

Boarding Coordinators

Stuart Delaney
Boys Boarding Coordinator

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. — Nelson Mandela

I know we all look forward to end-of-semester results. Wes (Meurant), Mark (Andrews) and the tutoring staff have worked together closely to assess the boys; work on their weaknesses; and improve knowledge. We have worked hard to encourage boarders to be more proactive and ask for assistance. Planning can be a struggle for some, but all boys have worked harder at their study programs.

This term, it was wonderful to see boys' families take the opportunity to speak to the teachers. I know that it is difficult for the majority to come to the school, but please contact your sons' teachers if you have questions about their results.

I thank the boys for their participation in sporting and other cocurricular programs. Term 2 has been busy, with more than 97% of boys participating in Football, Rugby or Chess. This year, several boys became involved in Chess, including Mack Salisbury and Merrick Oducayen. Congratulations to members of the 1st XV Rugby team who have been selected to represent AIC 1 and the Chairman's XV in the upcoming State Championships:

- Mathew Collins (AIC 1); and
- Mahony Duma (AIC 1).

Finally, I thank Ed Loftus and Nick Winder for their service to the boarding community. Both boys will return to England over the break to prepare for their studies at Cambridge commencing in August.

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to seeing you at the start of Term 3 (Sunday 10 July, from noon).

Kim Holman
Girls Boarding Coordinator

Term 2 has flown by! Some of our new boarders can't believe they are already half-way through 2016. I am proud of how well new girls have settled into the routine of boarding and school. Thank you to our Year 12 girls for making them feel welcome and to our staff for making everyone feel loved and cared for, just as you would in a real family!

This term, we will farewell Jennifer Ross. She was with the *Letzlive* Program and will now return to England. It has been great having Jen with us and I know she has enjoyed herself. We have certainly enjoyed having her with us. She has shown compassionate and care for our girls. We wish her all the best.

Term highlights included Boarder Week and our Brother/Sister Dinner. Both were great successes! Grace Wong prepared a fantastic video for day students that depicted the life of a boarder. Thank you to our Year 12 boarders and leaders Kim Koyama, Bella Raleigh and Tiana Ling Stuckey, who ensured these activities were supported and ran smoothly.

During *Boarder Week*, Chaplain Silke Moolman and our Faith Captains, Cathy Clark and Gareth Polzin, hosted a games night on the oval that had everyone in stitches laughing so hard! They have been

instrumental in organising our Sunday Chapels and have constantly prayed for our boarders.

We have enjoyed year level outings. Miss Taufatofua and Mrs Ray have had the girls at their house for a meal. Chaplain Silke and Mrs Farrell have taken the Years 7 and 8 girls roller blading. I had the opportunity to have Year 9 girls at my house for a BBQ, and Year 12 girls over to gather around the fire and make S'Mores. Our Junior Residents have enjoyed outings with their family groups too. By doing this, we ensure all girls feel part of a family community.

This term, we have done sushi making; lots of baking; made dream-catchers and learned how to knit. There have been many board games played, with Charades and Celebrity Heads being the biggest hits.

Evening study has been going well with an abundance of tutors and mentors in attendance at each session. We have now added Sunday Study, which has helped prepare girls for the week ahead. When your daughters go out on the weekend, it is important to get them back by 4.00pm on Sunday afternoons for study.

In closing, I thank all our parents for your continued support. This is a partnership, and the role we play together ensures that we are all here for the greater good - caring for your

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY 11 JULY

Term 3 Commences

TUESDAY 19 JULY

Years 10-12 Parent Teacher Interviews

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY

Interhouse Athletics Carnival

FRIDAY 22 JULY

Boarder Olympic Themed Weekend

FRIDAY 29 JULY

Deadline for 2017 Subject Selection – Years 7-11

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

Rescheduled Year 12 Cohort Photo

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST

BPSN Teleconference

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Term 3 Concludes

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Boarder Travel Day

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daughters on a personal level and making sure they grow into mature, thoughtful young women.

It is important that your daughters have a restful holiday as Term 3 is a big term for our year 11 regarding leadership positions and for our year 12 with assessment. Along with our younger girls who are now full swing into their academic load. So to all of you enjoy this 3 week break and we will see you in term 3 with big smiles and open arms.



SCHILLING HOUSE

Wes Meurant
Head of Schilling House

Term 2, the longest term of the year, and coinciding with Rugby and Football seasons, has been a blur. Our Year 12 boys are already lamenting lost time and the speed with which the year is drawing to a close. I commend Year 12 Schilling boys on their steady leadership and the positive examples they have set for the rest of the Schilling fraternity. Matthew Collins leadership has been consistent, warm and enthusiastic. I hope that his leadership style will be modelled in years to come.

Term 2 afforded our community many opportunities to enjoy special events with our sister house. The girls of Cameron invited the boys for hot chocolate and muffin suppers and undertook the bulk of organising brother-sister dinners in at Café 45. Boys embraced the cowboy dinner theme and readily dressed their part.

Sadly, we will farewell one of our favourite staff members: Mr Ed Loftus. Ed will return to England to commence his first year of university life at Cambridge College. We wish him the best. He will greatly be missed for his friendliness and banter.

In Term 3, Year 11 boys will have opportunities to apply for leadership positions within our community. This will be a difficult year to choose leaders, as so many boys are worthy candidates. Schilling House stands in great stead as we move forward to 2017.

I congratulate boys on their conduct throughout Semester 1 and encourage them to continue this.

I wish you all a safe winter holiday and safe returns.



LUDCKE-MÜTZE HOUSE

Mark Andrews
Head of Ludcke-Mütze House

This term, Matthew Stubbings (Head Boarder Boy), united boys' houses with his boundless enthusiasm. Mr Delaney has been approached at interschool events by parents from other schools impressed by the commitment of our boarders in supporting their peers.

Nat Zerner (Ludcke-Mutze Captain) has epitomised the values of Boarding by consistently demonstrating what it means to get involved in all aspects of St Peters. The war cry that resonated across Mayer Oval belonged to the same young man whose dedication to study has inspired our younger boys to work harder. Jacob Polzin is the final piece of the Ludcke-Mutze leadership team. Jacob has worked with Chaplin Silke Moolman to help create Chapel services that boys connect with and that keeps family spirit alive in the dorms.

Outside of the classroom, we are proud of Matthew Stubbings' selection to represent PNG at the Pacific Games in Tennis; Mahoney Duma's selection for the AIC 1 Rugby team; and Arvin Chahal Singh making the Malaysian National Swimming Team. These boys have taken onboard the guidance of Sports mentors and are grateful for the opportunities they have at school.

Time has come to bid farewell to our gap students Nick Winder and Edward Loftus. These gentlemen have made significant contributions to the boarding houses by immersing themselves in all of our lives: from helping out with sports coaching to academics. They will return to take up studies at the prestigious Cambridge University and will be sorely missed by all of us.

BOARDING UPDATES

Via St Peters' App

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CAMERON HOUSE

Mrs Sinead Ray
Cameron Senior Resident

In Term 2, new students have settled and their talents have shone in the boarding house and around the day school. We have enjoyed many entertaining weekends of movies; Red Shield Appeal; Dan Da Lion community baking; St Peters Bands Festival and music performances; bonfires; rainy day challenges; and cooking experiences.

Girls have also enjoyed our year level activities. It has been wonderful to spend time getting to know all girls in a relaxed setting.

Liv Beeson and Bella Whytcross performed in the Year 8 Kaleidoscope Production 'Supers'. They had a fantastic time and we enjoyed their performance. Year 7 girls Gabby Kenny and Annabelle Cummings took part in 'Annie the Musical' presented by Rockit production. We also enjoyed their performance and look forward to seeing them join the Year 8 Kaleidoscope Production next year!

Girls have really taken to their new family groups, which have continued from House Camp. Many senior girls lead their groups on outings to foster relationships between younger and older students and staff. Thank you to our house 'mums' and seniors for taking our younger students under their wings.

Sadly, we will farewell Jen Ross, who has been with us for 12 months as a GAP student from England. Jen has been a wonderful mentor and house mother to our students. We wish her the best for the future.

We welcome Lauren Szolomayer, another GAP student from the United States.

Early next term, we look forward to continuing a battle of the houses in an Olympic style Focus Weekend. This year, I hope that Cameron and Schilling can triumph over Finger and Ludcke-Mutze!

I wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday.



FINGER HOUSE

Luisa Taufatofua
Finger Senior Resident

What an exciting 10 weeks! One of the biggest highlights was the Year 8 Kaleidoscope Production. Aimee Ogunseye, Bella Wilson and Ruby King-Morrison did an exceptional job showing us that everyone can be heroes! Year 11 boarder Savannah Edwards designed the posters that were used as props for the production. The rest of the boarding family loved watching and supporting the performance.

This term, we held our annual Brother-Sister Dinner! We went fancy and enjoyed a night out at the Urban Hotel. It was a great chance to bond with our Ludcke-Mutze brothers and enjoy a night out of boarding. Family groups, year levels and friendship circles have also enjoyed their own outings. Younger girls enjoyed roller blading with Linda Farrell and Chaplain Silke Moolman, and older girls enjoyed special suppers on campus.

Our seniors have continued to shine as they worked hard to organise and run Boarding Week activities within the day school. Highlights included feeding 300 day students in under 30 minutes at a sausage sizzle; games of touch, dodgeball and tug-o-war with day students; and showing day friends around the boarding house. Also for the first

time ever, students performed 'Lean on Me' during Chapel (complete with actions)! This was very entertaining! To top off Boarder Week, we hosted our boarding Chapel with games on the oval. This was a great night with many of the girls showing us their balancing skills in the dizzy relay – you really have to see it to believe it!

Thank you to our Year 12 girls for working together to make it the best Boarder Week yet. Thank you to Silke and Debra, who have been an important part of the boarding family and have provided great pastoral care to the girls.

We are fortunate to welcome past house leader Bianca Cristaudo, who has taken up a casual position helping with our weekend activities and sports. The girls are very excited to have her onboard again.

We are happy with the head start we have given Cameron-Schilling houses as we look forward to the chase in the Olympiad weekend! We are 11ways up for a challenge...

Winners...are not those who never fail, but those who never quit – Edwin Louise Cole

Although the term has been long, girls have made it through and can now enjoy a well-deserved holiday. I wish you all a relaxing break and look forward to seeing you in Term 3!

BOARDER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

BOARDER PARENT NETWORK MEETING: THURSDAY 26 MAY, 2016 AT 7.00PM

ATTENDEES:

Kim Holman, Stuart Delaney, Julie Burton, Sinead Ray, Wes Meurant, Karen Penfold (Chair), Roslyn Kugel, Gavin Mosby, George and Miranda Rowlands, Gayle & Bernie Dagg, Bev du Cloux, Joedee Morel

APOLOGIES:

Anna Radel, Vicki Schuurs, Mandy Bishop

01. Welcome

Karen Penfold

Notes

Welcome to Term 2, 2016. Actions from previous meeting:

- Previous concern regarding mobile alerts going off throughout the night in boys boarding. Stuart has assisted boys in turning these alerts off and there haven't been any further complaints;
- Sunday study is going extremely well. Students are taking advantage of the tutors and extra time; and
- Dinner has been moved to 5.30pm on Saturday. This has been a lot more convenient for students participating in sport and other activities, therefore reducing the number of late dinners.

02. General

Notes

- Discussion regarding excessive noise in boys boarding at night, disturbing study and sleep. Mark Andrews spoke to boys about this and said that the situation has been acted on as once it gets to lights out, boys move to a separate study area so they are not disturbing students wanting to sleep;
- Concerns regarding calling reception phone during dinner times and recreation times. Suggestion was made to have a boarding house mobile: one number that is carried with the staff members on shift. That way, parents can make contact at any time. The other option to investigate transferring boarding line to a staff mobile;
- Questions regarding Host Leave. It is the responsibility of the parent to contact the host prior to submitting information to REACH. You are also

able to contact staff who will enter the information for you if necessary;

- As per the email that was sent earlier this week, it was brought to our attention that Hosts are not receiving confirmation of leave. Stuart has been on REACH and they are currently rectifying the situation.
- Reiterated Host sign-out process. Students are not to leave boarding house to meet Hosts. Hosts are to present at reception to collect the student. If, for some reason, the Host is unable to leave their vehicle, the student is to be escorted to the vehicle by a staff member;
- Request for boarding photos to be in the Rock each week as previously done. Unfortunately there had been an issue, but this is being rectified;
- End of Term Travel: airport run will be on Saturday 18 June leaving St Peters at 6.30am (both international and domestic terminals);
- Currently working on a boarding section in the St Peters App. This will give parents all information, dates and photos they require relating to boarding; and
- Gayle Dagg made an official acknowledgement of Adrian Wiles resignation. She said that everyone would be sad to see him go and he will be a huge loss to the school.

Actions

- Kim to talk to IT about a boarding mobile or transferring reception lines;
- Stuart Delaney has investigated problem with REACH and it is being resolved;
- Kim to speak with Marketing about the Rock; and
- Stuart to investigate if it is possible to incorporate the Boarder Handbook into the new App.

03. Kim Holman

- Coming to the end of term and students are starting to get tired and a lot of assessment is due;
- When emailing Kim or Stuart, please cc Sinead Ray and Luisa Taufatofua for girls and for boys Wes Meurant and Mark Andrew;
- Brother-Sister Dinners went really well and students and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Important Contacts

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reception@stpeters.qld.edu.au

Enrolments 3377 6236
enrolments@stpeters.qld.edu.au

Finance Office 3377 6277
Shop45 3377 6209

Boys' Boarding 3377 6100
Girls' Boarding 3377 6900

Have your contact or medical details changed?

To keep your contact and medical details up to date with St Peters, please phone 3377 6236 or email enrolments@stpeters.qld.edu.au.

04. Stuart Delaney

- Olympic Weekend: Week 2 of Term 3;
- Study is going really well, including the new study program;
- Positive feedback regarding boarders behaviour at away sport; and
- Has had discussions with Year 11's regarding Leadership 2017 process. 28 boys in Year 11 this year. Leadership process will commence shortly.

05. Wes Meurant

- Spoke at Senior School Assembly to fill in all the staff about the new Academic Program; and
- Communication from teachers to boarding staff – greatly improved.

Meeting closed:

8.00pm

Next Meeting:

Teleconference Wednesday 17 August

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