

When I joined the St Margaret's boarding team I was unaware that a meteorological qualification was a key pre-requisite. Over the years with my changing roles the girls' demands of this knowledge have changed greatly. In Julius House I was expected to provide a detailed wake-up-weather-report and often questioned if the smallest detail was incorrect. The questions I face these days are: When will it snow? How long will the snow last? Why hasn't it snowed? What are you doing about getting it to snow? I love the expectation that I am the all powerful controller of the elements, and even of mother nature herself. How delightful that our boarders wish for snow so that they can remain in the house with their boarding staff for the day.

This term we have introduced our SMC Boarding Facebook page. The opportunity to keep our families regularly updated about what is happening in the boarding community has been well received. I hope those of you that have been following us this term have enjoyed Philly's updates on what's been going on. If you are a boarder parent and you are interested in joining our page please contact Philly Sutton or myself and we can assist you.

Our Year 13's have had a busy term. The fundraising car wash weekend was a huge success and had overwhelming community support. The girls put in a fantastic effort even though the weather was not entirely on our side. The girls made the best of it and had a fantastic time. Who knew cleaning cars could be so much fun? The girls have so far used the money to provide the first of the roasts they've planned for the City Mission, The Cancer Society and Women's Refuge.

The Year 11 girls have been cooking with their Christ's College counterparts this term in the infamous Cooking With College. They've prepared some very interesting dishes whilst under the watchful eye of Dan from Balanced Health. I'm sure the girls will be keen to display their new found skills at home these coming holidays.

Our boarder-parent function was a huge success and, again, very well supported by our boarding families. Thank you to the wonderful ladies who decorated the dining hall for this event.

The boarding house office looked like a postal distribution centre leading up to our Senior Ball. The number of dresses and shoes delivered on a daily basis was overwhelming, and the excitement at their arrival was great to watch. We have enjoyed fashion shows, attempts at walking in heels, and many exciting discussions about the selection of partners. To make preparation for the big night a lot easier we had a mobile spray tan company come into the boarding house. This was very well supported and something we will certainly do again. Next term we have our Year 11 Semiformal. The girls are very excited about this special night on their social calendar.

The school production, *The Invisibles*, is keeping many of the girls very busy and we are looking forward to taking the boarders along next Tuesday evening. I'm sure it will be a very entertaining show.

It has again been a very busy term. The pace of life these young ladies maintain is impressive. I appreciate the effort they put in to being supportive and encouraging members of our very special boarding community. A well deserved holiday is very close now.





