8 October 2013

Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

Welcome back to Term 4. Hopefully it has been a refreshing and peaceful break for all students and their families. We are welcoming a number of new students to the College this term who will join the Boarding Community on a fulltime basis. (Justin Wall – Year 8, Cameron Faddy and Zayden Pullen into Yr 10) I am sure that everyone will make these young men and their families feel welcome and I am sure that they will benefit by being part of our community. Welcome also to Ms Lana Magy our new College Counsellor. Ms Magy will be at the College on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mr Greally will be here on Monday as per usual. We will review the arrangement at the end of the year.

You would be aware by now, Brother Coman passed away peacefully on the morning of Friday the 20th of September. I informed the community before the Year 12 Graduation Mass of Brother’s death and letters were posted on the website about plans for Brother’s funeral. Unfortunately I did try to send two separate letters but due to technical glitches, they did not go out. I was very thankful for the number of students and parents who were able to be present at the funeral realising that it was the holidays and people were working. As you know, transport to and from the College is very reliant on buses and or parents at this stage. I will say more about Brother in the next Newsletter.

This will be an important term for a number of reasons with exams being a prime focus for all students including the HSC. Staff will be preparing programmes for the new National Curriculum that will be introduced in the New Year along with having to negotiate with Camden Council about our building plans. I will talk more about this at the next Parent Forum this term. There will also be work done with our present Year 8, in preparation for the introduction of the Learning Technology Programme in 2014.

I am sure that you will notice that more work has been done of the entrance road way to the College to try and overcome our growing pothole problem. Hopefully this will be last time the road is mentioned before it becomes Gregory Hills Drive in 2016 or thereabouts.

I will look forward to working with you once again and catching up at the various meetings and functions that will be held throughout the term.

Kind Regards,

Damien Millar

Headmaster