

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am sure there are many girls in the Hostel who are glad that Friday is here! Many parents may have heard from their daughters that they were "locked out" of the Hostel this week. To some girls this has seemed like an eternity, however, in actual fact it has only been 4 days! The 'lock out' has simply meant that they have not had access to their bedroom during the school day. The reason behind this was to try and get the message across about room tidiness. By week 7 all girls should be fully aware of the standard we expect. There have been some beautifully tidy rooms this week and I really do appreciate the efforts of those girls.

We do have cleaners at Hewett House who do a great job, the bathrooms are cleaned every morning, the floors are vacuumed daily, surfaces wiped and rubbish emptied. Some girls presume that the cleaners will also tidy their rooms. This is not the case! If they leave their gear and rubbish all over the floors the cleaners will not be able to vacuum their floors. It does make their job very difficult. It is unbelievable how many girls leave rubbish on the floor of their room rather than putting it in the bins. I hope this week they have realized that it is very important to keep their personal space in the Hostel neat and tidy. I appreciate the support that comes from home on this issue. I know the girls enjoy coming back to their rooms at lunch time and I hope that this can continue.

We have had some more great achievements from our Hostel girls this week. I would like to congratulate the following girls:

Kaylah Clarke-Winiata made it to the Central Force representative team for Touch Rugby. She is currently away at the Nationals this weekend.

Brooke McFall & Chelsea Spencer are members of the NGHS 'A' volleyball team that won the Secondary Schools Championship on Wednesday night.

Awesome efforts girls!

A few of our Hostel girls have been away this week competing at Horse of the Year. What a fabulous event for the Bay to host each year. It seems to be getting bigger and bigger each year and I am sure the competition is getting stiffer! Good luck to our equestrian girls. We look forward to hearing of your achievements on Monday.

The weather certainly became very autumnal this week and with the cold change has come a few sore throats and cold symptoms. As you can well imagine in a Hostel, winter bugs spread awfully quickly through the dorms. If your daughter is coming down with something it is a good idea to keep her home until she is well, to prevent infecting others. Now might be the time to increase our Vitamin C and garlic intake!

Some of you might be interested to know just how busy our Hostel girls are. So far this term the minivan has made 482 trips after school (Monday to Thursday) carrying 825 girls. Of this number, only 28 of these trips had to use the taxi service (5.8%). That's pretty good going. The transport issue is always one that we are constantly addressing and reviewing. We do try to keep it as fair as possible and as I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we are currently trialing other options. I will keep you updated.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards

Lianne Parkinson
Hostel Manager