Since arriving back in Term 3 the boys have participated in many recreation and school activities including the House Shout, the House Athletics Carnival, Quads and PSA Athletics Carnivals and Drama productions.

The boarders were well represented in the House Athletics Carnival with Liam Tubby the Runner-up Champion Boy for Year 8. As a result of some standout performances, four Knutsford boys were selected to represent the school at Quads: Matthew Hooper, Campbell Baird, Liam Henry and Liam Tubby.

We really value community service at CCGS and it was great to see many Knutsford boys volunteer for a range of opportunities to move toward their target of 10 hours for the year. Major events featuring our boys included the formal dinner setup, marathon walk for Cambodia Children’s Fund and the Swanbourne Primary Fair.

The run club was another activity on offer for the boys this term. It was great to see a dozen Knutsford boys take up the challenge and jog through the local suburbs. Special mention must go to Harrison Shaw (Year 8) who was a keen and reliable participant clocking over 50 kilometres!

With the end of Term 3 comes interim reports. Please review these with your sons and if you have any questions or concerns relating to these, feel free to contact your son’s tutor.

Summer uniforms are worn in Term 4, however the boys will need to keep their formals, as on occasion formals will be required during the term.

This year we will be trialling a new orientation initiative for the incoming Year 7 boys of 2016. In addition to the in-school program on Friday 20 November, we will be offering an overnight stay. This short boarding orientation will allow these boys to meet some of their potential fellow boarders, attend a recreation activity and sleep over in Knutsford House.

With camps in the boarding house over this holiday period, the boys should try to take home as much gear as they can. They will then have less to take with them at the end of the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the housemothers if you have any questions or concerns. We will see you all at the end of term. Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Jason Lamb
Year 7 and 8 Co-ordinator

Term 4 reminders:
Monday 12 October
Return for Term 4 from 2.00pm onwards
Friends of Walters meeting 5.30pm in Walters

Thursday 3 December
End of term from 12.45pm
Another 10 weeks have flown by and I am sure you are looking forward to having your boys home for two weeks. The recreation program has again been popular with activities ranging from socials and movie nights to the marathon walk.

This term saw the completion of Year 9 camps and all boys are to be congratulated for the manner in which they organised themselves and ensured they were up for their early departures. It was also pleasing to hear from Kooringal staff that the boarders were often leading the way, teaching day-boys many new skills from cooking and cleaning to finding a good camp site. Hopefully the skills that the current Year 10 boys learned last year will hold them in good stead for next term’s Year 10 Venture.

The completion of the winter sports season saw many of the boarders rewarded for their efforts. Brodie Albert joined Lewis Henry as another Year 10 to play First XVIII Football and Mac Maslen is to be congratulated for winning the Most Improved Award in 10B Football. The completion of community winter sport saw Richard Mandijalu come second in the association awards and Jesse Harvey (West Perth) and Ben Morgan (South Fremantle) added to WAFL development squads.

When the winter sport season finished, many boys contributed to the athletics program in a range of capacities. At the House Athletics Carnival, standouts were Lewis Henry who was the champion boy for the U16 age group and Richard Mandijalu who came third in the same category. Dan South, Tom Jones, Corizma Butt, Adam Khong, Brodie Albert, Ben Boulbee and Hugo Moyes then joined these boys in the School team that performed strongly to finish second at the Quads.

While school sports and athletics keep many of the boys busy, others performed very well in external competitions. Liam Forrester continued his participation in the WAIS sailing squad; Digby Boschetti came first in the junior division of the WA Gun Club Perth Competition; Will Neil-Smith shot 24 out of 25 targets at the Narrogin Gun Club, Tom Jones’ team came second in the WA Pony Club Tetrathlon and Arden Marriott competed at the National Titles for Motocross. It was also great to witness the informal games that the boys enjoyed on a daily basis.

As mentioned last term, holidays provide a good time to reflect on how boys are working towards their academic goals. Year 10 boys are encouraged to review their subject selections for 2016 to ensure they have met the required prerequisite for their chosen courses of study. All boys are reminded that study lab is a free and valuable resource available to all boarders every afternoon after school.

Andrew Greig  
Year 9 and 10 Co-ordinator

Reminder:  
All Year 10 boys should use the upcoming holidays to prepare for the Year 10 Venture. We can store equipment under the boarding house and boys can (and should) be wearing their boots to school for all of Term 4.
Towards the end of last term, more than 250 guests gathered at the UWA Club for the Year 12 Father/Friend and Son Breakfast. At the end of a very busy term, it was a great opportunity for the boys to take time out with their loved ones, including fathers of some of the residential boys, who travelled a great distance to enjoy the morning with their sons.

The guest speaker was Professor Paul Johnson, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Western Australia. Paul spoke to the boys about preparing themselves for the future, a future he commented, where only fifty per cent of the current jobs may exist. He emphasised the need to become flexible learners and reminded the students that UWA now offers four general courses, opposed to 150 courses previously on offer.

Alex Mullins returned from a Service in Action experience to the remote Indigenous community of Looma. Looma is approximately 300km east of Broome, near the Fitzroy River. The focus of the trip was to work in the Looma Remote Community School and Alex spent four days acting as a teacher’s aide in one of six classes. He participated in a number of learning activities, helped with administration tasks and acted as a mentor for the students.

I encourage boarders to seek out these opportunities, as they are very challenging, yet rewarding experiences.

Thanks to Alliance Catering many Year 11 and 12 boarders have taken up the opportunity to complete a one-hour barista course. Boys who completed the barista course will receive a certificate, which may assist in potential job applications. Also on offer is a nationally accredited food-handling course that can be completed online. Our Chef Manager Alex Wolf is happy to facilitate the course, which will be on offer early in Term 4 and I am sure it will be just as popular as the barista course.

With the 2015 PSA season having come to an end we are extremely excited that Kenneth MacPherson has been selected in a Rugby WA Training Squad. This sees him integrating with combined school players to have an increased focus through the WA Schools Pathway as well as the Western Force Pathway.

It has been a very productive term for many of the Year 11 and Year 12 boarders. We are currently supporting the Year 12 boys through their mock examination period and we hope that all their hard work will be rewarded when they receive results after the holiday break.

Mike Ristovsky
Year 11 and 12 Co-ordinator

Congratulations to:

- Jacob Wilding who performed exceptionally well in Queensland as a member of the National Junior Polocrosse Squad.
- Rory Bett, who is one of only three boys at CCGS to ever achieve all three Duke of Edinburgh’s International Awards whilst at CCGS – Bronze, Silver and Gold.
- Jackson Manuel for his many efforts on the running track, including the Ray House Run.
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Finally, we have all enjoyed having Pia Inverarity with us in Knutsford this term. She got to know the boys very quickly and has loved the interactions with your boys. We look forward to Jane O’Hare joining us in Knutsford at the beginning of Term 4 after her well-deserved long service leave.

We wish you all a lovely break and look forward to welcoming the boys back refreshed and ready for Term 4.

Jenny Watts and Pia Inverarity
Knutsford Housemothers

Another term has gone by at lightning speed! The boys have managed to pack much into this term and their forthcoming break is well deserved. We are sure they can’t wait to have some downtime with you at home and are looking forward to updating you with all they have been up to at Christ Church and beyond.

Over the holidays, it may be timely to revisit your son’s uniform requirements. In Term 4, the boys are required to wear summer uniform, which consists of navy/white striped shirt, navy shorts, navy socks and black shoes. It is suggested, for boarders, that the boys have five summer shirts and three pairs of shorts. The boys are also required to wear their formal uniform every Thursday to Chapel. Extra uniform supplies are easily accessible from the lovely ladies at the CCGS Uniform Shop. Please note: there are additional trading days on the Thursday, Friday and Monday before the start of Term 4.

Another consideration is that some boys may need to downsize the amount of extra clothing they have at the boarding house. The wardrobes can only hold a finite amount, so your sons may need to pack away clothing not in use and send it home. Also, a friendly reminder to launder your boy’s doona, cover and corresponding pillowcase over the break.

We will welcome another South African exchange boy into the fold next term: Mitchell Dickinson from St John’s College in Johannesburg, in Year 10. We are quite sure that our boys will be most welcoming and introduce Mitchell to some uniquely Aussie activities, such as AFL and eating vegemite. From past experience, the exchange boys from South Africa have been a delight and have made solid friendships with our boys.

For queries, concerns or just a general chat, we welcome you to phone us. Kim George works in Walters Monday to Wednesday and Kerrie Tonkin on Thursday and Fridays.

Kim George and Kerrie Tonkin
Walters Housemothers

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