Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

Last Sunday, the Gospel spoke about Christ curing the ten lepers and only one returned to say thank you. The other nine may have gone off to the temple as they knew that they were cured but only one returned to say thank you to Christ. The one who returned was a Samaritan, a foreigner who would not have been welcome at the temple. At least he could see what had happened and he did owe Christ his thanks.

It is the same for us in life as we can take things and people for granted and never acknowledge how they have helped us. When we have been helped on a large scale such as being given money which may lead to getting a house, help in getting a job which will help to pay our bills in order for us to live or be given an opportunity to have a privileged education. These are big offerings or help. What about the little things such as someone opening a door for you, standing back and letting you on a bus first, giving a seat on public transport, the bus driver who takes us to the station, someone serving us at the shop or cleaning up after us. How often do we acknowledge the little things that happen in our lives?

One of the boys at the recent National 7’s competition thanked a lady for serving him breakfast. The lady asked the boy what he had said as she thought she had not heard the boy correctly but then commented on how thoughtful the young man was to acknowledge her efforts. Is this something or someone that we take for granted? Are our thoughts based around the fact that someone gets paid to do a job and therefore doesn’t need thanks but if that person is doing their job to the best of their ability don’t we owe them a debt of thanks instead of taking them for granted? Are we one of the nine or are we the one who came back?

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Bisset, Mr Stefanski and Mr Spencer and their families on the birth of their respective children over the last couple of weeks. All babies and mothers are well!

Welcome

Welcome to Miss Nagy, our new College Counsellor who will be at the College on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for the rest of this year. I am sure that she will be a welcome addition to our College Staff and that she will enjoy the St Greg’s experience. I also welcome to the College community Justin Wall in Year 8, Cameron Faddy and Zayden Pullman in Year 10. I am sure that everyone will make them and their families feel welcome.

Brother William Connell

Brother William passed away in the Philippines on Sunday. He passed away peacefully in his sleep. Brother William was the College Headmaster from 1988 – 1991. I would ask you to keep Brother’s family, friends and especially the Brothers’ communities in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Coman

As you would know by now, Br Coman passed away on the last day of Term 3. The funeral for Brother was held in the first week of the holidays. The funeral was well supported by members of the College staff, students, parents and ex-students in particular. Brother obviously had a great influence on many young men during his time. Brother was a no-nonsense type of person who just rolled up his sleeves and got on with the job. He was a very humble person and was never looking for his name to be up in lights, it was always about doing something for the boys. I am sure that he will be fondly remembered.

Building

During the holidays, you would have noticed that the road has been resealed once more to remove the dangerous potholes. This will be the last reseal as I understand that the new road will be built by 2016.

The IT Office is moving to a new site in order to cater for the new laptops for Year 7 and Year 9 in 2014. A lot of work has been completed and this office will be operational in the next few weeks.

I understand that the DA (Development Application) for the Hall is before Council and the project has gone to tender. We have a Parent Forum this term and I will give a more detailed explanation of the progress at that time.

HSC

The HSC Exams commenced this week. I would ask you to keep the boys and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations

Well done to our College photographers on the wonderful exhibition they have on display at the University of Western Sydney. The official opening was last week and the exhibition continues until 1 November. See our website for more details. Many thanks to the staff who worked with the boys in mounting the works for framing.

Quae Seminaveris Metes.

Damien Millar
Headmaster
Until Friday 8 November 2013
HSC Exams

Monday 21 October 2013
Year 12 2014 Information Evening
Commencing at 7.30pm in the Br Luke Hall
Students are expected to attend wearing full summer uniform

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

Friday 1 November 2013
Year 9 Reflection Day

Monday 4 November 2013
Years 7-9 Co-curricular Night
Commencing at 7.30pm in the Br Luke Hall

Wednesday 6 November 2013
Year 8 Geography excursion

Friday 8—Monday 11 November 2013
Pupil Free Days
Boarders’ Free Weekend

Friday 8 November 2013
Year 7 2014 Orientation Day

Friday 15 November 2013
Years 7 and 9 Immunisations

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Excellent behaviour of our students

In reflecting on the many students who helped with the Sports Dinner last Friday evening I would like to thank the many young men of the College who willingly put their hand in support of the many events we have at St Gregory’s. On Friday evening boys volunteered for set up, Band, parking duties, meet and greet, Choir and assisting with Auctions and other duties as requested. The events we have at the College would not be such a success without this support and the support of parents who transport students to the College. The parental support on the evening and at other events is also very much appreciated. It shows a real sense of community and reinforces the fact that we are part of something very special at St Gregory’s.

Summer Uniform Term 4:

As we move into summer uniform it was good to see the number of boys that were complying in every aspect to the uniform expectations. Unfortunately there were a few boys who had inappropriate hair-cuts and forgot to wear all parts of their uniform.

I have attached a copy of the uniform expectations so you as parents can be informed of our expectations. Thank you for your support.

SUMMER UNIFORM
College shirt with monogrammed pocket.
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 blitzes 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.

Stephen Kennaugh, Deputy Principal
On Friday, 20 September we farewelled Year 12/2013 commencing with a barbecue breakfast for Year 12 and their teachers, followed by a whole school Mass and a Graduation Ceremony attended by many family and friends. The Mass was simply amazing, with all members of the College student body sharing the experience, providing an appropriate opportunity for us to farewell the class of 2013.

The Year 12 Formal was held that night at The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club and was enjoyed by the students, parents and staff. During the evening major awards were presented as listed below.

I would like to thank the Year 12 homeroom team of Mr Greg Bingham, Mrs Michelle Gardiner, Mrs Trudy Sawyer, Mrs Polly Quirk, Mr Kerry Todd, Mr David Clarke, and Mrs Debra Monte, back up Homeroom Teacher, and Mr Luke Wilson, Assistant Year Coordinator, for their dedicated support of the class of 2013.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the boys well in their HSC Exams and for the future.

Mr Patrick Newell, Year 12 Coordinator

The Brother Anselm Prize for College Captain:
Edward Thomas

The Anthony Collins Memorial Award for Service and Initiative:
Edward Thomas

The Greg Sanderson Memorial Award for the Student “Who has a Go”:
Harry Roach

The Brother Senan Prize for Contribution to the Christian Environment of the College:
Damien Bartolo

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award:
Daniel Wall

Senior Sportsman of The Year For Best Overall Performance in Sport in 2013:
David Green

The Senior Trophy for Public Speaking and Debating:
Dominic Andrew and Nathan Bartolo

The Brother Geoffrey Schwager Prize for Contribution to the Cultural Life of the College:
Te Taarai Shelford

The Lionel Penberthy Award for Contribution to the Profile of the College in the Rural Community:
Aaron Canham

The Principal’s Award for Consistent Application to Study:
Dean Boucher

The Year 12 Award for Academic Excellence:
Ben Talamaivao

The Brother Luke Trophy for Proficiency:
Arthur Currie

Campbelltown Collegians Trophy for Best Overall Performance in Sport during his time at the College:
(listed in order of photo, left to right:
Please note: Ben and Arthur not present)

The Foundation Office celebrated its twentieth Annual Celebrity Sports Dinner last Friday evening. The event attracted over 550 guests to the College and quite apart from being a most entertaining evening, the dinner was financially very prosperous, raising in excess of $125,000.

This year’s guest speaker was Australian Basketball Legend, Lauren Jackson. Lauren was joined by over forty other sports men and women, including 2012 London Olympian Silver Medallist, Brittany Broben, Susie O’Neill and Daniel Geale. We were very grateful this year to our hosts, TV and radio personality, sports commentator and former NRL player, Jimmy Smith, an Old Boy of St Greg’s, and Sarah Ryan, a former Olympic swimmer, for the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our dinner.

Our entertainment this year was Darren Percival, from “The Voice” and he was just sensational!!

Our dinner is the result of many hours of hard work from a dedicated committee, however, ultimately the quality of the evening and its eventual success relies on the support of many individuals and businesses. Special thanks to our major sponsors, Wests League Club Campbelltown and Meehans Solicitors.

Thank you for the generous support of the College staff and students who played a part in the dinner. In particular our Year 7 and Year 11 boarding students welcoming our guests and the College Band and Choir, each adding to the success of the evening.

I very much look forward to our dinner in 2014.

Catherine Jeffcoate, Development Officer
MCS AFL AND TOUCH

Despite a good effort our Open AFL team was defeated by Patrician Bros College, Blacktown in the Grand Final 61-50. Congratulations to the team, Coach Mrs Mulligan and Manager Miss Pickard. Well done to our Touch teams who have completed the MCS Touch competition with a big thanks to their Coaches – Miss Keir, Mr O’Flynn and Mr Todd.

MCS BASKETBALL AND CRICKET

St Gregory’s has five teams in the Basketball competition – A Grade, B Grade, Open Year 10, Open Year 9 and Open Year 8. All the Basketball and Cricket teams began their MCS sporting seasons in excellent fashion. The four games of Basketball against Schofields saw close wins to the First Grade, Open Year 9 and Open Year 8 teams, with a draw to the Second Grade team. The Open Year 10 team had a BYE.

The College has eight teams in the MCS Cricket competition this year – First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Year 9 A, Year 9 B, Year 7 A and Year 7 B. The Second, Third and Fourth Grade teams will play in the Second Grade competition and the Year 9 B and Year 7 B teams will play against the “A” teams in their respective Divisions. In Cricket all eight teams played with seven of the eight teams having wins. Our only loss was by the Fourth Grade team who were beaten by St Greg’s Second Grade. Highlights include from the Year 7 “B” game Cameron Chew 55no and Cameron Williams 46no and hitting a 6 to win the game; Nick Mortimer 42no in the Year 9 “A” game; Alex Bullow 112no in the Third Grade game and from the First Grade game both Mitch Taylor and Kane Grove hitting 64 each.

Overland Track, Tasmania/ Murrumbidgee Paddle

Each year, Year 10 group students are offered an alternate to the traditional end of year camp. This year will be the fourth year that a small group has travelled the Overland Track in Tasmania. A new initiative in 2013 is a four day canoe/camping trip along the Murrumbidgee River.

Students involved in both these activities will be in isolated areas for a number of days and as part of their preparation, they completed a First Aid Course at the end of last term. Also at the end of last term, having completed some preparation with respect of food, the boys attending the Tassie trip experimented with the use of Trangia cooking stoves and brought in ingredients for a lunchtime “cook up”.

Greg Serone, Year 10 Assistant Coordinator

Forthcoming Events

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27TH NATIONAL SHORTHORN YOUTH EXPO

On 4 - 7 October Nicholas Hresczuk and Josh Hresczuk exhibited at the 27th National Shorthorn Youth Expo at Cootamundra. At this show we took two head of cattle up, STG Hope and STG Hannah. This show was a very enjoyable show from learning how to clip to preparing cattle before going into the show ring. From a field of 80 competitors many ribbons were won with many notable achievements. Nicholas Hresczuk receiving 1st in his paraders class. Josh Hresczuk coming 4th in his paraders class and was voted the champion senior judge. The heifers STG Hope was placed 1st and STG Hannah placed 4th in their class, both receiving high praises from the judges. We also competed in calf capers and we were placed 4th.

Overall this show was very successful and a rewarding weekend.

By Nicholas Hresczuk (Year 9)

Insurance / Student Property

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Just a reminder that when students bring personal items such as electronic devices, musical instruments or sporting equipment to the College or to a College-related event, and those personal items are lost, damaged or stolen, the College’s insurance policies do not cover their repair or replacement as the College does not own those items. Private insurance cover would be required in that event.

Please contact me on (02) 4629 4226 if you have any questions re this.

Thank you. John Sammut, Finance Manager