From the Head of Boarding

As I am writing this article I am sitting in the front office with absolutely no sounds to be heard from anywhere! Whilst I was looking forward to having very few girls in, during Week 7, the house just isn’t the same without them. The Year 10s are at home completing their work experience, the Year 11s are on camp in the Flinders Ranges, whilst the Year 12s are busily studying in their rooms for their trial exams. Our Year 8 and 9 girls are enjoying the absolute freedom of having the entire place to themselves.

Term 3 provided an opportunity to highlight the Boarding School with our annual Boarders’ Week celebrations. In Week 4, the boarders organised a wonderful assembly for the day girls. The Year 12s presented a PowerPoint entitled “The Life of a Boarder”, Meg Rasheed spoke about her years spent in the Boarding School and Deean Yeoh gave her reflections about being an international student. Our finale was Jaime Willson’s rendition of “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun”. We also hosted an “Open House” where day girls came to visit our home. During the week, our girls made cupcakes which were sold at our Country Casuals BBQ. Once again it was a very successful week which put our boarders in the spotlight. All funds raised were sent to the Royal Flying Doctors Association.

Christmas in Winter

Another exciting event was our “Christmas in Winter” dinner. All girls were assigned a “Secret Santa” from their year level and they had much fun trying to find out who it was. All was revealed on the night of our Christmas dinner, when Santa visited and gave out the Secret Santa gifts to all the girls and staff. It was a wonderful night filled with carol singing, costume parades and a visit from Santa. I would like to thank our chefs who prepared a lovely dinner which included prawn cocktails, roast pork, roast chicken, glazed ham and winter veggies. For dessert, we were treated to Christmas pudding and pavlova. The girls ate so much that the normal supper treats of biscuits and toasties were overlooked.

Rostrevor Visit

This term we had the opportunity to reciprocate the invitation to socialise with Rostrevor boarders. The boys attended one of our weekly parish masses, and then joined us for dinner followed by a friendly netball game. By modifying the quarters, we were able to ensure that all the girls had the opportunity to play against others in their year level. All scores were very close but I did question some of the dodgy footy tackles (between the boys) displayed on the netball court. The boys were true gentlemen with the girls and much fun was had by all.

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Activities
Saturday afternoons are now filled with a set range of activities which the girls can nominate to join. Choices vary from tagxedo, making Christmas decorations, cross stitch, scrapbooking, dessert challenges, loom band construction and cooking. These activities give our younger girls the opportunity to fill their Saturday afternoons with new and different experiences.

Thank you
If you have visited the Boarding School lately you may have noticed our magnificent patchwork quilts. These were made and donated to us by Min Smulders. One is of the school crest which we have proudly displayed in our office area and the other, which is hung in the dining room, depicts our two houses-Poynz and Wigmore. The girls are thrilled and amazed at these beautiful additions to our walls. On behalf of all of us, staff and students alike, I thank Min most sincerely for the huge amount of time which she invested in completing these wonderful quilts.

I also would like to take this opportunity on your behalf to thank Jo-Anne Quigley who has worked tirelessly as Chair of the Parent Representative group for the past three years. She has been instrumental in organising many projects for the betterment of the Boarding School, including implementing regular, formal meetings of the Parent Group with the Principal and introducing the Boarder Parent Retreat. She has also spent an enormous amount of time coordinating the Family Day raffles and convening the Family Day Boarders Stall. Thank you Jo for all your efforts, you will be missed!

Farewell Year 12s
It is at this time of the year, that I reflect on the journey that our Year 12s have travelled to reach this point. Their preparations for final exams and the completion of their last assignments is a sign that they will soon be leaving “our home” to go out and explore the world; whether it be through tertiary study, taking a gap year or finding employment, I know they are ready to embrace these challenges. As this will be the final Boarders’ Newsletter that these girls and their families receive, I wish them every success for whatever the future may hold. It is with much sadness that we farewell these lovely girls and it is with great pride that we see them beginning to flourish as fine young women ready to face the world.

Andrea Assioti

“There is something like a line of gold thread running through a man’s words when he talks of his daughter; And, gradually over the years it gets to be long enough for you to pick it up in your hands and weave into a cloth that is love itself.”

- John Gregory Brown
From the Head Boarder

The time has come for final farewells and after four years of living in the Loreto College Marryatville Boarding House it seems surreal to think that my time is nearly up. I believe that boarding at Loreto has given us all the opportunity to grow into the best versions of ourselves; mature, loving, resilient and independent young women.

Finishing my Loreto experience with the honour of being elected Head Boarder is an opportunity for which I will be forever grateful. I feel privileged that I was able to watch every one of the boarders grow throughout the year. I would like to thank all of the beautiful girls for their support this year. Their enthusiasm in embracing the 2014 theme, “Be sincere, be true, be you,” has been inspiring. Their energetic involvement in all of the initiatives over the year has made leading them a fun adventure.

This year the 2014 Boarding Executive endeavored to create a Boarding House environment that was positive, inclusive and fun. Our teamwork and enthusiasm has been essential for the positive and eventful year that we have had. The constant communication and teamwork between my deputy, Meg Rasheed, and I, has been crucial for the smooth running of the Boarding House, and I would like to thank her for her continuous enthusiasm and support.

To Ms Assioti and the Boarding Staff, the support and love that you provide to us is vital for the smooth running of the Boarding House. Your guidance does not get taken for granted and we are all very appreciative of all you do for us.

An enormous thank you goes out to my parents for their overwhelming support throughout this important year in my life. Coming to Loreto has been an important and exciting opportunity in my life, and I know that every Boarder is extremely grateful for the experience that has been created for them here at Loreto.

Finally to the Year 12s, we have formed life long friendships and have memories that we will never forget. With the support and guidance that Loreto has given us, I cannot wait to see what you all achieve in the exciting future. Good luck for your upcoming exams, I am sure you will all do the boarding name proud.

Alice Quigley
Term 4 dates

October
Sunday, 12
Boarding House opens 1:00pm

Monday, 13
Term 4 begins

Thursday, 23
Last day for Year 12 classes

Friday, 24
Year 12 Merit Ceremony

Saturday, 25
Boarders’ Mass
SchoolChapel

Thursday, 30
Boarders’ Graduation Dinner 6:30pm

Friday, 31
Year 12 Day School Graduation Mass and Dinner 5:45pm

November
Monday, 3
Year 12 exams begin

December
Friday, 5
Year 10 and 11 Merit Ceremonies

Tuesday, 9
Year 6 – 9 Merit Ceremonies
Final day of school (12:30pm)
Boarding House closes at 4:00pm

Dates were correct at time of printing and are subject to change. Check for updates:

Farewell Year 12s