

# SALESIAN HOUSE

## newsletter

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Term 3 has been full of activity for our Boarders

Denise and David Arbon have served St Mark's boarding community for over 21 years. That is a significant achievement. I have only had the pleasure of knowing Denise and David this year, but I express my sincere thanks to them both for the care and dedication they have shown to our boarding students and families over such a long time. The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic no doubt made the last couple of years more difficult than most, but I know that they have fond memories of the friendships they have made and great pride in the achievements of the students that experienced success in their schooling whilst boarding at St Mark's College. Whilst Denise and David do not conclude their time with us until Week 2 next term, I hope you will join us on Sunday 16 October for a liturgy and meal to say farewell to Denise and David and to celebrate our Year 12 boarders as they near the end of their schooling at St Mark's.

This liturgy will also be an opportunity to meet Joseph Murdock, our new Director of Boarding, who takes up his appointment at the beginning of Term 4 during a handover period. Joe joins us from his current position as a teacher at Maitland Lutheran School. Joe has a passion for health and positive education and has a Master of Education specialising in Wellbeing. He brings experience as a Boarding Supervisor at St Peter's College and is very much looking forward to getting to know you and building a positive community which has been somewhat impacted by COVID regulations.

I'm pleased to say that areas of Salesian House are being refurbished and this is progressing nicely. Whilst we continue to work on a Master Plan that includes plans for a new boarding facility in the future, some refurbishment of current facilities is long overdue. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or suggestions for improvement. I'm delighted that Emelia Benton has joined the College Board as a representative of boarding families, and this provides another avenue to ensure boarding students and families are heard and valued.

I wish you all a wonderful term break, somewhat extended due to the disruption of the Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II and the Smelters Picnic, and I look forward to seeing you for our first gathering this year!

*Sandra*  
Dr Sandra Hewson

**Principal**



## Salesian House Report

As this is my last report for the Salesian House Newsletter, I give my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all St Mark's College staff for their care, friendliness and support you have shown toward David and I.

My heartfelt thanks to my closest colleagues Mrs Jane Dickeson and Mrs Lisa Manners. I will not forget how you have made my job so much easier, comforting and enjoyable.

To all who make up the College Administration staff at the front office. How fortunate is St Mark's College to have a professional and friendly group of men and women to greet people coming in and those visiting the College? I know it meant a lot to me to have met you all. A special thanks to Mrs Deb Slade for her great support of friendship and kindness over 21 years. My gratitude to Mrs Jo Court. I won't forget how kind and welcoming she was to me when we moved into Port Pirie.

Thank you also to the Bosco Student office staff, especially Mrs Janita DeGioia and Mrs Lisa Manners. Both ladies are a power of strength and kindness with their support to staff and students. I am truly grateful to both ladies and their colleagues.

Other members of the staff to whom I owe my thanks are Mrs Judith Gould, Mrs Leanne Klemm, Mrs Sharon Sard, the ICT Team, Maintenance Team, our cleaning staff especially Natasha and Cindy and the Menzies team, the catering manager Mrs Jayne James and chef Mr Ben Westdorp.

A sincere thanks to Mrs Katie Pole. She is a genuine, caring person and I will never forget her care and constant support to me.

I sincerely thanks previous Principals who supported us constantly, Mr Kerron Gillen, Mr David Meziniec and Mr Greg Hay along with Deputy Principal's Mr Roy Boyle, Mr Brett Checowski, Ms Kate Kilpatrick and Mr Marc Forster. Thank you to current Principal Dr Sandra Hewson and acting Deputy Principal Mrs Sarah Freer for the support shown to us this year. I wish the College Executive all the best as they lead St Mark's College in the future.

Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to the many students and their families we have worked with over the last 21 years. You have all made our lives more special than you will ever know. You are the ones who have enlightened and inspired us. We hope to see some of you, sometime, somewhere. Go forward with good health and happiness.

One of the biggest highlights of the 21 years was when Meg Malycha organised a video of previous boarding students congratulating David and myself on 20 years as Boarding House Parents. Meg was assisted by Miss Eliza Fromm (a teacher and previous Boarder) Mrs Dickeson, Mrs Manners and Mrs Pole. It was amazing and I have a copy at home to look at when I want to remember those great memories.

David and I will work our last day on Friday October 28.

God bless

*Denise*

Mrs Denise Arbon, **House Coordinator**





OSHC> Our Boarders visited the new OSHC service at Benedict Campus to play some games with the children in the afternoon



AG OPEN DAY'S > Sophie showing one of the lambs to Riley who visited McNally Farm with the childcare centre



CHILD STUDIES > Madi created an iceberg activity to promote STEM learning with Year 1 student Ted



ADELAIDE SHOW > Zac (centre) with Connor and Tate showing the sheep at the Adelaide Show



R U OK? DAY > Codi helping to create the Message Mural on R U OK? Day



ADELAIDE SHOW > Congratulations to Chloe who was named one of the top 20 handlers at the Show



VISUAL ARTS > Congratulations to Ian who created this piece 'The Floating Farmlands' which won first place in the Junior Fine Art category of the Gladstone Art Exhibition





R U OK? DAY > Issy hosting some of the Year 7 students in the Bosco Centre



BIRTHDAY > Happy birthday Sophie



CHILDCARE > Emily spent time with one of the children during a visit to the Childcare Centre



RIDING FOR THE DISABLED > Alex tending to one of the horses



ADELAIDE SHOW > Max and Adam with the McNally Farm sheep at the Adelaide Show



MACRAMÉ > The Boarders created some colourful and bright rainbows while learning the skill of macramé



BIRTHDAY > Happy birthday Georgia