

## Boarding Coordinators

**Kim Holman**  
Girls Boarding Coordinator

Term 2 has now been and gone. We love Term 2 in boarding because all of our new boarders come back at the start of term with big smiles, knowing all the girls, and having a real sense of belonging and confidence. The jitters and newness of Term 1 are behind them.

This term, we had our Boarder Week. The boarders had fun playing touch on the oval, with the day students, and also showing off their boarding houses. We also took the obligatory 2017 photo.

This term, I went to the Goondiwindi Show and had a St Peters stall. Our Director of Community Engagement, Mr Ross Thomson, put up a stall at the Goondiwindi Boarding Expo. It was great catching up with Old Scholars, and visiting with some of our past parents. St Peters sponsors the Goondiwindi Art Show; while students, from the St Peters Art Department, submit art pieces. We had several winners and lots of highly commended work. The weekend always proves to be successful as it is great, meeting new, prospective parents.

Mr Delaney, Mr Meurant, Mrs Ray, and Mr Kotzur went to the ICPA Conference, in St George. This year's conference delivered, again. The passion and pride that comes from our country families is a true testimony to the fact that 'The Bush is Alive and Well!' We were able to catch up with several families, who were heavily involved in the ICPA; along with a few worker bees who helped with the catering. Either way, it takes a whole community to put together this conference, and we can't praise their work, dedication, and enthusiasm, enough.



We did have the privilege of visiting with one of our families, the Websters. We went to their place on sunset, and it was magical. The reflection of the trees and the stars on the river made for the perfect background. A big thank you to them, for having us. Being able to see the boys' backyard, first hand, was very special. Also, a special mention must go to Mr Meurant and Mr Delaney for winning the darts competition on the first night of the conference.

The boarders worked tirelessly, this term, on assignment work along with the daily night time study routine. Please know that they all put in huge efforts and we can't praise them enough for their ability to stay focussed and keep putting pen to paper when most have several other commitments outside of just their school work. We are all very proud of our boarders and their work ethics.

We farewelled Miss Lauren Szolomayer, this term. As usual, tears were shed; and we shared some very funny stories, which kept us all in stitches. The girls will miss Lauren, as will the staff. In her place, we were fortunate enough to hire Anna Kaszicki: a 2008 Old Scholar, who has been studying in America for six years. She went to the states after graduation, on a rowing scholarship. Anna spent Thursday and Friday of the last week meeting some of our girls. She will be a wonderful addition to our already beautiful boarding family.

Next term, we will greet 12 new boarders. We are all very excited about our big, midterm intake. Our boarding house is now full. Due to such a large intake, our Year 12 boarder girls are planning a Scavenger Hunt through South Bank on the first weekend, to help settle in our new boarders. We are all looking forward to this, and can't wait to see what disguises the girls come up with.

The last week of this term, the Years 7–8 were able to invite a day friend to stay the night in boarding. This seemed to be very successful and we look forward to doing this with other year levels.

Finally, there have been a few cases of head lice, this term. It would be much appreciated if you could please check your daughter's/son's hair, before they return to boarding.

I wish all of you a safe and happy midterm break. We look forward to receiving your children on 9 July, rested and ready to start another fun-filled term in boarding.

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# SCHILLING HOUSE

**Wes Meurant**  
Head of Schilling

Term 2 proved hectic. The boys endured three weeks, in a row, of shortened weeks; due to public holidays and student-free days. Never to be deterred from a challenge, the boys kept their focus and worked well through the term. The traditional, Term 2 rugby season brought with it the usual scenario of hospital visits, doctor's appointments, bandages, braces, moon boots, crutches, and slings. This is nothing out of the ordinary, although that never makes it easier to accept.

The boys had mixed fortunes throughout the rugby season; and should never hang their heads, as they performed to the best of their

ability. It was a great loss to have our fearless Head Boarder Boy, Murray W, go down during the first trial game of the season. This was followed by subsequent injuries to our gallant Schilling House Captain, Henry R, and other hardworking Schilling Warriors.

The boys have never been afforded so many opportunities to achieve highly in their academic study than at present. The only condition to any academic success is that they take advantage of what is being offered. It has been pleasing, to see many boys taking advantage of the early-afternoon study sessions, and the tutorial opportunities in the evenings.

As we draw closer to Term 3, and the application period for leadership positions, Year 11 Schilling boys need to showcase their leadership capabilities and ambitions.

In speaking of leadership, there could be no higher accolade for leadership, than for the example set by Henry, this term. Throughout his own tight, study schedule, rugby training, and injury, he has persevered tirelessly to lead the boys with a positive mindset. Additionally, he has set the highest standards for each boy's academic pursuits. He should be very proud of his efforts.

Be safe. Enjoy your holidays. See you next term.





## LUDCKE-MÜTZE HOUSE

### Mark Andrews

Ludcke-Mütze Senior Resident

Term 2 is typically our most intense part of the year. The football season keeps the boys busy, with early morning and afternoon training sessions. These are coupled with a busy academic calendar. This year, our Ludcke soccer boys had an outstanding season. Will G shared in a competition win; and Jackson D and Shaun M performed well.

Our rugby boys also showed true grit. Thomas L played half a game with a dislocated jaw, because he did not want to let down his team mates. No one will ever forget Braydn C's matches, or that he saved the second-last game of the season for St Peter's' best win, this year. Our congratulations go out to our Ludcke-Mütze Captain, Mr Tiko T, who has been selected

for AIC-1, this year. Tiko proved his speed, on the field, matches his heart in boarding.

A special thank you goes to Queen Street Dental, who helped all the boys out with mouth guards, this season, so we can continue to see their lovely smiles.

The academic results for the boys were very high, this semester. Yanze M and Josh W led the way, with the seniors setting the standards high, for the entire boarding house. The results are due to the consistent hard work of boys, as well as the boarding staff and tutors. What would we do without Mr Robert Heyman? He has driven study, with our younger boys; and instilled a healthy culture, in the boarding house, towards learning. Mr Heyman is

currently doing his Masters in Education and is spending a great deal of time helping out in the day school. Mr R Crighton and Mr Johanessen, together with our external tutors, Mr Greg Levy and Mr Julian Ebert, are deserving of our sincere thanks as well.

Sadly, we farewell Mr Jonathon Emerick, a former Ludcke-Mütze's and School Vice-Captain. Jonathon had returned to the boarding house, as a boarding master and tutor. He is now off to Kyoto, Japan, to complete his Masters in Chemical Engineering. Our senior boys and girls have benefitted greatly from Jonathon's skills, in their afternoon study, the past few years.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to a productive third term.



## CAMERON HOUSE

### Mrs Sinéad Ray

Cameron Senior Resident

Term 2 has seen our new students settle in well. Their talents shine, in the boarding house, and around the day school. We have had many entertaining weekends of city and South Bank trips, movies, bonfires, St Peter's music performances, and many cooking experiences. This term, we hosted our first, day-student sleepover, with each of our Year 6/7/8 girls being given the opportunity to invite a friend to sleep over, in boarding. The girls had a wonderful time showing their community to their friends.

This term, our girls have enjoyed our year-level activities. It has been wonderful to

spend time getting to know all our girls, in such a relaxed setting. Junior girls are working on kindness, Year 10 on creativity, Year 11 on resilience, and Year 12: independence.

Gabby K, Alice J, and Matilda P were the three Cameron girls who performed in *Kaleidoscope*, the Year 8 production. They had a fantastic time, and we really enjoyed their performances. Many girls participated in co-curricular sport, this term, with basketball, touch, and football concluding. Netball, volleyball, and hockey trial games are commencing.

The girls have really taken to our new family groups, which we have continued from house camp. Many of our senior girls led their groups on outings, to foster

relationships between our younger and older students, and staff members. Thanks to our house 'mum's and seniors for taking our younger students under their wings.

Sadly, this term, we say goodbye to Lauren S who has been with us for 12 months, as a GAP student from the United States. She has been a wonderful mentor and house mother to our students, we wish her the very best for the future.

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

I wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday.

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## FINGER HOUSE

**Luisa Taufatofua**  
Finger Senior Resident

Term 2 has been another great term, filled with hard work and fun filled activities. We always find the dorm a lot quieter, in the afternoons of Term 2, as our talented girls are extremely busy with their extracurricular commitments. Particularly, as most of the sporting competitions are in full swing, during Term 2.

This term, we welcomed two new boarders into Finger. We have Mikaela E-H (Year 9) and Charli W (Year 10). Both girls are settling into the boarding family well, and we are pleased to have them.

Some of the highlights, from this term, are:

- Year 8 girls' participation in *Kaleidoscope*. Claire S represented

Finger House and she did an exceptional job. Claire was supported by the rest of the boarders, who eagerly attended the production; showing just how united the boarding family is.

- First sleepover for Years 6/7/8. This was a great success with eight-day students experiencing a day in the life of a boarder. Not even the wet weather could stop the fun. With gym games, Twister, movies, and trying to make and eat s'mores while trying to escape the rain, the night couldn't have been any better.
- Year 6/7/8 girls led a Chapel service, on the theme of kindness. This was a perfect message to share with the boarding family, and the girls did a great job.
- Boarder Week activities – our seniors did a great job, running boarder week in the day school.

Our Open Day was the biggest one, to date. Most of our boarders invited their friends, to have a glimpse into their homes. It was great to see our girls take on the role of hostess; and take pride in showing everyone around. None other than Ludke-Finger, won brother-sister games, held in the gym. This contributes to our continuing lead in this year's Olympiad mini games. The cheers were enthusiastic, the dancing in sync, and the competition real! It's always a great sight to see everyone giving their all, in representing their house!

Overall, it has been a great term! Challenges have been overcome, opportunities taken, and memories made. We are excited for what Term 3 has in store, and trust the girls will enjoy a much-deserved break.

Best wishes.

## BOARDER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**BOARDER PARENT NETWORK MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017, 7:00PM**

### ATTENDEES:

Karen Penfold, Tim Kotzur, Stuart Delaney, Kim Holman, Wes Meurant, Sinead Ray, Luisa Taufatofua, Mark Andrews, Bev de Cloux, Jade Ryan, Anna Radel, Katie Verner, Rob Thomson, Gavin Mosby, Gayle and Bernie Dagg, Miranda and George Rowlands, Charles Staples.

### Welcome

**Karen Penfold**

Welcome to everyone.

### Actions from previous meeting:

- Rob Thomson – happy with how the Vegetarian Options are progressing.
- Stuart Delaney – will work on updates to the Boarder Handbook Information, next term.
- Stuart Delaney – has distributed Learn to Drive information to those students, who requested it.
- Karen Penfold – REACH – seems to be working well, however, host is still being added to each child. Anna Radel is having issues with multiple hosts – Stuart to investigate.
- Gayle Dagg – REACH App – still having issues, Stuart to follow up.

### Karleen Hartdegen

- School forms and signing – Boarding Senior staff are able to sign, on behalf of the parents. Some activity forms will go to parents, but boarding staff are happy to sign, if the student brings it to them.
  - Change of Subject forms – Boarding Senior Staff happy to sign, but they must have a supporting email, from the parent, confirming permission to change.
  - Boarding Senior staff will contact parents, regarding any costs involved with excursions, prior to signing to discuss payment.
  - Medical forms need to be signed by the parents.
- Boys' sport – ninety per cent of boys are involved in the sporting program, they are all encouraged to participate, and support for the away games – only occurs three to four times a year – Stuart can provide these dates, in the handbook. Boys are also welcome to go to girls' boarding, if they are unable to attend the sporting event.
- Petty theft in Boys' Boarding – Stuart has had discussions with the boys, regarding this situation. Also encouraging the boys to lock their valuables away, and educating them on 'respect' for both their property and their fellow boarders.

### Gayle Dagg

- Year 12 End of Year Events – What will parents need to be involved in?
  - Julie Burton will email all details to parents, regarding end of year events:
  - Saturday 14 October – Year 12 Valedictory (Formal). Commences at 3pm with a Boarding Pre outside Ross Roy. Parade will commence at 5pm. Students to organise their own vehicles, for the arrival (photos attached, from previous years). Dinner for students at Hillstone at 7pm; with a parent dinner being offered at the school.
  - Year 12 Exam Block commences 8 November.
  - Friday 10 November – Year 12 All-Nighter. Kim, Stuart and Senior Staff take students out for different activities, until 6am in the morning; finishing off with a BBQ breakfast. Students are then asked to leave boarding to be with family/friends. It is compulsory for all Year 12 students to leave boarding, unless the family has requested permission for the student to remain in boarding. If they stay in boarding, students must be mindful that boarding rules still apply and that other students will still be studying.

- Wednesday 15 November – Final Chapel at 5pm, followed by Dinner for the Year 12s and their parents. Dinner is under the stars in the Chapel Forecourt.
- Thursday 16 November – Mystery Celebration Day.
- Friday 17 November – Final Graduation – Presentation Ceremony 12:45pm, followed by the Guard of Honour. Graduation Ceremony commences at 6pm that evening, in the PAC.
- Friday 24 November – Year 11 Dinner Dance. This is also their last day for the year. All other Years finish on 28 November.
- All events will have reminders sent, to provide more details.
- Abstudy Travel – please note that you will need to organise travel for Year 12 students, after graduation, as Abstudy won't fly on a weekend. Any questions, please contact Julie.

#### Anna Radel

- Year 7–9 Bedtime – what is the procedure for lights out, in that age group?
  - Boarding likes to get Years 7–8 settled by 8:30pm. Year 9s return from study, and they are settled by 9pm. There is some concern with Year 9 making too much noise. The setup and design of the building means they have to pass through other areas, which can disturb other students who are already settled. Wes and Mark to work on noise, in those areas. Parents are concerned about Friday nights being too late, with sport the next morning.

#### General

- If anyone is having problems entering details in to REACH, they are welcome to email boarding staff the details, and they will enter it in.
- Football and Rugby dinners – if parents can't attend one or the other, will boarding transport the students? Yes, and staff will be attending the event, to supervise. Sunday nights are not great for boarder parents! Even Sunday lunch would work better!
- Sports and extracurricular activities – what is the expectation for students, and second activities; if they are already, for example, swimming, six days a week?
- Really happy with App and all the regular updates that come through.
- Boarding Reports? New boarders should have received a report, at the end of Term 1. If you didn't receive one for your child, please contact Stuart, or Kim.
- Is there a time period for Reach applications, for weekend leave? Preference is to have all weekend leave applications, by Thursday mornings!
- Boarding closes on Saturday 17 June – official travel day, for boarders. Students do not have to be out of boarding by the last Friday of school.

#### Action

- Kim and Stuart to contact Sports Department, to raise the issue of the dinners being on a Sunday night!
- Kim and Stuart to investigate requirements of sporting activities.

#### Kim Holman

- Boarder Week – students all involved, went really well. Dodgeball, on the Friday night, was very successful.
- This Wednesday (7 June) off to St George for the ICPA Conference. A letter has been sent to families to invite them for a wine and cheese, meet and greet at the Marina Motor Inn, commencing at 4pm.
- Sleepovers:
  - Stuart doing Years 7/8/9, this weekend, boarders are inviting friends from day school to come and sleep over, in the boarding house.
  - Girls are only doing Years 7–8 (next weekend – Saturday evening, to mid-morning Sunday), and will do Year 9 in Term 3 (date to be advised).
- Leaders met with the new Head of Kitchen, Shirley, who is open to ideas and feedback from students.

#### Stuart Delaney

- Stuart and Kim visited Couran Cove, last week, to investigate Boarder Camp for 2018. The resort is under new ownership, and they were very impressed. Also looking at it, for the Year 12 sleepover, on Ekka Show Day.
- Exam block starts this Wednesday 7 June.

#### Tim Kotzur

- Continually impressed by the boarding students and community.

Meeting closed: 8.00pm. Next Meeting: Teleconference – Wednesday 9th August.



## WHAT'S ON...

### SUNDAY 9 JULY

Event Boarders Arrive (Term 3)

### THURSDAY 20 JULY

6:00pm–9:00pm  
Boarder Brother–Sister Dinner  
(Staff Dining Room)

### FRIDAY 21 – SUNDAY 23 JULY

Boarder Olympic-Themed Weekend

### WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST

7:00pm–9:00pm  
BPSG Teleconference (Term 3)

### WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST

Ekka Show Day Holiday

### THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

International and Overseas Student  
Travel Day