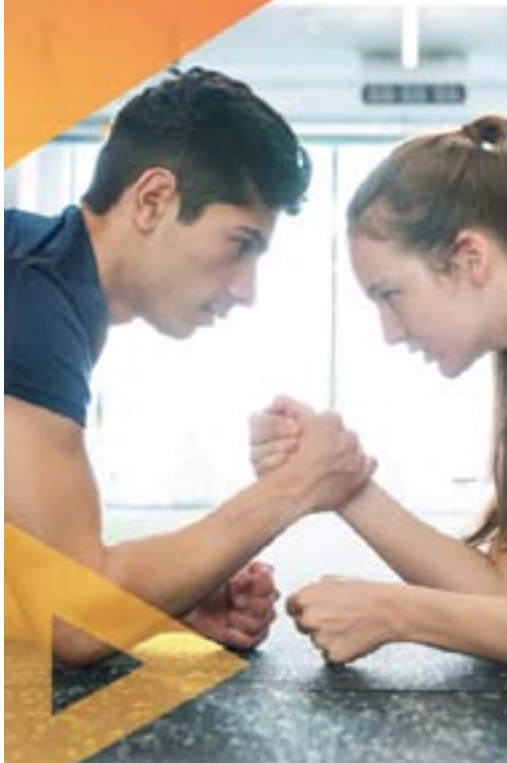


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## Sign up for Active Youth at Kilgariff Recreation Centre

### Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday : 5.30am - 9.00pm  
 Friday : 5.30am - 8.00pm  
 Saturday : 7.30am - 5.00pm  
 Sunday : 10.00am - 6.00pm  
 Public holidays : 9.00am - 5.00pm

*Closed Good Friday, ANZAC Day, Christmas Day*

### Rockwall Hours

Tuesday : 6.00pm - 8.45pm (open age)  
 Wednesday : 3.30pm - 6.30pm (junior session 5Y-13Y)  
 Thursday : 6.00pm - 8.45pm (open age)  
 Sunday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm (open age)

### Access and Inclusion

- Disability car parking bays close to main entry
- Accessible and family change rooms
- Accessible health club and group fitness studios

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