It was wonderful to see so many families at our opening gathering and supper, now weeks ago on January 26. I was conscious that many were feeling vulnerable, others excited, so many enthusiastic, and all of us really committed to welcoming each other into a great system of boarding. It remains wonderful still as our young people immerse themselves with that abandoned enthusiasm called adolescence and they rush into making the most of living well together.

Certainly on that first night we were welcoming our young people into the challenge of friendship and the generosity needed to build community. We recognised that the students would need resilience and trust and that there was much ahead that would be a challenge for them. And they were invited to make an effort. This boarding can work; just try. I know that I have watched with delight the growth and maturity in their confidence. I have seen them become imbued with those hallmarks of a Salesian boarding experience which centres on respect and care. I can see their hearts change as they experience the formative magic of Salesian House. They are comfortable; they care about things; they are at home.

So I write with a freshness of welcome. It is great to create a unique 2015 Boarding community. It is certainly pleasing to see experienced boarders supporting the new students and the laughter and the friendships just flourish. All the noises about the place are mostly positive. There does, however, seem so much noise!

I will always maintain that this is a special place and this community will have a big influence on all who come into connection with it. There is a boarding process which is one of routine, structure, and relationship. Our young people will learn plenty because they are at a fine College. They will learn plenty about themselves and their qualities because they are in a fine boarding home. They will learn about their inner spirituality because they are entering a place of faithfulness. They will listen to their hearts and we know that God will gently and quietly speak to them. They will grow.

It was so reassuring to know all this about Salesian House boarding as I welcomed people on that first night on Australia Day. I know it works. It was also reassuring that the paint in the Year 12 Boys rooms had finally dried...just.

Greg Hay
Principal
It was wonderful to welcome so many to the boarding community this year.
The dining room was packed on the first night back to welcome 40 students and their families for 2015. Thank you to the College Staff who attended. This was an ideal time to show off the newly renovated bedrooms, bathrooms, walls and flooring. A special welcome to our new students and our new Assistant Supervisor Mrs Cherie McAdam, who I believe since the very first day of working in Salesian House is someone who has brought a lot of optimism to our young students that will help them grow in confidence in the routines, disciplines, the fun and cohesion of boarding and with Cherie and myself we hope the students learn reverence and respect, of which quite a lot of that exists currently and hopefully will continue in their journey of boarding.
We congratulate Ellen Bowley, House Captain of McNally and Jake Dolphin who was inducted as Salesian House Captain on 24th February with the induction service lead by Mr Hay in the Chapel. Congratulations to academic & community awards presented to Bernadine Butterick, Patrick Williams, Cameron Lindner, Maddison Richardson and Ellen Bowley for 2014.
We have had the privilege of our principal Mr Greg Hay visiting us regularly and Mr Hay also delivered our first prayer presentation and chaired our first Parent Meeting where along with current parent members we welcomed Annie Kleinig as a new member for 2015. We are always open to any other parents willing to participate; currently we have 6 mothers attending. A reminder to all parents that if your child is going away from the boarding home campus for any length of time we will require an email or written note signed by the parent. At present we do not have a fax machine.
We have had the pleasure of Mr Robert Cronin (Sir) visiting, sharing a meal and offering his expertise in Maths to help anyone who wants help with Maths. Ramel and Red the Seminarians in the Port Pirie Diocese visited us on 9th February for a meal and brought with them a banner to be drawn up and painted as part of the Diocesan Assembly coming up soon. Mrs McAdam was ably supported by four of our boarders and it was painted beautifully. The School Counsellor Katrina Johns has visited each week and offers a friendship to all students with her caring ways. Chef has accommodated some Birthday celebrations with a meal of their own choice and accommodated all our hunger needs with a variety of food presented. Greg (Chef) also supervises a Badminton competition on Wednesday evenings which again appears popular with the students.
Mrs McAdam is going to be obtaining her bus license to drive our 28 seater bus for the students and we hope to organize more outings for the students this year.
Salesian House now has the addition of two Green Tree frogs which are popular with the students and are very well cared for by George Seppelt and Natasha Williams who feed them twice a week.
Mrs McAdam has organised a Newsletter as part of our Prayer Night activities. Due to limited staff availability the Mrs McAdam created this activity for the students in order for each to fulfil their religious content during their time at the Boarding House. Each room or year level were tasked to create a newspaper style article with a religious context. Working to a deadline has proven challenging but all the students have risen to the challenge and created some wonderful, insightful and even entertaining articles. Well done to all the students for putting in a great effort and participating in a in a positive manner.

Denise Arbon
Boarding House Coordinator
1. **Present**
   Robyn Bowley, Marie Manners, Jo Seppelt, Katrina Butterick, Marg Ashe, Annie Kleining, Denise Arbon, Greg Hay

2. **Apologies**
   Michele Williams

3. **Prayer**

4. Minutes of the last Meeting: 2 November, 2014

5. **Business Arising**
   - Tablets for Year 8s were discussed
   - P+F donation to the gym was received. Jake to write a letter of thank you
   - Strategic Plan: to be looked at soon

6. **Salesian House Report**
   - Welcome back to all the Parent Council members for Salesian House and a special welcome to new member Annie Kleining.
   - The doors opened 26th January. The support for students by the families and College staff to welcome everyone to the beginning of Term 1 2015 was fantastic.
   - There are 40 students (26 boys & 14 girls)
   - 2014 Presentation night 5 Boarding students received academic and/or community awards, Bernadine Butterick Yr 8, Patrick Williams Yr 10 & Salesian House Award, Ellen Bowley Yr 11, Maddison Richardson Yr 11 and Cameron Lindner Yr 11 Agriculture award.
   - Renovations Yr 12 boys have been greeted with beautiful new bedrooms and bathrooms and one new room and an extra shower alcove in the common bathroom.
   - The hallway has received new flooring and paint.
   - Mrs Cherie McAdam is Salesian House Assistant Supervisor; Cherie is very caring, shows great initiative in creating fundraising activities and games for the students. Cherie is very friendly, co-operative and great to work with.
   - Mother’s Day Raffle This year’s raffle is named ‘The Pamper Hamper’. An email has been sent out to all Bosco staff seeking donations for the raffle.
   - School Counsellor Katrina Johns visits the boarding house twice a week and is always available for a friendly chat with the students
   - Salesian House Captain Jake Dolphin is completing Year 12 this year and has been appointed Captain for 2015. He is a very worthy recipient as a leader for the House and is a great support and mentor for all the students.
   - Badminton There are approximately 12 students playing on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
   - Evacuation Drill The first evacuation drill will be held on Monday 23rd February. Wade Kammerman will be assisting the house staff, Wade is from Fire Equipment Maintenance Group.
   - Diocese Assembly Banner Sister Elizabeth organised for two Seminarian men Ramel and Red to visit for a meal and paint the banner for 2015 assembly. Four students Alex, Natasha, George and Brad helped Mrs McAdam from start to finish and Sr Elizabeth collected the completed banner last Friday 13th Feb.
   - Prayer Presentation Evening Grey Hay has joined us for a meal and presented the first prayer evening of 2015 in the Chapel. We look forward to more evenings from other teaching staff throughout Term 1.
   - Street Afternoon Through the generosity of Shane Fantinel the students have had three visits to K Mart and the city centre on the bus. This is a very popular outing with the students.

7. **Principal’s Report**
   - Deputy Principal Acknowledgement I have been delighted to welcome Kylie Smith and Janet Haskett onto the Executive of the College as Deputy Principals.
   - Commissioning and the Sacred The Bishop has joined the College to express the sacred dimension of our community lives in a Mass
   - Year 12 Results The Dux of the College was Dylan Raftery. His ATAR was an outstanding 99.00. All students who received an ATAR of 90 or higher were honoured in a special assembly which we called the Dux Assembly. The guest speaker at the Dux Assembly was our Mayor, John Rohde.
   - Professional Learning The staff undertook a very engaging presentation by Mr Nathan Hulls a life coach and educator.
   - Our Faith Life We have Katie Pole, Kylie Smith, Naomi Creek and myself keeping the flame alive until such time that an APRIM is appointed.
   - Community Sadness Our community was deeply saddened at the news of the Camporeale tragedy.
   - New Staff We welcomed a number of new staff and rejoice in their impact.
   - From the Boarding House: Cherie McAdam
   - The Trade Skills Centre The Trade Skills Centre was completed. The first lessons have taken place.
   - Year 8 Camp We wished our 95 Year 8s and 10 staff good luck as they ventured to Pt Hughes for the Year 8 aquatic camp.
   - We enjoyed a Captains’ Camp at Point Lowly.
   - The College Musical was announced: ‘High School Musical’
   - The parents of Bosco Captains enjoyed a soiree and discussion at the appropriate cocktail hour.
   - Parent Gathering Year 8 parent gathered for a very well attended parent night.
   - Boarding House New accommodation – 6 new bedrooms; refurbished hallways
   - Trade Skills Centre completed. Equipment arriving.

8. **Board Report**
   - Discussion on the value of Board Membership
   - The Board Committee system was discussed

9. **WHS Report**
   - Mats purchased for showers
   - Lock In procedures discussed
   - Evacuation Drill still to happen

10. **Professional Development**

11. **General Business**
   - Katrina Butterick was confirmed as the Board representative

12. Next meeting: Sunday May 17, 7.30pm
From the House Captain

Welcome and welcome back to Salesian Boarding House for 2015.
My name is Jake, I live at Booborowie SA and this is my second year at the boarding house.
I have been appointed the Salesian House Captain this year and my role is to uphold the values of the house and share this knowledge through the house and our school for the duration of the year.
The challenges we face living away from home include getting to know new people. This can be challenging mainly for the new boarding students, especially if they don’t know someone already living here. Study times are stricter than what you are likely to have at home and simply being away from your parents can be a struggle.
Over time you will face these challenges and once you’ve faced them, living in the Salesian Boarding House can be a life changing experience and can make you a better person.
The best advice I can give you is to get to know your house mates. Living in a boarding house will be a lot easier and more comforting if you get along with your house mates. They are able to help with homework, play games with you in your free time and it is good to have them around to talk to or to sit with during breakfast or dinner.
The boarding house and school offers students the chance to grow into their own self and develop their individual personalities and strengths.
I hope that every student feels at home and enjoys this year at the boarding house.

Jake’s Speech

I, as a leader of St Mark’s College promise to commit myself to serve our school community throughout 2015. I will work collaboratively with others and ensure everyone’s individual qualities and opinions are considered in order to represent the college in the best way possible. Throughout the school community I will bring positivity and commitment to the Boarding House and the School, through the use of initiative and remaining open and approachable.

This year the Boarding House students were asked to complete a banner for the 2015 Youth Assembly.
The design is the logo for this year’s event and 4 students completed the task at hand quite quickly.
Ramel and Red, two gentlemen from the Philippines who are in Australia studying in the Seminary, helped the students with the design.
Ramel is from Negros Occidental Province and is from the Diocese of Kabankalan. He has been in Australia for 3 and ½ years and is hoping to be a priest in Port Pirie Diocese. He is looking forward to meeting people and hearing their stories, he enjoys exploring the many beautiful places in Australia.
Red is from the Queens Province and has just arrived in Australia and is also from the Diocese of Kabankalan. He is looking forward to traveling around the Diocese of Port Pirie and is keen to familiarize himself with our Australian culture. His goal is to be a missionary priest in Australia. His first night in Australia saw him dine with the students for a steak dinner.
Our New Students Profile for 2015

Name: Maddison Fahey
Year Level: 8
Home town: Jamestown
Hobbies and Interests: Music, netball and art
Sports you play and the team: Netball- Magpies
Career choices to date: A nurse
Who is your idol and why: Jennifer Lawrence because I love her movies and she is a great actress.
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? To be invisible because it would be fun.
The thing you are most proud of: Coming first on a swimming race last year.
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? Rose, because it’s a pretty name.

Name: Joshua Kleinig
Year Level: 10
Home town: Burra
Hobbies and Interests: Sports, games, sleeping, eating.
Sports you play and the team: Football- Burra, Booborowie, Hallett.
Cricket- Burra, Leighton Junior Cricket Club
Career choices to date: Sport, beef industry (Ag).
Who is your idol and why: James Bay- local artist, Singer, Solo artist
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Shape shifter
The thing you are most proud of: Sarah Ford (good friend)
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? William Smith

Name: Callum Reynolds
Year Level: 11
Home town: Leigh Creek
Hobbies and Interests: Playing games and watching TV shows
Sports you play and the team: Used to play footy for Orrooro
Football- Jamestown/ Peterborough Cricket- Jamestown
Career choices to date: Graphic designer or game developer
Who is your idol and why: I don’t have an idol.
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? The ability to control weather.
The thing you are most proud of: My new laptop.
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? Don’t Know

Name: Zac Mead
Year Level: 10
Home town: Jamestown
Hobbies and Interests: Sport and holidays
Sports you play and the team: Cricket – Jamestown
Basketball- Jamestown and Footy- Jamestown/Peterborough
Career choices to date: Physio or teacher
Who is your idol and why: Lance Armstrong, good bike rider-incredible sportsman.
Steve Smith- good cricketer, good man in general.
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? To fly, so you could go anywhere, anytime.
The thing you are most proud of: Junior Colts captain 2014
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? Gordon, because it sounds sick!

Name: Brad French
Year Level: 11
Home town: Hallett
Hobbies and Interests: reading, bike riding, music and playing with my dogs.
Sports you play and the team: Don’t play sport
Career choices to date: Sound technician or possibly a lawyer
Who is your idol and why: Comedian Tim Minchin because he’s not afraid to speak his mind and tell people what he thinks of them.
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Teleportation so I could travel anywhere.
The thing you are most proud of: being able to help others
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? I would change my name to Christopher just because I like old generation names.

Name: Tom Kelly
Year Level: 11
Home town: Jamestown
Hobbies and Interests: Ball sports
Sports you play and the team: Ball, Rebels
Career choices to date: Refrigeration Mechanic
Who is your idol and why: Zac Mead, showing that size doesn’t matter since 2000.
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Teleporting because I’m lazy.
The thing you are most proud of: St. James School Captain.
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? Lamurcas, because it is ghetto.
Name: Edward Bray  
Year Level: 10  
Home town: Jamestown  
Hobbies and Interests: Sport  
Sports you play and the team: Football- Jamestown/ Peterborough  
Cricket- Jamestown  
Career choices to date: Boilermaker or Farmer  
Who is your idol and why: Rick Ireland, gun sportsman and top lad.  
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Flight because you would get places quicker.  
The thing you are most proud of: Captain of Jamestown/Peterborough Jr Colts  
If you could change your name, what would it be and why?  

Name: Portia Richardson  
Year Level: 9  
Home town: Jamestown  
Hobbies and Interests: Going for walks with Bernie  
Sports you play and the team: Use to do competitive swimming.  
Career choices to date: I would like to be a nurse.  
Who is your idol and why: Bethany Hamilton, she is so strong and inspirational.  
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Be able to fly so I can visit places.  
The thing you are most proud of: Being a good swimmer and going to Adelaide to compete.  
If you could change your name, what would it be and why?  

Name: Kim Morrow  
Year Level: 9  
Home town: St. Arnaud Victoria  
Hobbies and Interests: Music, Sport, reading  
Sports you play and the team: Basketball- Spalding, Netball- BSR  
Career choices to date: Journalist/photographer  
Who is your idol and why: Mike Rosenberg (passenger) because he’s inspirational  
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Telepathy because it would come in handy.  
The thing you are most proud of: Playing a state netball competition.  
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? Kim because that’s what I get called anyway.  

Name: Rick Ireland  
Year Level: 10  
Home town: Port Broughton  
Hobbies and Interests: Motocross and sports  
Sports you play and the team: BMFC (Football)  
Broughton Mundooora Football Club  
Career choices to date: Diesel Fitter  
Boiler Maker  
Who is your idol and why: Edward Bray- Freak at sport and a good lad  
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Be like the flash – get places quicker and be faster than Usain Bolt.  
The thing you are most proud of: Association football  
If you could change your name, what would it be and why?  

Name: Dominic Butterick  
Year Level: 8  
Home town: Jamestown  
Hobbies and Interests: Football, tennis and motor bike riding.  
Sports you play and the team: Football for Jamestown/Peterborough.  
Career choices to date: To be a farmer.  
Who is your idol and why: James Stewart because he is a famous motocross/ Super cross rider and I like dirt bikes.  
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Invisible because I could leave a lesson if I did not like it.  
The thing you are most proud of: Getting blue captain for St Mary’s.  
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? James because he is a good motocross rider.  

Name: Harrison Quinn  
Year Level: 10  
Home town: Burra  
Hobbies and Interests: Cricket, running, sports  
Sports you play and the team: Cricket- Burra Leighton Cricket Club and Burra Eagles, Stanley tennis, squash basketball and football BBH  
Career choices to date: Lawyer  
Who is your idol and why: Boh Wall because he helps me with my cricket and he is a great cricketer himself.  
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? Being able to fly.  
The thing you are most proud of: Making my first 50 in cricket.  
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? I wouldn’t change my name.  

Name: Henry Hall  
Year Level: 10  
Home town: Jamestown  
Hobbies and Interests: Riding motorbikes and scooters, playing football, basketball  
Sports you play and the team: Football- JPFC  
Basketball- Jamestown (Grey Lakers)  
Career choices to date: Something in engineering or takeover the family business  
Who is your idol and why: Travis Pastrana because he is a wicked motorbike rider.  
If you had a super power, what would it be and why? The ability to shape shift, be able to stop, rewind and fast-forward time and have telepathic powers.  
The thing you are most proud of: motorbike  
If you could change your name, what would it be and why? Travis Pastrana because he is awesome.
Parents & Family

The Principal of St Mark’s College invites you to the Official Opening and Blessing of the Trade Skills Centre

St Mark’s College
Drage Street
Port Pirie

On

Friday 20th March
Commencing 2.00pm
Followed by afternoon tea