RATCLIFFE COLLEGE

22nd June 2018

HEAD-LINES

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last Head-Lines for this Academic Year. My end of term letter will replace the newsletter in a fortnight's time. I'm sure that, like me, many of you are wondering where the school year has gone – the weeks and terms seem to have flown by. As the saying goes, "Time flies". The GCSE examinations have now concluded and we hope that all the students have performed to their potential. A Levels continue into next week. Good luck to Year 13 students who have yet to finish their examinations.

The last weeks of the Summer Term traditionally provide the community with opportunities to celebrate the gifts and talents of the students. Over the past two weeks, your sons and daughters have given most generously of their time in a wide range of curricular and co-curriculum activities, taking great pleasure from their experiences. I do hope you enjoy reading about many of these further on. The number and diversity of the activities that have taken place is simply too broad for me to attempt to summarise here. Nonetheless, I am very grateful for your support of your sons/daughters in their endeavours as your encouragement affirms the strength of relationship that exists between home and school.

Our busy end of term schedule continues apace, and the Preparatory School have been in the thick of the action this week hosting Sports Day and a wonderful Summer Serenade in the central quad area of the Prep School on Thursday afternoon.

This weekend, students in the Prep and Senior Schools will join forces at the Picnic Concert for our annual musical extravaganza. If you are attending this year, please note that the concert will begin at 6.00pm, prompt, so please do make sure that you arrive in good time. We are expecting the marquee to be full on Saturday night, and I am looking forward to welcoming many of you to this much anticipated event. Rehearsals have been taking place for much of this week and, given the close proximity of my Study to the marquee, I have enjoyed a sneak preview of the performances. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music-making.

Next Wednesday, we look forward to welcoming many parents to Exhibition Day in the Senior School and our guest of honour, Sarah Outen, Adventurer. Similarly, next Thursday we will welcome parents of children in the Nursery and Lower Prep, together with our guest of honour, Governor, His Honour, Judge Michael Stokes.

Sunday is the Feast of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, the founder of our College, as well as the Preparatory School (Years 3-6) Prize Day where parent and BBC Radio Leicester presenter, Mr Ben Jackson, will address the children as our Guest of Honour.

Next weekend also heralds a new initiative as we welcome for the first time in many years The Ratcliffian Association (RA) Reunion weekend get together. Many ORs will arrive on Friday evening to enjoy playing golf in the RA Reynard Trophy at Rothley Park Golf Club. The 2018 RA Reunion will be hosted by the College in the Refectory on Saturday evening followed by cricket on Sunday afternoon, The Grand Match (Old Ratclffians versus Ratcliffe College 1st XI). Please do come along and enjoy what I am sure will be a very pleasant afternoon.

The last week of the Academic Year promises to be great fun. In the Nursery and Preparatory School, the children will be embarking upon a Teddy Bears' Picnic, a Year 6 End of Year Performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', a Year 6 Transition Day, a Nursery and Prep School 'Moving Up' morning, a House Quiz and Songs of Praise. In the Senior School, students will be participating in a whole host of different experiences through the Activities Week programme. Letters have been sent to you by individual departments but, should you need to check on the details, please access all the information through the School website.

To finish my last Head-lines, I would like share with you the message from a very moving Senior School Chaplaincy Assembly this morning. Delivered by Year 10 students following their visit to the Holocaust Memorial Centre in Newark, they shared with us the words of a Holocaust survivor who lived through the terror of a Polish camp from the age of 11.

Her message was to always respect every person's human dignity and to always show patience and tolerance for others no matter how difficult the circumstances. To do this, we must always have Hope, and to have Hope, our hearts must be always filled with Love.

As the school year reaches its conclusion, let us dwell on these words and use them to give our own lives direction.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming days.

Yours sincerely,

J.P. Reddin

Mr J. P. Reddin, Headmaster.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL - LANGUAGES DAY

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL

Achievement Voucher 1

YEAR 7
Katherine McCrindell
Sophie Walker

YEAR 10
Finley Back
Connor Foster
Terry Li
Elena Farzin-Nia
Xihe Lai

YEAR 12
Daniel Bastock
Elliot Fawdington
Pot Sangtubtim
Chantelle Creighton
Louis Massarella

Achievement Voucher 2

YEAR 10
Tilly Goodwin
Samuel Seidu
Anuj Savani
Dalila Watson

YEAR 12
Lewis Cox
Mollie Page

FESTIVAL OF CHEMISTRY

The Science Department at Ratcliffe College is proud to announce yet another outstanding achievement of four of our Year 8 Science students who took part in the Festival of Chemistry competition, run by the Salters Group on the 7th June 2018 at Leicester University. Click here to read more.

Achievement Awards

Merit Badge

YEAR 7
Emily Ball
Avani Gupta
Oscar Webster
Erin Cain
Jennifer Summer

YEAR 8
William Harris
Isla Jenks
Harvey Henderson
Shreya Mistry

YEAR 9
Ethan Chapman

Merit Shield

YEAR 7
Quin Capsticks
Hannah Murray
Ella Rose Seymour
Avani Gupta
Lucia Orsini-Rottner

YEAR 8
Olivia Chapman
Grace Karnaja

YEAR 9
Thomas Ball
Illy Perrins
Harran Mokha

Super Shield

YEAR 7
Sophie Shield

YEAR 8
Freya Wilkins

YEAR 9
Olivia Crawley

BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Year 10 Triple Award Physics students sat the British Physics Olympiad Year 10 Challenge. This competition, run by the University of Oxford, is designed to engage and challenge students of all abilities by offering them a range of problems to solve. Click here to read the full article.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

The Media Department, once more, concluded its academic year with an extravaganza of a show, celebrating the frankly remarkable talents of our young filmmakers and print experts. The annual 'A Night at the Oscars' enlisted its largest independent judging panel to date to pore over the music videos, short films, and advertising campaigns, produced by GCSE and A Level students.

This then culminated in a celebration of their talents in the suitably over-stated evening, hosted by Mrs Bennett. Click here to find out the award winners

Mrs Bennett, Head of Media Studies

HOUSE MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year, the House Mathematics competition was entered by 78 students in the Senior School. Leetham were the overall winners. Click here to read more.

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH

On 21st April, 18 students from Years 9 to 11 wrote the Cambridge English First for Schools examination. This is an English language examination aimed at upper intermediate level. The students did incredibly well, with a number of students achieving the qualification with a grade B, suggesting some outstanding improvements in their English levels from the start of the School Year!

Aiden Ho in **Year 9** achieved the first certificate (level B2) with a pass at grade B - an outstanding achievement for a Year 9 student!

Year 10: Angie Lui (Wai San) achieved B2, Abril Buron B2 grade B, Cindy Lee (Chi-Sun) B2 grade B, Chloe Kwok (Leo Ting) B1, Chloe Sham B2 grade B, Kiki Ng (Pui Ki) B2 and Regina Tsang (Hui Wing) B2.

Year 11: Joanna Chan (Yin Shui) B2, Caleb Chen (Hong Yi) B1, Alejo Bergaz B1, Beverly Kwok (Yi Ting) B2, Mario Lau (Lok Man) B2, Cherry Lee (Tsz Wai) B1, Han Liu B2 grade B (with full marks on the reading paper), Jhanvi Sharma B1, Ting Tin Siu B2, Wing Ho Yiu B1, Diamond Ho C1 grade B (which is the grade required for university entrance).

We are very proud of the hard work that our EAL students have put into improving their English levels; the excellent grades achieved, whether they are outstanding improvements or outstanding overall grades, are definitely well deserved!

Mrs Reeves, Head of EAL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

MERIT BADGES WERE AWARDED TO:-

YEAR 6

Hattie Ashford-Clark
Francesca Best
Rebecca Bloor
Charles Carpenter
Mollie Hunt
Tabitha Kyle
Finlay Martin
Oliver Smith
Justin Ucar
Isabella Westwood
Sophie Bardsley
Harry Bird
Alice Bower
Rebecca Dowding
Paven Kalair
George Leite
Holly McNeeney
Harriet Sykes
Jonah Walker
Arabella Wilson

YEAR 5

Imogen Barker
Ben Cameron-Smith
Arabella Hampson
Freya Mackay
Tafara Mudhefi
Lucas Singh
Hermione Bruiners
Ruby Doran
Olivia Lynch
Hannah Morley
James Packwood
Jake Woodriffe

YEAR 4

Thomas Bloor
Oliver Kirby-Doughty
Rosanna Wilson
Lola Gallacher
Eddie Wilson

YEAR 3

Eliza Barton-Jacques
James Lee
Luke Mowinski
James Calver
Rebecca McCall
Deeya Tailor

YEAR 2

Harley Pope

YEAR 1

Freddie Blake-Smith
Amaira Khan

SECOND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WERE AWARDED TO:-

YEAR 6

Theo Pope

YEAR 3

Erin Olds

MERIT SHIELDS WERE AWARDED TO:-

YEAR 6

Rebecca Bloor
Pavan Kalair
Kerry Wells
Harry Clark
Francesca Turner
Alabella Wilson

YEAR 5

Alfie Stevenson
Hendrick Tang
Khrish Tailor

YEAR 4

Chloe Elsby
Sophia Hull
Amélie Wilson-Knight
Leo Gabriel
Katie Shield

YEAR 3

John Bowden
Freddie Moores
Marley Deacon
Jack Westwood

YEAR 2

Jameela Dornan
Isaac Traynor
Tyler Rutherford

YEAR 1

Malachy Desmon-Ainge
Nia Hughes
Francesca Tuccy
Ewurama Gyesi-Appiah
Vir Patel
Henry Tuckwell

SUPER SHIELDS WERE AWARDED TO:-

YEAR 4

Emily Woodley

YEAR 3

Tallulah Johnson-Mayes
Diya Patel
Lucy Markham

YEAR 2

Eleanor Ryce

YEAR 1

Riley Donegan
Rose Lander-Belfie
Spencer Hampson
Grace Martin

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

THIRD CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WERE AWARDED TO:-

YEAR 6

Santiago Alexander
Xavier Illsley-Ridge
George Leite
Holly Page
Harrison Walker
Ben Cooper
Tabitha Kyle
Jude Moore
Eva Perry
Jacques Wilkins

YEAR 5

Eloise Allsager
Isabella Elsby
Andres Kassner
Lily Stevenson
Alexander Whitelaw
Nathan Collyer
Charlie Howard
Tomas Mason
Jack Turnbull

YEAR 4

TJ Dunstan
Autumn Hampson
Reece Holder
Idrees Qureshi
Lola Gallacher
Alfie Hodges
Rohan Kotak
Freya Smith

YEAR 3

Lochlann Desmond-Ainge
Liliana McKaig
Alistair Ho
Lorcan Murphy

FRANCESCA TUCCY, YEAR 1
Recieved a rosette for finishing in third place in a horse riding competition at Park View Riding School.

JOHN BOWDEN, YEAR 3
Was awarded a Blue Peter Badge for a wonderful poster that he sent in.

TALLULAH JOHNSON-MAYES, YEAR 3
Competed in the Loughborough Acrobatics and Loughborough Gymnastics competitions and achieved bronze medals in both competitions.

EMILY WOODLEY, YEAR 4
Passed Latin Dancing Silver Level exam with a 'Highly Commended', Salsa Dancing Silver Level with Honours and her Freestyle Dancing First Gold Bar Level with Honours.

ROBYN PARKER-TOON, YEAR 4
Came 1st in the Junior Section Dressage competition for the Meadow School of Riding.

EDWARD KARANJA, YEAR 5
Has gained a part in Peter Pan at DeMontfort Hall in this year's Junior Chorus Auditions.

IMOGEN BARKER, YEAR 5
Competed in the Loughborough Gymnastics Academy competition and recieved gold medals for finishing in first place in the Floor and Vault events and achieving first place overall. She was also awarded a gold cup for achieving the highest score of the whole competition across all age groups.

LOTTIE NORTH, YEAR 5
Competed in the Loughborough Acrobatics competition and recieved a gold medal for finishing in first place.

JOE MARSDEN, YEAR 6
Received a medal for taking part in a one mile run for the charity 'Joe's Jog'.

CHAPLAINCY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Last Sunday, we celebrated a very special Mass in the Chapel – the First Holy Communion for thirteen members of our community.

Congratulations to Ethan Carroll, Harry Carroll, Henry Maher-Stillman, Lucie Mason, Marco Misso, Freddie Moores, Luke Mowinski, Odera Munonyedi, Lorcan Murphy, Eleanor Newberry, Lucia Orsini-Rottner, Iszac Rodrigues, and Amélie Wilson-Knight. The majority came from the Preparatory school, with three from the Senior School.

Mass was celebrated by Frs Philip Sainter and Christopher Cann, who welcomed just shy of 200 friends and family members. All students participated beautifully – they read clearly, brought forward the gifts and sang wonderfully! Thanks to both priests, as well as Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Grant who prepared them for this day.

It is always a great occasion to reach a milestone in our personal journeys of faith. This year, we have received one student into the Church through Baptism, helped prepare others for their sacramental development and opened discussions with yet more students to discover if they would like to embark upon such a journey. We are blessed to work with young people who wish to learn more about themselves and God, and wish to walk alongside them as authentically as possible as they journey.

Mr Michel, Lay Chaplain

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Congratulations to Annie Bridgwater, Year 13, who has successfully completed a Silver Award and to Sam Offer, Year 11 who gained his Bronze Award.

BRONZE ASSESSED EXPEDITION

On Saturday 16th June, 46 Bronze participants met up at Bradgate Park ready to tackle their assessed expedition. The weather was kind to us, with the grey clouds and odd bit of drizzle keeping the temperatures down.

The groups worked well together and navigated accurately. At camp, the students were well organised and we were amazed when all the groups headed out early on Sunday morning.

Congratulations to all of the participants who now just need to hand in their projects for a successfully completed expedition section. They were all an absolute pleasure to spend the weekend with.

Mrs Cole, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

DRAMA

A number of Ratcliffe Students will be performing in High School Musical at Loughborough Town Hall this week – we wish them the best of luck and hope many of you may be able to attend.

Our Musical Theatre group are currently rehearsing 'You Can't Stop the Beat' to be performed at the Picnic Concert and some of our GCSE and A Level students have been back in school rehearsing short extracts for Exhibition Day.

Miss Monk, Head of Drama.

MUSIC

The Ratcliffe Music community is eagerly looking forward to the Picnic Concert on Saturday night. Rehearsals are well underway, and it promises to be an evening packed with great music!

Good luck to those students who are taking either ABRSM, Trinity or LCM Examinations this coming week. We hope the final practice will enable you to play with confidence.

Mr McCall, Director of Music

COMBINED CADET FORCE

On Wednesday 13th June, my fellow air cadets and I went to RAF Cranwell for our Air Experience Flight, which is my last flight with Ratcliffe College CCF. The weather was not the best, but the overcast clouds didn't stop the flight being spectacular, as usual.

Once the flight had taken off, I was given control of the aircraft. It was amazing to feel the movement of the aircraft with my input, even though it was the fourth flight for me. With some trimming and turning exercise, time went quickly, but just before the flight ended, the pilot asked if I would like to try a touch and go, something that I've always wanted to experience but had no luck in doing during previous flights.

I also had the pleasure of performing the take-off rotation after the touchdown. Eventually the pilot performed a full stop landing, and I was instructed to adjust the radio transponder code, which marks the end of the flight. The Air Experience Flights never fail to amaze me, and those who are not joining the RAF section of the CCF are certainly missing out on the superb experience.

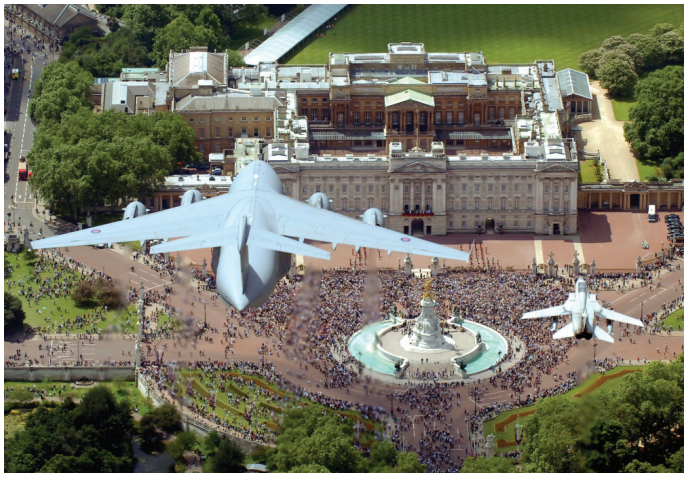
LCpl Bosco Sham, Year 13

Congratulations to Mr Dziemianko and Mrs Reeves who were awarded medals by the MOD for long and excellent service to the CCF over the past 13 years. They have both been determined and committed to the CCF to enable challenging and fun training for the cadets here at Ratcliffe. They have assisted on many camps and field weekends over the years, enabling many cadets to learn and develop new skills. This award is very much deserved.

Lt Col Balmbra, Contingent Commander

On 10th July, Fl.Lt Helen Grant RAF(VRT) and Cadet Sgt. Tom Cusack will be the sole representatives of the CCF at the RAF's 100th Anniversary centrepiece event and centenary service in Westminster Abbey.

Helen has the honour of being selected for this auspicious occasion from the entire CCF, and has nominated her senior cadet, Tom Cusack to attend with her. Amongst only 18 invited RAFAC (Royal Air Force Air Cadet) staff, with accompanying cadets, Helen and Tom will be amid many high ranking officials and members of the armed forces. Click here to read the full article.



SPORT

BASKETBALL NEWS

Calvin Poon and Thomas Leite both undertook trials for Leicester Dynamite Basketball Club. Leicester Dynamite is a National League club that competes all over the country at an elite level and is part of the Basketball England Player Development programme. Both students successfully completed the trials and will join their National League under 16 team for the upcoming season in September.

I will continue working with them as well as their Leicester training and, hopefully, this may encourage other students to attend basketball club!

Mr Edwards

TIGERS RUGBY DEVELOPMENT

After a series of tough trials, David Seidu, Thomas Leighton, Joe Atkinson and Phelton Tandoh have all been selected for the U14 Leicester Tigers Rugby Development Player Programme for the 2018-19 rugby season. Congratulations to you all on this excellent achievement.

Mr Kaye

FENCING

Last Sunday, Finn Noble competed at The Hatfield Sports Centre in the England Youth Championships U15 boys' Epee where he finished 7th. The field was complete with top British and some internationally ranked fencers who live in England. After a couple of bumpy matches in his pool, he went on to win the remainder, finishing 4 up 2 down to be seeded 12th at the direct elimination round. This earned a bye in the last 64 and he then fenced through to the quarter finals, finishing 7th.

This result sees Finn start the cadet (U17) season ranked 21st in Great Britain. Over the summer, he will continue to train and work on his fitness to prepare for the Nationals which are in the first week of September. This is a double points event, so a good result is Finn's next goal.

Please find the link to our weekly Sports Reports below:

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

PREP SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL - SPORTS DAY

HOUSE GOLF COMPETITION

The competition was extremely well attended with a total of 16 students and 6 staff playing the back nine holes at Beedles Lake Golf Club. It was an extremely enjoyable event, helped by the lovely warm weather.

Despite this, however, the wind and firm conditions made for a challenging 9 holes. Each House had 4 golfers who arranged themselves in pairs and played a better ball format, recording their best score for each hole. The total scores for both pairs were then totalled and the results were as follows:

1st place, Emery = 98 strokes (Hugo Tuttey, Annie Rose Reddin, Aimee Cleminson, Carter Walker, Ben Jarvis)
2nd place, Leetham = 104 strokes (Matt Heywood, Ollie Howard, Anuj Savani, Joe Collier)
3rd place, Arundel = 117 strokes (James Turner, Stanley Cell, Jacob Butler, Harvey Henderson)
4th place, De Lisle (Miles Dunne, Alex Tyszka, Tom Scarborough)

Unfortunately, De Lisle managed to only recruit three players from their House, so their excellent score of 91 strokes cannot count towards the competition. This stresses the importance of fielding a full team for your House, as De Lisle would have otherwise won, thanks to the excellent performance of their three players. All students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the event so thanks to all involved and congratulations to Emery, this year's winners.

Mr Stephen Jones

FRENCH PLAY

Students studying French in Year 7 and all students in Year 6 welcomed the Onatti Theatre Company for the second time this year on Tuesday 19th June in the Senior School Theatre.

They watched an energetic and interactive play in French called, 'Le Château'. The performance formed part of the MFL day in the Prep School and transition in the Languages Department from Year 6 into Year 7.

Mrs Reddin, French Teacher

FRENCH HOMESTAY VISIT: MONTPELLIER, EASTER 2019

Those students who study French in Years 10-12 and those who have opted for GCSE French next year are reminded that it is still not too late to sign up for the homestay visit to Montpellier, next Easter, details of which can be found on the Parents' Portal.

Mrs Cushing, Head of MFL

SCHOLARSHIPS (2018-19)

If you are a parent of a child in current Years 5 or 10, may I draw your attention to the Ratcliffe College Talent Scholarships, which are available for entry into Years 7 and 12 in September 2019.

We offer a range of talent scholarships – Academic, Sport, Creative: Art and Design, Drama, Music, and All-Rounder (in Year 7 only) now worth up to 50% off the School fee. Click here for more information.

(Please note that you cannot apply for an Academic Scholarship at this time. A letter regarding the latter will be sent out to all parents during the Autumn Term.)

If you wish to apply, please contact our Registrar's Department on 01509 817072 / 817031 or email: registrar@ratcliffe.leics.sch.uk for an application form. **The deadline for scholarship applications is Friday 30th November 2018**, a date to which we must strictly adhere. **No late applications can be considered.**

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOLBLAZER RE: SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

Schoolblazer Growth Guarantee – this means for all orders placed during June and July, we are extending our returns period so that if your child has a growth spurt over the summer, you can return any item for exchange up until the end of September. There is also a How to Shop video here which may be useful to parents.

This year, we aren't running a two-week free delivery period as we have done in the past, but more valuable to the vast majority and in response to our customer feedback on postage charges, we have changed the delivery prices and now **all deliveries over £150 will be free of charge.**

CARNEGIE MEDAL CELEBRATION

For our Year 9 students who have been reading and discussing the 8 shortlisted books for this year's CILIP Carnegie Medal, Monday 18th June was the date they have been waiting for – the judges' announcement of the winning book! To mark the occasion, we had organised a celebration luncheon during which we could watch the live streaming of the announcement, and we were delighted to be joined by our two link schools in this shadowing process, Moat Community College in Leicester and Beaumont Leys School. Click here to read the full article.

Mrs Williams, Librarian

PARENT LETTERS

This is the section where you will find Parent letters which are on the **Parent Portal** on the school website (for which you will need to click on the appropriate link below and enter the password).

Posted on the Parents' Portal this fortnight are the following letters/items of information:-

ALL SCHOOL NEWS
School Blazer - FAQ's
Activities Week Letters

YEARS 10-12
Homestay Visit to Montpellier

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Following the successful Spring Fair which took place back in March, we were thrilled to present our second cheque to the College's chosen charity this year which is HCPT for £2200.00. The money raised will be used to take a group of disabled children and adults on holiday abroad this coming summer. The cheque was presented by the PA to the HCPT Charity in last week's Senior Chaplaincy Assembly.

Thank you to all of you who helped provide refreshments at the Nursery and Years 1 & 2 Sports Day. The children very much enjoyed their yummy rocket lollies provided by the PA after their races.

Members of the PA attended the Information Evening for New Parents to the Preparatory School last Monday in the Newman Hall. It was a joy to meet and greet the new children and their parents to the School. Mrs Howling sold £3000 of second hand uniform on the evening, which was a great success. We would like to take the opportunity to say a massive thank you to all involved.

PARENT PORTAL LINKS

SIXTH FORM

YEARS 10-11

YEARS 7-9

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

We now look forward to the final PA commitments to lead us to the end of the School Year, which are serving refreshments at the remaining school sports days and decorating the marquee for the Picnic Concert.

Once again a big thank you to all parents for your continued support of the Parents' Association.

Alison Etty and Sasha Bruiners, Joint Chair