Dear Parents

The last few cold and wintery weeks have given me a new appreciation for the warmth of our classrooms. Not just warmth generated by a split system, but rather the warmth and joy we share between teachers and students.

During a school day, I like to pause and scan the faces of students. Very often, the peace and glow reflected on their faces is soothing and satisfying. Although not every lesson has this effect on students, there are many times that I bow in my heart to thank God for the privilege of being a teacher. This is generally followed by a prayer for wisdom and discernment. Awareness of the tremendous responsibility before me each day produces a new need to draw on the knowledge and wisdom of the Teacher of all teachers, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you parents, for entrusting your children into our care. My prayer for the College is that God will fill our classrooms with His warmth everyday. May His love, joy and peace be the motivation for all our actions.

I pray that during the coming term break, you will find the same joy in your homes.

Miriama Jaeger
Semester Reports

It is a requirement of the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority that schools report to parents each semester. Each student is assessed against the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum for their given year level.

As a parent, it may be useful for you to know that the Semester 1 report reflects the current level of student progress to date. This also means that not all achievement standards have been covered in Semester 1. As learning is incremental, teachers may have chosen to focus on mastering a particular skill, process, or concept, before continuing to other areas of the subject’s achievement standard.

The College reports will use the mandated 5 point scale. Hence, students will be given an A - E grade for each subject taught this semester.

Delivering Semester Reports

Please bear with us as we work on publishing reports for the very first time. At this stage, we plan to mail reports to you some time during the first week of July (in the school holidays).

End of Term Assembly

The school term has come to a close far too quickly. We would like to invite all school families and friends to join us for the end of term assembly. This is scheduled for Friday the 1st of July at 1.45pm.

Student Attendance

Please be advised that families wishing to take holiday breaks during school terms are required to obtain an exemption from school. Depending on the length and purpose of the absence, a body such as AISSA or the school Principal will be required to authorise the absence. Could you please ask Mrs George for relevant forms. Alternatively, you may approach Mr Jaeger for more information.

Gumeracha Nursing Home

Thank you students for sharing your work and songs with the residents of Gumeracha hospital last Friday. Although you may think it just a small act of service, for the residents it means a brighter afternoon with a message of cheer. Thank you also to the parents who helped with transport.

Cows Create Careers Presentation

On Friday the 1st of July, the year 7 and 8 class will be representing DSC at the Cows Create Careers Presentation Day in Murray Bridge. Presentation day allows all participating schools to share their experiences in calf-rearing. The winners of the competitions will also be announced.

Win or lose, we pray that our year 7 and 8 students will be a testimony during the day.

All students will be travelling with Mrs Jaeger. We hope to return to school in time for closing assembly at 1.45pm. Mrs Graeber has kindly made herself available for the Year 1 - 6 classes.
Alex’s Inquiry and Mr Trinkle’s Troubles

It’s great to have teachers on board who love a challenge. Earlier this term, Alex was exploring a paddock and found a broken weather station. Together with Mr Trinkle, they decided that although this device is well beyond repair, they could - with a little creativity, launch their own device to model how a weather station might monitor the elements.

So, one fine Monday afternoon all classes were welcomed onto the oval to witness Mr Trinkle’s mobile phone being transported into the atmosphere by 30+ helium balloons. It produced some interesting video footage!

Thank you Alex, and thank you Mr Trinkle! I shouldn’t have doubted...

From Our School Captains...

This semester has flown by with many highlights in each week, but there are definitely those aspects which stand out. I have found that the different scenery and atmosphere has been refreshing and has changed my perspective of schooling and different subjects.

I have found that mathematics, a normally draining subject, has caught my interest. Algebra has definitely been the highlight of this subject, a challenging topic, but something which I enjoyed developing. The topic was completely new to me.

The “Pilgrims Progress” by John Bunyan has been our topic in English. Many valuable lessons were learned, which can be applied to daily life. There was much discussion on the way in which this text could be applied to our walk with God. Seminar discussions were also enjoyable as our inquiries about the text were answered through conversation and meaningful discussion.

Art was originally just the pure basics. This year, the entering of middle school has revealed the wider aspects of art. Vanishing points was a topic which was completely enjoyed by all of the students. I personally found vanishing points a very satisfying part of art.

Cows Create Careers was a most delightful field of education to focus on. The Cows were enjoyed immensely by all of the students and the production of the videos was great fun!

In the last three weeks home economics has been a subject to look forward to every Tuesday. It has been a new experience and is definitely fun. We have been focusing on German food which I find interesting as my heritage is partly German.

These are just a few of the many highlights, but definitely the main ones. After the experience of this
semester I am looking forward to second semester, knowing that it will contain many more surprises in store.

Miss. Allen has a way of making boring History interesting. In art she has inspired us to give our work depth and tone. Mr. Trinkle has patiently been teaching us algebra week after week, his weather balloon experiment was a breath of fresh air. Mr. and Mrs. Jaeger have put a great deal of effort in teaching our class biology especially in showing us how to handle our new microscopes. Our Home-economic lessons have been sending us home with arrowroot sponge rolls. Mr. Guzman’s PE lessons were invigorating as usual. As a School Leader I took on the nerve-wrecking role of taking Senator Bernardi around the school and amongst other things I have been learning to look after the badge that I am supposed to be wearing. Thank you to all the students for behaving and getting along. ...and that’s it.

And a note from Annelle...
I am Annelle. I am especially happy to be a student at DSC. This term I have had Mrs Aunty Ruth Trinkle for our art teacher. We have been drawing and painting Australian animals and plants. When we get some pinboards we will put them at the back of the classroom and make a big scenery with all the animals and plants.

Did you know: A mulga tree is one of the Australian plants we learnt about in class. It keeps its leaves upright to collect water for the plant.

Grammar: unadapted
Punctuation: added by Mrs. Jaeger