Headmaster

HOW CAN A TERM BE SO DIFFERENT?

We all head into the mid-year break totally exhausted both mentally and physically.

Many people have asked me “How is the School going?” and it is pleasing to be able to report that we are in good shape considering all that has happened. This has been due to a number of factors ranging from Commonwealth funding decisions over which we have no control to those factors that we could control. We made a couple of decisions in the Easter break which has contributed to our ability to cope. The first was that we would need to make our own decisions given the information at hand which could then be modified if required. Some of these decisions were about keeping boarding open when we had no information to guide us. We put in place what we thought would be appropriate measures to protect the health of our staff and students and when guidelines were released, our planning only needed minor modifications. We also assumed that we would not be judged as a School by the quality of any worksheets but by the way we tried to keep everyone connected to the School. With students spread across Australia from WA, NT and up through the Cape to the Torres Straits this was always going to be a challenge. Whilst it may not have been perfect, I have been pleased with everyone’s genuine keenness to stay connected and make it work. Many thanks to Mr Carter and the Year 12s that were on campus for their weekly video update the “COVID Chronicles”.

The entire School community has joined forces to get us through and I am extremely grateful for the support.

As we finish up this term, we still have 38 students who have been unable to return. We are working with individual communities to ensure that these students are able to join us for Term 3.

With changes likely in the next three weeks to our road map for recovery, the School will provide an update as we get closer to Term 3.

It is hard to imagine that it was a year ago that the 100 year celebrations were launched at “The Ville” in Townsville. Whilst we missed our special events this term we are confident we will be able to come together next year and celebrate in style. We had always said that our celebrations would be over two years, encompassing both Souls and Gabes centenaries so we look forward to what lies ahead.

STAFF

Current staff

We farewell Ms Rikki Bowden at the end of the term. Rikki has assisted us in the Teacher Aide role

On Saturday 6 June we ‘Lit up the Lawn’ in recognition of the Centenary Celebration weekend
whilst Mrs Jess Twine was on maternity leave. Most recently, Rikki had the unenviable role of being in charge of computer support for “COVID learning at home”.

Congratulations and all the best to Mr Matthew Weston and Miss Alysha Hetherington who are getting married in the holidays.

New staff
We welcome Maxine Garner (Food services), Clayton Astill (Cleaning), Alan Shadforth (Residential relief/Design & Technology Teacher’s Aide) and Sophie Urquhart (Business Manager) to the staff.

Chaplain
I have met with Bishop Keith who will assist us in the process of appointing a new Chaplain. Over the break we will commence our search and I am hopeful that I will be able to announce the successful candidate in the near future.

In the meantime, I must commend the excellent work being done by the Chaplaincy Team to ensure the spiritual needs of the community are being met.

Darren Fleming

Deputy / Academic Dean
Ian Dietrich
Yippeeee, we made it! I’m not going to mention words that start with COV... or coron...

Recent energies of our students, teaching staff and non-teaching staff have been focussed on finishing this term well. Normally this edition of our newsletter would include long lists of our recent successes in the classroom, in the studio, on the field, on the track, in the yards, on the stage and in the residences. Of course, many of these celebration articles will be missing this year. I believe the fact that we’ve made it through this term is cause for celebration.

Year 10 into Senior Studies
Over the term, Year 10 students have begun their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan. Completing a 2020 Yr10 into Senior ASSG Subject Choice Form is part of that process. Completed forms need to be returned by 8.00am Monday 27 July. Completed forms can be either delivered in person to Student Services, or scan and email the completed document to Flo King: fkimg@allsouls.qld.edu.au

The information gathered by the school on the document is very important as it allows the School Senior Leadership Team to gauge the viability of some subjects in the senior curriculum and to continue to plan for Term 4’s timetable and staffing requirements.

Please note that, according to the indication by Year 10 students in the first round of subject selection, some classes (especially the practical subjects) will fill VERY quickly. Priority will be given to students who returned their subject choice form on time and those who showed good work habits (application to class and homework, safe work practices in practical classes, etc) during their study of the subject area in Year 10.

Just a reminder that the Year 10 into Senior Parent & Student Subject Information Night has been postponed to 5.30-6.30pm, Thursday 23 July – Week 1 Term 3. This event coincides with the new dates of our Inter-House Athletics Carnival. I look forward to meeting with many of you at that meeting.

I am also able to discuss subject selections with families as you return to school for the start of Term 3. Please send me an email if you would like to book a time that suits your travel arrangements and my school commitments – idietrich@allsouls.qld.edu.au

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that if you need to get additional information regarding subjects or courses for senior, please feel free to phone and speak with the relevant Head of Department, a member of the School Careers Guidance Team, or myself.

I wish everyone a well-earned, restful and recharging time with family and friends over this break.
Dean of School

Karen Storey

Beginning of Term 3
Next term will begin with travel day on Monday 20 July with classes commencing Tuesday 21 July. A reminder for all secondary students that the uniform for the first day will be formal uniform.

Parent –Teacher Interviews
Due to ongoing COVID restrictions Parent-teacher interviews will be conducted via phone only during the first two weeks of Term 3. If you wish to book a phone appointment with your child’s teacher during this time please contact Jon Teichmann or Flo King via email jteichmann@allsouls.qld.edu.au or phone the School office. To ensure that all parents can be accommodated meeting times will be restricted to the usual 10 minute timeslots. If you feel that you will require a longer meeting with a particular staff member please ask about booking a second block of time.

CT Show Holiday
With the change to the Charters Towers Show holiday on account of cancellation of the Show, we will observe the Charters Towers Show holiday on Friday 14 August. There will be no school on this day.

School Photographs
It seems a long time since we had our school portraits taken, and it was. Due to a shutdown of our photographers during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic production of our photos has been delayed significantly. We have been advised that these are due for delivery next week and will be sorted and ready for distribution by the beginning of Term 3. Thank-you for your patience and understanding regarding the delay.

It is anticipated that if COVID restrictions continue to loosen in Queensland that our second phot day for House and Extra-Curricular activities will proceed as planned on Tuesday 4 August. Formal uniforms will be required for all students on this day.

Combined Schools Formal
Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the Combined Schools Formal has been postponed until Friday 11 September. All four schools unanimously voted that we would do everything we can to ensure that this event goes ahead for our senior students. We look forward to hearing additional details from Columba Catholic College, the host of the formal, as these are finalised.

Happy Holidays
I am sure many other staff have written of the intensity of this term elsewhere in the newsletter; this term has certainly been busy! I hope students, staff and parents enjoy a well-deserved holiday break and return refreshed with much enthusiasm for Term 3 and all the happenings of the term. Happy holidays!

Dean of Students

Wendy Fleming

What a term!
This term will go down on record for its everchanging and very different feel, due to the impact of COVID-19. Families, students and staff have all worked together to try and sustain ongoing learning, whether on campus or at home, and to try and create opportunities to maintain contact and a sense of belonging to All Souls St Gabriels School. We have celebrated some of these changes with the COVID chronicles produced by the Year 12 students, Ash the Phoenix visiting Junior School to welcome back students in Week 6 (thanks to Tom Marshall), and Chapel with student involvement through cleaning, readings, prayers, music on Sunday nights, and the beautiful flower arrangements. Anzac Day was also vastly different, with the limited numbers allowed to participate, but the commemorations undertaken by Junior School and Senior School, especially Year 12 students, were very moving and suitably respectful.

Work Experience
Glenda Lyon has continued to liaise with many students to identify suitable work experience opportunities, even in these changed times. Glenda’s ongoing work in this area is really appreciated, providing our students with opportunities to undertake a range of experiences to help them ascertain their future employment options.

Student tracking data
The ongoing monitoring of students who have been unable to return to campus this term has been another task completed by the staff. It has allowed the school to check student progress and support those learning from home. We are certainly looking forward to seeing these students return to school in Term 3, once restrictions on travel have been lifted even further.

EFL – Education For Life
Year 12 students have focused even more closely on future pathways throughout this term in EFL (Education For Life). For students interested in tertiary pathways, this information has focused on QTAC (Qld Tertiary Admissions Centre) processes, including how to set up an account with QTAC and how to research study options within the QTAC website. (https://www.qtac.edu.au/)

All students have been examining the new ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) which has this year replaced the OP, and requirements of the QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education), registering through myQCE (https://myqce.qca.qld.edu.au/) to check accuracy of data and calculate progress towards this certificate. The Year 12 students also have access to a google classroom which has been set up to share key dates, QTAC information, residential options and scholarship opportunities.
Pastoral Care Team

Wendy Fleming
Dean of Students

Pastoral Care Team
As we come to the end of an unusual term, it is timely to thank the entire Pastoral Care Team who have strived to provide the very best care for our students.

Mental Health
The Gonski Institute for Education has released some resources that may be of assistance to families. The following link includes resources to support:
- How to be an effective partner in your child’s learning
- How to help your child grow up in a digital world
- Parental beliefs: Why these matter to your child’s education
- Social and emotional skills: A guide for parents

https://www.gie.unsw.edu.au/research/parent-and-caregiver-resources

Indigenous Support Officer
Alice Lawrence has been working hard throughout the term, ensuring contact is maintained with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. In addition, Alice ensured that all students were aware of the significance of Reconciliation, acknowledging their awareness by contributing their handprints to a large mural of the Rainbow Serpent. Thank you Alice and Miss Oberg for coordinating this special piece of artwork.

Uniform
When we return in Term 3, we may again face some cold starts. At School we recommend students layer clothing so that they are able to still abide by our uniform requirements. Day uniform should be accompanied by the grey school pullover and any extra layers should be worn underneath and not visible. If needed, the School blazer may also be worn over the grey pullover with the day uniform. Girls may choose to accompany their day dress with black tights. The PE uniform may be worn with the ASSG tracksuit (jacket and pants if needed). Again, any additional layers for warmth must not be visible outside the required uniform. Students wearing work uniform may wear the black PE jacket as their outer layer.

Pastoral Care Team

Mrs Wendy Fleming
Dean of Students

Mr Darren Guldbraansen
Head of Boarding

Mrs Carol Shadforth
Year 7

Mrs Beth Lessells
Co-ordinator Acting Year 8-9

Mr Ben Carter
Co-ordinator Year 10-12

Sr Kate McCartney
School Nurse

Sr Terri Hensler
School Nurse

Ms Flo King
Administration

Miss Sarah Smith
Psychologist (Provisional)

Board Shorts

Information from the All Souls St Gabriels School Board of Governors.

Our May meeting was well attended in person and via phone link.

The Board recognised the passing of:
- Betty Zillman (Past Student, 1932-1942, Alban House)
- Bob Forster (Past Student, 1940-1945, Page House) with a minute of silence.

Our Board Meeting was proceeded by the ASSG Inc. Annual General Meeting.

We continue to monitor our financial position as COVID-19 impacts upon the entire economy.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported upon the progress of the Halse Hall entry project; a number of mini-projects to improve student movement and accessibility in the Senior School; and necessary works on the stage area against the quadrangle. Research continues regarding the installation of fans in the Jim Rebgetz Centre. Recent water and sewerage pipe issues have been addressed and insurance claims have been lodged.

The Marketing Committee reported that a shop display will be set-up downtown. This will allow us to have a presence in town to engage with the community, advertise for enrolments, as well as sell raffle tickets, Celebration material and general promotional material. Discussions have commenced to hold fund raising events. The loss of The Northern Miner and our future marketing plans were also discussed. The 100 Year Celebration ‘Light-up the Hall’ project was noted a success and a great way to mark the planned reunion weekend.

Our Governance Committee are working on a number of items to strengthen our processes, support our staged project planning and succession planning for the Board Chair position. The School Review was also discussed and future meetings will focus on particular aspects of this document for our Strategic Plan.

For such challenging times, we continue to be blessed by the way our All Souls St Gabriels School family have cared for one another.
Chaplaincy Team

This term, we have formed a Chaplaincy Team which has worked together to ensure that our worship continues. Throughout the term we have continued with our weekly services in both Senior and Junior School. The Services have been led by our Chapel Prefects Kurtis West and Jett Moore who have done an amazing job. They have been assisted by Lay Ministers Mr Fleming, Mrs Storey and Mrs Dickson and the Year 6 servers and serving teams from each House.

The music has been expertly provided by Mrs Fleming our organist, and Miss Croker and her chapel musicians.

A group of students meets regularly on Tuesdays after school to tidy the Chapel, polish brass, and make any running repairs. Thank you to those students and Mrs Fleming for your service. We also have a group that meets on a Wednesday after school to create floral arrangements for the Chapel. Fresh flowers adds another dimension, and the students have done a wonderful job under the direction of Karen and Caitlyn O’Donoghue from Charters Flowers.

We were grateful that Bishop Keith was able to make time in his busy schedule to conduct a service last week, and to bless some new vestments that were made by Mrs Shadforth, Miss Vienna-Hallam, and Wendy and the laundry ladies. They look fantastic.

School Prayers

In our thoughts & prayers;

- We pray for leaders around the world that they may continue to make decisions that care for and strengthen their communities.

- We give thanks for the lives of past students Mr Bob Forster and Mrs Betty Zillman, may they rest in peace.

- We pray for the members of the Chaplaincy team who continue to spread the Good News. We also pray that a new Chaplain will be called to serve the School.

2020 Secondary Student Exam Blocks

Term 3 Years 7 - 12  Monday 7 to Tuesday 15 September

Term 4 Year 12  Monday 26 October to Tuesday 17 November (External Exams set by QCAA)

Term 4 Years 7 - 11  Wednesday 11 to Tuesday 17 November

This is now just before Preliminary Prize Giving, Awards Day & Valedictory at the end of that week
Junior School

Tina Akers
Head of Junior School

We trust this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the opportunity to re-engage with many aspects of life we took for granted. Reflecting on the past few months has illustrated that there have been many positives and new learnings for us all.

Acknowledging Reconciliation Week

This year, Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years of shaping Australia’s journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. The Junior School recently acknowledged National Reconciliation Week by commemorating two significant milestones in the Reconciliation journey - the 1967 Referendum, and the High Court decision in Mabo. We thank Alice Lawrence (Indigenous Support Officer) for speaking with the Junior School students during Chapel about the significance of Reconciliation for us all. Alice reminded us of the importance of our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and spoke about how each of us can contribute to reconciliation in our School and community.

Assessment and Reporting

As Term 2 comes to a close, students have been busy completing units of learning. With due consideration given to the curriculum that has been taught, the Semester 1 report will reflect information based on what each student has had the opportunity to learn, and the knowledge, skill and understandings they have demonstrated in each subject area. When grading student achievement during this reporting period, teachers have based their professional judgements on a portfolio of evidence the student has produced over the semester. Semester 1 reports will be emailed to parents during the holidays.

School Officers’ Day

On Wednesday, 10 June we recognised the significant role, and the contribution our School officers, service and support staff provide to enhance the quality of education at All Souls St Gabriels School. These wonderful staff members perform a variety of essential and diverse roles in the school. We thank them for their continued service to our students and the wider School community.

Ongoing Support

As we are nearing the end of the semester, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the cooperation shown by our School community and thank our families for their ongoing support with the many operational adjustments we have been required to make. We appreciate your understanding regarding the change to the drop off and pick up routines and the modifications to the way we have needed to conduct parent teacher meetings.

While COVID-19 has impacted on everyone in different ways, one thing we have noticed with the students is their discovery of independence. They have a renewed sense of personal responsibility and their resilience to bounce back has been quite significant. This has provided us with a fantastic opportunity to tap into their new found abilities. Parents and guardians have played a big part in this, having had the opportunity to spend a significant amount of time learning at home, which positively impacted on the students to be self-managed, resilient young people.

While the situation continues to evolve, we keep hearing terms such as “unprecedented” and “new-normal” to describe the way in which our world will be as we move to the future. The students and staff at All Souls St Gabriels School have, during this time of uncertainty, inspired us all, and we all look forward to celebrating more of our students achievements as the year progresses.

Happy Holidays

We trust everyone will welcome a change of pace over the holiday break, and will enjoy sharing time with family and friends. On behalf of the Junior School staff, thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Term 3 will resume on Tuesday, 21 July.
2020 ASSG Memories Book

If you would like to have an entry included in a ‘book of memories’ regarding the events of this year, please forward your contribution to 2020memory@allsouls.qld.edu.au

Secondary Inter-House Athletics

TERM 3
Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th July

ASSG100 All Souls St Gabriels School CELEBRATING 100 YEARS IN 2020
The Arts

Kylie Kempster - Head of The Arts

A STRONG FINISH TO TERM TWO
As this most unusual term draws to a close, we have been enjoying a gradual return to normal in the Arts. We look forward to welcoming back our full complement of students in Term Three, and congratulate all our students and staff on the inspirational ways they have found to keep engaged with the Arts in these weird and wonderful times.

STORY TIME WITH YEAR 8 DRAMA
Mrs Kempster’s Year 8 Drama students had a lovely time reading to our Prep littlies recently, practising their skills of facial and vocal expression and eye contact to enchant their young audience. Although a little shy at first, the ice was quickly broken. It was truly delightful to listen to the sounds of laughter and to see the smiles on the faces of big and small kids alike. The students in Mrs Lessells’s Year 8 Drama class videoed their storytelling performances to be used as a resource in the school library with Junior School.

YEAR 7 MUSIC ROCK OUT
Week 9 finished with a bang as many of our students from both the Junior and Senior School were treated to an al fresco concert by the Year 7 Music students, Year 7 Choir students, and both the school Concert and Stage Bands. They were joined by special guest artists Mrs Debbie Sellars, Mr Ron Sellars, Mr Will Luke-man, Mrs Wendy Fleming, Miss Levena Stewart and, of course, Miss Leslie Croker, who formed a teacher band especially for the occasion. Playing crowd favourites such as We Will Rock You and The Final Countdown, our Year 7 students were able to experience the joy of performing as part of an ensemble to a live audience. Special thanks to John Durack, Ben Dickson and Tahl Hopkins for their work on the mixer, helping us all to sound great!

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU, KATHRYNE
The Year 7 concert was also the farewell performance for talented saxophonist Kathryne Squair as part of the Concert Band. Kathryne will perform at Headmaster’s Assembly in Week 10 as her last performance with the Stage Band. Although we will really miss Kathryne, we hope she visits us often (maybe even as a guest artist from time to time?) Thank you, Kathryne, for your huge contribution to our Music Program, and we wish you every success as you move on.
From the Dorms

Well, what a term! We have seen the absolute best of our boarders in the last few months. Their attitude has been accepting yet inclusive, respectful and resilient in the face of uncertainty... and there were a lot of modifications within our school, as the Queensland Government gave us endless changes with how to go about our boarding structure. Just as everyone got used to one set of rules, different ones were introduced.

To their credit the students adapted and got on with business, making the best of a situation where there was no sport, very little recreation and had to shower and sanitize every time they walked back into the dormitory, from any activity outside. Sister Kate and Sister Terri were at the ready every morning during breakfast, taking temperatures and checking the welfare of each and every student as well as staff. If there is a bonus to all of this, it’s that very few boarders have been sick this term. That being said Sisters’ Kate and Terri have continued to be a constant source of care for all our boarders and we can’t thank them enough.

While some restrictions will remain in place for Term 3, we are eager to get back to some normality. This will hopefully include the return of Club sport, Inter-School and Inter-House events and recreation in some form. We are hoping to continue the activities night which featured volleyball, dancing and cricket; all these proved to be very popular across all the age groups. It was great to see various staff members joining in as well, even if they were often the source of the entertainment – it was a great opportunity for laughter and fun! Thanks to Mr and Mrs Fleming, Mr Carter, Mr Sellars, and Gully for their support on these nights.

We know it’s already been said, but we’d really like to thank all our parents and families for your ongoing understanding over the past term. It’s been a strain on everyone, and your support for your children and our staff has made it that much easier.

With restrictions lifting even further, we look forward to welcoming all our boarders back next term. Until then, take care and stay safe.
Ramsay highlights
As we come to the end of what can very loosely be described as an interesting term with all the challenges it presented, the boys from Ramsay are leaving in good spirits. Without the normal hustle and bustle of school life as it was, the boys have had to come together like never before. With the help of my excellent Seniors leading the way things have progressed nicely throughout the term. We have had to come up with new ways to keep everyone entertained and engaged. Between the games of touch against the other houses and our recently constructed fire pit the boys have managed to find some much needed entertainment after school, and have formed stronger friendships with each other. Despite the rocky start to the term the boys have been able to keep up with their studies and finish the term strongly. All boys from Ramsay have managed to complete the term’s curriculum and are in a great position for the start of next term. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 3.

Feetham highlights
Feetham dorm reopened at the start of Week 5, and I was stoked when I was told my boys were coming back. All the boys come in with a positive attitude and were keen to get back into it. The boys that had been in boarding since the beginning of term are to be thanked and congratulated on the way they carried themselves and the way they have looked out for each other during a very difficult time. On top of that guys like Ethan Cowan have really shone; his happy, cheeky personality has really helped lift the spirits of many of the other boys in the dorm. Seeing the term was much less hectic than normal meant we got to appreciate the little things that being in boarding brings. Something as simple as the boys sitting down on a Thursday night to watch the Broncos lose again, became a highlight - much to Gareth Mercy’s disgust. With boys returning at all different stages throughout the term we also got to see a few boys come back with what could loosely be termed a ‘beard’. Norman Prior’s though was a standout and he was very proud of it for one day before Gully made him shave it off. I could not be more proud of the Feetham boys for what has been a very ‘up and down’ term, they have tried their best to stay positive and busy. Well done boys, I look forward to more in Term 3.

Page highlights
Through the first 5 weeks of this term Page Dormitory was the only boys’ dorm open. We started with a pretty small group and some very different structures in place to meet distancing and showering/toiletry regulations. The boys were great during this difficult time and as the term went on more boarders trickled in, and some semblance of normalcy returned. Some things didn’t change much: Tahl Hopkins continued his hard core afternoon workouts. It was still hard to keep the kitchen clean. Weekends were movie nights in the common room. The boys still built mattress cubbies in their bays. The pool table is still a hit. Luke Keough continued with his athletics training. Sunday night locker inspections remained a benchmark. And the common room was still the communal hub of our dormitory. Hopefully next term will be back to sport and the dreaded COVID-19 will cease to disrupt some of the more fun aspects of boarding life.

Sarge and the boys invited the girls down for a game of pool and BBQ. In the first week of term, Sister Kate even made chocolate cupcakes for dessert!
Alban highlights
And just like that, Term 2 is over. It has certainly been one for the records! Alban remained open for the entire term, with a handful of girls from Chad and Becket joining us when school first resumed on April 21st. It was a huge change for all, but the girls embraced the challenge and settled in well. The silver lining for us was the lovely opportunity we had to get to know the girls from other dorms and make new connections. I’m so proud of the way all three girls dorms rallied together, forming new bonds and supporting each other. Even after Chad and Becket re-opened, the girls continued to wear a dusty pad between dormitories, which was great to see.

Weekends and recreation looked a bit different this term, and while our social lives were limited, we managed to compromise and innovation stepped in! Karen and Jenny discovered the girls’ love of cooking and had fun making Churros, Waffles and cakes! Alison and I pulled out the fire pit and made nights of movies and marshmallows. While the fire kept the girls warm, Erin Blennerhassett played her guitar and, almost all, the girls sang with her until late. It’s wonderful to see the continued unity between all three girls’ dorms.

While our dorm numbers have been small, I’m really impressed with the way all our girls rose to meet all challenges. A special thank you to Jasmine Elliott and Alana Kelly for really stepping up this term and supporting both your dormies, and all the girls. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I hope you all have a great break and I look forward to seeing you all back again next term!

Becket highlights
Becket Dormitory may have been closed for the first part of this term the time was not wasted ‘cause the old girl got a facelift in a couple of areas. The common room wall has been highlighted and the bays had a fresh lick of paint and some were upgraded, creating more privacy. The girls certainly enjoyed moving back into a clean, fresh dorm. One of the major downsides to this term has been the amount of times we have had to ask some girls to move to different bays which we do apologise for. There have been many reasons for all the moves but the up side is the girls should now know what they do and do not need and what they actually use. Mid-year is always a good time for them to take home what isn’t necessary so that the end of the year is not such a pack up! At the beginning of the term all our girls were over in Alban so the last few days it has been our turn to return the favor and the remaining few girls in Alban moved over to Becket until the end of the week. While we have not been able to do a lot of outings and sport, we haven’t just been idly sitting around on the weekends; we have taken this time to have a few dorm get-togethers. Last weekend all three girls’ dorms joined up for a fire pit and movie night, this weekend just gone, Yvonne, Karen and myself hosted a short trivia night for the girls, with everyone learning a few new things. It was lovely a evening and one that we hope to keep going next term. I hope everyone is having a great break and I look forward to seeing you all back, well rested and ready to start Term 3.

Chad highlights
As we were only open for the last 4 weeks, it feels like we were just getting into it and we are heading off home again. When we returned in week 5, a number of the girls had a bit of catch-up work to do, to get back up to speed with their assessments. All of the girls made this a priority, making sure that it all got done.

Things that I have noticed in Chad Dorm this term...
As there is not much on, we have quite often taken to ‘going for a drive’ in the bus, sometimes up Towers Hill, sometimes out to the Weir, but usually to... "I don’t know Yvonne, can we just go somewhere?" Not quite sure where that is yet, but we have done a bit of driving around trying to find it! Year 11’s have really become a close group, it’s great to see.

Bree is still up early most mornings staying fit.

Lovers Lane is overpopulated by Chad girls at the moment.

Everyone is doing a great job of trying to keep their bays tidy, some with more success than others.

Enjoying the trivia night, Savannah Arnold, Hailea Wallace, Luanna Cassar, and Trezjhan Brackenridge.

Storm’s Trivia team – Ashleigh Elliott, Savannah Arnold, Savannah Storey, Annabel Ruyg and Storm Crossland.

Erin Blennerhassett, Brandy Corlis and Jasmine Elliott hanging out in the Green Dorm Courtyard.

Zoe Donaldson, Annabel Ruyg, Reese Wilkinson and Darnelle Steedman playing the very popular “Greed”.

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Semester One

First and foremost, we, the students and staff at All Souls St Gabriels School acknowledge the Traditional owners of this land, the Gudjal people.

On behalf of ASSG I would like to pay our respects to elders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions and culture.

We thank the Gudjal people for allowing us to meet on their country for our education.

My name is Alice Lawrence and in February this year, I started in my role as Indigenous Support Officer. I am a past student, having attended All Souls St Gabriels from 1994-1997. Prior to me coming back to All Souls, I was a cook in the hospitality industry for over 15 years, during which I gained my Diploma in Hospitality. As much as I enjoyed my work, I was wanting more and needed extra challenges in life, so I applied for this job and the rest is history!

During Term 1, I was meeting and getting to know the Indigenous students. I joined them in their classrooms and assisted some of them with their school work. Just as I was getting in to the swing of things, COVID 19 hit us and most of our students went back to their communities.

During Term 2, we celebrated National Reconciliation Week. We started with an Acknowledgement of Country video, which was really well done and went onto the Schools Facebook page. Thanks to all involved and especially to Mrs Tracy Maff.

I was very kindly invited to the Junior School Chapel service to talk about National Reconciliation Week as well. I applaud the Junior School Chapel Prefect, Jett, who did an absolutely tremendous job!

Last but not least our last project for National Reconciliation Week was the snake which looked fantastic with everyone’s hand print on it. Again, thank you to all who participated and all who took the time to help me with the project, teaching the youth about National Reconciliation Week and what it means to us here at All Souls St Gabriels, as through art we can show how we have all come together to make our rainbow serpent. This will go on display next term for all to see.

All in all, I have settled in well and I enjoy working with all the students. As restrictions ease, I hope that we will all be back together again next term.

Have a great holiday. Be safe, look after family and friends.

Servire Regnare...