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**COLLEGE CAPTAINS
2018/2019**

Left to right: Vice Captain Matt Whear, Captains Abeer Srivatsava, Niamh Corcoran, Vice Captain Bianca Walmsley

A message from Principal, Roger Herbert



Dear Parents,

This week we elected our College Captains and Vice Captains for 2018/2019. The election process is a great way for our students to understand and appreciate democracy, one of the pillars of the Round Square and something we take very seriously. Student leadership is taken very seriously here at St Philip's and our program has been refined and improved over many years, led by Mrs Sarah Pollitt. We always remind our students that a leadership position is one of care and responsibility, not power and privilege.

Ironically the most recognisable leader in the country, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, met with our current College Captains on the same day as we elected our new representatives who will lead the school for the next 12 months. Having the chance to meet the Prime Minister was a great privilege for our captains, and a wonderful experience as the student leaders of our school.

At St Philip's we have a comprehensive process for creating and electing these leaders. They go through a process that includes training, interviews, Q&A's, they present their speeches to the whole school community and then we vote. On Wednesday we had eight nominees and I'd like to thank all eight students for being brave enough to say, "I'd like to lead our school for the next year" and I hope those who were not elected will choose to take on other leadership positions within the school.

I believe that our students fully understand the importance of making an informed decision for voting, and the College elected four passionate students. In 2019 our Captains will be Niamh Corcoran & Abeer Srivastava, with Vice Captains Bianca Walmsley & Matt Whear. Congratulations to you all.

Regards,

Roger Herbert
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - WEEK 4

Monday 13 August.....	Flinders University Presentation National Science Week Biology Science Olympiad
Tuesday 14 August.....	Year 11 Leadership Breakfast All Year 10's will go to Career Expo - Period 5 University of SA presentation
Wednesday 15 August.....	Physics Science Olympiad Exam Year 10 (2019) Information Night - The Minnamurra Hall 7pm
Thursday 16 August.....	Partridge House Service Year 11 Meeting Year 9 Positive Health Day Year 9 - Information for Year 10 Exchange (2019) - Fred McKay Education Centre 6pm
Friday 17 August.....	Topsy Smith House Service Year 11 (2019) Subject Handbook distributed Appointments for House Captains to Principal
Saturday 18 August.....	Year 7 2019 English & Maths Testing - 9am Children's Book Council Week commences
Sunday 19 August.....	Musical Rehearsal 12pm

ST PHILIP'S COLLEGE

SCHOOL

TOURS

2018 Sunday August 12



Tours will leave at 11:00am, 11:15am, 11:30am & 11:45am
Enrolment information available on the day

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For more information contact Kim Bateman (08) 8950 4501

A Uniting Church day and boarding school - Years 7 - 12



Catching up with students

College Captain Election

It is with great pride that we present our College Captain applicants for 2018/19. (see right) By the time this goes to print we will know the College vote and the current incumbents will be preparing their handover after all their hard work and care during the past year! They have "done good" and are passing on a rich and healthy tradition.

We listened to the applicant speeches on Wednesday morning and felt enormously proud of our young people who courageously shared their hearts and visions for the new year. It was an extra bonus to have our Chairperson, Ms Libby Prell and Board member Mr Bruce McKay in the audience.

The elections were brilliantly introduced by our Captain of Democracy, Jack Thomas, who urged students to use their vote wisely and responsibly. Having the opportunity to vote in a free and fair election remains a privilege in an unsteady world.

We are excited and ready for twelve months!

*Director Chaplaincy, Student Leadership and Round Square
Sarah Pollitt*



Left to right: Ainslee Pollit, Amy Randall, Niamh Corcoran, Ruby Ballantyne, Bianca Walmsley, Matt Whear, Abir Srivastava and Brodee Espie

Prime Minister Visits Alice Springs

On Wednesday Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull visited Alice Springs. He met with the College leaders from all the high schools in town. The function was held at the Town Council offices.

Our College Captains were delighted to meet such an important figure, and were able to chat with him as he made time to make the experience memorable for our students.



Katherine Ultra Challenge

St Philip's students; Brad Krikke, Jordi Krikke, Jordan Nakhla, Ben Nakhla, Heath Renshaw, Clancy Brennan, Emily Whitehead, Alannah Whitehead, Lachlan Briggs, Isaac Blinco and Dushyant Pawar competed in the 20th Katherine Ultra Challenge last weekend

It is certainly no 'run in the park' ... 6 sports & 100km in 1 day. The competition is made up of the following:

3km Swim; 11km cross country run; 25km mountain bike; 11km kayak; 40km road bike & 10km road run.

The students travelled up to Katherine to join six Katherine juniors, making up the only juniors in the competition. They split into the teams to complete the brutal challenge - going hard and giving their all. Pushing through the pain, scorching heat and croc-infested waters. They're absolute champions and deserve congratulations.

They were outstanding athletes and made their community and families proud. Their coaches - Trevor & Tori Krikke (ex-SPC students) also did a marvellous job in organising the trip and taking care of their team.



Desert
FESTIVAL



Book by
WILLIAM F. BROWN

Music & Lyrics by
CHARLIE SMALLS

Based on the story:

"THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ" by L. Frank Baum

By Arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical
on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

29, 30 & 31 August

7.30pm

The Minnamurra Hall, St Philip's College

Tickets:

\$15 adults \$10 child/conc

Tickets on sale at College Reception, Lone Dingo, Exotiq Homewares
and Desert Festival (online) and at the door
Enquiries please call: 8950 4511

Boys' Boarding House News

Girls' Boarding House News



Ormiston Gorge adventures (above & below)



Men's health session with school nurse, Deborah Page (above)
Head to Head with Girls' Boarding House at Lawn Bowls (below)



The past week has been a very busy one. The boys have certainly settled back into life in the boarding house. It has been great to see the newer boys being accepted by our veterans and the comradery that is being built.

Last Wednesday we had our first session on hygiene and men's health. The session was a success, with all the boys giving their full attention to our nurses. At the session, we discussed basic hygiene, such as hand washing, showering and washing, brushing teeth and the necessity to maintain one's own hygiene for your own health and the positive or negative effect it can have on others. All boys were given a hygiene pack, which included a toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, soap and a comb. Supervisors will be keeping an eye on each boy's packs and refill as necessary. A big thank you to both of our nurses, Deborah and Jacinta.

On Tuesday afternoon, Tim Donavon, one of the School Counsellors, joined the boys for our first meeting on well-being and resilience. Again, the boys were very respectful and displayed great maturity during group discussions. As our first session, it was more of an introduction to cyber safety, social media, resilience and making wise choices. The boys had some great questions and offered great ideas to the discussions. Thanks Tim for your work.

On Friday night, the boys had a campfire with marshmallows. On Saturday evening, we joined the girls at the local lawn bowls club for a couple of hours of competition. Congratulations go to Phil Sullivan who managed to have the closest bowl of the night. He was rewarded with a cinema voucher for his efforts. Sunday morning the boys went to Ormiston Gorge for the day. They completed the Ghost Gum walk and explored the area, followed by a picnic at the campground. That evening a 'Game Off' was held amongst the juniors and some seniors. The rec room was turned into a computer game war zone. All had lots of laughs and good competition.

One thing that has really stood out over the past weeks outings has been the boys' maturity and respectable attitude when out of the boarding house. It has been great to see and hear the compliments about the boys behaviour and attitudes. Well done to all!

Please remember that the Exeat weekend for this term is 24th to 26th August. We will close boarding at 5pm on Friday 24th August and re-open at 4pm on Sunday 26th August.

If you need to contact the boarding house directly the staff duty phone number is 0400 972 342. This is the direct line to the boarding house and the boarders. If need be please contact me on my personal number 0447 219 046 otherwise you can email sam.muir@stphilips.nt.edu.au.

Take care and enjoy.

Sam Muir
Head of Boys' Boarding



It was an enjoyable long weekend and even though everything didn't go quite as planned we still had fun with four fun trips out.

On Friday we went tenpin bowling. It's always one of our favourite activities and Jordyn showed her skill on her first visit there by getting the highest score of anyone. Well done Jordyn.

Saturday was a free day apart from for those who practiced face painting or played soccer, but in the evening it was bowling again - this time bowling at the golf club with the boys. It was the girls first visit there and it was lovely under the lights on a perfect evening. Isaline and Phil won the prizes for closest to the jack and although it would be honest to say it was probably not the girls' favourite activity of the year, it was a pleasant hour or two away from boarding.

On Sunday the girls had a pizza lunch at the town pool and lots of fun on the slides, staying for a good part of the afternoon and in the evening they snuggled up with pillows and doonas to watch a movie in the main rec room and to eat ice cream.

Monday was a big day as Marsha and I set off with the girls to Ormiston Gorge. While I'm driving there I always think what a long way it is to go for a picnic, but when we arrive we can't help being struck by the awesome beauty of the place and it makes the drive worthwhile. After the picnic, the girls enjoyed going off to explore, playing AFL and finally most of them walked up to the Ghost Gum lookout. It was a lovely if tiring day and the boarding house was a very quiet place for an hour before dinner when we arrived back.

This coming weekend among other things we are running the face painting stall at Old Timers Fete and on Sunday a group of girls want to climb Mt Gillen again.

Exeat weekend will be coming up soon - it's on Friday 24th August and I'm sure we'll all be ready for a breather by then.

If you happen to be in town on the afternoon of Sunday 16th September it would be great to come and support our afternoon event to raise money for drought relief. All proceeds will be going to Buy a Bale. More details next week.

Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls' Boarding



Elisha, Jordyn, Savannah and Ella at the town pool (above)
Boarders at the Ghost Gum lookout at Ormiston (below)



Elisha, Jordyn, Savannah, Ella, Ruby, and Isabelle at lawn bowls (below)





Chaplain's Message



A man sat at a metro station in Washington DC and started to play the violin. It was a cold January morning. He played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, since it was rush hour, it was calculated that thousands of people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

Three minutes went by and a middle aged man noticed there was musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried up to meet his schedule.

A minute later, the violinist received his first dollar tip: a woman threw the money in the till, without stopping continued to walk.

A few minutes later, someone leaned against the wall to listen to him, but the man looked at his watch and started to walk again. Clearly he was late for work.

The one who paid the most attention was a 3-year-old boy. His mother tugged him along, hurried but the kid stopped to look at the violinist. Finally the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. All the parents, without exception, forced them to move on.

In the 45 minutes the musician played, only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 gave him money but continued to walk their normal pace. He collected \$32. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed it. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition.

No one knew this but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the best musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written with a violin worth 3.5 million dollars.

Two days before his playing in the subway, Joshua Bell sold out at a theatre in Boston and the seats average \$100.

This is a real story. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organized by the Washington Post as part of an social experiment about perception, taste and priorities of people. The outlines were: in a commonplace environment at an inappropriate hour: Do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognize the talent in an unexpected context?

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing?

Open our ears, open our eyes, open our hearts O God.

Pastor Sarah Pollitt - Chaplain

Welcome Gappies!

This term (see right) Fenja Dröschel, Alex Hardt and Viviana Dienelt have joined our St Philip's family. They have joined us all the way from Germany, Fenja is from Lörrach, Viviana from Mainz, and Alex from Wiesbaden.

Viviana & Fenja came to us through latitute, an organisation that offer programs for young people to volunteer overseas. Alex is part of the Round Square Exchange program.

Fenja and Viviana dreamed of coming to see Australia, and look forward to travelling the country during their work holidays. So far they are loving the lifestyle of St Philip's and Alice Springs. They particularly like the culture change from Germany and the genuine kindness of the people here.

Alex has brought his passion for Football (soccer) to Alice and is enjoying playing here in town.

Our Gappies are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, emmersing themselves in the Australian culture.

