Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

Today brings us to the end of a term that has offered so much promise and has delivered so well. Today, we farewell the Year 12 Class of 2016 with the Graduation Mass, Academic Assembly and the Dinner at the Catholic Club. They have been a credit to the College and their families and I am sure that we all wish them every success with their HSC and their futures.

We farewell Mrs Malhiers who has been substituting for Mr Smith this year. I thank her for her efforts in supporting the Mathematics Department. Mr Smith will be returning next term.

Thank you to my secretary, Mrs Romeo, for her work as College Registrar over the last two years as she has done an excellent job of being the voice of contact for all parents but also in particular the boarding parents as part of the role is handling boarders’ travel. The role of College Registrar will grow exponentially over the next twelve months with the primary school enrolments also having to be acknowledged, this situation would not be tenable as her role as my secretary will also be growing due to the opening of the primary school. Mrs Kate Stott will be returning to the College in Term 4 to take up the College Registrar role.

Since the last newsletter, the College has completed the 90th Celebrations. They were a great success with the Mass being well attended in spite of the wet day. I have received many positive comments about what an uplifting experience it was to attend the Mass and to hear the boys singing was also wonderful experience. The Dinner at the Catholic Cub was a great success with an opportunity for people to catch up with old friends. I have been told how much people appreciated the DVD material looking back and seeing all the changes that have occurred in the way of buildings and facilities. Thank you to everyone who supported the day as it was a memorable day for all. Thank you in particular to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Jeffcoate and their respective teams who brought the day together.

Recently the students have been represented at a number of functions or events where they have been outstanding representatives. Marist Oratory, a Public Speaking competition across all the Marist schools in Sydney, which the students won for the first time in at least the last sixteen years. It was a very proud moment for Sam Hackett as he came first in his last outing for the College in this area. Dylan Bordignon was placed in the top 1% in Australia in the University of NSW Business Studies Competition along with Cort Langford in the top 1.5%. This is a remarkable effort especially when I looked at the schools that were represented, i.e. James Ruse, an academically selective high school which usually rates one in the HSC results, and Sydney High which is in the same category. We have some very talented young men in our midst. Allan McKenzie was the Age Champion for the CCC Athletic Carnival in his last outing for the College. The Mock Trial Team in the round of sixteen of the competition, something that has not been achieved in my time at the College. Soccer and Rugby League were represented in the finals of the CCC.

We have some very talented young men across of range of activities. Thanks to the staff and parents who have supported these young men.

Thank you to all members of the community for their work and support of the College over the last term. Hopefully we will all return safe and rested after the holidays.

Quae Seminaveris Metes.

Damien Millar
Headmaster
Today we farewall the class of 2016 in what will be a very moving and emotional day for these young men. I would like to share with you, the following verse which Year 12 selected to include in their Graduation booklet:

The Man in The Mirror
When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that man has to say.
For it isn’t a man’s father, mother or wife,
Whose judgement upon him must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in life,
Is the man staring back from the glass.
He’s the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he’s with you clear to the end,
And you’ve passed your most dangerous, difficult test,
If the man in the glass is your friend.
You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But the final reward will be heartache and tears,
If you’ve cheated the man in the glass.

Anonymous

I take this opportunity to wish Year 12 all the very best for their HSC and for the future and remind them:

You will reap what you have sown.

Cathie Clarke, Director of Mission

Term 3 has been a busy one in many ways for our Year 11 students. In their final term for the Preliminary HSC Course, boys have been preparing themselves for the exams that they have just completed. It’s a very different process to most exam periods that they would have undertaken in junior school, as they are introduced to the exam conditions that are in place for the HSC. These young men have adapted quickly and without any problem at all.

Earlier in the term, the boys went through the process of selecting our 2017 College Leaders. Almost 40 young men were nominated and subsequently voted upon by their peers. This isn’t an easy process for many young men, yet they did an outstanding job in selecting our leadership group headed by Jack Alcorn and Sean Mabin, both of whom will lead a strong group, whom I am confident will do a great job in the year ahead.

Midway through the term, we looked at our options for our Insight and Retreat week, which will take place in week 4 of next term. A good number of boys have taken up the opportunity to find their own Insight placement, where they enter into a two day period in which they work in an environment to support those less fortunate than ourselves. It is meant to be challenging and encourages the boys to step out of their ‘comfort zone’ to help make a small difference. I know the week, including their Year 12 Retreat will be rewarding and memorable for all involved.

Mr Pat Newell,
Year 11 Coordinator
Student Profiles

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements at the Marist Oratory Public Speaking competition:

- Lachlan McInerney
  1st in Year 7
- James Hilton
  4th in Year 8
- Alessandro Comin
  2nd in Year 9
- Zak Hackett
  Year 10
- Sean Mabin
  Year 11
- Sam Hackett
  1st in Year 12

Teaching and Learning

BR@G – Boys Read at Greg’s

Our silent reading programme has made a positive start, with all students in Years 7-10 (and their teachers) engaged in silent reading three times per week. We know that reading for pleasure has a positive impact on student achievement across all school subjects, and for post-school outcomes. We also know, however, that our children don’t read enough.

In our recent survey of students, with a total of 319 respondents, students were asked the question, “How often do you read for pleasure?” The first two response choices revealed some startling data:

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BR@G is one way we are seeking to raise our boys’ engagement with reading, and thus strengthen their outcomes.

Please chat to your son these holidays about his reading. Try to find some suitable reading material that will help capture his interest. You could try a website like www.guysread.com for some great ideas.

If you’re wondering about some of the latest research on reading, please have a look at some very easy guides recently released by Scholastic as the Australian Kids and Family Reading Report – www.scholastic.com.au/reading report.

Catherine Keegan,
Director of Teaching and Learning

Louise Millar, Coordinator of Professional Learning

Today we celebrated the Graduation of the Class of 2016. I would like to wish them all the best as they prepare for the final exams which begin on Thursday 13 October (Week 1 of next term).

Information for students regarding HSC rules and procedures and other helpful tips have been emailed to all families and a copy printed for their portfolios.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you would like further assistance.

Catherine Keegan,
Director of Teaching and Learning

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**Sports News**

**TERM 3 – WEEK 10**

**MCS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP**
On Friday 16 September our MCS Athletics Officials Mr Bullock and Mr Serone supervised our 17 representatives at the CCC Athletics Carnival held at Homebush. Our students competed well and their individual results are in the Sports Report on the College website.

**CCC SCHOOLBOY RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**
Following a long, hard and successful campaign the First Grade Rugby League season has concluded with a 20-6 loss in the NSW CCC Semi Final to Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown. Led by Captain, Trent Peoples, the team was Undefeated MCS Premiers, Quarter Finalists in the National GIO competition and Semi Finalists in the NSW CCC competition.

**MCS AFL AND TOUCH COMPETITIONS**
The improved weather gave our MCS AFL and Touch teams an opportunity to play our washed out Round 1 games. The AFL Opens team continued their excellent season with a 111-0 win against Patrician Brothers Fairfield. The 14 years team won with a forfeit. Nine games of Touch were played with six wins and three losses.

Both of our MCS AFL teams, Opens and 14 years, played in their respective division Grand Finals. Unfortunately, both were defeated by St Dominic’s College, Penrith.

The final Round of MCS Touch was played resulting in three wins, a draw and six losses. This week’s games will be Grand Finals to the competition. Good luck to all teams.

The entire Sports Report with Representative Honours is on the College website.

_Joseph Lantz, Sports Coordinator_

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**Other News**

On Tuesday the College Mock Trial Team travelled to Moss Vale to compete in the round of 16 in the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition.

The team is given a script of a case they need to prosecute or defend, in this instance we were defending our client on a murder charge. Our Barristers, Sean Mabin and Rohan Indap, did an outstanding job, along with our defendant for the day, Derek Komban, and key witness, Curtis Byrum. They were supported by Solicitor, Christian Iriarte, and Clerk, Bailey Devine-Scott.

I’m happy to report that whilst our defendant will be spending life in prison, the boys won the Trial and now progress to the final eight schools of the competition. The competition began with almost 200 schools from around the State so this is a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations again to the boys.

_Stephen Bullock, HSIE Teacher and Mock Trial Organiser_

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**Sports Events**

13, 20 and 27 October
- MCS Basketball and Cricket

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**Other News**

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 3 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

Term 4 Commences on Monday 10 October

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