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2011 Middlemore Leavers

Dear Parents and Middlemore Girls

Where has 2011 gone? It seems as though it was just yesterday that the Year 13s were welcoming the new girls to Middlemore House and indoctrinating them with the “King’s way”. This has been an extremely busy year with a wide range of activities taking place such as Inter-house sports competition, House Music, girls for the first time in the final school Debate, Glee and Drama Productions, Stage Challenge, leadership skills camps, Graduation Assembly and House Supper to name a few. And now, the Year 13s have become the 2011 Leavers and the Year 12 prepare to take over the house as 2012 Leaders.

This term has absolutely flown by with the girls being very busy preparing for and sitting their final exams. I have to congratulate every single Middlemore girl for their positive, conscientious and committed attitude towards their study and I am sure that this preparation will pay dividends for everyone that put in the effort. It has now been a week since the final girls moved out of Middlemore and although I am enjoying the peace and a chance to put up my feet to read some books, it is eerily quiet.

I would like to thank every member of Middlemore House and families for your continued support, encouragement, love and care for the past year. In particular, Paul and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the support given to our family when Alisha was sick in hospital. As I said at House Supper, the texts, emails, cards and messages kept me personally moving forward positively during those early dark days we faced. I want to especially thank the girls for keeping me grounded and felt very humbled knowing that they cared so much.

Thanks also go to the staff of Middlemore: Elaine Tregedeon, Karen Thompson, Louise Reed, Nikki Bentley, May Meng and Matron – Brenda Cooke. Their loyalty, commitment and enthusiasm as well as

working tirelessly to ensure that the House has run smoothly is very much appreciated by the girls and myself.

It has been an absolute pleasure to share in the lives of 50 young women. The love and friendship that everyone has for each other, and being part of the Middlemore family was very evident at our final House Supper in November. We had a superb evening sharing in the voyage that the girls have taken not only this year but for the Year 13s, the past two years. The Year 12 and 13 videos, stories about Middlemore from **Imogen Scott** and **Zoe Ellie**, toasts from **Kim Nordmeier**, **Catherine Atkinson** and **Tomo Greer**, and reflections from Head of House, **Kristina White** gave much insight into their lives. I hope that the girls enjoyed and were challenged by our guest speaker and Middlemore mum, Annabel Langbein who shared with us some of her interesting journey she has taken since she left school.

Not only do we farewell our Year 13s but also a number of Year 12s. **Keely Rickards** and **Magda Doering** move to Taylor House as day girls, **Pip Dingwall** returns to her Hamilton. We wish these girls all the very best for the next step they take in the New Year



At House Supper I was very pleased to award 2011 Middlemore House Trophies to:

Magda Doering	Kerr Cup for Cultural Achievement in Year 12 Fox Prize for Top Academic Girl in Year 12
Rachel Buckley	Kate Connolly Memorial Cup (House Spirit) in Year 12
Margie Cooney	Sarah Taylor Prize for Cultural Achievement Housemaster's Goblet for Service and Loyalty
Olivia Manning	Philip Bird Cup for Senior Musical Contribution to Middlemore
Catherine Atkinson	Gillian Simpson Cup - House Spirit in Year 13
Millie Eddowes	Middlemore Lodge All-round Sportswomanship
Rebecca Bullen	Housemaster's Goblet for Loyalty
Ataria Gibbons	Housemaster's Goblet for Loyalty
Rose Horrocks	Housemaster's Goblet for Service and Loyalty
Georgia Poole	Housemaster's Goblet for Service and Loyalty
Zoe Ellis	Housemaster's Goblet for Service and Loyalty
Imogen Scott	Fox Prize for Top Academic Girl in Year 13 Dana Walker Cup – Middlemore All Rounder Housemaster's Goblet for Service and Loyalty
Kristina White	Sharon Lofroth Cup for Leadership

Middlemore House won the following trophies for Inter-house Competition 2011:

- McClenaghan Cup for Girls Inter-House Volleyball
- A C McKibbin Cup Girls Inter-House Orienteering
- Interhouse Girls Cricket
- Karen Mackay Trophy for Interhouse Hockey
- Yule Cup for overall winner of Inter-House Sports competition
- Mackay Trophy for Girls Inter house Academic Excellence
- Community Service Trophy
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It was delightful to have a number of girls recognised at Prizegiving which reflected their hard work.

Year 13

Imogen Scott	Geoffrey Greenbank Award
Kristina White	Wigmore Prize for Geography Philip Bird Prize for All-round Ability
Margie Cooney	The Campbell Prize for the Senior Girl Robert McKegg Prize for Drama Club
Rebecca Bullen	Murray Wilson Trophy, Outstanding Service to the Community
Kristi Dorotich	School Award for Best Senior Girl (Yr13) All Rounder at Sport
Catherine Atkinson	Headmaster's Prize for Service
Rose Horrocks	Headmaster's Prize for Service Sacristan's Prize
Hilary Derrick	School Prize for Physical Education
Rose Hewetson	School Prize for Art History

Year 12

Kelly Dempster	School Prize for Physical Education
Grace Benedek Rooney	School Prize for Computer Studies
Magdalena Doering	School Prize for Art History
Isabelle Smith	Wigmore Prize for Geography
Tomo Greer	Middlemore Cup for Best Intermediate (Yr12) All Rounder at Sport

On behalf of the House I would like to congratulate **Alexandra Kendrick** who accepted Deputy Head of School (Senior Girl) and **Charlotte Woolford** as Senior Sacristan for 2012. We wish them the very best as they take on their new roles in February.

It is also with much pleasure that I announce the Middlemore House 2012 Prefects:

Head of House	Bea Taylor
Deputy Heads of House	Caitlin Wiig, Isabelle Smith
Sacristan	Maddy Lines
Prefects	Rachel Buckley Lucy Brock Tomo Greer Hannah Hayward Rosie Hebden



I also look forward to having the opportunity to make further prefect appointments in Term 1.

My final words are to 2011 Leavers' of Middlemore House.

A Family is like a circle
the connection never ends
and even if at times it breaks
in time it always mends

a family is like the stars
some how they are always there
families are those who help
who support and always care

A Family is like a book
the endings never clear
but through the pages of the book
their love is always near

A family is many things
with endless words that show
who they are and what they do
and how they teach you so you know

but don't be weary if it's broken
or if through time its been so worn
families are like that- they're split up and always torn

but even if this happens
your family will always be
they help define just who you are
and will be apart of you eternally

From Poet, Nicole O'Neill

On behalf of Paul and I, Middlemore Staff and our families, have a safe and relaxing Christmas. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to catching up next year.

Nulli Secundis

Sharon Lofroth

