

# Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Another busy week at the Hostel has just flown by and already we are almost half way through the term with much to get through. As I write this we are enjoying some much needed rain. Not a lot, but wet stuff none-the-less. I am sure it will not hinder any weekend sport though.

On Monday night we conducted an anonymous survey of our Hostel girls. As always it is wonderful to get the girls feedback and it gives us the opportunity to deal with any minor issues that might be brewing in as low key way as possible. You might be interested in some of the results.

**Are you happy in the Hostel? 88% said YES**

**Do you feel well looked after? 86% said YES**

Although these results look ok – we are always striving for 100%. Unfortunately we can't do anything for the girls who replied – I just don't want to be here! However, we did receive some constructive advice and we are taking it on board and where possible making some changes. As we always say, if we don't know it is broken we can't fix it!

Next week is the Junior Hostel Social hosted by the school with the theme "Welcome to the Jungle." It is going to take place on Thursday night instead of the usual Friday, which will be a first. The girls are all well aware that there will be no beds available in the Hostel for tired girls on Friday so they will have to settle quickly and with no fuss when they return on Thursday night – this will be a test for them!!! I am sure there will be many girls planning their outfits this weekend.

I will be away at the NZ Boarding School Association Conference in Rotorua next week. I may not have the opportunity to send a newsletter next Friday so thought that I should just give a few reminders about Queen's Birthday weekend now. The Hostel will close over this weekend so all boarders will need to go home. Buses will run as usual. The Hostel closes at 6.00pm on Friday so please make the necessary arrangements for your daughter. On Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> the Hostel will be open from 3.00pm. Please do not attempt to drop your daughters, or their bags, at the Hostel any earlier as there will be no staff here to supervise. I hope you all enjoy the opportunity to have 3 days together. We seem to have lost a few long weekends this year so it will be lovely.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

**Lianne Parkinson**