Many helping hands

This has been a really enjoyable term for both boarders and boarding staff.

It wasn’t just the eight week term – though obviously that helped – it was a combination of things.

The cooler weather helped to keep everyone more active, all our new boarders were used to the routines and another important factor was our staffing. Shannon was now firmly established in the senior dorm and we had the pleasure of being joined by three young and very energetic staff members: Vicki, Rhiannan and Cindy.

Having been a boarder herself, Cindy took to the job like the proverbial duck to water and has done an outstanding job.

When I received an email from Vicki at 10:30 one Friday night saying that she’d been thinking about how else she could contribute to boarding I knew I’d appointed the right person! Rhiannan has made a big impact too, starting up basketball training on Sunday nights.

The girls’ first match was against the boarding staff and they were brought down to earth by a sound 28 to 14 loss. It might be a bit different next time when they’ve done more training!

It’s also been a busy term for the Bentley Bombers with training on Monday and matches most Wednesdays and Thursdays. Rhiannan’s been involved with this too and thanks to her and Jen, Camille and Garry for their efforts.

It’s been good to see so many girls playing netball on Saturday’s too.

This term saw the culmination of our Term 1, fundraising (continued on back page)
A couple of weeks ago some of the junior girls looked after robotic babies as part of our Alukara course.

We received the babies on different days so we were up all night during the week either because of someone else’s baby crying or our own.

For some of us this was our first encounter with the babies. At first I thought they were really cool, but later on I discovered they are little monsters.

I then began to think what it is like to have an actual baby to take care of. It must be terrible. We all had a glimpse into motherhood and to me it was something I don’t plan on doing as it kept me up all night regardless of whose baby it was.

When my roommate had a robotic baby we worked together as a team to do the record sheet and look after the baby, as she found the babies too stressful.

I think we all gained knowledge about parenthood from a perspective most kids don’t get to see.

This was an experience I will not forget anytime soon.

Iona Mackenzie

On Saturday 31 May we had a progressive dinner.

We went to Shannon’s house for sushi and other Japanese delights and we played a game called Guess what you are.

Then we went to Stevo’s house and had an old fashioned BBQ. Before we ate dinner Stevo got us to play high speed charades and there was a lot of yelling when we did that.

Once we had finished at Stevo’s we went to Libby’s house for hot chocolate, s’mores and cooked bananas.

When we had finished our desert we had a dance off.

There are quite a lot of girls in this boarding house that can twerk for their lives, if they had to that is!

Shania Milton

When the footy season started this year we had a bunch of new players and a new team playing against us. It was OLSH.

OLSH only started football this year. They are great to play and we also still play against CMS.

The start of the footy season has been great and all the girls have been enjoying it a lot. The girls say it’s great playing OLSH because they’re so friendly and it’s good to play a different team for once.

The girls play against OLSH on Wednesdays and CMS on Thursdays. CMS and OLSH have been doing well this football season and the Bentley Bombers as well.

Jen Waterhouse is still the coach for the Bombers and Mr Bentley is still the scorer for the games. Kate is our new Captain.

We have had plenty of wins so far this season and lots of goals against OLSH, but they are improving with each game.

The football season this year has been better than last year’s because we’ve had more games.

Savannah Fraser
Helping hands

This term the Girls’ Boarding House built the 13 prosthetic hands that we had raised money for in Term 1 by hosting the boarders’ fundraising dinner.

On a Sunday morning the girls got together with staff and parents to build the hands together. The girls got into groups of three or four with one staff member in each group. We allowed the girls and staff to try and build the hands by themselves using the instruction booklets provided. This allowed the girls to try and use their own initiative and it was great seeing the staff let the girls take the lead.

Shannon and myself did not partake in building a hand as we had built a trial hand earlier. Instead we walked around with various tools used to undo any mistakes that people had made along the way. It was great to see everyone partaking in an activity that would make a difference to so many people.

After building the hands Shannon and I double checked that all of the hands worked and functioned properly and all of the pins were in properly, before packaging them in their cases decorated by the different groups.

A photo was taken of each group and placed inside the case they had decorated so that the people who received the hands will be able to see who made it for them.

After all of the hands were built and the cases decorated everyone went outside for a barbeque lunch.

I would like to thank all staff members who offered to help build the hands and to everyone who took part. Also I would like to make a big mention of Meagan DeHammer and Louise Abbott who showed amazing practical ability at putting the hands together.

I would also like to thank Mr Leesong for coming over to make sure everything was going well and helping Shannon and I supervise the event.

It was great to see everyone get together to help those in need and everyone felt great knowing that they had been able to change someone’s life forever.

Margo Sullivan
I am on exchange from South Africa and I am staying in the Girls’ Boarding House. Early in May it was a long weekend and Stevo took us out on a picnic to Standley Chasm. This was my first trip out with the boarding house. I had no idea of what to expect, but I was up for the adventure.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Term 2, Stevo took 10 of the girls and boarding staff member, Rhiannon to Pyndan Camel Tours for an hour’s camel ride. Most of us hadn’t been on a camel before.

There were 6 camels in total. The one Rhiannon and I were riding was called Anna. Iona had a small camel on her own.

As the camels were told to get up everybody gave a big shriek with terror. It was a long way up!

It was worth going. We had fun.

Kirsten Baliwa

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When we finally constructed our 15 prosthetic hands. It was a wonderful event with staff, parents and boarders working under the watchful eyes of Marigo, our boarding prefect.

We’ve been out a lot this term. We’ve had a couple of picnics at Standley Chasm and Emily Gap. We’ve been camel riding, bowling, been to the movies, out for pizza, and ham and cheese sandwiches, ice cream with strawberries, chips and lots more.

After lunch we played the other half of the soccer game, while other girls enjoyed sunbaking and walked around the gap.

The bus ride home, was pretty relaxing and fun with some people showing off their voices by singing along with the radio.

Thanks to Cindy and Mr Mashford for taking us out. Also thanks to the people who volunteered to clean and pack up the picnic.

Sunette Mndbele

Emily Gap

With the long weekend coming to an end, what better way to end it than by going to Emily Gap with the girls and some of the boys.

Around the usual prep time, the girls and boys prepared for the picnic and around eleven o’clock, we ventured off. While enjoying the cool breeze and chilling in the sun, we decided to play a game of soccer. We had about 5 girls against 3 boys with also Mr Mashford in their team. It was on.

The rest decided to be spectators and keep score for the game.

The girls scored the first goal from Martha and the boys luckily scored a few minutes after that through Max.

After the game, we enjoyed homemade sandwiches, ice cream with strawberries, chips and lots more.

Congratulations to:

- Hanna on being made a House Officer
- Hanna for all her volunteer work at the Finke Desert Race
- The Bombers for all their victories this term
- Brooke on winning most Smiley.
- Savannah and Nikita on most Blue marks
- Darcy, Zara and Chelsea on perfect diaries
- Martha on winning the Prep award

Margaret Stevenson

Sharon, Nick and Kristen hamming it up

Hanna and her ‘hand’ group

Hanna and Kirsten enjoying the sun at Emily Gap

Iona and Nikita enjoying the sun at Emily Gap

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