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**SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING
CHALLENGE (PAGE 8)**

A message from Principal, Roger Herbert



Dear Parents,

This week at the college we acknowledged NAIDOC week. It is a week that is celebrated every year here in Australia, and due to it happening during our school holidays, we dedicated Wednesday's assembly to the theme. The purpose, of course, is to celebrate the achievements, culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and was acknowledged well in our unique St Philip's way.

Alice Springs is so enriched with Indigenous culture, and I feel lucky to be Principal at such a diverse school, with so many future Indigenous leaders. This year we celebrate, "Because of her, I can." This message was recognised at assembly with Indigenous staff and students reflecting on powerful female influences in their life. What a beautiful service, and thank you to all those involved.

Finally, I would also like to congratulate our team of students who were named Regional Champions this week at the Science and Engineering Challenge. They have also been invited to the National Championships to be held in Darwin in October. What an unbelievable achievement and I wish them well at the next stage.

Regards,

R. Herbert

Roger Herbert
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6 August.....	Picnic Day Public Holiday Stage 2 Outdoor Education Larapinta Trail Walk - Medical form and payment due Musical Rehearsal 12-3pm
Tuesday 7 August.....	Year 11 Leadership Breakfast VET Work Week at CDU (for students continuing VET from 2017
Wednesday 8 August.....	Year 8 Positive Health Day College Captain Speeches & Elections run by Junior Riika (2.45pm - Captains announced) Chemistry Science Olympiad Exam
Thursday 9 August.....	McKay House Service Australian Mathematics Competition Year 7 Desert Smart Eco-fair
Friday 10 August.....	Griffiths House Whole School Uniform Free Day
Saturday 11 August.....	New Zealand Netball trip returns.
Sunday 12 August.....	Musical rehearsal (plot) 11:30am

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Catching up with students

Administrator confirmed as patron

We welcome Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM, Administrator of the NT, as patron of St Philip's College.

College Board Chair, Libby Prell, made the announcement last Wednesday. Ms Prell described Her Honour as "an inspirational woman and Territorian" and that she "is someone to be admired." Ms Prell explained, "Her Honour's long association with the College as a past member of our College Board and her reputation as a strategic and forward thinking leader that make her the right choice as patron."

Upon the announcement, College Principal, Roger Herbert added, "We are thrilled Her Honour has agreed to be a patron for St Philip's during the next exciting chapter for the college. St Philip's has been part of the Alice Springs community for over 54 years and having Her Honour's support, means a lot to our community,"

Her Honour is delighted to accept the role of Patron of St Philip's College. The College forms an integral part of the Alice Springs community and Her Honour looks forward to supporting the ongoing hard work and achievements of staff and students.



NT AFL Superstar

Jasmine Bathern, a boarder in Year 8, has recently travelled to Adelaide to represent the NT for AFL. The NT team is a huge accomplishment for Jasmine, who has only been playing for 2 years!

The NT were not just in Adelaide to make up the numbers. During the tournament NT managed to comfortably beat ACT and Victoria!

Jasmine plays in the midfield and scored a goal in the last game she played to contribute to her teams win. Jasmine was just one of two players representing Alice Springs, in an NT team that consisted of players mainly from Darwin, but also across various communities similar to Elliott, where Jasmine comes from.

Back here in Alice, Jasmine is going well for Rovers, picking up the Most Improved award for the team. Jasmine dreams of turning professional and with the way the women's professional game is growing, why shouldn't she!

Jasmine says that, "No one is more supportive than her Dad," but she has also a great cheerleader in Head of Girls' Boarding, Marg Stevenson. All of us here at St Philip's are very excited to see where Jasmine's AFL journey takes her.



Exchange Students glide into Alice Springs

It is with pleasure that we welcome our new group of exchange students to St Philip's College. Wednesday morning's magnificent sunrise was witnessed from a balloon gliding over beautiful Central Australia - International Understanding at its best.

*Sarah Pollit,
Director of Chaplaincy, Student Leadership and Round Square*



Catching up with students

Kerri-Anne Greenland



Helpmann Award winning actress, theatre performer and WAAPA graduate Kerrie Anne Greenland paid a visit to the College last week to have a chat to some of our musical students about her career in professional theatre.

After making her debut as Eponine in the Australian production of *Les Miserables* (the role that won her the Helpmann Award for Best Female Actor in a Supporting Role in a Musical), she went on to perform the same role in the show's international tour.

Students were able to ask questions in an informal Q&A at lunchtime last Thursday and hear about Kerrie Anne's exciting journey in the industry.

Alice Springs hosted the NT Karting Titles earlier this month, attracting over 120 drivers from across the country. Drivers and their families came from as far as Busselton in WA to compete.

Three St Philip's students and one staff member competed in the intense competition over two full days of racing. Year 7 students, Angus Laherty and Ryan Sanders competed in the Junior Heavy class with Mitchell Sanders competing in the hotly contested Junior Lights class. Our very own Jake Butler competed in the 125 Lights and KT medium classes.

Year 7 student Angus Laherty drove his machine very well all weekend and took the 1st place podium finish in the Junior Heavy class with Ryan Sanders finishing in 7th position.

Mitchell Sanders finished the titles in 4th position with only 1 point between 3rd and 4th and 1 point between 1st and 2nd. Congratulations to Angus, Ryan, Mitchell and Jake.

Right: Ryan Sanders and Angus Laherty receiving a Sportsmanship award from the SA Kart Titles held in May at Pt Pirie.

NT Karting Titles



School TV this month - Body Image



Kids today are more obsessed with their body image than those in past generations. This is partially influenced by the media and their social connectivity. Encouraging kids to have a healthy body image in childhood can lay the foundations for good physical and mental health later in life.

A recent study highlighted that body image is one of the top three concerns for Australian youth. Over half of girls in high schools have tried to lose weight. One-third of teenage boys wanted to be thinner and another third wanted to be larger. Children need to understand that their body shape and size is not a reflection of their health or success. Parents and schools need to work together to help kids understand that everyone is born with their own 'body-suit'.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to encourage their child to have a positive body image and why it is so important to their mental health. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition and we always welcome your feedback.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information.

Here is the link to this month's edition <http://stphilips.nt.schooltv.me/newsletter/body-image>

Boys' Boarding House News

Girls' Boarding House News

Welcome to Term 3! How fast the year is going. I hope and trust everyone had a fantastic break. From what we have seen and heard with the boys returning; they all had a great time and seem very relaxed. It has been great to see the boys returning with such high spirits and looking forward to the term ahead.



We have also begun to organise a Boys' Boarding Basketball team for the upcoming season in town. The boys all seem enthusiastic and excited about the prospect. We will be in need of a sponsor to help organise uniforms and equipment. If anyone knows of someone or an organisation that may be interested in sponsoring our team please let me know. Thank you in advance.

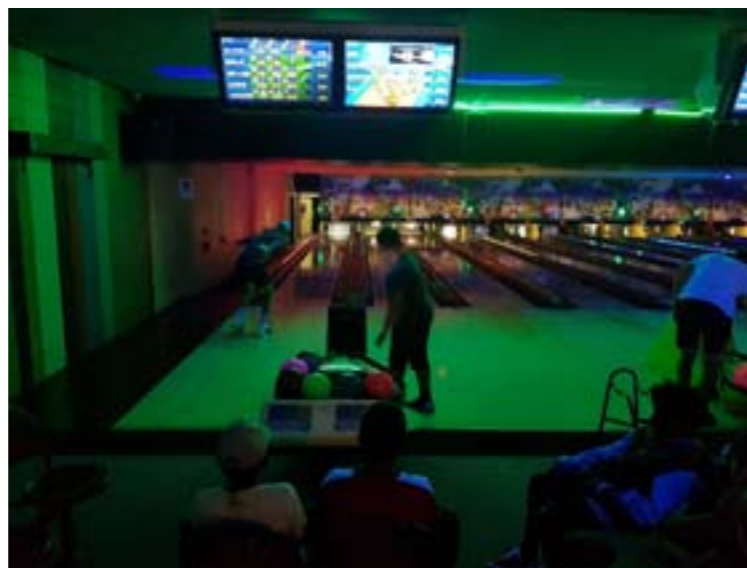
Please be reminded that the Exeat weekend for this term is 24th to 26th August. We will close boarding at 5pm on Friday the 24th August and re-open at 4pm on Sunday 26th August.

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 you need me, 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*

Bowling photos (below)



This term we welcome Liam Alloway to our Junior Wing. Liam has joined Year 8 and has made short work of settling in. On behalf of all the boarding house, I would like to welcome Liam and his family to the St Philip's Boys' Boarding community.

We also have three exchanges with us this term. Nils Sordot and Aditya Parashar arrived last week and Mateo Restrepo should be here this week. Nils and Aditya have settled in very well and look right at home. The boarders have been excellent in embracing the exchanges and wanting to make friends and learn about the places that they have come from. Welcome boys.

Last weekend the boys went to the stadium for some basketball on Friday night. Craig Price dominated and took home the prize for MVP. The boys all took part and showed great sportsmanship. On Saturday night, we went to the local bowling alley 'The Dust Bowl' for a game of bowling, some pool and some chips. The boys all competed well and had a good laugh. Some of the scores were excellent, well over the 100 mark. What has been wonderful to see and hear is the maturity and politeness that all the boys have displayed in school, at boarding and in the wider community. They have all been excellent examples of what is expected of our male boarders and growing young men.

This term we will be focusing on community and service. The Old Timers Fete is coming up at the end of Week 3 and to kick off our service we will be volunteering our time to help at the fete. It is a prime opportunity for the boys to show off their fun, happy and gentle personalities (which we see all the time) to the wider community.

Starting this week we will also be beginning regular sessions on Hygiene, Men's Health and Well-being. The college nurses and our school counsellor will run these educational sessions. The objective is to assist the boys and educate them as best as possible as they continue to grow into respectable young men. The hygiene of our boarders, in particular the education on hygiene of our younger boys, is of paramount importance. At times, the hygiene has been an issue, including maintaining tidy rooms and uniforms. There is no reason why the male boarders (behaviour, uniform, hygiene and overall presentation) should not be the top standard in the school. Day students should be striving to emulate the behaviour of our respectable, mature and well-dressed male boarders. If you could speak to your sons about this it would be of great assistance.

It was great to welcome four new boarders this term : Lesharna, Jordan, Isabelle and Helena as well as exchange students Isaline and Francesca, and without exception they all seem to have settled in remarkably well. There has certainly been plenty to keep them busy and next week will be even more full when the school's ex-activities begin.

Our community garden plot has been growing vigorously over the holiday and last week we went and harvested some beautiful and very large broccoli. Well done to Ruby and Aggie who received a great addition to their spending money.

At the weekend we did some more gardening when twelve of us went to plant trees and bushes at Gillen Park. Well done to all those who got up early to do their bit for the environment. We had fun naming our trees and once we'd named trees after ourselves we also planted Marsha, Tammy, Mr Herbert and the Mayor! I love the Chinese saying : The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second best time is now. Hopefully in 20 years other people will enjoy relaxing under their shade. Once we'd planted everything we had time for some fun in the park before heading home and some of us enjoyed a sausage at the BBQ.

Later in the day the tree planters were rewarded for their efforts with a well deserved trip to Uncle Edy's to finish off the weekend. Also on Sunday we welcomed Bre, one of the school counsellors, for her first shift in boarding.

On Friday we went to the cinema where the vast majority watched Mamma Mia 2 so it was no surprise that when we did our music video competition on Saturday evening there were some Abba numbers chosen. Whilst one or two boarders were a bit reluctant to star in their videos the vast majority had a heap of fun and we all enjoyed finishing the evening with pizzas and the presentation of the finished products in the main rec room's new TV. Helena, Casey, Mereoni and Ema made a great effort with lots of different scenes and fun in their clip, but the big prize went to Niki, Zoe, Siobhan and Destiny for a great dancing act and some amazing costumes and wigs! Well done to everyone for having a go.

Next weekend is a long one and among the activities we have planned are a trip to the circus and a picnic. The week after we'll be helping at Old Timers Fete running the face painting stall which we've been practising for. Lots to look forward to!

*Marg Stevenson
Head of Girls' Boarding*



Science and Engineering Challenge Champion School!



Above: our students with Science teacher, Ms Ruby Sun.

A group of 17 Year 9 and 10 St Philip's College students attended in the 2018 Science and Engineering Challenge this week, held at Centralian Senior College.

The team were competing against the other local high schools and a visiting team from Tennant Creek. The day was filled with exciting engineering-based tasks that ask the students to explore their designing, critical thinking and team work skills. It also fosters persistence, creative thinking and fun.

The St Philip's College students were successful in winning the Centralian Regional Competition of this nationally run competition. In fact, the SPC final score was the best in the NT. The team has been invited to attend the National Finals for the 2018 Science and Engineering Challenge, being held in Darwin in October. Many congratulations to our successful students. Also thank you to Mark Goonan (CSC) and his team of community-based volunteers and sponsors for running such a successful day.



Chaplain's Message



A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart, and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art." The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home, he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued, "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD FOR \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now, let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave his Son 2000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, "The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?" Because you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

Adopt Chloe



Chloe is a sweet 9 year old Labradoodle in need of a loving home, for good. She is a happy companion who loves walks and tummy rubs. She is healthy, desexed, vaccinated, and microchipped. Please contact School Nurse Deborah on 0429057155.



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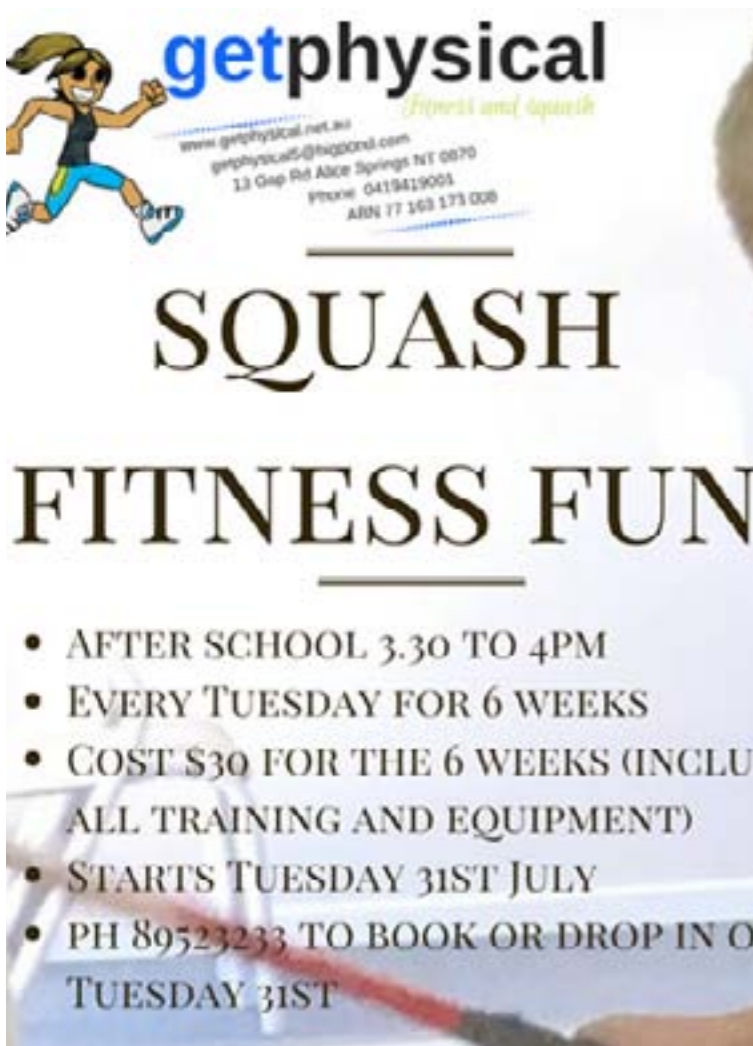
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