During Term 2, we enjoyed many celebrations and wonderful events. In the first week, many of the girls attended the wedding of one of our supervisors, Alex Rositano, to Albert Beer. They boarded a bus to the Adelaide Hills to witness this wonderful event. At the conclusion of the church service, the girls had their photo taken with Alex and then boarded the bus to Hahndorf to experience some of the local delicacies. Many of the guests commented on how beautiful our girls looked in their perfect winter uniforms. I was also very proud of their exemplary behaviour and how they represented the school with such poise and dignity. Well done, girls, and congratulations to Alex and Albert on their marriage.

By Week 2, the Senior Formal was upon us, with the girls busily finalising dresses, dates and all the appointments associated with such an event. It was a wonderful night for all concerned. The evening began with a pre-formal cocktail party for our Year 11 girls and their partners. Parents, friends and staff mingled and admired the beautiful gowns worn by all. Once the girls had departed for the Convention Centre, a number of parents shared a delightful evening, including a meal at the Strathmore Hotel. Thanks to Jo Anne Quigley, mother of our Head Boarder, Alice, for organising this get together. I was fortunate to catch up with the rest of our senior girls at the Formal and was delighted that many of them took the time to introduce me to their dates. All the girls were elegant and poised throughout the evening.

The girls were kept busy for the first part of the term attending rehearsals for the annual Performing Arts Festival. Once again, we were entertained by performances organised and planned entirely by the House PAF Captains. Special congratulations to Jaime Willson (Captain of Mulhall House) and Ciara Guy (Vice Captain of Mulhall House) who did the Boarders proud by leading their house to victory in three categories, Best Vocal Ensemble, Best Theme and Spirit Cup. Well done, also, to Tori Connor who sang in the vocal ensemble for Ward House. High praise must also go to the girls who participated in the dance category of their respective Houses with such enthusiasm and talent. It was a wonderful night showcasing the girls’ broad and varied talents.

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Celebrating National Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day, 26 May, was an important event for our indigenous girls, as we celebrated significant dates crucial to the modern history of our country.

National Sorry Day is a significant day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and particularly for survivors of the Stolen Generation. The idea of holding a ‘Sorry Day’ was first mentioned as one of the 54 recommendations of the Bringing Them Home Report, which was tabled in Parliament on 26 May 1997. This report was the result of a two-year national inquiry into the forcible removal of Indigenous children from their families, communities and cultural identity.

Preceded by National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week is framed by two key events in Australia’s history, which provide strong symbols for Reconciliation:

• 27 May 1967 – The referendum that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for indigenous people and recognise them in the census.

• 3 June 1992 - The Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that indigenous people have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights known as Native Title. Mabo Day is held on June 3 to celebrate the life of Eddie Koiki Mabo.

The indigenous girls were fortunate to celebrate Reconciliation Week with a dinner at Westminster School, which was attended by indigenous students from all the boarding schools in South Australia. They also attended the indigenous round of the AFL at the new Adelaide Oval. When this term’s Boarders’ Mass was celebrated at Rostrevor College, the girls were treated to a smoking ceremony led by an Aboriginal elder. After Mass, the girls enjoyed a BBQ dinner and some time with the boarders from Rostrevor.

TERM 3

JULY

Boarders return 20 July
Term 3 Commences 21 July
Semester 2 College Mass 21 July
P&F Winter Ball 26 July
Year 10 Retreat 31 July - 1 August

AUGUST

SACE Info Night & Subject Expo 6 August
Boarders’ Week 10 - 15 August
Boarders’ Mass 10 August
Year 11 Course Conferencing 21 August
Principals’ Dinner for New Parents 26 & 29 August

Dates were correct at time of printing and are subject to change.
Personal Project Exhibition Night
Congratulations to our Year 10 students who presented very detailed pieces of work as the culmination of their Personal Project Assignments. It was a fascinating evening, particularly for the Year 9 students who had the opportunity to view all the efforts of the Year 10 cohort and prepare for what is in store for them, when they begin their own work in this subject in Semester 2.

Sacrament of Confirmation
The Year 8 and 9 students celebrated with Sophie Smulders, when she received the sacrament of Confirmation at Mass, which was presided over by Vicar General Philip Marshall and our parish priest Father Mullins. It was a lovely Mass where the candidates had the opportunity to renew their baptismal promises and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many of our older girls assisted in the Mass with singing and PowerPoint presentations. Thanks to all involved. It was very special for Sophie, and I know, she appreciated the support of her boarder sisters.

As you can see by all the activities we have been involved in this term, it is no wonder that time has flown and we find ourselves preparing for the most crucial term of the year. I would encourage you to speak to your daughters about the importance of good study habits in Term 3. We advise them to limit the number of outings, especially for the Year 11 and 12 girls and discourage them from spending every weekend away from the Boarding House. As Term 4 always seems to approach very quickly, Term 3 should be spent consolidating the year’s work and beginning preparation for final assignments and the end of year exams.

Finally, I encourage you to take the opportunity of this extended break to enjoy the company of your daughters, and I look forward to seeing them back in Term 3 refreshed and revitalised.

Andrea Assioti
Head of Boarding

DATES

SEPTEMBER

Year 11 Camp 1 - 5 September
Year 12 Trial Exams 1 - 5 September
Year 10 Work Experience 1 - 5 September
Loreto springART 12 - 14 September
Mission Day 19 September
School Holidays begin 27 September

OCTOBER

Boarders Return & Family BBQ 12 October
*This is the final boarding family event for the year
Term 4 Commences 13 October

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