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SCIENCE CLASS

A message from Principal, Roger Herbert



Dear Parents,

It was a mix of sad and happy moments for us this week as our 2017/2018 College Leaders addressed the school for a final time at the St Philip's College Induction Ceremony on Wednesday. Together with our parents, students and staff we were fortunate enough to have Life Governor Charles Butcher, his wife Laurel and College Board Chair, Ms Libby Prell in attendance to witness the induction of our new leaders.

This ceremony is a pivotal moment for our students who have taken up the challenge of leadership roles. Our outgoing leaders are at the end of an incredible journey as school leaders and are now getting ready to move into the 'real world,' in which they will flourish. As our outgoing leaders reflect on what they have achieved this year, our incoming leaders are focussed on their goals and what they want to do, to make a difference.

I have cherished the moments I have shared with this particular group of leaders, from our College Captains to our House Captains to our Captains of Sport, Round Square etc. They have brought an intelligent and mature approach to their roles, which I have appreciated over the past 12 months. I have also come to know the four College Captains quite well as we have lunch together every Friday, which has been something I look forward to very much. These get-togethers have helped me understand more about what is happening in the world with our youth, and I am sure this will continue with our future leaders.

Today we began a new era with our new group of student leaders, and as a school we are fascinated about what this group of 43 students will bring to their roles and the positive impact they will have on the College.

Regards,

R. Herbert

Roger Herbert
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - WEEK 5

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| Monday 27 August..... | VET Work Week at CDU (for students starting VET in 2018) Musical Dress Rehearsal |
| Tuesday 28 August..... | Year 11 Leadership Breakfast Musical Dress Rehearsal Cricket Mentoring |
| Wednesday 29 August..... | Musical <i>The Wiz</i> - 7:30pm The Minnamurra Hall Cricket Mentoring |
| Thursday 30 August..... | Musical <i>The Wiz</i> - 7:30pm The Minnamurra Hall Cricket Mentoring Junior Riika |
| Friday 31 August..... | Musical <i>The Wiz</i> - 7:30pm The Minnamurra Hall Year 10 Positive Health Day Boarding Scholarship Tests - 12:15pm |

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



Aber Srivastava
College Captain & Round Square
Committee Member (RSCM)



Niamh Corcoran
College Captain & RSCM



Matt Whear
College Vice Captain & RSCM



Bianca Walmsley
College Vice Captain & RSCM



Chelsea Yu
Rolland House Captain & RSCM



Jessica Nowland
Topsy Smith Captain & RSCM



Amy Randell
Round Square Captain & RSCM



Iona Mackenzie
Secretary Round Square & RSCM

2018/19 SCHOOL LEADERS

*Pictures include only those
that attended Induction
Ceremony



Nicolas Button
Flynn House Captain & RSCM



Rachel Hartung
Flynn House Captain



Darcey Kryreakou
Griffiths House Captain



Hayley Wapper
RSCM



Trepina Reu
Academic Captain & RSCM



Monique Bartlett
Visual Arts Captain



Victoria Brooks
Editor Wellbeing Magazine



Darius Vaghaiwala
Griffiths House Captain



Grace Nolan
Griffiths House Vice Captain



Riley Simpson
Griffiths House Vice Captain



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McKay House Captain & RSCM



Monique Chong
Sports Captain



Chealcee Fitz
Sports Captain



Panashe Kutadzaushe
Mentor Manager - Year 9



Asha Hendry
Hospitality Captain & RSCM



Imogen Marshall
McKay House Captain



Cecile Ryan
McKay House Vice Captain



Ainslie Pollitt
Partridge House Captain & RSCM



Tom McNamara
Rolland House Captain



Maddison Weir
LOTE Captain & RSCM



Grace Yang
Dance Captain



Brodie Espie
Service Captain & RSCM



Casey Schneider
Assembly Administrator RSCM

Student news

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Bookings now open for the 2019 Film making Summer School

The Summer School will take place at the International House, the University of Melbourne on Friday 4 – Sunday 13 January, 2019.

It is an intensive summer film school taught by Australia's leading, award-winning filmmakers using state-of-the-art equipment.

The 2019 courses are as follows:

- From Script to Screen: Friday 4 – Friday 11 January
- Acting & Directing Masterclasses: Friday 4 – Sunday 6 January
- Cinematography Intensive: Monday 7 – Friday 11 January
- Low Budget Filmmaking: Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 January

For more information, or to download a brochure, visit www.summerfilmschool.com.

For enquiries, or to book, call (03) 9347 5035 or 0402 359 047, or email summerfilmschool@me.com.



Cricket Mentoring with Tom Scollay

St Philip's is excited to offer an opportunity to listen to Head Mentor from Cricket Mentoring, Tom Scollay, Wednesday the 29th August. Come down to the FeedMeNow restaurant (next to Rivergum Cafe) from 6-7pm to listen to Tom speak about all things cricket.

Tom is a Cricket Australia Level 2 coach and is the founder of Cricket Mentoring. He is a batting mentor at Meulemans Cricket Centre and currently mentors a number of players of all ages and skill levels. He is a top order batsman and off spin bowler and currently captains his 1st-grade side in the WACA Premier competition.

Tom was a professional cricketer with Middlesex County Cricket Club for 3 years (2010 – 2012). He has played alongside some of the world's best cricketers including Chris Rogers, Adam Voges, Steven Finn, Sam Robson & Eoin Morgan. As a pro at Middlesex CCC, Tom worked closely with Mark O'Neill, (batting coach to Shane Watson & Brad Haddin) who is regarded as one of the world's top batting coaches. Through personal experiences, practice and numerous sessions with world-class players & coaches Tom has developed and continues to refine his own mentoring principles and techniques.



Why do the small things matter?

Last week James Steer was our guest speaker for the Year 9 Positive Health Day. The former Flynn House Captain is currently Australia's youngest Navy Clearance Diver.

At school James was an outstanding triathlete, breaking the College record, winning the NT Junior Championships and in 2014 he finished 10th in his age group at the Noosa Triathlon, Australia's largest triathlon event.

He spoke to our students about why little things matter. A misplaced "o-ring" could mean the end of his or his mate's life. His polished boots represent his commitment to serve the Navy and his country with pride.

James spoke about the resilience he needed to complete the physical and mental challenges of his training, especially as he was the youngest recruit in the program.

However, when asked about the toughest challenge he has faced, this person who has swum across Sydney Harbour in the middle of the night said, "Without a doubt, Year 12."

James found learning difficult, but his ability to set small goals and work with staff saw him complete school where many like him did not. As one of his former teachers I'm not surprised where this "Desert Rat" ended up. A determined kid has become a young man who has accomplished amazing things.

Get the small things right and you're more likely to get the big things right.

What colour socks did you wear to school today?

*Tony Knott
Deputy Principal Middle School*



Above: Michael Harrison

Below: Vismaya Damodaran



Science Update

There has been a lot going on with Science at St Philip's recently. Firstly, congratulations to our students, Monique Bartlett and Victoria Brooks, who have been chosen to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in January. This is a fantastic program for Year 11 students to get a unique glimpse at some of the amazing careers in Science, along with 450 other bright young minds across Australia. They will spend 2 weeks - either in Canberra at ANU or Brisbane at UQ, conducting experiments in labs, having excursions to industry related facilities, listening to inspirational lectures by world-class scientists, and networking with students with similar interests and goals. I know you will have a mind-blowing time, so congratulations again to Monique & Victoria.

In May, 31 St Philip's College students took part in the ICAS-Science exam. This is a national science competition that over 100,000 students from across Australia, and 18 other countries, sit to test their scientific skills of observing, measuring, calculating, analysing and deducing. Year 9 students, Vismaya Damodaran and Michael Harrison have performed particularly well and have received Distinctions in this competition.

It has been mentioned in previous weeks, but it deserves rementioning that earlier this term the Science and Engineering Challenge was held, and St Philip's College sent an eager team of Year 9 and Year 10 students to compete against 5 other schools from Alice and the Barkly region. There were 8 different activities, and after a day of designing, building, testing and competing, the College team won the regional competition. In fact, their score was good enough to be invited to compete in the National Science and Engineering Challenge, which will be held in Darwin in October.

Finally, last week was Science Week and we had Tutor Group quizzes and a variety of fun activities running during lunchtime to demonstrate some pretty cool things that you can do in Science. Congratulations to Ms Schubert's Tutor Group for winning the annual Science Week Tutor Group Quiz. Also a very big thank you to Ms Hawkins, Mr Shaw, Mr Phelps, Mr Diehl, Dr Johnson, Mr Kerr, Mr Brown, Ms Sun and Mr Mashford for organising and running these activities.

*Andrea Collins
Head of Science*

Boys' Boarding House News

Girls' Boarding House News



It is amazing how fast the term has gone. We are already halfway through the term.

Last weekend the boys had some great fun at the stadium playing indoor soccer. On Saturday night we joined the girls for a quiz night. It was excellent fun and the boys and girls competed well and showed off great knowledge of the topics in question. It was also great to hear how helpful a number of the boys were in helping pack up the room after the event. On Sunday, lunch was at Simpson's Gap. The boarders had a great time exploring the area and enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch.

A number of students have their driver's licenses now and with that comes a great deal of responsibility. As of this week boy boarders will be asked to park near the boarding house, neatly lined up next to our basketball court will be fine. I have spoken to those with licenses, but would like to encourage parents to have a chat with their boarder about the need for them, as drivers, to exercise great safety and judgement, especially when on school campus. Needless to say, speeding is completely frowned upon. At school, there are students and many children who are not looking out for cars. Understandably each boarder's car is their property; however, as St Philip's boarders they are representing not only themselves but the school and boarding community. Their actions, driving, and belongings must show maturity and respect. Drivers are also not allowed to take any other boarder in their car unless we have the express permission from both the driver's parents and the passenger's parents for the specific person to be a passenger in the car. Without that permission, drivers may not take any boarder in their car.

This weekend is Exeat weekend and marks the halfway point of the term. While you spend some time with your boarders and they have a well-earned break, please have a conversation to remind them to stay the course with their behaviour and appearance. Overall, the first half of the term has been excellent. The behaviour has been really good, uniforms are looking good (as are rooms), and the boys appear to be taking great pride in being a St Philip's boarder. Upon their return from Exeat, it would be great to see the positive attitudes continue into the second half of the term.

We will be closed from this Friday 5pm until Sunday 4pm.

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



On Friday we made a last minute decision to go to the cinema. It's always a bit of a rush after school to catch the early movies and get the cut price concessions but we made it by 3:40pm and the girls enjoyed watching the PG rated Darkest Minds. We walked back and made it in time for normal dinner time after which predictably some of the girls asked, 'What are we doing tonight?' and I had to remind them we'd just done it! The girls mostly enjoyed a relaxing evening chatting and looking at social media.

On Saturday there was netball and soccer for lots of boarders, and in the afternoon ten of them went to watch the Henley on Todd Regatta. Those who stayed to the end really enjoyed the big boat fight, with its guns and paint!

In the evening we had a quiz night with the boys. Rounds included 'What happened next?', famous faces, films and music sound tracks and, 'How well do you know the boarding staff?' (not very well by looking at the scores!) They were all intrigued to know that Tony Knott had almost been expelled in his first week of high school before going on to become school captain. I think they'll be wanting to hear a few more details about what happened. In between rounds we played heads and tails, eliminations, created mummies and flew paper aeroplanes. Apisa and Judas were well ahead of everyone else when it came to flight distance, but the breeze made take off a bit difficult for some.

Only two points separated the top four teams as they went into the last round, but in the end a team consisting of two junior girls, Sara and Caitlin, and some senior boys, prevailed and won the café vouchers. A special mention goes to Angus and Elisha who did an awesome job when it came to tidying the Rec room.

Sunday morning there were people out at church, at netball, and visiting at the hospital and one boarder even went to a party which started at 9:30am, but after everyone returned Marsha and Luke took everyone for a BBQ at Simpson's Gap. Forgetting the plates turned eating the salad into a test of initiative, but if that's the worst thing that happens in boarding this term it will be a great term! Sunday lunch we also welcomed back Hayley and her exchange student, Maisie, from Launceston and I drove them out to join the BBQ. Maisie has soon started making friends and we hope she will have a great time with us.

Finally plans are taking shape for our Jazz and High Tea fund raising event from 3-5pm on Sunday 16th September. Proceeds will be going to drought relief - Buy a Bale - and if you are going to be in town that Sunday we would love to see you there. Tickets are \$10 and are available from Student Access, Reception or from Girls' Boarding - 0417 853 412.

Enjoy Exeat weekend. I'm not sure who is looking forward to it more - the girls or me!

Margaret Stevenson
Head of Girls' Boarding



Above: Ella, Jordyn, Ruby and Zara admiring their handiwork - but who's the mummy?



Left: Ema on the bus to Simpson's Gap

Below: Helena at Simpson's Gap



Below: A day out at Simpson's Gap



Chaplain's Message

My mother used to ask me what the most important part of the body is. Through the years I would take a guess at what I thought was the correct answer.

When I was younger, I thought sound was very important to us as humans, so I said, 'My ears, Mommy.'

She said, 'No. Many people are deaf. But you keep thinking about it and I will ask you again soon.' Several years passed before she asked me again. Since making my first attempt, I had contemplated the correct answer.

So this time I told her, 'Mummy, sight is very important to everybody, so it must be our eyes.' She looked at me and told me, 'You are learning fast, but the answer is not correct because there are many people who are blind.'

Stumped again, I continued my quest for knowledge and over the years, Mother asked me a couple more times and always her answer was, 'No. But you are getting smarter every year, my child..' Then one year, my grandfather died. Everybody was hurt. Everybody was crying. Even my father cried.

I remember that especially because it was only the second time I saw him cry. My Mum looked at me when it was our turn to say our final goodbye to my Grandfather. She asked me, 'Do you know the most important body part yet, my dear??'

I was shocked when she asked me this now. I always thought this was a game between her and me. She saw the confusion on my face and told me, 'This question is very important. It shows that you have really lived in your life. For every body part you gave me in the past, I have told you were wrong and I have given you an example why. But today is the day you need to learn this important lesson..'

She looked down at me as only a mother can. I saw her eyes well up with tears. She said, 'My dear, the most important body part is your shoulder.' I asked, 'Is it because it holds up my head?'

She replied, 'No, it is because it can hold the head of a friend or a loved one when they cry. Everybody needs a shoulder to cry on sometime in life, my dear. I only hope that you have enough love and friends that you will always have a shoulder to cry on when you need it.'

Then and there I knew the most important body part is not a selfish one. It is made for others and not for yourself. It is sympathetic to the pain of others. People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will Never forget how you made them feel.

P&FA CALLING ALL PARENTS

BAKING DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations will be used for The Wiz The Musical
Baking donations required for the nights of 29th, 30th and 31st of August
 Please drop off any donations to College reception the week of the Musical
 If you have any questions please contact P&FA Chair Lizzie Edwards on jason.lizzy@bigpond.com

GIRLS' BOARDING HOUSE PRESENT

Jazz & High Tea

3-5PM SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER SCHOOL QUAD
 Tickets: \$10
 An initiative in aid of drought relief
 Buy a bale!
 Tickets available from Student Access, Reception or Marg Stevenson (041783412)

INDOOR ROCKWALL

Climb to new heights at your YMCA

YMCA Indoor Rockwall is a fun, social activity with climbs for all ages and abilities (5+ years). Rock climbing is an exciting and challenging sport to enjoy with friends and family. Build strength, fitness, endurance, balance, flexibility, and confidence whilst scaling one of our many fantastic climbs. All training and equipment provided.

| Session Prices | Session Times |
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| Casual Visit (Non-member) \$14 | Tues Open age: 6pm-8.45pm |
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| Concession/Student \$11 | Thur Open age: 6pm-8.45pm |
| 10-Visit Pass \$120 | Sun Open age: 1pm-4pm |
| 10-Visit Pass (Concession) \$90 | |
| 10-Visit Junior Pass \$100 (Sports Voucher Redeemable) | |

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YMCA of the Northern Territory
 Sadadeen Road, Alice Springs, NT 0870
 T (08) 8952 5666 E reception.krc@ymca.org.au

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Candidates will need to be available to work some week nights and weekends.

To apply please use website link below or the QR code (you will need to download a QR reader on your smartphone)

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 Saturday : 7.30am - 5.00pm
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 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)

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- Disability car parking bays close to main entry
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- FREE interactive arts workshops

SATURDAY | 25 AUGUST 2018
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Videos for Change is a powerful way for young people to channel their passion and creativity to lead social change

We invite students from Years 7-12 to step up to the challenge and create a one-minute video on a social issue that they are passionate about, with the chance to be featured on **Network Ten's 'The Project'** and to win a share of over \$12,000 worth of prizes.

Four Grand Prizes: valued at \$3,000 per winning team

- Best Junior High Video - Years 7 - 9
- Best Senior High Video - Years 10 - 12
- People's Choice Award
- Founders Award for Indigenous Youth Voice

Entries close September 30 so get your school involved today!

videosforchange.org

Relationships Australia. NORTHERN TERRITORY

Dipping Your Toes into Mindfulness

Find out about what everyone is talking about. Join us for an introductory evening into the science, the practise, and the benefits of mindfulness. Mindfulness helps us remove clutter in our minds, so that we can think more clearly about what we need to address in the present.

Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2018 - one night
Time: 8:00pm - 9:00pm
Cost: \$35 Individual / \$50 Couple
Venue: 5/11 Railway Terrace Alice Springs

Bookings are essential

How to contact us:

Alice Springs (free call)- 1800 634 405
Office: 8950 4100
Email: receptionas@ra-nt.org.au
Address: 5/11 Railway Terrace, Alice Springs
Website: www.nt.relationships.org.au



Junior Come & Try Day

ALICE SPRINGS
CRICKET

Fun Games & Activities

5:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday, 21st September
Traeger Park
Ages 5+, Primary & Secondary
Students Encouraged To Attend
Free BBQ & Drinks

Email: ntcricket@ntcricket.com.au

