Managers Message

Dear Residents

I would firstly like to wish you all well in your upcoming exams – this semester seems to have just flown by. I would like to invite you all along to our exams suppers that will be run each weeknight during study week in your communal area – please remember to bring along your own cup so that you can take full advantage of the treats on offer. We will also be putting on a number of additional revision tutorials for AMC students studying Statics and Engineering Maths – so please keep an eye on the notice boards for times and venues.

Semester 1 has seen a number of successful events – the Crud War, Trivia Night and Welcome BBQs, there are also several other activities still to come – the annual Iron Guts Challenge, Sunday Caffeine Club at Saltz and an exam brunch. See the back page of this newsletter for further details.

I would also like to remind those who are on a 1 Semester contract that your move out date is the 27th June – if you wish to stay longer or require accommodation for Semester 2 please see the office at once.

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Crud War
Report from the residents about activities for March & April.

Passport

Congratulations to Hamish Coupe who was awarded first prize for his efforts and accurate answering of the questions posed in the passport quiz. Thanks to all other entrants who put in some effort, better luck next time.

Welcome BBQ’s

This year for the BBQ Graham suggested we included a fundraiser for the Haiti appeal. Congratulations to Graham for the suggestion and congratulations all the residents that donated. Your generosity was fabulous.

**Kerslake Hall** - $110
**Investigator Hall** - $90
**Leprena** - $79

Together with the afternoon tea that was held before most of the students returned, total raised was **$378.70**.

**Investigator Hall** Barbeque report from Webby – block 9

The Investigator Hall Barbeque meet and greet kicked off with a bang as the enormous crowd had formed before the first snag even touched the hot plate. Snags were being handed out so fast that half had already buried themselves before the sauce and drink had even made it to the table. The buzz of the night continued onto a formidable table tennis marathon with all those involved well fed and grateful for the opportunity to socialize in the new environment and make new friends. And then there was the race for the veggie burgers!

**Kerslake Hall** Barbeque report was a combined effort from Jess & Lyn – H block

A crowd of more than 50 congregated around the BBQ between H and P block eagerly awaiting Wendy’s cooking of sausages, onion, hamburgers, veggie-burgers and chicken. The Residential BBQ had two purposes; to meet new people and to raise money for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. A gold coin donation was put towards the appeal, with $120 being raised in a few short hours. It was a good night, new friends were made, as people continued to socialise well after. All in all it was a successful night for Kerslake. A big thanks to Wendy and Natalie for organising it all.

Block Meetings

Thank you to all who attended, however special congratulations & praises to:
**Investigator Block 5.** To the residents from the middle floor who fully embraced the idea of the block meeting to enjoy themselves. Natalie was very appreciative and thought it was a good effort.
**Investigator Block 8.** Best attendance (without arm twisting) and consideration shown to all who spoke during the meeting. There was a great show of respect and a commitment to your community by all. Congratulations.

Trivia Night

What a night. The biggest and the best crowd for trivia yet. There were approximately 110 participants, great effort. Apart from the “odd” disagreement everyone enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to tea “Team Nic” who stole the night with 74 points.

A return engagement is being planned for those wanting revenge. There have been suggestions for different categories, more suggestions would be welcome.
Crud War

Report from Tiffany McCormack - Kerslake Hall (with the occasional amendment by Wendy)

On Saturday the 27th February, the Kerslake Kids made their way down to the oval behind Investigator Hall to annihilate their opponents in the Crud War of 2010. Upon arrival, the numbers looked to be fairly even, but as two pm crept closer, Investigator Hall had a surge of participation, their numbers coming close to forty maybe forty five team members. As opposed to Leprena having round about thirteen and Kerslake’s nine, it seemed they had all the advantage. The games began, with Investigator Hall being split into two teams.

The first challenge to be tackled was the water balloon run. Two teams stood behind a line opposite each other. One team was handed five water balloons and had to get them un-burst, across the enemy team’s line. The team who got the most water balloons across their opponent’s line won the challenge and a bucket of crud.

A child’s paddling pool, several tins of baked beans and spaghetti, a small amount of water, throw in some pegs and you have the second challenge of the day. Each team received a hoop placed a few meters from the pool and the two people from each team stood ready. Without using their hands, the teams were to collect as many pegs from the baked beans pool as possible and drop into their designated hoop. Quite a few used only their mouths to retrieve the pegs while others simply used their toes to transport the pegs back to their hoop. It was messy. But Kerslake came through with a win of eleven pegs, Leprena and Investigator tied with ten each. The Kerslake Kids decided on a bucket of cold porridge as their trophy.

The third challenge, however, was a little more strategic. Bobbing for apples had a new twist thrown in. Not only did each team member have to place their apple in the bucket, they also had to shove their face in a bowl of flour and find a marshmallow to drop into the bucket. While every team did their best and had fun in the attempt, once again, Investigator Hall triumphed and got their second bucket of crud.

At this point, tensions were running high and it was clear that Kerslake and Leprena weren’t very well off. That was when Investigator began the war. It was an earlier start than planned but once the first fistful of crud was thrown, there was no stopping the war from taking place. Water bombs, porridge and flour were flying everywhere, not to mention the mustard.

By the time supplies were exhausted, everyone was covered in sloppy, sticky flour, crusty oats and mustard. That was when everyone felt like a long, hot shower, after being hosed down. While it was a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon, getting crusty porridge out of your hair is a very long and difficult process. All in all, the crud war of 2010 was a success.

Additional note by Wendy

Thanks Tiff for your contribution. I would like to however question that it was Investigator Hall that started the free-for-all. Not that I want to point the finger but for those who were there consider, who was the cleanest competitor at the end of the day. If you work that out you may have stumbled upon the culprit.

I would like to thank all the competitors. Because of the number of you that were there it was not easy to have you all competing at the same time and I did appreciate your patience. To those of you who helped to setup and clean up, a huge thank you. The preparation and clean up takes many hours while the game/fun is for approximately an hour and a half only. Actually the enjoyment continues beyond the day with stories being told and events analysed, changed and embellished. I have heard stories that sound a bit like the tales fishermen tell!! Great fun.
Disciplinary Matters

Accommodation Services has specific expectations about how you will behave while you are in residence. These behaviours are outlined in your Residency Agreement, your Handbook and your Code of Conduct. If you are found to be in breach of any of these rules/behaviour expectations then there are a variety of actions that Accommodation Services can take. They of course depend on the severity of the breach/behaviour, its impact on other residents and/or property and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Actions that may result include:
- a file note on your AS record
- Formal Warning
- A disciplinary meeting with AS Management
- Behaviour Probation
- Alcohol Ban
- Eviction
- Student Ordinance – whereby we utilise the University Policies in relation to behaviour, which allows us to have a note placed on your academic transcript, ask that you be excluded from University, ask that you pay damages or undertake community service
- Criminal Charges

A serious breach of AS or UTAS policy can result in a number of these things happening.

These policies are there to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to live in an environment that discourages bullying, harassment, unsafe and dangerous behaviours. Accommodation Services subscribes to these policies in an attempt to provide an environment that allows individuals to feel safe and secure, where they can apply themselves to their academic pursuits, that encourages friendships and provides opportunities for socialising where individuals are exposed to a variety of cultures and experiences. In addition our residential support model is there to assist individuals in a variety of ways, they can assist an individual to get help - academic, financial or in relation to personal issues. They co-ordinate meetings and events, provide an avenue to suggest changes, lodge a complaint or concern or just a friendly chat.

Through these structures and services AS are trying to give you the best experience that you can have – the rest is up to you!

Quiet Hours

Exams are fast approaching – AS will be enforcing 24 hour Quiet Hours from Monday 31st May at 9am until the end of the exam period – Tuesday June 22nd at 5pm.

This means that it should be quiet enough to study at all times.

Alcohol and social gatherings can only take place in communal rooms.

If you are lucky enough not to have any exams or your exams finish early in the exam period please respect the rights of others and keep it quiet.

To kick start your ‘study’ AS will be providing a full breakfast and coffee/tea/hot choc or OJ for $3.50 at Saltz (the Dining Hall) on Sunday 6th June from 9am - 10:30am. Grab your voucher from the AS office.
Events and Activities

Please check notice boards and read emails for updates
May & June 2010  Activities and Events

Caffeine Lovers Club
Sundays

Come and meet like minded people. The ones that are fully caffeinated.

VERY IMPORTANT: Sign up at the office and collect your free voucher. Limited numbers available so don’t miss out.

Try the different coffees that will be on offer during May.

WHERE: Saltz (AKA The Dining Hall)

WHEN: Sundays in May starting from 9th and then continuing on 16th, 23rd and 30th.

TIME: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

The voucher is only valid at the above times. For the first week only, if you require a second “cup-of-cino”, that cup, you may have, at a cost of half the normal price.

Other Events

17th May - Monday
Foodo Bingo @ Saltz - 7.45pm

You have to be in it to win it!! It’s free to play.

BINGO

25th May - Tuesday
By popular demand.
Iron Guts Challenge - cost $4

Can you do it??? Can you do it the quickest???? 4 rounds of 10, register asap to make sure you have a seat. AS Office for registration, as always.

Hamburger with the lot / large chips / chocolate mousse / 600ml of milk. That doesn’t sound like much!!!

27th May - Thursday
Biggest Morning Tea BUT in the Afternoon @ Saltz

Help the fight against cancer.

Study Supper

Help to keep the energy level up there, take a quick break.

During study week from 31st May until 4th June AS will be providing supper in your communal area each night.

VERY IMPORTANT: Bring along your own mug. Thanks.

Investigator Hall - 9:15pm - in the block 10 undergrad communal room.

Kerslake Hall - 8:30pm - in the H block communal lounge.

Leprena - 9pm - in the communal room at Leprena.

6th June - Sunday
Full Breakfast for $3.50 9-10:30am

AS is providing a full breakfast and coffee/tea/hot choco or OJ for only $3.50. Collect your voucher from the office.

Check Notice Boards for details.