FROM THE HEAD OF BOARDING

Term 3 has been another busy term filled with loads of activities and experiences. We began our term with the girls organising the World Youth Day Mass at St Ignatius. A number of other schools attend and I was very proud of the girls’ readings and their melodic singing. Many of the parishioners approached me to say how well the girls conducted themselves. We were very thankful to the St Ignatius parish who provided dinner for us at the completion of the mass, so that all the students from different schools could celebrate together.

The girls also had the opportunity to attend the Showdown which was one of the best footy matches in the history of the two teams competing. The girls wore the colours of their team and a lot of friendly rivalry was had during the day. We had a wonderful night at the Royal Adelaide Show seeing many exhibitions and of course jumping onto the scariest rides and spending time at Sideshow Alley.

Many of the girls are taking the opportunity to attend our weekly Zumba classes. It is a great delight watching them enjoying fitness through dance. The sessions run for 45 minutes and the girls don’t stop at all!

Boarders’ Week

Our annual Boarders’ Week was a wonderful success with many of the day girls taking the opportunity to visit the Boarding House. The assembly, where many of our girls shared their talents, was a wonderful highlight. The week ended with a sausage sizzle and country casuals for all Reception – Year 12 students at the College. The girls proudly wore their boarder jumpers to school during the week and again this highlighted the increasing numbers of Boarders at the College.

The term has also been very busy for the girls in other ways. These activities included course counselling sessions for subject choices in 2014, Year 10 work experience and exams, the Year 11 and Year 8 camps, Year 9 Health and Wellbeing activities and Year 12 exams. I am sure you agree with me in that our girls lives are enriched with so many experiences.

2014 Leadership

The Year 11 students are continuing the process of electing leadership positions for 2014. We have been impressed with the presentations of all the girls and hearing their passion and hopes for the Boarding School for the future was inspiring. At this stage, I am proud to announce the following positions which have been filled:

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Congratulations to all these girls and also to those who received nominations. Voting for Liturgy Captain and Music Captain has not yet been completed, but in our final newsletter a completed list of the 2014 Boarder Executive will be published.

Staff
The staff has also been busy this term as they undertook a certificate course in Adolescent Mental Health First Aid. This course provided us with insights into many areas of adolescent issues and how best we meet the needs of our girls.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our staff, Ms Sandra McGreevy. Sandra has moved into the Whitehouse as a resident assistant, where she will be working with the Year 11 girls.

Boarder Parent Retreat
Enormous thanks to Jo-Anne Quigley and Marie Ness who organised our inaugural Boarder Parent Retreat. By all accounts it was a weekend of fun and feasting. I am very excited about this new initiative as it allows parents the opportunity to get to know each other over an entire weekend.

Farewell Year 12s
This will be the final newsletter which our Year 12s and their families will be receiving so it is with much sadness we farewelled these girls. They are to be congratulated for their continued enthusiasm and positive spirit. In particular, great thanks go to the Head Boarder Paige Elliot, for her capacity to offer a calm and mature leadership style. Paige and the Boarder Executive have been accommodating and generous with their time and energy.
Our girls are blossoming into fine young women, who, in the fullness of time, will do great things.

Andrea Assioti
Loreto Boarding School Parent Weekend

A small but enthusiastic group of boarder parents met and enjoyed a weekend on the Lower Eyre Peninsula in August. The parents took advantage of the opportunity to catch up and also form new friendships. The weekend was held in Port Lincoln and the group stayed at the Port Lincoln Hotel, with a day trip out to Coffin Bay and the Coffin Bay National Park. The rugged coastline is some of the best Australia has to offer.

On arrival on Friday night, the parents shared a meal at the Port Lincoln Hotel and had the chance to sample some of the local seafood, produce and wines.

The Saturday day trip included oyster tasting in Coffin Bay and a tour of the Fresh Fish Place, which gave an insight into the seafood industry and another chance for a tasting. Lunch was enjoyed by all at the conclusion of the tour. Unfortunately, the planned boat trip out to the tuna farms to feed and swim with the tuna was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, the group toured the main Port Lincoln attractions including the newly developed Marina, Winters Hill Lookout and foreshore area.

Saturday night saw us head to the Boston Bay Winery, where the group enjoyed a gourmet BBQ prepared by renowned chef Tony Ford. It was another opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of other boarder parents.

Prior to the majority of the group heading home Sunday morning we shared breakfast at a local café.

The parents that attended had a great time and all look forward to our weekend planned for the Clare Valley in 2014. Those who attended would certainly recommend the weekend to any parent thinking of participating in the future.

It was an amazing opportunity for parents to interact in a more relaxed, unstructured atmosphere.

I would like to thank all the parents who came along, with a special mention to Marie Ness for all her support in helping me organise the weekend.

Jo-Anne Quigley
Boarder Parent Group
FROM THE HEAD BOARDER
Finally, after somewhere between two and however many years we have each spent at the Boarding House, we say farewell. There is not a single way that I could express my gratitude for the amazing memories and opportunities I have been granted whilst at Loreto.

After only boarding at Loreto for one year, I was privileged enough to be given the opportunity to lead the Boarding House as Head Boarder. This year, I felt my focus was to inspire my boarding family to be free and to not be afraid of the opportunity to work for those dreams they may wish to chase, coinciding with the 2013 boarding theme of *Embrace the change you wish to see, and pursue justice with dignity*. There was not a single moment where I did not try my very best to achieve this, and the endless love and support of the boarding community helped the year to flow with ease.

The boarding spirit has been the strongest I have seen throughout the past year, with each boarder participating in activities and providing a positive and inclusive environment. To the beautiful Year 12 girls, I feel extremely lucky to have met and lived with each and every one of you. Throughout the year, I have watched my boarding sisters grow, mature and learn, and I could not be more proud of the young ladies that they have turned into. The memories that have been created in the Boarding House are ones that I know will last a lifetime, and that I will cherish forever.

On behalf of all of the boarders, I would like to thank Ms Assioti and the boarding staff for putting up with us. The endless love and support you provide, even though we try our hardest to get on your nerves, does not go unnoticed.

Paige Elliott

TERM 4 DIARY DATES

- **October**-
  - Sunday, 13 - Boarders’ return Boarders’ family BBQ
  - **Friday, 25** - Year 12 Ceremonies
  - **Sunday, 27** - Boarders’ Mass (compulsory for students)
  - **Thursday, 21** - Year 12 Boarders’ Graduation Dinner

- **November** -
  - **Friday, 1** - Year 12 Graduation Mass & Dinner
  - **Monday, 4** - Year 12 Exams begin
  - **Friday, 22** - Year 11 Exams begin
  - **Thursday, 28** - Year 10 & 11 Merit Ceremony (compulsory)

- **December** -
  - **Friday, 6** - Year 6-9 Merit Ceremony (compulsory)
  - **- Last day of Term 4**


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