

# Boarders' Buzz

St Philip's College Girls' Boarding

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## We make a great team!



Early morning workers in the Peace Garden

It's Tuesday 5 April and the last week of a very long term. It's 6:30am and the boarding house is almost deserted, not because everyone has gone home early, but because it is the first Bentley Bombers training session of the new season.

AFL has always played a big part in the life of our boarding house, but never more so than over the last year or so. Last year was probably the best season ever and this year promises even more with a proposed interstate trip. Garry Bentley has



Milco collecting baby photos

now stepped down as coach after 15 years, but the team is in safe hands with AFL aficionado Jen Waterhouse taking over, ably assisted by North Melbourne fanatic Jess.

## Boarders due back on Tuesday 26 April

Many thanks to Garry for all the fun he has given our boarders over the years and we look forward to seeing him take over his new role as number one fan!

Looking back over the term it has been a very busy one.

With all the natural disasters both at home and overseas it was good to see a group of very committed boarders working hard to

'Give Back' as Jess has put it in her article about our fund raising efforts. I am very proud to be associated with such a community spirited and caring group of young people. Well done to all of them!

I was also very proud of them when we held our annual boarding house dinner. There were so many hard working and reliable girls involved that it seemed far less stressful than usual for the main organizer, our Boarding Prefect, Donal, as we had teams of girls with specific responsibilities. What a great meal they produced and how well they looked after their guests.

I also felt very proud of them just last weekend when, led by Jess, they ran the chapel service. They did such a good job and Jess had clearly given a lot of thought to the theme. *(continued on back page)*



Crystal having her hair shaved

## News in brief

### Welcome to:

- **new boarders Brooke, Meraud, Drenella, Louise, Cheyanne, Sunette, Skye, Stella, Sheridan, Holly and Jennifer**

### Au revoir to

- **Cyndy and Kelsey who are going on exchange to Canada**

### Congratulations to:

- **Milco for winning the most smiley awards for the term**
- **Alicka for winning the most blue marks**
- **Jess and Louise on being selected to go on an AFL training camp in Darwin**
- **Martha on coming in 3rd in an open-cross country**
- **Heleama, Rachael, Jess and Annie for becoming House Officers**
- **Crystal, for raising over \$4,000 by Shaving for a Cure**

### Good Luck to:

- **Hannah and Annie on their trip to work on a school project in Vanuatu**

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## Chocolate muffins rule!



*Brooke and Louise making muffins*

This term Miss Tudor kindly let us use the Home Ec. room so we could do our cooking with the Girls' Boarding House. The main recipes that we had to make were Chocolate Chip Muffins, Chocolate or Plain Sponge Cake. There were seven groups in total; we had some groups which were four people, others were three or two. We each picked a recipe and cooked it. The most popular recipe was the Chocolate Chip Muffins.

The first thing we did was to choose which area we were working on and get all the ingredients. Then the fun part began, mixing and putting our muffins in the oven. These took about 30 minutes to cook.

When we were making the muffins we had to be careful because we were being judged on how we worked as a group, hygiene, presentation, cleaning up and the last

important thing was the taste.

Our lovely judges were Cindy and Annie who were critical, but very fair.

When we were done making the muffins we decorated them with all kinds of icing and sprinkles. Everyone had a different kind of decoration.

After we were judged they told us where we came from first to seventh. The winning team was Margo and Jess who made the most tasty muffins with great decorations. Every team enjoyed making the muffins.

After the scoring, Stevo led us back to the boarding house where Hanna and I decided to collect every kind of muffin there was and we were very successful at it. Some of the girls decided to share their muffins with the boys who very much enjoyed them.

We would like to thank Cindy, Annie and Stevo for helping us and organising this.

*Sunette Mndebele*

## Yirara disco

One Saturday night the girls went over to Yirara College to have a disco. It was a night to remember for most of the girls. It was great to mix with Yirara again to kick the year off.

There was a limbo competition and the person who won that game was a girl who goes to Yirara, but it was good to see that one of our girls, Caelli, stayed in a long time.

There were some amazing dancing styles coming from all of the people there.

There were two best dancers picked by the staff of Yirara and the person who won from Yirara was Gemma Foster and from our girls it was Emily Barrows. These two girls were outstanding throughout the evening.

After a great night dancing we then had a snack with the Yirara girls in their dorms. We were all split up into groups to visit each dorm and the Yirara girls showed us around their dorms and told us how their routines worked.

After that we had to go back to St Philip's. It went so quickly because everyone was having fun.

*Louise Noonan*



*Fun at the disco*

## Quiz Night

This term some of our girl boarders took part in the quiz night hosted by Mr and Mrs Vida.

The team of six girl boarders plus two staff came back with the wooden spoon, but they had fun. The girls that participated were Zoe, Margo, Jennifer, Cindy, Martha and me, plus staff members Jan and Amanda.



*Scorers off to the Quiz Night*

The Quiz was an Adults Quiz so Mr Vida was most encouraged by the girls scoring so many points.

'The girls did an excellent job participating in the quiz. They did really well to score 44 points so well done,' he said.

Seven of the other boarding girls helped out at the quiz by being markers. They did an excellent job and were delighted to receive movie vouchers from Mrs Frederiksen as a thank you.

*Hanna Ure-Pearce*

## Fitness with Allen

Allen is a very kind man. He is a personal trainer at school who helps people get the body of their dreams.

He also trains some girls in the boarding house on Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Fridays.

Mondays he takes us to the school gym. Tuesday morning he takes us to the school pool, where he helps us with our strokes and breathing techniques and Fridays we do a bit of running in the stadium.

Here he shows us how to run like Usain Bolt, well for those who are fast runners and for the long distance runners like me, he shows us how to run like Usain Bolt but in the long distance version.

What I have actually figured out is that older people can sometimes be more fit than younger people.

By working with Allen I have learned



Martha with coach Allen

that there is no shortcut to attaining and sustaining a physically fit body. Many thanks Allen.

Martha Ondeyo

## Visit to the town pool



Milco, Hannah, Hollie and Stella at the pool

On the first Sunday afternoon of term we had an outing to the Alice Springs Town Pool with the Boys' Dorm.

We left around three o'clock, keen to get into the water because it was pretty hot, and took with us a packed dinner of cold chicken, salads and bread rolls.

Upon arrival we set up in our usual spot, and everybody lay out their towels and bags before joining in whatever

activities suited them best.

Some people were straight in the pool; others sat in the shade and watched.

A few of the girls sat in groups and flicked through magazines and talked amongst themselves, while a majority of the boys started a game of touch rugby. This rugby game captured the attention of most of the boarders, as it was action packed and the competition was fierce.

I even joined in for a period of time, but I found that my skills were so developed that I was making all the boys look bad, so I had to go easy on them.

Overall it was a relaxing afternoon.

## Ice skating in the desert

On the first Friday of term we boarded the bus with Stevo driving, and went to the Alice Springs Convention Centre to go ice skating.

This was great because we live in the desert. I was excited because I had done it before, but a long time ago.

It was scary because I did not know if I could skate very well, but I kept my balance.

We all had a great time and we wish we could do it again.

Jennifer Weston

## 3 x 3 B Ball

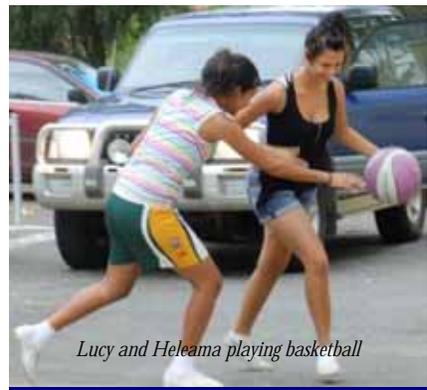
Term 1, week 4 most of the boarders played in a three on 3 basketball competition. There were about eight or nine mixed teams and each team played about ten games each.

All teams played well. It was a fun-filled and exciting event, but as it got late and the rain clouds came, it started to rain, so we had to play the grand final the next day after chapel because the basket ball court was too slippery.

The two teams in the finals were Danielle, Louise and Alexia, and Sebastian, Hilary and me. We won by three goals.

The winning team won one packet of chocolates each and the runner ups got one packet of chocolates to share.

Heleama Whiting



Lucy and Heleama playing basketball

Mr and Mrs Leesong came down for a bit and chatted with some of us, which was great, and we found that we could get to know each other better before the term got fully under way.

Donal Sullivan

Never lose the  
opportunity  
of  
saying a kind  
word.

# Girls' Boarding House Dinner



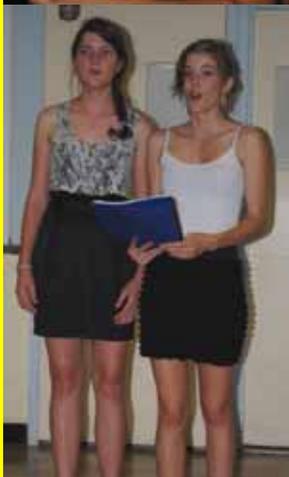
On 19 March, the Girls' Boarding House hosted a 'Prison Food Sample Night' otherwise known as our thank you dinner. The idea was first thought of by one of our ex boarders, Sally, and it has been a tradition for a number of years now.



The night turned out very well, as everyone was well presented and well behaved. Donal, who is our Boarding Prefect, did a wonderful job, organising it all and getting groups to do jobs on the Friday and Saturday.

Everyone who helped was committed and those who weren't signed up for anything, were always there just in case they were needed.

On the Friday before the dinner, we had two groups in the kitchen. One group was Donal, Zoe and Umema who made the magnificent cheese cake. The other group consisted of Brooke, Sunette, Margo and me cutting up the vegetables for the main meal.



Then came Saturday, which was a busy day, making sure everything was good. We had Hannah and her team set up the tables, which looked really creative and pretty; Stella and her team were the fast workers polishing the cutlery, and Emily and a few other people cut up the veggie sticks, for nibbles and also cleaned the chairs. Having everyone help we were able to get the jobs done fast, which left us all with enough time to get dressed up.



As staff members were arriving, everyone was greeting them, except for the people who were working hard in the kitchen, which consisted of Donal, Cindy and me who were the cooks for the night. The waiters were Kelsey, Umema and Hanna, who did a really good job.



The best part of the night was eating the food. We had meat kebabs for entrees, steak and roast vegies for mains and a wonderful cheese cake for dessert. There were also mint chocolates and tea and coffee for those who wanted them.

A big thank you to all the girls who helped clean up afterwards; they were able to get it done quickly and efficiently. A big thanks to all the girls who helped organise the dinner, it would not have happened if they hadn't helped. And finally a big thank you to those who attended. We hope they all had a blast. We did!



Annie Murphy



# Boarding House Disco



This term we decided that we needed a good chance to socialise and interact with each other in a friendly way, so we put together a disco.

In keeping with the St Philip's boarding tradition a theme was assigned: we were asked to come dressed as something starting with the letter T.

The costumes were all very creative and well constructed, considering the difficulty of trying to find something beginning with the selected letter. Some of the costumes included terrorists, tourists, tigers, tribal people, twins, transvestites and T-pain. These were just a few of the strange and kooky ideas people came up with.

With our costumes ready and the rec room all set up we were ready to PARTY! Thanks to the amazingly brilliant full-time teacher, part time DJ, Mr Nathan Holdinghausen we had our source of music. As he played the music we all danced to his re-mixes.

Games such as Limbo, Knights, Mounts and Cavaliers were played for edible prizes.

Limbo was won by the flexible Umema, and Knights, Mounts and Cavaliers was won by Cindy and Umema.

The rest of the night was danced away by us all. Annie and I were asked to judge the dance competition which we found difficult because of all the talent and fun everyone displayed. In the end it came down to two winners. Samuel Ondeyo was the winner of the boys, and Stella Whippy for the girls. As winners they were rewarded with a delicious block of chocolate.

Besides dressing up for fun there was also a competition for best costume, which was won by Martha Ondeyo who came as the popular rapper T-pain, and Cameron Abbott who was a very spunky transvestite.

The night came to an end with us all full of adrenalin. It was a successful and unforgettable night which was full of joy, fun and surprise. Eventually we called it a night and all waddled off to bed exhausted from our hard efforts on the dance floor.

*Mikaela Simpson*



## Making new friends

On 4 March the Christian community Centre Youth Group came to the boarding house.

We began with a pleasant game of volley ball and a few ice breakers so we could get to know each other... then the real competition began. We broke up into mixed teams of boarders and youth group people.

Our tasks were tug-of-war, a coloured M & M war and a teddy bear collection race.

After all the fun and games we jumped into the pool even though it was raining, where we listened to music and threw plastic balls at each other.

For those not swimming there was a BBQ with the most beautiful food.

When we were all pooled out we went inside and got ready for the movies. We began watching *Camp Rock 2* because all the girls

screamed the loudest when we were choosing what to watch first.

After that enjoyable movie we had supper which was ice-cream in a cone with sprinkles and then we organised our sleeping arrangements before we watched *Get Smart*.

In the morning after a long night of watching movies and giggling about people snoring, we had a beautiful breakfast of hot eggs, sausages and bacon cooked by some girl boarders. Then it was time for our goodbyes and sleep.

*Hannah Barrows*



Jess, Umemea and Cyndy cooking a BBQ

## Fashion Stakes

Fashion Stakes is definitely one of the most popular games played in the boarding house, with Donal being the creator of the game.

This term, everyone was enthusiastic for a good game of Fashion Stakes. It was good for everyone, because we all made idiots of ourselves, and we had fun.

The themes given were: nerds, a Disney character, angels, and aliens.

As soon as each was announced, it was like a massive stampede of elephants running down the corridor to trash every member of the team's wardrobe in order to find the clothing items necessary for the outfit.

The performances put on by everybody were fantastic, and incredibly funny. It was good to see how many people actually owned the clothes needed to create such outfits. It's amazing what you can come up with, with four times the

imagination. It's not everyday you see a bunch of aliens strutting up and down a catwalk.

The overall winners were my team, which was Stella, Hannah, Meraud and I, but we only won by a little bit, because the other teams were amazing.

Hannah seemed to own most of the clothes. She must have been secretly preparing for Fashion Stakes!

*Hollie Wyber-Hughes*



*The Nerds!*

## Old Timers



*Hannah, Kelly and Zoe with their gifts*

On 14 February, Valentine's Day, we went to visit the residents of Old Timers.

First Jess, Margo and Donal sang beautiful songs to them and then Hannah Barrows sang two as well.

Then, we greeted them with chocolates for the men and red roses for the women.

We had some time to talk with them and talk about their pasts and our futures. But not long later after hearing some amazing stories, it was time to go.

We gave our hugs and said our goodbyes then we headed off.

On the bus ride back home it is a tradition to tell the same story each year on the way back from Old Timers.

It is about an old couple that were deeply in love and every Valentine's Day the husband would send someone to deliver 12 red roses to his wife, but after many years the husband died.

The wife tried hard to go on, but it was very difficult, especially with Valentines Day coming up when she knew that she wasn't going to receive her 12 red roses.

On 14 February she heard a knock on the door. She answered the door and it was the delivery man delivering her a dozen red roses. She stood shocked in the doorway while the delivery man explained what had happened.

'The day before your husband died he came to us and ordered 12 red roses to be sent to you every Valentine's Day until the day you die.'

What a wonderful true story this is.

*Zoe Fitzpatrick*

# Term in Pictures



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However, it is often in the normal day to day boarding life that I feel most privileged to live with the girls: it is their care and compassion for each other, their thoughtfulness, their enthusiasm to help in the running of the boarding house and their willingness to help me around the place that makes so many of them very inspiring.

I have always felt that having plenty to do is a key to having a happy boarding house. We have certainly

been busy this term, as you can read about in the girls' articles.

But while we do plenty of activities as a group it is always good to see individuals doing 'their own thing'.

An increasing number of boarders have jobs in town, attend youth groups and dance lessons, have joined town netball and soccer teams and environmental groups.

On an individual note, well done to Milco, who organised a fund raising

Baby Photo Competition. It's good to see our younger boarders taking on these tasks.

Well done also to staff member Crystal, who sacrificed her beautiful long hair in Shave for a Cure raising over \$4,000. What a great inspiration she provides for the girls. And while I am talking about leadership, I would like to thank Donal our

Boarding Prefect for being such a wonderful role model.

Her commitment to her school work, the boarding house and personal fitness, is clear to see and she combines this with a job and an active social life. She is one person who makes the most of every day!

Margaret Stevenson

## Giving Back



Boarders working hard in Mr and Mrs Gilham's garden

This term in Girls' Boarding we have been very aware of how fortunate we are to be safe, in good health and have access to many opportunities, especially in light of all the recent natural disasters here in Australia and further from home.

We decided it was time to share a bit of our fortune, and set about fundraising.

Over the last nine weeks we have sold lucky number cards, done bob-a-jobs and raffles for the McGrath Foundation, raising \$812 for their work with breast cancer.

We also wanted to make a contribution to the Fred Hollow's Foundation, who can restore sight to someone with cataracts for just

\$25. With Mr. Tudor's blessing, we weeded the entire Peace Garden before prep one Sunday morning. Hannah also got in on the act raising over \$80 by busking in town. In total we received \$203 for our efforts, which we sent off to Fred Hollows.

We saw the devastation in New Zealand and some of us have family or friends who were affected.

Although we had already dedicated most of our fundraising to other causes we managed to put together \$66 for the people whose lives were left in ruins. This was mostly through the *Staff Baby Photo Competition*, which was run by Emily.

A majority of our girl

## Leatherwork

This term Graham came over to the boarding house to show some of us how to make objects using leather.

He showed us how to make belts, guitar straps, key tags, wallets and other cool things.

We all made a bunch of cool stuff and we all had so much fun and enjoyed learning new things.

We would like to say a big

thank you to Graham for giving some of his time up to show us how to work leather because we all had so much fun.

We hope Graham will come back soon so we can make things out of leather once again.

Margo Sullivan



Creative sisters, Louise and Danielle

boarders contributed in some way to help someone in need this term, and it was inspiring to see their selfless efforts. A big thank you to all the girls who helped out, everyone who donated, purchased something from us, gave us work to do or facilitated our endeavours.

We would also like to thank Stevo for giving us the opportunity to give back.

Jess Sullivan

## Honour Roll

**Most Improved Boarder**

*Lucy*

**Contribution to the Boarding House**

*Margo*

**Boarder of the Week**

2 *Milco*

3 *Jess*

4 *Lucy*

5 *Margo*

6 *Mikaela*

7 *Annie*

8 *Heleama*

9 *Donal*

10 *Stella*

11 *Rachael*