From the Head of Boarding

Term 3 has been another busy term for all the girls, and certainly a very busy one for me.

I have had the opportunity to spend some time visiting many of our boarding families – overseas, interstate and far and wide in the state's country areas at their Field Days.

Hong Kong was a marvellous opportunity to meet and interact with the families of our international girls and for me to give them all first-hand accounts of their daughters' progress at Loreto. It was even more special meeting the girls in Hong Kong during their holidays. They attended the Hong Kong Education Expo representing Loreto, and assisted with enquiries regarding boarding.

Shortly after that, I attended the Darwin Show, assisted by our Indigenous Coordinator, Enza Iammarone. We had the opportunity to speak with some old scholars, as well as to meet many people who were familiar with Loreto Marryatville, and in particular, our Boarding School.

Although the weather was extremely hot at both these events, it was lovely to escape the rain and freezing temperatures of Adelaide for a short time. But I was soon to find myself back to reality, when I travelled to the West Coast, arriving in Cleve to encounter even colder, wetter conditions.

We spent three days at the Cleve Show, which was a wonderful, colourful, Aussie country event. There we met many old scholars who had spent their secondary years at the Loreto Boarding School, and who were keen to reminisce about those special years.

In particular, we were very honoured and most impressed by the visit of Marie Lally OAM, who is well known to many on the Eyre Peninsula; she is a past state and national president of the Country Women's Association, having first joined the CWA as a teenager many years ago, and she was a boarder here at Loreto from 1948-52 (as Marie Bertelsmeier). Marie was involved with the Country Women's Association for 40 years, three of those as National President. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Australian Year of the Farmer 2012 and we look forward to this worthy and deserving focus for the country community.

I also had the unexpected privilege of meeting legendary cricketer Glen McGrath. After explaining to him that I was representing a Boarding School in South Australia, he was more than happy to have his photo taken in front of our banner. As a country lad, he spoke of his empathy with the plight of country kids. What a great man!
This term, we welcome three new students to the Boarding House: Anna Coke, Heidi Lei and Cobe Wong, who is the sister of our past boarder Kim, who left in 2009. Heidi and Cobe are currently studying at the South Australian English School and will join the day school as Year 11 students next year. Anna, who is from Mount Gambier, is a Year 9 student.

Our inaugural Boarders’ Cup this year was an overwhelming success, giving the girls the opportunity to mix with all year levels and form new and closer friendships; the many and varied activities were a great way to highlight all the different talents of the girls.

I shall be working with the Year 11 girls in formalising a discrete House system within the Boarding House precinct which will enable them to further develop the fun and healthy rivalry that has taken over the spirit of the Cup. As you may notice from the reports of the senior supervisors, many activities were offered to the girls, and I would like to thank them for their earnest involvement and creativity in helping the girls to have more fun and games in the Boarding House.

During the course of the last month, we have been in the process of voting for our Leadership Team for 2011. I was very proud of all the girls for the way they presented their speeches, displaying self confidence, innovative ideas and high praise for each other. Many new ideas were offered, as the girls highlighted their strengths and talents which would benefit the Boarding House community. It was clear that a lot of thought had gone into their final presentations, and all were worthy of winning a Leadership position. This was reflected in the very close margins of the final count. Congratulations to all the girls.

2011 Boarder Executive

- **Head Boarder**: Claudija Zaknich
- **Deputy Head Boarder**: Emily Cook
- **House Captain**: Amelia Faulkner
- **House Captain**: Rikeeli Klante
- **Music and Liturgy representatives**: Rosemary Young, Belinda Wittwer
- **International Representative**: Bernice So

The names of the two Houses for 2011 will be decided upon by the teams led by the captains in early 2011.

Week 8 proved to be very exciting. On Friday night, many of our girls worked as waitresses at the opening of the Spring Art Exhibition in the Square. On Saturday, the boarders had the opportunity to have a private meeting with a very famous old scholar, Hugh Sheridan, from the award winning and very popular television series “Packed to the Rafters”. Hugh specifically asked to meet the boarders and he was just so warm and friendly – a true star! What a lovely young gentleman.

On the Sunday, the boarders attended the Mary Ward Mass in the Loreto Chapel, after which there was a lot of lively conversation between them and the old scholars who attended, which was lovely to see.

**Term 3 birthdays:**

As you can see from the dates, Term 4 is jam-packed! Revision needs to begin in earnest as the girls prepare for upcoming tests and exams. With this in mind, the girls need to curb their weekly social activities to achieve their best. The Term 4 Exeat will occur at the end of Week 3 and because it is such a short term it is suggested that the girls visit home just this one time so that they focus their energies on completing the current academic year to the best of their abilities.

I wish all the girls success in their last term for the year, especially the Year 12s who are working towards making their dreams and aspirations become a reality.

**REMEMBER:** All girls are to provide their own bath towels in Term 4.

Boarding house opens Sunday 10/10/10 at 12 noon.

Andrea Assioti
Head of Boarding
BOARDERS CUP

We are well into the Boarders Cup competition with only several more weeks of activities to go before the winning team is announced. I have been amazed at how well this competition has been received by the boarders, and delighted with the attitudes and spirit of the teams.

We ended last term with tug-o-war, which resulted in equal points to both teams. The girls were so competitive that they broke the rope in the final round. A beep test activity was held for all the fitness enthusiasts, and came right down to the wire with Meg Rasheed (Yellow) taking the honours; a close 2nd went to Georgia Smith (Blue) and Madeline Lehmann (Yellow) came in 3rd. For the first time in Boarding history a netball competition was held, with teams being divided into Juniors (Years 6, 7, 8, 9, 10s) and Seniors (Years 11 & 12). Every boarder was in attendance to cheer on her team. Yellow outplayed Blue for the points; special mentions go to Iris Dunne, Georgia Francis and Georgia Willson for their competitive spirit. Yellow took the clean sweep with the Seniors also getting up. Emily Cook, Charlotte Kaeding and Iris Dunne got the points for the card night.

After every activity we announce the winners and the new scores in the dining room before dinner is served, and the whole room is abuzz with excitement to hear the scores; it is great to witness this as a staff member.

Still to come this term is another 1000 piece puzzle. I am sure the yellow team will want to rectify the loss they had in Term 2. A longest footy kick and accuracy competition will get the girls in the spirit of the upcoming football finals, and to finish the term off there will be a pizza making and cupcake creation Master Chef competition, which I am sure, will uncover some true cooking talent among the Boarders.

Yellow has definitely put the ‘pedal to the medal’ and have won majority points this term, gaining the lead. However, it is still early days with many points still up for grabs.

YELLOW 230    BLUE 135

Tia Rylander

YEAR 10

Term three has again been a busy term which has raced by. The Year 10s have been looking towards what the future might hold this term.

They underwent the job application process which included a mock interview. They have also been busy organising work experience which took place in week 7 of the term. The girls choose placements as close as the Parade and as far afield as Waikerie in the Riverland. There was also a diverse range of occupations chosen, from retail and hospitality, to medical services.

Amongst all of this there have been many outings and special activities to keep everyone entertained. Early in the term a large group went to the Showdown. In the week prior the Crows supporters were very vocal throughout the Boarding House, but unfortunately we had to eat our words and the Port supporters enjoyed the payback enormously. There have also been socials and an outing to the Royal Show to keep the girls busy. Some of our girls have been participating in dance classes run in conjunction with Rostrevor in the day school and have been giving very positive reports. We also had a fashion weekend for the girls with a vintage clothing party held in Karrawood. The girls had the opportunity to purchase some amazing clothes and accessories from past eras. The following day was the Gilles Street markets, full of interesting clothes stalls, many of which featuring the creations of local designers.

Jess Keurschner