A quarter of the year has gone and how fast the term has flown by.

At the start of the year we welcomed a number of new boarders: four Year 7s Megan, Kiara, Mereoni and Arena; a Year 9, Billie; a Year 10, Molly, and a Year 11, Batavia. We also welcomed Rickaine who was with us in her junior years and has now returned in Year 10 and Aanchal, an exchange student from India.

Obviously at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Aanchal, but we are also saying au revoir to Zara who is going on exchange to Denmark. I can’t remember every having a boarder so excited about their exchange and I hope it lives up to her expectations and she has a great time.

Sadly the world saw another disaster this term with the cyclone in Fiji but again some of the boarders rose to the occasion and raised $500 to send to the Red Cross Appeal. It was disappointing that this money was raised by a relatively small group who worked very hard. It is sad when some young people are too ‘busy’ - often on their mobile phones - to lend a hand to those in need.

The school offers an amazing range of activities. There is plenty of sport of all sorts but for those who are not so inclined there are plenty of other activities such as musical, drama, cooking, Round Square, art etc. While we would hope the Year 12 students are busy with their academic work, there is really no excuse for any of our younger boarders not taking part in some activities! Please ask your daughters exactly what they are doing (continued on back page)

**Boarders return:**
**Sunday 10 April**

**Helping Fiji**

**News in brief**

**Hello to:**
- Megan, Kiara, Arena, Billie, Molly, Rickaine, Mereoni, Batavia

**Hello and goodbye to:**
- Aanchal our exchange student from India

**Au Revoir to:**
- Zara who will be on exchange in Denmark next term

**Congratulations to:**
- Deb on completing an ironman competition at the end of last year.
- Natalie, Alicia, Iona, Alyssa and Zara on passing their Bronze Medallion
- Kate and Helena, our Boarding Co Captains, who were inducted as College Prefects
- Everyone who contributed to our Fiji Fund raising.

**Thank you to:**
- The staff for their commitment to the boarders
- The girls who wrote articles for the Buzz
Hi All,

My name is Dani Kalinic and I’m the boarding resident in the senior dorm this year.

I come from a small town in the Gulf of Carpentaria called Borroloola.

I attended boarding at Saints in Years 11 and 12.

In 2009 I took a Gap year before going to uni and worked in the Boarding House.

I loved boarding so much that when Stevo offered me the position at the end of last year I jumped at the chance (Yes I know I’m weird).

It was awesome getting to know the boarders this term and hopefully the rest of this year will be a blast.

Hi Everyone,

My name is Margo Sullivan and I am the new junior dorm mother.

I was a boarder at St Philip’s College for five years before I graduated in 2014 and went home to work on the family cattle property, Cave Creek Station in Mataranka.

I have lived at Cave Creek for my entire life and spent most of my time there looking after the various pets (pigs, dogs, chooks, calves and birds) that I have collected.

I am studying a Certificate IV in veterinary nursing and decided to come back to Alice Springs to complete my work placement and to work in the boarding house.

Having been a boarder for 5 years I know most of the ins and outs of boarding life and have found that I really like living on the other side of the fence.

I have been here for a term now and have loved meeting all of the new girls and seeing all of the girls who were here when I was here.

It is a really great feeling being able to come back and work in the boarding house and see how the girls are all progressing and it will be awesome to see off the Year 12s at the end of the year.

I have a 9 month old blue heeler x kelpie called Mole Rat who I am hoping to have down here by next term which I am sure all of the girls will love, seeing as Snoop (the former boarding house dog) sadly had to leave when Kris Wheeler (his owner and former Head of Boys’ Boarding) moved down south. It has been a great first term for me and I am looking forward to the rest of the year. The photograph is me with one of my poddies ‘Truffles’.

In addition to resident staff Margo and Dani we have a number of staff who work in boarding in the evenings.

Alicia Pegram, who teaches at St Philip’s works in boarding on Sundays. She is also heavily involved with netball and coaches a number of our boarders.

Jacqui Sharpe, another St Philip’s teacher, works on Wednesday evenings and next term we will be joined by another member of the St Philip’s teaching staff when Art teacher Jess Henman begins work in boarding.

The team is completed by ex-boarder Cindy Uzzell who does relief shifts when needed.
Term in Pictures
Valentine’s Day at Old Timers

On the 14th February the Girls’ Boarding House went and visited the Old Timers.
We sang songs, took roses and gave chocolates to all of the elderly.
They really enjoyed our company and gifts.
Once the girls were done singing their songs, we sat down and talked.
I really enjoyed the conversations we had with the elderly.
Some of us actually had things in common with them and others just enjoyed learning something new about other people.
When it came to the end of our time with the elderly, we all made sure they enjoyed our company and had some chocolates.
Then Stevo drove us back to the Boarding House.
Until next time when we will sing and keep them company again.

Fashion Stakes

On one Friday night Stevo thought we should play Fashion Stakes. Kate, Healna and Stevo organised it.
Kate and Helena were judges and teams were given marks for teamwork, costume and presentation.
All the girls had a lot of fun. There were four different rounds including rappers, famous people, and male teachers at St Philips’.
Everyone enjoyed dressing up and there were some great little plays.
Some of the girls also did the Haka.
All the girls had fun and enjoyed it.

Emily Spry

Emily in acting mode!

Ready for Old Timers
The girls in the boarding house have been eager to help the people over in Fiji, who have been hit with the pain and devastation of a cyclone.

In the past couple of weeks the girls have raised $500. Their involvement has included things like, cake sales, car washing, dog walking, baking cakes, gardening and painting. The girls have done different things big or small in some way to help the helpless.

The girls have all commented that the activities they have participated in were fun and even though at times they needed help themselves, the smiles never faded. Everyone has enjoyed helping the people in Fiji. Just knowing that you are doing something good for someone else is enough to bring joy to every face.

All the girls have been very supportive towards Mereoni, as one of our sisters. She has been very strong and has helped out in any way possible to help her people back home.

The participants who helped were too numerous to name and we even had the staff helping in fundraising as well.

Billie Russo

On the 6th February, the girls and boys boarding house had a fun night. The night involved a big water fight in the school quad, and after that a nice swim in the pool.

The water fight was boys vs girls, boys with green buckets and girls with blue buckets. The girls’ side had the taps by the old canteen and art room, while the boys’ side had the taps by Student Access and the Science rooms.

During the water fight if somebody was caught with the wrong bucket, the whole game would stop, and the boarder would go to the ‘sin bin’ and everyone would throw buckets of water at them. Some of those in the ‘sinbin’ were Meagan, Iona, and Shubby.

It was a fun evening.

Shania Milton
On 5th March, the girl-boarders went to the bowling alley, which was decided by the girls at our Thursday meeting.

At the boarding house we were told to bring white socks before we left.

When we got there, we had to go and pick our bowling shoes.

Some girls chose music to play at the jukebox and we were allowed to order some chips to eat during the games.

We could also pick who would be in our teams of four.

In my group were Keiarah, Meraud and Stevo.

During the first five rounds I was in the lead with 89 starting off with four strikes but Stevo wasn’t far behind me.

I have to say Stevo was pretty game to score five strikes herself which left us both with 100.

Unfortunately I bowled five over letting Stevo have a chance to bowl more over or get a strike.

In the last round Stevo came flying through with a high score.

Some of the other group members were more interested in Stevo and my game, than their own, but congratulations to Stevo for winning.

I liked that the whole night. It was just a happy night, with laughter and smiles everywhere around the room.

Afterwards we had some free time on the games once we finished bowling.

A big thanks to Stevo for taking us out and for a fun night.

Nikita Noonan

Honour Roll

Contribution

Arena

Prep

Brianna & Zara

Boarder of the Week

Wk 2 Rickaine

Wk 3 -

Wk 4 Arena

Wk 5 -

Wk 6 Emily

Wk 7 Zoe

Wk 8 Kate

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