I’d like to start this edition by mentioning one of our past boarders, Jess Sullivan.

Jess was a wonderful role model and had a hugely positive impact on all who knew her when she lived in our boarding house from Year 8 – Year 12.

She was a young woman very focused on her goals. While she was a top achiever academically and a member of the College’s student leadership team, many of her most passionately held goals involved AFL.

Never prepared to settle for the norm, she made most of her work experience by applying to North Melbourne AFL club a year in advance and arranging to do her work experience with them, the first time they had accepted somebody for work experience I believe.

On leaving, Jess subsequently spent two years working for NTFL in Darwin and is now at university in Brisbane.

On April 11 Jess was awarded the Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Leadership award.

This is an amazing honour and achievement, and on behalf of our boarding staff and students we would like to congratulate Jess on this well-deserved recognition.

Some of our current boarders are very goal oriented but some of them less so.

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On Monday May 4, both the Girls’ and Boys’ Boarding Houses travelled all the way out to Ormiston Gorge to end off the long weekend with a picnic.

Fortunately the sun was shining and there was not a single cloud in the sky.

When we arrived, we headed down to the gorge, some settling into a nice shady spot, others wading knee deep into the water to cool off.

We divided sandwiches, fruit, and juice between everyone and enjoyed a nice meal. After lunch, some of the students chose to hike up to the look-out point, including all six exchanges we had with us that day.

After a nice day out in the sun, we all loaded back onto the buses and headed back to school just in time for dinner.

Overall the students had a very enjoyable day outside in the sun!

Kailee Morrison

During the term the boarding house organised a coin trail to raise money for charity. On this occasion it was for the Nepalese Earthquake.

A coin trail is when each team or tutor group collects coins and tries to make the longest line of coins.

The tutor group that made the longest line and the tutor group that made the most money both won a pizza lunch.

Even though some girls had a bigger donation than others we all contributed and made a difference. Though not all of us won, every one of us walked away from the event happy knowing we had raised a lot of money for charity.

Jordan Nicolle

(Founder’s note: Well done Jordan on contributing over $60 in coins)

On 6 June, St Philip’s Girls’ and Boys’ Boarding Houses went to the Great Loritz Circus. Some of us had seen many extravagant acts at a circus before, but for others it was the first time. This time there were many acts that you wouldn’t normally have at a circus. There was a Wheel of Death, which was a rotating wheel and a Russian Swing, which was very colourful. Then there was a group of motorcyclists from Brazil who were riding in a caged sphere, with up to three motorbikes in at once.

The boarders had a lot of fun that night, but the main highlight for the boarders was when one of our girl boarders, Shania, was welcomed to the stage. She was asked to watch one of the clowns dance to a song, and she was to copy after he had finished. It so happened to be the soundtrack of *The Full Monty* and she did a great job.

One boarder who was at a circus for the first time was Zoe and she clearly had a great time.

I really enjoyed the circus on Saturday night. It was very awesome seeing all kinds of different tricks. The most incredible part was when I saw the three motorbikes that were riding around in the cage all at once.
Term in Pictures
Get fit, stay fit and keep warm!

Fitness this term has been pretty busy with girls playing AFL, going to netball, dance and other activities that all help to contribute to the girls’ personal sticker counts.

For the people who don’t know what these fitness stickers are, it is a poster that we have with each of the girl’s names on it and after every physical activity they do they get a sticker.

At the end of term we count up each of the stickers and we see who has got the most.

The fitness tasks have also been very active. We had the ‘Walk Week’ which was a week where the people who wanted to participate were given a pedometer and would count how many steps they did each day. The people who walked over 10,000 steps a day got a bronze medal. The people who did over 15,000 steps a day got a silver medal and the people who did over 20,000 steps a day got gold. Congratulations to the people who participated in the walk week and a special well done to our four gold medal winners Zara, Emily, Keara and Hanna.

We also had a number of girls taking part in the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club 10km race series. Kailee did particularly well knocking 6 minutes off her PB for the 10km run. She has been a great role model for us all during her exchange always at the gym or exercising. Well done Kailee and keep it up girls!

Chelsea Yu

Art Auction!

Exciting news! The Girls’ Boarding House is holding an Art Auction in Term 3 to raise money for the local Alice Springs Women’s Shelter. The girls have been busy expressing their creative sides by producing some amazing paintings, photographs, drawings, pottery and much more. There is also the possibility of some local artists contributing their own work to assist with this worthy cause.

The Alice Springs Women’s Shelter provides a range of services and support for women and children who are experiencing domestic or family violence. Not only do they provide shelter and a safe environment, but they also ensure the women are able to acquire the skills they need to remain safe. They do this just by being there, and guaranteeing that the women are able to access support, skills and valuable information to assist with their ability to make informed decisions.

The night will offer finger food, entertainment and a combination of live, surprise and silent auctions. The Girl Boarders and I would love to share this night with yourselves. If anyone would like to get involved in anyway please feel free to contact me.

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A mid term feast

One Saturday evening Girls’ Boarding held a magnificent dinner filled with delicious home cooked meals, games, and lots of laughter.

A group of girls went to the kitchen early with Sabrina, (a Gappie who organized the whole night) to start cooking.

I was included with this group. We cooked up all the entrees and the dessert. It was a great experience working in the Food Technology room and using all of its neat tools and equipment.

The dinner was held in a spare room beside the Food Technology kitchen and was set up so nicely. It was very fancy and pretty, thanks to Breanne and Shania.

The dinner started around 6pm and we all gathered in the kitchen to start making our main course, which was home-made pizza! We all hurried to grab dough and quickly started. Sabrina had gathered a large range of toppings that we were allowed to use.

Once all the pizzas were baking in the oven, we all went back to our seats for the entrees. They were all so delicious and the girls cooking them had done a fantastic job. Once all the entrees were eaten up, which was pretty quickly, Stevo introduced some games for us to play. The games were hilarious and made everyone laugh. It was a great way to have fun during the meals.

Finally the pizzas were ready and everyone scrambled to get theirs. Mine was so good. It was the best pizza I have had in a long time!

The rest of the night was filled with more games and talking until the delicious deserts were here. Sabrina and Jess, another Gappie, had set up the deserts to look incredible. They consisted of Nutella cheesecake, cheesecake brownies, vanilla ice cream, and fruit salad. It was so great and a delicious way to end the night.

Overall the whole dinner consisted of good food, chatting with the girls, and a lot of fun. Many thanks to Sabrina for organising, Jess for helping with everything, Stevo for letting us do this amazing event, the girls who helped with cooking beforehand, and a big shout out to Zara who actually came up with the idea!

Hannah Arbour
Some of them have short term goals but in these days of instant gratification fewer have long term ones.

Holidays are a great time for them to reset their goals so that they can start the second half of the year with real purpose so please encourage them to do so.

Back in boarding it’s been a good term with lots happening. Two of the highlights were a picnic with the boys at Ormiston Gorge and a visit to the circus. We’ve also been bowling, had a picnic at the Telegraph Station, eaten out a couple of times, played Amazing Race and on campus we had a lovely special dinner cooked with the help of our female gappies Sabrina and Jess.

Sabrina has a well-deserved reputation as an outstanding cook and this is thoroughly deserved. A special thanks to her for all the effort she put into this evening and to Jess who gave wonderful support.

We’ve also done our bit to help the wider community again this term. Almost everyone took part in the Red Shield Appeal helping the Salvation Army to help our local community and the girls raised approximately $650.

Looking further afield, we raised $1825 for Nepal by organising a Money Trail for the whole school. Some of the Tutor Groups really got behind this in a big way with one trail stretching the length of the sports stadium and another Tutor Group collecting over $200. It was great to see so many of the school involved.

Next term our fund raising will continue with our first ever Art Auction. This is a great initiative from Rhiannon, our senior dorm resident. Many thanks to her for all the planning and initiative she has put into it and I wish her well with it. Some of the girls have been busy painting in the afternoons and weekends and it is good to see how constructively engaged.

As you will have read in my letter at the end of May and in my more recent one last week, I will be away next term.

I will be going to the UK to spend some time with my 95 year old dad. Rhiannon will be Acting Head of Girls’ Boarding in my absence and all our boarding staff are there to help you and your daughters in any way they can, so please do not hesitate to contact them.

I would just like to emphasise a request I made in the letter that all overnight leave requests are organised as early as possible and not left to the last minute. This will help everything to run smoothly in my absence.

I’m sure everyone will have a great term and I look forward to being in touch with you again at the start of Term 4.

Margaret Stevenson