As always we have packed a lot into the term. We’ve been to the town pool, been to Simpson’s Gap twice for a picnic and an overnight camp. We enjoyed going to the circus. We’ve played ten pin bowling and beach volleyball, attended a couple of the events at the Alice Desert Festival, been to the school musical and the Year 12 Dance moderation.

We’ve played our own versions of a couple of television shows: Thank God You’re Here and Would You Lie To Me? which were both hilarious. Never will I believe anything any of the girls ever tells me again! We’ve even had our own Master Chef competition.

The girls continue to help out in the community. They ran the Face Painting stall at the Old Timers Fete, ran a water stop at the Alice Springs Running and Walking Festival and provided scorers and helpers (as well as a team) for the Interact Quiz night held recently at the RSL Club.

We’ve competed in King of the Mountain, after training up and down Anzac Hill before dawn for weeks.

The Bentley Bombers have been in action all term and the team were pleased to receive their winners medals after a resounding victory in the final.

Even the less fanatical AFL players got in on the act for the Bentley Trophy which saw yet another victory go to the Junior Dorm.

There was success for individuals too, with Helena’s soccer team reaching the finals of the town competition only to be beaten in a penalty shoot out.

Stella and Umema gave wonderful performances in their Year 12 Dance ably supported by five of the other boarding girls and Umema performed superbly in the College’s musical Cats.

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On Sunday, 8 October some people from both girls’ and boys’ boarding competed in The King of the Mountain. The day was really nice, not too hot, not too cold.

We got there about 6:15am which was really early for teens. There were three events: you could go as a walker which meant you could only walk the whole 7 kilometres; as a runner, where you could walk and run the 7 kilometres, or you could go as a team of 4 with some friends and this is what some people in boarding did.

The people in the team were all girls. They were Natalie, Mikely, Savannah and Zara and the team was called the Jellybeans. They came first! Rebecca also came third in the U18 walk.

Overall the day was very good, and when we got to the top of the mountain there was free brekky for everyone who was in it, before the presentation.

The person doing the presentation and some others were in fancy dress.

Zara Milton

Welcome to Simpson’s Gap

On Picnic Day the girls wanted to go out to Simpson’s Gap for a picnic. We made sandwiches which had some ham, cheese, tomatoes and other yummy things.

We left that morning and headed straight out there. We took along with us a football, soccer ball and some other things.

We also brought some lunch, fruit and drinks.

We walked around for ten to twenty minutes into the Gap before we all got tired and hungry. After lunch we played some fun games and had a little time to relax and to observe the things that were around us.

We took some photos that day, just to remind us of how much fun we had out at Simpson’s Gap.

The girls said they had had so much fun that day that they are always willing to go back.

Many thanks to Louise for taking us.

Mikeely Fraser

King of the Mountain

One Saturday early in August, a few of the girl boarders volunteered to go to the Old Timers Fete and lend a helping hand.

Most of the girls took charge of the face painting stall that takes place every year while some of the girls volunteered to help with other stalls, but due to a mix up their help wasn’t needed.

The girls had plenty of fun with painting, and getting painted themselves (Helena) with a few paint stains that served as a reminder of the pleasantries that were shared on the day.

Many colourful and glorious faces were painted and the girls left feeling satisfied with their efforts.

Helena Dawson

10 Pin Bowling

A few weeks ago the boy and girl boarders went ten pin bowling. Everyone had a great time.

It looked to me as if everyone had a bowl. Everyone played very well. The standout player from my team was Nat Wilson.

There were arcade games there that some people had a go on. They were very addictive.

It was funny as well because if boarders were wearing white they would glow.

It was a fun night out. Thank you to Stevo for organising the trip.

Rebecca Grange
This term the Bentley Bombers have played some of their best games yet, not only have we been undefeated all term but we also won our grand final against CMS by over 50 points with Heleana Dawson receiving ‘Best and Fairest’.

The grand final was an exceptional game with everyone putting in their best efforts because CMS had brought along four senior girls from CDU.

The girls and I have been training hard every Monday and running a section of the cross country course to improve our fitness level. This really stood out this term with our players obviously outrunning our opposition on the field. Throughout training we have also been focusing on our second efforts and handballing skills and it has helped us to look better on the field with some amazing plays.

This year everyone who has played has been outstanding but the ‘Best and Fairest’ award went to Helena Dawson, ‘Effort and Determination’ to Martha Ondeyo, ‘Coaches Award’ to Margo Sullivan and ‘Most Improved’ to Rhonda Uzzell.

On behalf of the team I would like to give a huge thanks to Jen Waterhouse for coaching us and Mr Bentley for scoring at our games.

This term we also played our Seniors vs. Juniors game, the Bentley Trophy. It was a great game and it was played in good spirits with all the girls who don’t play footy also taking part in the game. Congratulations to Ty and Tamsin for having a go at playing Aussie Rules even though they didn’t know the rules.

However, at the end of the day the Juniors won the game 67 to 30. The ‘Best Junior’ went to Natalie Wilson and ‘Best Senior’ to Margo Sullivan. I would like to thank everyone who came out to watch us play, Mr Bentley for scoring, Jen for timing and Dean Sullivan and Alex Ashley for umpiring.

Margo Sullivan
On Saturday 31 August the girl boarders went camping to Simpson’s Gap. There were five staff members: Miss Killer, Miss McKay, Devyn, Stevo and Libby.

That morning everybody was chilling and getting their stuff together. We left the boarding house in the afternoon. There was plenty of help from some of the girls. We packed most of our stuff on the school bus and the trailer.

The weather wasn’t that bad, but some of the girls were hot and bothered. They were hoping that they would have fun swimming but we weren’t actually going into the main gap that day. We had our camp site not far off the road in the scrub which led onto a dirt road.

All girl boarders were very excited and could not wait until the bus had stopped. When we got there Stevo and the other staff members needed some help. So everyone helped to get the job done so that they could rest and enjoy their adventure out in the scrub.

All the girls relaxed and had fun running around in the creek sand playing, which probably made them feel like they were at home. After we had fun it was time to have dinner. We had fresh steak and onions and veggies. It was yum!

When night fell everyone settled down and sat around the warm fire and shared their jokes, stories and games. We also had a treat of Zara’s boxes of chocolates that she thanked us with. Stevo had also brought us some treats for the girls but some didn’t eat them because they felt full.

That night was very chilly and we all enjoyed our cool breeze that night. Waking up to the sound of wild animals and birds it was one of the best nights for all girl boarders.

The next morning everyone packed their stuff and had breakfast. They could not wait to get back to the showers. Everyone was tired and headed straight to bed during the day to rest. Everybody had fun and enjoyed the adventure to Simpsons Gap.

Many thanks!

Louise Abbott
Thank God You’re Here!

Thank God You’re Here is a skit activity that the girls played one Friday night after dinner.

We had to split up into four groups where we had to choose what we wanted to act out. We also had to make things up as we went along. For example my group did a job interview where something went wrong; the interviewer started having a heart attack. We had to go and look for help. A ‘doctor’ happened to be nearby which is when my team members said, ‘Thank God You’re Here’ to the doctor.

One of the other teams was acting like they were on an African safari and one of the tourists was eaten by a lion. After a while they called for help because the lion hurt the tourist. When the doctor arrived, as fast as she could, the tour guide said ‘Oh Thank God You’re Here’ and then started talking about a boomerang!

They also started making things up as they went along because that was the whole point of the game.

The game was fun for me because I got to play it with all the girls.

I think we all enjoyed it because some of the girls’ acting was very funny.

Phenyia King

Honour Roll

Contribution
Kelsey - Most Improved

Nikita - Boarder of the Week
Wk 2 Umema
Wk 3 Natalie
Wk 4 Rhonda
Wk 5 Mikeely
Wk 6 Stella
Wk 7 -
Wk 8 -
Wk 9 Margo

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