Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and no doubt you’re all looking forward to having your boys home over the winter break.

It has been great to see so many of you supporting and enjoying some of the events held this term. The Maroon and Blue dinner was certainly a fun night with good company and plenty of dancing. Perhaps some of you will be able to get tables together for the 90th celebrations next term and the Sports Dinner in Term 4. At the end of Term 3 we will also hold a Leadership dinner and Awards night as we farewell Year 12 and announce boarding leaders for 2017. This is an evolving concept so please stay tuned for the details.

**Year 10 – 12 Boarding Dance**

Last Friday we hosted around 60 girls from Loreto Normanhurst and St Scholastica’s for dinner and a dance in the new Dining Hall. The Country theme (‘Farmer wants a Formal Date’) was well received by all. Highlights of the night included Sam Prince’s (Rankin Springs) petting zoo with the College’s prize ram, Kuzi Jaravani (Tamworth) winning the best dressed male and Bradyn Challis (Merriwagga) seamlessly taking over from the paid DJ with his high energy dance tracks.

Brandon Prince with ‘Donk’   DJ Bradyn Challis
Sport

Sport has taken centre stage on a few occasions recently and the entire boarding school has been present to support the 1st grade league in their GIO Cup competition. Both games have been thrilling to watch as they have been close and very competitive encounters against Holy Cross Ryde and St Dominic’s College, Penrith. These are crucial opportunities to build school spirit and I’m pleased that the boarding school has led the way in this regard.

Congratulations go to all boys in the 1st grade league squad for their victory in the MCS Grand Final today. Boarders were well represented in this side with Joe Stewart (Harden), Luke Wright and Mitch Nobbs (Lord Howe Island), Jack Murray (Gilgandra), Harry Brown (Canberra), Bayley MacBeth (Oakdale), Ethan Parry (Tamworth) and Matt Stimson (Temora) all contributing throughout the season. Congratulations also goes to Dylan Bordignon (Griffith) who represented the College in the 1st grade MCS Football grand final today. In the end the teams couldn’t be split and it finished in a draw.

Musical

Congratulations to Baylee Sing and William Mannix who held up the cultural banner for the entire boarding house in last weekend’s successful production of the musical ‘Annie’.

A few reminders....

Boarders Travel Days

Weekly boarders are expected at school on these days unless there are extenuating circumstances which would make that difficult.

Changes to destinations need to be booked in with Daniela Romeo around 5 weeks in advance. Please also make sure you always cancel travel when it is not needed.

Leaving Early

With 13 – 14 weeks holiday a year and 4 or 5 ‘Free Weekends’ it makes it very hard to justify so many requests for extra leave outside these times. This is especially true towards the end and at the beginning of terms. Please help us help your sons by ensuring they maximise their time in the classroom.

Could you also please ensure you provide as much accurate information as possible on the College leave request forms. Keep in mind the potential for this to become a legal document.
Reports

A copy of your son’s report will be sent home in the mail next week.

Fiji and Vanuatu Immersions

We wish Jack Alcorn (Harden), Charlie Allen (Cooma), Michael Calcutt (Mount Annan), Sam Price (Elderslie), William Mannix (Brewarrina) and Jack Nixon (Harrington) all the very best as they embark on this year’s immersion experience to Fiji and Vanuatu these holidays. These trips offer the boys some incredible insights into how other people and communities live. The boys will be exposed to the simplicity and hardship of how some people live whilst at the same time experiencing the sincere warmth and generosity in the culture and spirit so evident in these communities. No doubt these boys will be great ambassadors for the College and their families.

As you will see from the upcoming events list below there is plenty happening straight after the holidays so please enjoy the break.

Best Wishes,

Max Spencer

Upcoming Events:

- 23rd June – 3rd July – Fiji and Vanuatu Immersions
- 17th July – Boarders’ Travel Day
- 18th July – Term 3 commences
- 19th July – Bookings Due for Boarder’s Travel Free Weekend 19th August
- 19th July – College Athletics Carnival
- 20th July – Year 11 2017 Subject Information Evening
- 23rd July – ISA Rugby Round 7 at Bathurst (St Stanislaus)
- 26th July – Year 8 Etiquette Night
- 27th July – Careers Forum in Br Luke Hall and Year 9 2017 Information Night
- 30th July – ISA Rugby Round 8, St Patrick’s College Strathfield at SGC