2016 is drawing to a close and our short Term 4 seems to have gone even more quickly than normal if that is possible.

Our Christmas party was a big success and once again Ketut and the kitchen staff surpassed themselves by producing a wonderful banquet.

While we all enjoyed the evening, it was also a sad time as well, as we said goodbye to a number of boarders who are leaving, to Georgie and Pheynia who have finished Year 12, and also to both our resident staff.

Rhiannan has lived in the junior dorm for the past four and a half years. It takes a special sort of person to be willing to live with a 10:30pm curfew for that length of time, and I have appreciated her total reliability about being home on time throughout those years.

As well as caring for all the girls Libby has fulfilled a special role in the lives of a number of girls who have found her particularly approachable and easy to talk to and I know this has been much appreciated.

I wish both Libby and Rhiannan, Georgie and Pheynia and the other boarders who are leaving all the very best in the future and thank them for their contribution to our community.

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Goodbye to Libby…….

Libby has been a part of the Girls’ Boarding House for four and a half years. She has been the resident staff member in the junior dorm.

She has been a very kind, caring face around the boarding house.

It’s nice to have a new face to come back to from a long day at school, since most of our boarding staff are school teachers.

Libby is a super fit lady. Every day she goes to the gym early in the morning and she cycles all over the town on her bike.

Her son, Xavier, was only in Year 5 when they moved in but now he is taller than his mum as you can see from the photo.

Over the years Libby has done a number of activities with the boarders like the moonlight bike ride and a camp fire supper in her back yard.

We will all miss Libby very much.

She has been a very big help in the boarding house and we all love her very much.

It’s been a pleasure knowing and having you here Libby and thank you for everything.

We wish you and Xavier all the best for the future and hope to see you around town.

Breeanne Denison

……...and Rhiannan

Rhiannan Parker has only been with us for a one year but it feels like it has been forever.

Rhiannan will be moving out of the boarding house and will be taking up another job as a boarding house parent in a new boarding house in Melbourne.

Rhiannan has done so much for the boarding house, like organising an art auction that most of the boarders were involved in.

The night was very successful with many people buying paintings and photographs made and taken by the girl boarders.

During the year Rhiannan had took on the role of being in charge of the Girls’ Boarding House alongside Cindy Uzzell while Marg Stevenson was on her long service leave.

Being a Physical Education teacher at the school she also took on the role of being the coach of the St Philip’s College Girls’ Football Team, the Bentley Bombers.

On behalf of the Girls’ Boarding House of St Philip’s College I would like to say good luck in the future and best wishes.

Kate Campbell-Brogan
On 31 October most of the girls and some of the boys went trick or treating and received lots of lollies.

We went to eight different houses and the very last house we went to was Mr James Tudor’s house. His house was haunted, so one by one the boarders went in. They were screaming loudly, and even Stevo was screaming loudly. Most people enjoyed it so much they went round it two or three times!

He also tricked us by spreading chocolate all over some onions and telling us that they were chocolate toffee apples.

We all had fun and we would like to say thank you to all the staff we visited.

Zoe Daly & Emily Spry

One Saturday evening in November the girls had a progressive dinner.

The night started off with the girls going to Mr & Mrs Leesong’s house where we had entrees and played ‘Good Pig, Bad Pig’ where we had to figure out what the difference was between the two frogs. It was really frustrating because nobody could get it and Stevo wouldn’t tell us!

We then travelled to Miss Hutchinson’s house for soup and we played a game of ‘charades’. There were three rounds. The first was action, the second was words and the third was sound only, which was very difficult.

The girls then went to have our main course at Deb’s house which is out bush and lovely. We had a BBQ and Tom, Lawrence and Jess, the gappies, were there and they cooked for us, which was very kind of them.

We then finished the night with a swim at Mrs Hawkins’ house. She had a big back yard which had a pool table, a jacuzzi and a camp fire.

Her husband, Paul, cooked us yummy pancakes which we ate with ice cream.

The night was fun and successful and I would like to thank all of the staff for having us and to Stevo for organising the night.

Chelsea Yu
On Saturday 21st November the boarders and staff held a Christmas dinner in the dining room.

There was an abundance of desserts and meats and salads all for our guests’ eating pleasure.

Many of our guests made lovely conversation and provided an enjoyable ambience.

We all loved the play which was created by Dean Sullivan for our departing Year 12’s and the slide show which was also made for the Year 12’s by Dean and Kate.

Overall the dinner was a smashing success and left us all with big smiles and full bellies.

Thank you everyone for attending our annual event and may you all have a Merry Christmas.

Iona MacKenzie
Also leaving this year is Kris Wheeler, Head of Boys’ Boarding. Kris has done an outstanding job over the past five years and I have enjoyed working with him. His good humour, flexibility and infinite patience has been appreciated by everyone and I wish Kris, Prue, Nora and Snoop all the best for their future in New South Wales.

Back to the Girls’ Boarding House and this term I made a unilateral decision that we would take a break from fundraising.

In the first three terms the girls raised nearly $5000 for various charities which is outstanding for such a small group and so I felt the girls deserved to relax and enjoy themselves, this term, which they have.

As well as the Christmas party and carol service we had a Trick or Treat outing for Halloween, a progressive dinner, games in the stadium, cooking in the food technology room and lots of time at the pool.

The Girls’ Boarding House is fully booked next year, with a wait list, so we will look forward to welcoming some new faces in January.

In the mean time I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Margaret Stevenson

Boys Trick or Treating at ex-student Umema’s flat

Bentley Trophy

The Bentley Trophy is an annual football competition between the senior and junior dorm.

On the 28th November the girls went out on a warm Saturday morning to play.

In the first half the seniors dominated the juniors by 25 points, then in the second half Stevo and Rhiannan joined in. The seniors still took home the trophy despite being handicapped by Stevo :) The score was 52 to 20 at the end of the day.

I’d like to say a big thank you to Rhiannan for organising this game and the other games against other schools during the rest of the season.

Kirsten Baliva

Editor’s note: Kirsten was too modest to mention that she scored most of the seniors’ goals!

Swag Chapel Carol Service

On Sunday 29th November the boarders attended the carol service at the Swag Chapel.

Many staff, teachers and other people involved in boarding chapel also attended.

A group of the girl boarders also sang a carol titled ‘Love came down at Christmas.’

This carol was accompanied by Ms Bernardino.

Ms Evans and Mrs Fleming also sang along with other students.

After the service concluded everyone was treated to pizza or nibbles.

Jordan Nicholl