Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

In an extract from Timothy he talks about pursuing righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. I am sure that no one could disagree with these thoughts. I am sure that if we all did as Timothy suggested, the world would be a much better place.

We are now in the season of spring, a time when we see regrowth with trees sprouting new leaves and seeds producing flowers which give off beautiful aromas and make us realise how beautiful nature is. This is God’s gift to us! How do we acknowledge it? Do we look after our environment? To give a simple example; how many of us leave papers on the ground instead of walking to a bin? How many throw items out of the window as we are driving along? Again do we do the simple things to look after our environment?

Spring is also the time when we are supposed to be recharged and ready for the big finish to the year. The students have two weeks to pause and reflect on the year that has been up to now but how are they going to take the spring message and finish the year as someone who is fully developed. It is up to each of us to pause and reflect, even though we all lead busy lives but it is in our own best interest to take the time to pause, reflect and regenerate.

Hopefully we can absorb Timothy’s message and help to make the world a better place.

**Activities**

There have been many activities this term and more recently the Year 12 Co-Curricular Evening, Grand Finals yesterday and a number of College Assemblies just to name a few. The students have had a successful Term in whatever they have turned their hands towards and for that I thank the parents and staff for the support that they have given the students. Hopefully with a few weeks break the students will be re-energised and ready to go for a big finish to the year.

**Cooma Dinner**

It was wonderful to be in Cooma again last week for the Cooma Dinner as it gives me the opportunity to catch up with parents past, present and future. We had forty people at the dinner and it was a most enjoyable evening. Once again we have a number of new boarders from Cooma who will be joining the College in 2014.

**Building**

The building of the new Hall was given the green light by the Marist Schools NSW Regional Council two weeks ago. The Development Application has gone to Council so hopefully the tender process won’t be too far away. I would like to commence work as soon as possible so that it will be completed for the Year 12 Graduation in 2014. The Dining Room and the Learning Centre refurbishment will most probably commence in 2015 and carry into 2016. The College will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary in 2016.

Thank you for your support this Term and I will look to working with you and your sons again in Term 4. Enjoy the break!

Quae Seminaveris Metes.

Damien Millar
Headmaster
UNIFORM SHOP

The College Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays on the following days:
Saturday 5 October  10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 7 October  10.00am to 4.00pm

Important Dates

Tuesday 8 October 2013
Term 4 Commences

Friday 11 October 2013
Celebrity Sports Dinner

Monday 14 October 2013
HSC Examinations commence

Tuesday 15/Wednesday 16 October 2013
Student Leadership Camp

Wednesday 16 October 2013
Year 9 Geography excursion

Monday 21 October 2013
Year 12 2014 Information Evening
Commencing at 7.30pm in the Br Luke Hall

Tuesday 22 October 2013
Year 10 Geography excursion

Wednesday 23 October 2013
Year 7 2014 Information Evening
Commencing at 7.30pm in the Br Luke Hall

Friday 25 October 2013
College Assembly—Year 11 Awards
Commencing at 9.00am in the Br Luke Hall

Monday 28 October -Friday 1 November 2013
Year 12 2014 Retreat / Insight

CANTEEN NEWS

Following are changes to the Canteen menu effective immediately:

Price Changes:
- Sun Fruits Lollies - $1.00
- Pop Top Juice - $1.20
- Red Rock Chips - $1.50
- Bacon Cheese Rolls $1.80
- Chocolate Chip Cookies - $2.50

New item on selected days only:
Hot Dog with choice of sauce (BBQ, Tomato, Mustard) $3.00

ST GREGORY’S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN

On Friday, 11 October 2013, St Gregory’s College Campbelltown will celebrate its 20th Annual Celebrity Sports Dinner. The event attracts over 550 guests each year to the College for dinner, auctions and great entertainment.

Since 1994, the Celebrity Sports Dinner has been attended by a host of Australian sporting legends and this year is no different.

Our Guest Speaker this year is considered to be Australia’s greatest female basketball player of all time, Australian World Champion, Olympic Medalist and 3x Basketball player, Lauren Jackson. The evening will, once again be hosted by media personality and former NFL player, Jimmy Smith, and Olympic Gold Medalist, Sarah Ryan.

The Dinner raises funds for the College Foundation which supports families of boys at the College. This assistance means that boys, who would otherwise not be able, can attend St Gregory’s.

The Celebrity Sports Dinner is a wonderful night made possible by the support of our Community and in particular by the many generous local sponsors.

To the Board of Western Satin Australia League Club, Campbelltown a huge THANK YOU for your loyal support as our major sponsor since 1994, the boys of St Gregory’s very much appreciate you generously helping to build a better future for them.

St Gregory’s College would like to recognize our major sponsors this year:-

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From the Deputy Headmaster ……

Summer Uniform Term 4:
In Term 4 we will move back into the summer school uniform. Guidelines are in the diary and also below. Could all families please ensure that grooming meets our standards in relation to hair length and style and boys are clean shaven upon return in Term 4.

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Tailored grey shorts or College grey long trousers – not using jeans or “King Gee” type material. The standard issue available at the Uniform Shop represents what is required.
- Black leather belt to be purchased from the Uniform Shop.
- School socks, purchased from the Uniform Shop, to be worn with shorts, plain black socks to be worn with long trousers. School socks are to be kept pulled up at all times.
- Black leather dress shoes, with black, tied laces. Elastic sided boots and shoes or boots without laces are not suitable.
- A baseball style cap with the College crest – other hats may not be worn.

HAIRCUTS – Students are required to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Haircuts should be of an even grade. Hair should be well brushed and combed and it is assumed that hair will not be in such a condition as to invite comment.

BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Extreme styles, bleaching, colouring or dyeing of hair are not permitted.
Gel, mousse and hair spray or other similar substances should not be used. There will be no undercuts or steps.
Nothing shorter than a number 4 comb is acceptable.
Hair should not extend below the eye brows or touch the shirt collar.
Boys should be clean shaven at all times.
Long sideburns are not permitted.

Students who do not abide by the haircut requirements will be asked to fix the identified problem and not return to school until the issue is resolved. Regular hair blitz’s will be conducted to enforce these expectations.

The ultimate decision as to whether or not a hairstyle is appropriate for the College will come from the Professional Assistant to the Deputy.

Year 9 Boys and Blokes Canoe Trip
The trip was fantastic and the weather even better for our first Year 9 Father and Son Canoe Trip. We hope to expand the opportunities for these types of activities in 2014 and beyond. If boys and their fathers/significant males are interested and have any suggestions we would be more than happy to consider further options.

Stephen Kennaugh, Deputy Principal
On 7 September Hayden Stojcevski, Nicholas Kennaugh, Luke McGrath, Charles Knyvett, Harry Douglas, Daniel O’Shea and Brock Cooper went on a two day canoe trip down the Menangle River with their fathers or significant male. We were accompanied down the river by our guide, Steve, who was paddling with us in a kayak. We had to take our luggage in our canoes and our valuables were put in a waterproof drum to keep them dry.

We set off after about an hour of packing and getting the canoes down to the edge of the river. One group had to tow the spare canoe down the river, which slowed them down a bit, so we were always trying to get out of doing it. After about half an hour of paddling, there, it was a perfect spot. After we finished our lunch, we set off again, this time we found some little cut-offs, which were nice to go through.

After about two hours of paddling we reached our camp, which was a nice big clearing with plenty of shade and a nice spot to have our campfire. That night we ate food that we had to prepare and cook ourselves with either a trangias or a gas stove, we ate a range of foods such as noodles, sausages, bacon, steak, etc. Following dinner we sat around the campfire and chatted and spotted some wildlife such as eagles, owls and possums. The night was very disturbing due to the adults soring all night and it got pretty cold at midnight.

In the morning we were all ready to get started on the trip back, by 10am we had left our camp and were heading back up for our cars.

Once again we stopped off at the sandy area and had lunch. The trip back took us half the time than when we came because we were racing each other. We were so tired and to top it all off, we had to pack our gear into the cars, clean the canoes and pack them up onto the trailer. We had a great time but we were so tired from paddling that all we could think about was going back home and have a good rest. We recommend this trip to anyone who has time to do it.

Charlie Knyvett and Nicholas Kennaugh

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YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On Wednesday 11 September, all of Year 7 Geography visited Minnamurra Rainforest to fulfil the fieldwork component of the course. The excursion provided the boys with the opportunity to put some of their classroom learning into practice. We were once again very fortunate with the weather, experiencing blue skies and beautiful temperatures throughout the day.

The day began with a short overview of the geographic processes relevant to rainforests, as well as a discussion of how humans have had an impact on Minnamurra Rainforest. Following this the boys set off in their classes along the boardwalk to take in the environment. The boys observed many different types of flora and fauna and the experience will no doubt add to the learning that has and will continue to take place at school.

A highlight of the day was seeing Minnamurra Falls, however, some struggled more than others to reach the top of the mountain. I would assume that most slept very well that night. My thanks to the boys who represented the College well, and maintained the very positive reputation that the College enjoys at the venue.

Mr Justin Bale
Geography Teacher
MCS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Our Golf team have defended their MCS Championship again this year. Highlights include Ethan Blackwell (Year 12) shooting the lowest score of the Championship with a one over par 73 and winning the Opens Age Division award; Logan Whitelaw (14 years) was Runner Up in his Age Division; the College place 2nd in the 14 years, 15 years and Opens Team events; won the Junior Shield and were the Aggregate MCS Champions. Well done to the team and to Mr Ian Millett who organised the College Championship and anaged the Golf team.

NSW CCC RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
In the Semi Final of the NSW CCC Open Schoolboys Rugby League our First Grade team was defeated 30 – 22 after leading 22-16. While a disappointing finish to the Rugby League season the team can look back with great pride in winning the MCS competition, placing in the top 8 teams in the National GIO Schoolboys Cup and being a Semi Finalist in the NSW CCC Championship. This was a wonderful result for the First Grade Rugby League team this year that everyone is proud of.

MCS AFL AND TOUCH
Our undefeated AFL teams, with the Opens winning 97-0 and the 14 year winning 71-12 against Liverpool have the two teams winning their Pools of competition. The 14 years team played Parramatta and the Opens played defending Champions Holy Cross College, Ryde. The Opens defeated Holy Cross, Ryde 64-23 in a great team effort and will now play Blacktown in the Grand Final. The 14 years team was defeated by a last minute goal in their hard fought game against Parramatta College and are now out of the competition.

Our Touch teams will play their final games this week with the Semi Finals and Grand Finals of their respective divisions of competition within their Age Divisions.

CCC ATHLETICS
At the NSW CCC Athletics Championship 12 St Gregory’s students represented MCS. Highlights include Will Kerr (15 years) placing second in both the 100m and 400m, Vincent Hreszczuk (14 years) placing second in the Shot Put, Cameron Powe (17 years) placing third in the 400m, Daniel White (16 years) placing 4th in the 1500m and Cameron Waters (16 years) placing second in the individual Age Championship.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS AND AWARDS
Congratulations to Nathan Calman (Year 10) who represented NSW at the National Diving Championship in Adelaide last week. In an outstanding effort Nathan placed second in the 3 metre springboard and the synchronised diving events and is Australian Champion in the Platform event. This is a wonderful effort by Nathan who only started diving about a year ago.

Kieran Poole (Year 12) will be playing for the NSW team in the Australian Junior (16–24 years) Ice Hockey League again this year.

Forthcoming Events

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Joseph Lantz, Sports Coordinator

Parkes National All Breeds Junior Heifer Show

On Thursday 5 September the show team headed off to Parkes for the National All Breeds Junior Heifer show. This year we entered eight animals and eight students. Once again the trip proved a huge success. The boys who were selected and attended the show included; Jack Lane (Team Leader), Nicholas Hreszczuk (Assistant team leader), David Thompson, Lachlan Watkin, Jake Gilbert, Edward Mulholland, Harrison Fowler and John Gooden.

This particular show is designed as an educational resource for young aspiring students wishing to further their industry knowledge and eventually establish a career in the field of agriculture. Students are given the opportunity and are required to attend a rotation of seminars presented by industry experts. They are also required to prepare and present our animals for judging in the show ring. This year our bull ‘St Gregory’s Hugo Boss’ was placed 6th in a class of 13 which is a promising sign for the 2014 show program. Furthermore, one of our red angus heifers, which we were presenting on behalf of Wollumbi Red Angus, achieved 5th place in a class of 15 which is also another great achievement.

There was also a number of competitions which our students were entered in. In Junior Judging we had two students, Jack Lane and John Gooden placed as finalists in a group of over 45 other students. Both students were required to speak, both spoke very clearly, fluently and professionally. A very impressive effort by both boys. Further to this, boys were also entered in the Junior School Paraders competition where they are judged on their handling and animal husbandry techniques. Five out of our eight students received a place in this event. Harry Fowler received 6th in class of 15, David Thompson 4th in a class of 15, Nicholas Hreszczuk 3rd in a class of 15 and Edward Mulholland 4th in a class of 15.

As you can see we have had another successful experience in the show ring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Farm Manager, Rick Nieuwenhuis, for his dedication and commitment to the show program and for travelling to Parkes with us and mentoring the boys through such a valuable experience. A very big thank you to the boys who attended, all of whom were outstanding ambassadors for the College and will ensure future success of the show program. We head to the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in late October and are about to begin preparations for the 2014 show program.

Michael McGuiggan, Agriculture Teacher