

SALESIAN HOUSE

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newsletter



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Celebrating National Boarding Week

Earlier in the term, we celebrated National Boarding Week. It is an annual opportunity to celebrate the significance of boarding in schools across Australia, and the opportunities boarding provides for students in regional and rural communities to enjoy quality education whilst living in a safe and supportive community home away from home.

Taking boarding students and staff out for dinner was my way of saying thank you. I am very appreciative of the work that Denise, David, Jane, and Lisa do to provide care and support for our boarders so that you, as parents, know they are in good hands. I am also grateful and thankful for our boarding students who live together harmoniously and follow the guidelines and expectations that are in place for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

Thank you to parents who attended the online meeting. We agreed that this format for communication and feedback will continue in preference to the face to face gathering that happened in the past on a Sunday evening, which held people up unnecessarily when they needed to drive home after returning students to Salesian House after the weekend. Whilst this is an opportunity for you to provide feedback, I welcome communication at any time if there is something that can be improved.

As you are aware Denise and David have decided to retire as Houseparents in October after many years of service to the College. We have been very fortunate to have Denise and David but have not had any trained supervisors in the wings to cover for absence. We will be advertising very soon for a Director of Boarding and Boarding House Supervisors who have the skills and qualifications necessary to ensure continuity of care and maintain excellent standards. It would be wonderful to have a representative from boarding families on the recruitment panel, so I will communicate further with you when the time comes.

Finally, thank you for your diligence and care in managing the impact of COVID-19 in our community. After a term of being the only boarding house in South Australia not to have had a COVID positive case, inevitably it caught up with us in Term 2. I hope that everyone stays well during the term break and returns in Term 3 rested and refreshed.

Take care

Sandra

Dr Sandra Hewson

Principal

Salesian House Report

Thank you to the parents who joined Dr Hewson and I for the Parent Council Meeting this term. I invite more parents to join the online meeting in Term 3. The meetings are a great opportunity to have your say and give your opinions on the future of Salesian House. Your contributions are most welcome.

We welcomed Georgia Anderson back to Salesian House for a few nights a week, which allows her to work towards completing Year 12. It is lovely to have Georgia back.

Sadly, we farewelled Charlee Benton during Term 2. I have a lot of respect for Charlee and we wish her all the best for her future.

We welcomed Xanthe Forster to Salesian House for 3 weeks, to enable her to complete her Semester here at St Mark's before moving to Adelaide to be with her family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marc Forster for the support and care he gave the students and staff. His commitment was always commendable, and he made connections with some of the students they will always remember.

Winter has hit and the air conditioners do an amazing job at keeping us warm on these cold mornings and evenings. New blinds have been installed in the student lounge along with three bedrooms.

Dr Hewson took all of the Boarders and Boarding Staff out to dinner at the Travelway Motel to celebrate National Boarders Week. It was an enjoyable social evening with Mr Forster, Mrs Manners and Mrs Dickeson joining us.

Keep well and I look forward to Term 3.

Denise

Mrs Denise Arbon, **House Coordinator**

Happy Birthday!

Since our last newsletter we have celebrated several birthdays!



Cooper



Taya



Bridie



Danielle



Enjoying a hike after school at Napperby Scout Camp



During National Boarders Week our Boarders were able to wear their jumpers to school. Pictured is Claire (centre) with Jemma and Ella



Our Reconciliation Week artwork from last year is now proudly on display



Our Boarders have been expanding their vocabulary with the new 'Word Wall' featuring words such as audacity, serendipity and tenacity



Chloe (front) enjoying a sausage in bread with Alice, Lily and Peyton

Our Boarders have been trying to guess the song of the week based on these lyrics:

*"Four banana, three banana,
two banana, one
ll banana's playing in the
bright warm sun
Flipping like a pancake,
popping like a cork
Fleegle, Bingo, Drooper and Snork"*

Perhaps some of you might be able to help them work it out!