**Friendship fostered by college**

Make New Mates Day

**O**n Sunday, May 31, we held an annual Make New Mates Day. The idea behind the day is to provide an environment where international boarders can get to know local boarders better.

Within our boarding community Prince Alfred College has 32 international boarders from countries including China, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Canada. The challenge is how we can help these boys to create meaningful friendships and get to know local boarders.

To make this day work each international boarder invites one local boarder to spend the afternoon with them. The day began with a delicious sushi lunch at the RED Centre and over lunch the boys completed “Get to know you” booklets to help conversation flow.

After lunch, the boys played team-building games to get them warmed-up for the sumo wrestling that was to follow.

It was great to see boys working together and learning the names of boys that they had not had the chance to learn before. Sumo wrestling was very popular and involved putting on padded sumo wrestling suits.

Each international boarder challenged his new mate to a sumo wrestling match and the energy in the room was fantastic. The wrestling culminated in a grand finale to the room was fantastic. The wrestling culminated in a grand finale to the room was fantastic. The wrestling culminated in a grand finale to

The afternoon was a huge success with lots of boys talking to others who they had never spoken to before. It was great to see all the boarders stepping outside of their existing friendship groups and forging new ones.

**Mexican Night**

In the Boarding House, we like to plan themed-dinner nights as an opportunity so boarders eat together as a whole community. On Wednesday, May 27, we had our second themed-dinner night of the year – Mexican Night.

The kitchen began preparing delicious Mexican food from 9am that day and the food did not disappoint! Tacos, burritos, tortilla chips and fresh, zingy flavours were enjoyed by all. Prizes were presented to the best-dressed Mexican costume and to winners of the quiz held that night. The boys certainly tested their Mexican general knowledge.

The runner-up for best costume went to Jordan Ackland and the winner was Max Buggins, who wore a very colourful Mexican-style outfit and a very large sombrero hat. We also organised three large pinatas filled with lollies, which were hung from the ceiling.

Three boys were selected to be blindfolded and given the opportunity to hit the pinatas.

Needless to say the pinatas did not stand much of a chance against the boys! What ensured was a mad rush of boarders collecting the lollies that fell to the ground.

The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we look forward to our next themed-dinner night.

**Parliament hosts PAC**

**Alex Glover**

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Dinner and tour of State Parliament House

Mr fellow prefects and I were privileged to have the opportunity to have dinner in the Speaker’s Dining Room, followed by a tour of Parliament House recently.

Our host for the evening was Peter Treloar, member forFinders and a family acquaintance from the West Coast, which made the event more meaningful for me. Soup, a steak meal, followed by chocolate fudge pudding, was a delicious start to the evening. We were even served by an Old Collegian from PAC. It was interesting to learn how the decision making processes work within parliament and as much as I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, I am not sure a career in politics is for me. Thanks to Mr Treloar and Mr Roylett for organising this worthwhile opportunity.

**More information**

For information about enrolments, boarding and scholarships at Prince Alfred College, contact Matthew Rawes, Manager-Student Recruitment 08 8334 1275 or mrawes@pac.edu.au

**Scholarships 2016**

Prince Alfred College is accepting applications from high-achieving boys who wish to commence at PAC in Year 10 or 11 in 2016.

Scholarships are awarded to students of good all-round ability and character, who may also excel in a particular area. Applications close Friday August 21.

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