Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

Welcome
Welcome back to Term 3. I would hope that families have had a restful and peaceful break and that the boys are returning to the College feeling rejuvenated for the term ahead.

Prayers
I would ask you to keep Ben Ritchie of Year 11 and his family in your thoughts and prayers as his father passed away recently and also Mrs Cathy Mitchell who lost her father recently.

‘Live simply so that others can simply live’
This was a sign that I saw hanging in a church recently. After my travels it really struck a chord with me, especially when I realise how fortunate we are in Australia with our living conditions. When we look at countries that are suffering from war, disease, famine, poverty and numerous other problems it made me reflect. I remember before I left at the end of Term One, the Marist world was talking about a school that they had in Aleppo in Syria and how they needed so much support to survive. When I see pictures of young children who arrive on the boats and don’t have parents to support them or even on Monday, we heard about earthquakes in New Zealand. When I look at Australia, we have a great climate, a generous country in that it can support us with our basic needs and we are part of the St Gregory’s Community, we are very fortunate.

I spoke with the boys the other day and mentioned to them what a privilege it was to get a St Gregory’s education in light of the fact that many parents struggle to keep their sons here at the College. It is a privilege and with that privilege comes obligation. I think that obligation means that when a student finishes at the College, he has to make a difference in the world. We have all heard of the power of one and it has been shown that one person can make a difference, look at Gandhi, Mother Teresa or St Marcellin. Will we all have that impact? Maybe not, but if we all do something there will be change for the better.

Thanks
Thank you to Mr Kennaugh, Mr Brennan and Mr Spencer who all took on extra duties in my absence. I want to thank them for giving their time and commitment to the College.

Debating
I watched the Year 10 team debate Riverview in the semi-finals last Friday evening. It was amazing to see such wonderful debaters on their feet displaying their skills. I think, as the adjudicator pointed out, the competition commenced with one hundred teams and to be in the last four is quite a compliment. Congratulations to all the teams on another successful season. Thank you to Mrs Santos and the staff who have supported the students throughout the year with the Public Speaking and Debating.

Co-curricular
It was pleasing to see that the College performed so well during the second term especially in the area of Sport with some great victories in the Soccer and Rugby League. Congratulations to all the coaches on a very successful season.

I believe that the College Musical was a great success with sell out crowds being present on a regular basis. Many thanks to Mrs Lennox and the staff and students from St Pat’s for supporting us in our musical endeavour. Thanks to Miss Davidson and the staff who supported our young men in staging the musical. Great work!

Congratulations to Jack McNally on reaching the State Final of the Quota Competition which is to take place on Saturday 17 August. Well done to Nathan Hayward who was chosen to represent NSW at the Australian Junior championships in ten pin bowling.

Winter Serenade
Congratulations to the young men who performed at the Winter Serenade on Tuesday evening. It was amazing to see the versatility of so many of the young men in that they could sing and or play a variety of instruments. The confidence was overflowing and the support from the audience only added to it. Thank you to Miss Wray for her work in organising the evening.

Quae Seminaveris Metes.

Damien Millar
Headmaster
**From the Deputy Headmaster ......**

**Paul Dillon Drug and Alcohol Talks**  
**Monday 15th July**

Year 10, 11 and 12 were involved in talks delivered by Paul Dillon. Paul focused on positive choices in relation to alcohol and other drugs and relayed facts relating to the use of these substances by students. Please discuss the contents of the talk with your sons as I know many parents have already done. I would be happy to discuss any part of the talk with parents if they wish.

The information delivered in these talks will be linked to the College Pastoral Program to reinforce positive and informed decision making.

Year 9 will be involved in a session on Positive Behaviours delivered by one of Paul’s associates in the near future. The College will send out information to Year 9 parents and students when the date is locked in.

**Uniform**

A number of students have returned from holidays with inappropriate haircuts and wearing the incorrect uniform. Students have been sent home and given the appropriate consequences as a result. A number of boys are getting haircuts that are short on the sides and longer on the top. If the cut is not blended in appropriately then the student in question will be sent home until it is corrected.

Stephen Kennaugh,  
Deputy Headmaster

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**National Literacy and Numeracy Week at St Greg’s**

As we have done in previous years, we will be celebrating NLNW in style! During Week 3 we will be running a number of activities related to literacy and numeracy. Students should keep their eyes and ears tuned to notices advertising lunchtime quizzes. Many staff members will also be participating by sharing their TOP 5 lists of books and movies.

Of particular note, we will be launching involvement with a new Book Blog. Students will receive information next week which will allow them to read and write reviews of books online. Students who sign up next week will go into a draw to WIN an e-reader!

Happy reading, writing and counting!

Mrs Millar and Mrs Gardiner

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**Congratulations to**

The College Band and Ms Wray, Band Coordinator on another great performance and winning Gold at this year’s Band Fest, hosted by Engadine Music

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**Palms Australia**

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been sending volunteers to developing countries for over 50 years. Pope Francis calls Catholics back to Core Values. Volunteering to share your skills is a great place to start. Palms global volunteers mentor and exchange skills in countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Positions exist in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other areas.

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For Year 11, Term 3 began in a very busy way. We welcomed back the students who represented us on the Solomon Islands Immersion tour. We understand it was a moving and challenging experience for all of them and we look forward to hearing first-hand some of their stories. We listened to a thought-provoking talk from Mr Paul Dillon who has been working for over 25 years in the area of Drug and Alcohol Research. He raised issues like responsibilities we have in regard to how to help someone who has had too much to drink, being aware of drink spiking, some very interesting statistics in regard to drug and alcohol abuse and in general issues that affect senior students in today’s society.

On Tuesday 16 July as a Year group we spent the day taking part in the U-turn The Wheel programme. This programme conducted through Campbelltown Council looks at all aspects of owning, driving and maintaining a car. Workshops were run with guest speakers from the NSW Police Force, NRMA and Macarthur Ford to name a few, with valuable and practical help and advice on the responsibilities involved in obtaining our L and P Plates and eventually driving a car.

All that and it was only the end of Week 1.

This week we have been invited to discuss and obtain first-hand information in regard to Careers options and possible pathways at the Careers Expo on Wednesday afternoon.

We are about to begin discussing and looking at our role as future leaders of the College, especially as we assume that position while Year 12 are undertaking their trials.

The Preliminary year for Year 11 is one where good habits need to be formed to support and guide us toward the HSC and, with only two months before that becomes our reality, we need to know that we are ready to meet this challenge.

This morning Mrs Clarke, Director of Mission, and I spoke to Year 11 with regard their Year 12 Retreat and Insight Programme to be held in Week 4 of Term 4. The boys were issued with correspondence and forms relating to Retreat and Insight. Please note if students are organising their own venue for Insight, this information on the appropriate form must be handed in by Friday 9 August, all other forms must be returned by Friday 30 August.

Mrs Sue Dein, Year 11 Coordinator

During the school holidays ten boys from Year 11, along with Ms Wray and Mr Mann, travelled to Vanga Point in the Solomon Islands on a thirteen day immersion experience. I vividly remember getting off the boat to be welcomed by the most kind happy people we have met, including our guide, Noel and the rest of the boys who willingly let us live in their homes. The simple lifestyle hit our boys hard, with no beds and only rice for food, you really appreciate what you have at home. We would like to thank all of those who helped us to get to the Solomon Islands, including parents, teachers, the Campbelltown Catholic Club, Events Cinemas and all of the boys who got involved by buying meal deals on a Tuesday.

This experience surely was life-changing and I would recommend it to any interested person.

Joshua Brady
(Year 11)
ST GREGORY’S ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

In really good weather conditions the College held its Annual Athletics Carnival. In one of the closest results in recent history, with less than 200 points separating first place from fourth place, the Laurentian (Red) House defended its Championship to win for the second year in a row. Well done to the vastly improved Molloy (Blue) House who placed second.

**CHAMPION**
12 years  Andrew Colosimo
13 years  William Mannix
14 years  Bailey Kubecka
15 years  Allan McKenzie
16 years  Cameron Waters
17 years  Nicholas Hokin
Opens   Arthur Currie

**RUNNER UP**
Vinzbrylle Navales
Jack Rocharix
Joel Foster
Luke Wright
Samuel Grace / Samuel Hall
Bradley Dawson

**AGGREGATE:**

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From the Carnival results our Athletics Squad has been selected and are training led by Head Coach Mr Adrian Harrison.

I would like to acknowledge the great attitude and effort of the students on the day of the Carnival in making this a very successful and enjoyable one. Special thanks go to the very professional contribution of the College Staff in making this one of the best Sporting Carnivals we have had in recent years.

**ST GREGORY'S ANNUAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**

In our first game of the GIO Championship our opponents were Erindale College, Canberra. A slow start saw the College down at half time 14-0. In an excellent second half, led by “Man of the Match” Mason Cerruto, St Gregory’s defeated Erindale 26-16. Celebrations were kept short as 24 hours later the team played defending MCS Champions Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown in the MCS Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium.

**MCS FOOTBALL AND RUGBY LEAGUE**

To have 10 teams (5 in Football and 5 in Rugby League) of our 18 teams play in the MCS Grand Finals is an excellent indication of our successful Winter Sporting Season. To win 8 of the 10 Grand Finals including all 5 Football games for the first time in the College’s history; backing up 24 hours later after their GIO Cup win against Erindale College, Canberra the First Grade Rugby League won 28-26 after trailing 22-10 in the second half; the Second Grade won 40-0 and the exciting 15 years "B" win 26-24 in the last minute of extra time makes this one the great sporting days in our College’s proud history. The First Grade Rugby League team has now won the MCS Championship 3 of the last 4 years. A huge congratulations

**TERM 3 SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

Term 3 has a very busy schedule including the weekly competitions in MCS Touch and AFL, the St Gregory’s Golf Championship, the MCS Golf, Tennis and Athletics Championships, trials for the Term 4 MCS Basketball and Cricket teams, NSW Junior (12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 years) Rugby League Knockout and the CCC and GIO Rugby League Championships.

**REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**Bryce Higgins** (Year 11) was selected and played in the CCC Open Hockey team that placed second at the NSW All Schools Championship.

**Will Kerr** (Year 10) who represented NSW CCC Rugby League was selected to the Australian 15 year Merit team following the National Championship.

**Josh Institoris-Morgan** (Year 11) has been selected ISNSW Under 20’s Men Indoor Cricket State team compete in the National Championships held in Queensland.

**Nathan Hayward** (Year 10) has been selected to the NSW Junior Ten Pin Bowling team to compete in the 2014 Australian Junior Championship which incorporates the President’s Junior Interstate Shield.

**Forthcoming Events**

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Joseph Lantz, Sports Coordinator