Gourmet dining for a good cause

Where has the term gone? It may have been ten weeks long but it doesn’t seem like it!

The term got off to a frantic start with our charity fund raising dinner scheduled for the end of Week 2. A last minute change of fundraising goal caused extra angst, with our original plans no longer possible, but as so often happens, a letter popped through the mail at just the right time with news of an 11:1 fund raising effort by Plan in conjunction with the World Food Organisation, helping children in South Sudan.

Once we had our new focus, the girls worked hard to make sure the night was a big success and it was. The tables looked superb, the waitresses were confident and professional, the entertainment was great and the food was delicious (worth all those practise sessions and nobody minded if we kept having cheese cake for supper anyway!)

While the pressure was really on the senior boarders, many of the juniors were involved to a lesser extent and given an introduction as to what is involved as they start to take on more responsibility in the coming years.

We were delighted to be able to send Plan over $2500 towards their famine fighting campaign and when multiplied by 11 this effort will hopefully make some difference.

Later in the term, the girls also showed their caring spirit again when they helped with the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal. The amount collected was just under $1000 and while it was significantly down on previous years it was a respectable result. Yes there was the odd grumpy resident, but overall it was still an overwhelmingly positive experience for the girls.

What else did we do? Lots! There was cooking, BBQs, a moonlight bike ride, 12 Hour Sports, sport in the stadium and of course this was a big term for school camps. The first long camp of the year was the Year 9 Endeavour Camp which took part in near perfect weather. I was delighted that after some initial hesitation all eight Year 9 boarders went on this great adventure. Good on them!

This term has also been significant for the arrival of new boarding staff. Crystal and Amanda have both (continued on back page)

News in brief

Hello and goodbye to:

• Sagarika, and Erin our exchange students from India and Canada

Congratulations to:

• Zara and Rhonda for most Blue marks, Kirsten for a Perfect Diary.

• Yasmin for winning the Prep award

• Margo for winning most Smileys

• Stella on becoming Captain of Partridge

• All those who helped with the Red Shield Appeal

• All those who helped with the fund raising dinner

• All the Year 9s on accepting the challenge of the Endeavour Camp

Thank you to:

• All the staff for their extra work while I was absent

• All the girls who helped me in the boarding house while I was hopping around on one leg.
Coming to St Philip’s College as an exchange student from India was a completely new experience. Seeing cultural things, going out for camps and making new friends opened up a completely new perspective for me in life and I am thankful to the Lord for it.

When I came here, which was 15 April, seeing a completely new place and knowing nothing about it actually scared me.

Having been happy to suddenly meet with Tanner at the airport, I was then not able to talk to him the whole way to the school because of another talkative exchange student and this scared me. On reaching school I received a really warm welcome and a huge hug from Sunette, which actually comforted me.

Today I feel I am one of the boarders and I am really happy for it. I have made six of my best friends here: Han-na, Zara, Cyndy, Noel, Corby and William and I promise that I will be friends forever.

I had amazing experiences here like going for the hot air balloon ride, taking part in a moonlight bike ride, going camping at Uluru, doing a total of 30 kms trekking and hiking and meeting a sweet dingo at the camel farm.

I was also amazed by doing community service at Yipirinya school. Talking to kids from the outback and listening to their stories actually stunned me.

Now I am looking forward to my last days here and the town trips I am going to have.

I am thankful to Stevo, Libby and Marie for always being my idols and always being the ones pushing me to do the things even if I was scared of them.

I am thankful to everyone and I love you all.

Sagarika Atri
(Shubhi)

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Be the change you wish to see in the world

Gandhi

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One Friday night the boarding house girls went out for dinner at Franca’s place. We had a fire spot light. We were running and hiding. It was fun for all of us. We also played our favourite movie game.

Then before we ate dinner, Franca’s husband showed us a plane he is making. The plane was really cool.

For dinner we had a BBQ cooked by Helena & Yasmin.

Thank you to Franca for having us over.

Paige Morris
The Cheetahs at the 12 Hour Sports

On the third Sunday of term, the girls’ boarding house put a team into the 12 Hour Sports. It was called The Cheetahs.

The girls worked really hard to get a team together and create a fantastic flag.

The team won more than four games that night. Girls’ boarding didn’t win that night, but they also didn’t get the wooden spoon. The girls all came back with smiles on their faces and were really proud of themselves.

The captain, Mikeely, worked very hard to get a team together and make sure they were ready that night. The star players that night were Margo and Natalie.

All the girls tried hard to win, and to achieve the best results. The Cheetahs had a lot of hard games during the competition, but they never backed down. The girls were on their feet all day, but had an amazing time.

At the end of the day our flag was judged the best out of all the teams and we won chocolate. Some of the girls worked very hard on the flag all the previous day and it looked great.

Mikeely Fraser

On Saturday 25 May, after dinner, the girl boarders went on a moonlight bike ride from Simpson’s Gap back to the boarding house.

It was so cold that we couldn’t feel our finger tips.

When we started off we went with four staff members: Ms McKay, Ms Soorkia Ms Killer and Ms Mitchell.

It was fun experiencing the wild life out in the bush just an hour out of town.

That night Ms Killer had to turn back because her bike pedal broke.

The night seemed very warm after we got used to the weather out there, but every time we stopped for a few minutes break, it started to get cold.

Some of the girl boarders were feeling very tired because it was a very long ride, but no one got injured. Everyone was determined to show that they really enjoyed it.

Many thanks to Suz (Ms McKay) who organised it all, Cameron, who helped us load the bikes, and Mr Leesong who lent us his trailer.

Louise Abbott
On 27 April, early in Term 2, the girls’ boarding house hosted a fund raising dinner for Plan Australia’s food relief program in South Sudan.

The dinner was planned out by Stevo, Rhiannon, the boarding prefect, and some of the other Year 11 and 12s. Everything that happened at the dinner was planned out and cooked by girl boarders and even the table settings were designed by us. We also provided some entertainment for our guests.

At the end of the night we had a little box where the guests could go and donate some money to charity.

The overall night was great from what I saw, and it looked like all of the guests had a great night as well.

After the night was over we were so happy with how it all turned out. We had raised $2575. Also the night for me was just great, and I can’t wait till there are more of these dinners in the boarding house.

Zara Milton
Term in pictures
(continued from front page) moved on after years of loyal service – and we can’t wait for Amanda to bring her baby around to visit when he or she arrives!

In their place we have three teachers from the College staff: Suzanne McKay, an experienced teacher and boarding supervisor, who got straight to work organising our moonlight bike ride – no small task as she discovered – and many thanks to her for that; Shannon Killer, who has just dipped her toe in the water with a couple of shifts this term and who will be taking over Monday evening shifts; and Paige Mitchell who has been tutoring the girls on Thursdays and will be working a number of weekend shifts next term. Welcome to them all. We are very blessed to have all these enthusiastic young staff joining us (even if it makes me feel even older!)

In addition to new duty staff we are also delighted to welcome Deb Paige as our new boarding assistant. Deb is an amazing woman who I have known for a number of years. I am very excited to be working with her and I am certain she will do a wonderful job.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped this term while I have been incapacitated.

The seniors were great helping with wake ups, bed times etc when I first hurt my knee and many thanks to all the staff for the extra duties they took on during my absences.

I must make a special mention of our two wonderful resident staff, Marie and Libsy, who, despite having full time jobs outside of the College, bore the brunt of my absence. They were absolutely awesome. (I did tell Marie she would make a great Head of Boarding one day if she wanted, but she said she would stick with her IT work as computers don’t answer back!)

While my ultra marathon ambitions have gone for this year, I hope to be back running round at the start of next term - and encouraging some of our less active boarders to do the same!

Have a wonderful holiday with your daughters and I hope to see most of you at the start of next term.

Margaret Stevenson

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**Bentley Bombers**

This term the Bentley Bombers have started the season really well, with only one loss at the start of the season. There have been lots of new girls join the team and they have been playing really well. Our best and fairest players for this term are Helena Dawson, Lucy Campbell-Brogan, Rhonda Uzzell, Natalie Wilson, Siobhan Gilbert and Cheyane Pareroulitja. This term Josh, Cameron and Robert also helped out at training holding punching bags so we could work on our bumping skills. The CAFL has also decided to provide us with an umpire this season because Dean is no longer able to umpire our games. Thanks to Jen Waterhouse for coaching us this term and we are looking forward to more games next term.

Margo Sullivan

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**Honour Roll**

**Contribution**

Margo

**Most Improved**

Chelseanna

**Boarder of the Week**

Wk 2 Sunette
Wk 3 Rhonda
Wk 4 Margo
Wk 5 Mikeely
Wk 6 Lucy
Wk 7 -
Wk 8 -
Wk 9 Stella
Wk 10 Margo

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