

Salisbury School Residential Newsletter

Term 3, 2009

McRae

McRae had a weekend camp to Pohara for 7 students. A trip to the Rainbow ski field to play and slide in the snow was a highlight. The six new bikes bought last term are proving very popular and a number of girls are working towards their bike licences. Recycling happens most weekends, the girls help sort the rubbish and take it to the Richmond transfer station. Two McRae girls are playing in the Special Olympics basketball team at the national competitions in Palmerston North next term. Girls have been working hard on their Extravaganza outfits with a lot of support from the staff.

Angela Arnold-Kelly
Residential Supervisor



Comments about camp:

“When we got to Pohara we went shopping. We went for a walk on the beach at night. For tea we had fish and chips and ten ice cream. We had pavlova for breakfast! It was an excellent weekend”

Christina

“On camp we went to the beach. We went to the restaurant for hot chocolate. I got some earrings and a necklace. I enjoyed walking and having a great time.”

Teryn

Hurley

This term has been really busy with the Extravaganza costumes being an ongoing project for both staff and students.

We have also been busy organising our Cottage Camp for next term which will be based in Reefton on the West Coast.



Several of our girls have been involved in sports showing skill and commitment at competition level, and a group have enjoyed weekly hip hop lessons.

The girls are really keen on the library programme and write reviews for our reading tree. We continue with weekly swimming at the Ngawhatu pool and our regular walking programme. With the warmer weather the girls have been busy in the vegetable garden planting for the summer.

Pauline Jackson, Hurley Cottage

Parker

Term three is now drawing to a close and it is time to reflect on some of the highlights for the term. They are as follows;

- 1) Expansion and development of ongoing programs such as budgeting, laundry, library, self care, social skills etc.
 - 2) The new Silver Bullets programme for three students.
 - 3) Increased outdoor activities at the weekends that involve such things as bike-riding, walking and swimming.
 - 4) A trip to St Arnaud for a weekend for 8 of our girls. This included a day trip to Rainbow Ski Field and skiing lessons and then an overnight stay in a rented batch. A really enjoyable experience for all.
 - 5) And last but not least, the incredible amount of work by staff and girls for the upcoming Extravaganza show. Every weekend time has been spent with further work on this project and there are some fantastic costumes as a result. Now the emphasis is on fine tuning the show itself and assisting the girls to increase their confidence on the runway and get there timing in sync with the music. I am sure this will be a marvellous show and a credit to Lesley Newport and Debra Gibbs who are the main organisers.
- Lyndsay Hikurora, Residential Supervisor

Te Ara Hou

The 6 students who have nearly completed their first term in Te Ara Hou have made good progress and have already started to become more independent with learning how to live in a flatting situation and taking on the responsibilities that go with it. Meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, budgeting, household chores and managing their own laundry are the initial programmes that begin to provide a pathway to independence. ASDAN has been a great way of recognising these skills and the students have been taking advantage of that and are being credited for their efforts. The Arthur's Pass camp was a great success with 6 students attending. All thoroughly enjoyed camp and talked positively about their trip for quite some time after returning.

The Tots and Toddlers programme has given the students the opportunity to care for a virtual newborn baby. This programme has been a huge learning curve and has emphasised the massive responsibility and sleepless nights that go with it.

Five students are participating in the "Wearable Art Extravaganza" show which has involved a lot of hard work. The students are also looking forward to a trip on the Haulashore ferry on the last weekend of term. Activities such as karate, army cadets, hip hop (onsite and off), touch and Wearable Art show practices have also kept the students busy.

A great term packed with lots of learning and fun along the way!

Julie Boyd, Te Ara Hou Team Leader