

Plans regarding Christmas Day and holiday logistics are foremost in our conversations. Decorations and carols have arrived in the malls. This means the end of the school year is fast approaching and we have many celebrations and occasions to mark it.

On Tuesday 3rd November the Boarding Community held our Boarders' End of Year Dinner, prior to the seniors beginning their exam leave. This was an occasion to farewell our Year 13 Boarders. This is a hard task with many emotional moments as we reflect upon the years that we have shared together. The memories we make and the relationships we share, are truly unique.

There was plenty of laughter as the girls took the opportunity to recap the year with the humorous retelling of events. The Kilburn House wrap up was delivered by Suzannah Harper and Islay Fowler, with the Julius House summary given by Lucy Robinson and Sophie Green.

Head and Deputy Head Boarders, Claudia Inch and Frankie Hayman delivered a heartfelt reflection of their time in the Boarding Community and their feelings on moving on to the next chapter.





This coming Friday is Canterbury Anniversary Day. I will be spending some of my day at the A & P Show on the St Margaret's College stand. It is always a privilege to meet prospective families and see current and past girls and discuss what is happening in the Boarding Community.

Last weekend we hosted our new 2016 Year 9 girls for a sleepover. The purpose of the sleepover is to allay holiday anxieties and to know what to expect in the New Year when they become boarders. The excitement and new friendships that seemed to bud immediately are a delight to see.

The grand finale for the year 13 community based projects was a wonderful morning spent at Aranui Primary School. Pancakes and fresh fruit were on the breakfast menu Philly Sutton and her team of willing helpers prepared for the children. This community based learning has been a very well received and certainly one we hope year 13 groups in the future will continue with the same passion and enthusiasm as our 2015 girls have.



Wishing you a wonderful festive season and happy, safe holiday
from the St Margaret's Boarding Community.

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