From the Head of Boarding

As we approach the end of another busy term it is appropriate to cast our minds back briefly to some of the significant events of Term 3.

The beginning of term was quite hectic for our Year 11 and 12 students, who were busily making final preparations for the Loreto formal. Hair appointments, dress alterations, tanning and nail appointments were the talking points around the boarding house for the first week. The evening finally arrived and began with a cocktail party hosted by the boarding staff, where parents and friends mingled and admired the beautiful gowns worn by our girls. Once the girls departed a group of parents shared a meal at the Robin Hood Hotel. Thanks to Jodi Lehmann, mother of Anna and Emily, for sending out the invitation to all parents and organising the booking. A little later that evening, I was fortunate to attend the formal, giving the boarders an opportunity to proudly introduce me to the fine young gentleman accompanying them. I am sure that you would agree that all our girls looked stunning. You can see photos from the night on the back page.

Vaccinations

It was pleasing to note many of the girls taking advantage of the flu vaccinations offered earlier in the Term. This safe option, of girls being immunised against this season's strain of flu, provides better protection, particularly in our communal living circumstances. It is also important to note that none of the girls had any reaction to the immunisation. Of course, the immunisations will not protect students from catching a cold, so with the winter weather continuing next term, may I please remind you to send at least 2 boxes of tissues with your daughters upon their return to the Boarding School in Term 3.

National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day was on May 26 this year. It is an annual day of commemoration and remembrance of all those who have been hurt by government policies of forcibly removing children from their homes. This day has been commemorated since 1998. It was fitting that we shared our Mass with the Rostrevor boys on this day. We began our Mass with a traditional smoking ceremony provided to us by one of the Kaurna elders. All our Indigenous students did the readings and the Rostrevor boys provided us with traditional Aboriginal music. Thanks to Father Mullins and Father Terry Kelly, it was a very moving Mass which was enjoyed by all. I would also like to thank Rostrevor College for inviting us to a BBQ dinner. It was a wonderful way to begin National Reconciliation Week.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week was first celebrated in 1996. The week aims to give people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It is a time to reflect on achievements so far and on what must still be done to achieve reconciliation. The theme for 2013 was “Let’s talk recognition!”. During the Indigenous Round of AFL games, our Indigenous girls had the opportunity to attend a football match at the AAMI Stadium. This was followed by a motivational presentation by Channel
Performing Arts Festival
What a fabulous Performing Arts Festival! Congratulations to all our gorgeous girls who performed so beautifully and made it such a special night. Particular commendation goes to our three boarder Performing Arts Captains, McGrath – Lisa Puglisi, Mulhall – Michaely Lynch and Ward – Olivier Holland, who all did a magnificent job leading their Houses. Congratulations also to the following girls, who sang in solo items Tori Conner, Caitlin Baker, Jaime Wilson and Ciara Guy. Rebecca Hardy, Mulhall House Captain, was also involved as one of the Choral Conductors and made a wonderful dragon mascot. Katherine Jreissati, Head of School, spoke eloquently as one of the MCs for the evening. We also had quite a few of our girls involved in the House dance presentations. As you can imagine, I was so very proud of all our girls’ achievements as they represented the Boarding School well.

Boarding location
I have had some queries about the front of the Boarding School not being signed and difficulties that guests have had in finding us. Our first priority is to make the Boarding School as safe as possible and having large signs on Portrush Road for all to see, would be an advertisement that could bring unwanted guests to us. The following directions can assist in pointing friends in the right direction.

Loreto Boarding School
324 Portrush Road, Marryatville.
Gate 9 (just past Bus Stop 149)

Study habits
I would encourage you to speak to your daughters about the importance of good study habits in Term 3. This could include limiting the number of outings, especially for the Year 11 and 12 girls. We discourage girls from spending every weekend away from the Boarding House, as Term 3 is important preparation time for final assignments and exams, and extra study sessions could be used in consolidating the year’s work. Term 4 approaches so quickly and in no time, assignment submission dates and exams will be upon the girls.

Best wishes to you all and enjoy the extended time you have with your daughters during this coming holiday period.

Andrea Assioti
Head of Boarding
From the kitchen

At the boarding house we promote healthy eating for the girls. We will be putting up posters to inform the girls about seasonal availability of produce as well as having some information about making informed food choices. We also encourage feedback and suggestions via our fortnightly food committee meetings. Having a white board near the kitchen door and speaking to the kitchen staff assists us to address the girl's needs. Our aim is to serve good home cooked food made from scratch and lots of fruit, vegetables and salads.

Matt Ryder - Head Chef

From the Head of Wigmore and Poyntz

Throughout Term 2, a few changes have been incorporated into the running of boarding house competitions. Along with the occasional major competition, we have implemented the new Tuesday night competitions before dinner each week. The girls are required to compete for house points in varying challenges. This has proved to be a fun and uplifting experience which fits into the girls' daily routines. It gives each girl the opportunity to use their talents individually and in a team. We believe it has been a positive change which has been designed to enhance the girls involvement in Boarding House Cup events and allow girls to grow closer to each other.

The girls have completed activities such as celebrity heads, improvisation scenario games, ‘Minute to Win It’ activities, Limbo and ‘Thank God You’re Here’. These challenges have been an extremely successful way to increase involvement and enthusiasm within the boarding house along with creating a fun and social activity outside of school. We will continue to carry out these fun-filled activities along with occasional large competitions to maintain the boarding atmosphere which has been created this term. We look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Bridget Faulkner and Mardi O’Brien

- **JULY** -
  
  **Sunday, 21** Boarders return (Boarding House opens 1pm)
  **Monday, 22** Classes begin
  **Sunday, 28** Boarders’ Mass (compulsory for all boarders) - World Youth Mass

- **AUGUST** -
  
  **Sunday, 4** BOARDERS WEEK
  **SEPTEMBER** -
  
  **Monday, 2** Year 10 & 12 exams
  **Year 11 Camp (until Friday)**
  **Wednesday, 4** Year 9 Camp
  **Monday, 9** Year 10 Work experience

  **Wednesday, 18** Riverland Field Day (until Thursday, 19)
  **Friday, 20** Mission Day
  **Tuesday, 24** Paskeville Field Day (until Thursday, 26)
  **Friday, 27** Last day of Term 3 Boarding House closes at 6pm