

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I know that I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that the cough and cold season hadn't begun yet; however, this week unfortunately, it looks like it has. There have been a number of girls out of action this week with sore throats, earache and a general "cold" with all its symptoms. We do have a good supply of panadol in our medicine cabinet so it is not necessary for girls to bring this to school. We find it really helpful if we dispense the medication, that way we are able to ensure that they are not exceeding doses and we can keep a close eye on how your daughter is getting on. Some girls can soldier on with mild symptoms and we certainly try and encourage this. If your daughter tells you that she is unwell or that she thinks we are being a bit tough, please let us know. As always we try and take the very best care of her, however you may have information that we don't, so please feel free to ring anytime and let us know.

Last night the Hostel girls attended the opening night of our school production "Footloose." It was a fabulous show and I think every girl that went would agree. I am sure that many of our juniors will be inspired to audition when they have the opportunity. There were some real stars on the night and the entire cast can feel extremely proud of their performance and of their efforts over the past month. It all came together on the night for an awesome production. Once again the hostel girls are to be commended on their cooperation and their behaviour whilst out representing Hewett House.

Following on from the minivan discussions; firstly thank you to all parents who commented and put forward very constructive ideas. I apologise if I have not responded to you individually. The minivan will continue as it currently is for the remainder of this term and the winter sport season, as I am aware that many commitments have already been made. However, from term 4 it will no longer be available after 8.00pm.

Our Year 13 girls, as always are a wonderful asset in the Hostel. Not only are they busy with their personal study they also take on responsibilities within the Hostel. After meeting with them throughout these discussions, they have agreed to provide extra support in the evening to allow the minivan to continue for this period. I am grateful to them for 'stepping up.' The Hostel provides many opportunities to develop in leadership and as always we will support them.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Lianne Parkinson