

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a quiet place it is at Hewett House with all the girls at home! There is still action however, with painters and maintenance men which is always good to see.

I hope that you are all enjoying your time with your daughters at home. I myself cannot believe how quickly the time is flying by. All plans for organizing my life, my house and my girls will have to be put into turbo drive if I hope to achieve anything!

We have been very lucky with the weather over the holidays; I personally think that it is one of our best autumns yet! The mornings are certainly a little brisk which serves as a reminder that winter is on its way. I am sure that all girls are well organized for next term and their winter uniforms are looking clean and tidy. Just a reminder about naming clothing, it is always disappointing to see the pile of lost property at the end of every term. As a mum buying uniform, I know only too well the cost to replace it – so for the sake of a vivid marker or a 'sew on' label, it is well worth the effort.

Can I please remind you about the quantity of gear that the girls are bringing to the hostel? We have found that many girls bring far too many belongings into the Hostel and this makes it very difficult to keep her small space tidy. Five day girls in particular do not actually require that much gear. With all their requirements for school and sport their rooms quickly fill up. I would like to also remind girls in the units that extra appliances should not be brought back to the hostel this term.

This term will be a busy one with winter sports. We will be looking at how the Hostel minivan operates and be trying to streamline this a little. I am fully aware of how busy and demanding team sports are over the winter months and as always we want to encourage and support all girls involved in both sport and co curricular activities. However, with one van and one driver, who is also a very important member of the Hostel 'night and bedtime' staff, it can be very difficult to juggle her time. Please be assured that I will consult with you and consider all possibilities when making changes – your support of this will be most valuable.

The Hostel will be open from 1.00pm on Sunday 18 April. We look forward to welcoming your daughters back for another productive term at NGHS. Enjoy the remainder of your term break together!

Kind regards

Lianne Parkinson