Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

Welcome

Welcome back to the College for the 2013 College school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the people who are joining our community for the first time. Welcome also to our new staff members:- Mr James Clanfield (Music), Mrs Rachel Dell (Mathematics), Mr Don Perna (Mathematics Coordinator), Mrs Alicia Price (Learning Support and HSIE). I am sure that the wealth of experience that they bring with them as a group will help to enhance the education that is on offer at the College.

Opening Assembly

Thank you to the many parents who took the time to be a part of our Opening Assembly. All the new students to the College were welcomed individually and this was then followed by morning tea for the visitors and a College tour. This Assembly provides a very positive start for the year.

High Achiever’s Assembly

The Assembly was held last Friday. The young men of the Class of 2012 returned in triumph to be acknowledged for their achievements in the HSC. They were all beautifully attired and set a standard for others to follow. James Horton, the College Dux gave one of the best speeches that I have heard at this Assembly. It was pleasing to see so many parents and friends present as I believe that it is important that they also be acknowledged because without their support the HSC can be a difficult task. Thank you to Mrs Keegan for compiling the HSC Report for 2012 which is being distributed with this newsletter.

Congratulations

There have been many success stories to come out of this year’s HSC and too many to do justice to them here but hopefully we will be able to post some of these on the Website. Listed below are a few of the outstanding scholarship stories. Congratulations to the following ex-students on their success in last year’s HSC. Chris O’Donnell has gained a scholarship courtesy of Sydney Rugby Union Football Club that will cover his fees, boarding and lodging during his time at the University of Sydney. Sandy Craze has just been awarded the UWS Aspire Leadership Scholarship. James Horton, our College Dux for 2013 also received a scholarship for Sydney University. There are many other ex-students who have been successful in gaining entry into a variety of universities with scholarships or advantage because of their involvement in the co-curricular programme.

Quae Seminaveris Metes.

Damien Millar
Headmaster
Welcome back to 2013!

We have really hit the ground running this year! Ash Wednesday is next week which means our Lenten Appeal initiatives will get underway.

Here at the College throughout the six weeks of Lent there will be a number of activities going on such as BBQ’s, pizza days and car washes that will be run by a number of different homerooms. Further to this, Student Leaders will be visiting each homeroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays to ask for donations.

Lent is a time of giving but this does not have to be of money only and so I also ask you to encourage your son to be involved in the activities his homeroom runs.

I thank you in advance for your support during this season of Lent and I hope your family is blessed during this lead up to Easter and always.

Miss Debra Monte (Williams), Marist Solidarity Coordinator

The Visual Arts Department

If you are awaiting for your son to collect artwork that was exhibited in Art Attack last year, please be aware that we will be holding on to them until after the St Greg’s Art and Craft Fair. The works will be available for collection at the end of March.

Also, our Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media students will be completing an up and coming unit on Stop Motion Animation. We are after Lego pieces for the task. If you have any form of unwanted Lego, the Visual Arts department would gladly accept any donation. Please send it to the front office.

Thanking you in advance,

Miss Ferenc, Visual Arts Coordinator
Signing Out Process to Attend Sick Bay

When your son is sick and needs to attend Sick Bay he must find his Year Coordinator and then sign in at Student Services before proceeding to Sick Bay. If you are required to collect him from school then he must sign out from Student Services before leaving the College. If a student is returning to class he must go via Student Services to sign back into school. When parents pick up their son they must do so via Student Services so the sign out process is accurate. This ensures that our records are correct in terms of attendance and in case of evacuation or lockdown.

Students Leaving School Early

When a student is to be collected early from school for an appointment or for family or other reasons, he must bring a note to school and show the note to his Year Coordinator preferably during homeroom. The Year Coordinator will sign the note, indicating approval and the student then brings the note to Student Services when he is leaving. A parent, or their nominated representative, must come to the College reception to collect the student and sign him out. In cases where a parent finds out during the day that it will be necessary to collect his/her son, the Year Coordinator should be advised by phone or by email and a note handed in when the student is collected and signed out. This procedure also applies to students leaving before sport on a Thursday.

Priority Passes

The Priority 1 and 2 Passes have been distributed by Year Coordinators. If your son qualifies for a Priority Pass and you have not applied please get him to collect an application ASAP from Student Services and we will process it quickly. I have outlined the criteria below:

Priority 1: East Hills and Liverpool train lines, Glen Alpine Bus, special circumstances
Priority 2: Other students catching connecting buses at Campbelltown Station.

Uniform Expectations

Thank you for your cooperation with the haircuts. The minor issues we have had with a small minority of boys have been sorted out quickly.

We are having problems with a number of students wearing free run shoes for Sport that are grey and not predominantly white as requested. Can you please ensure this is corrected if your son is in this situation. Please contact me if you wish to discuss the matter.

We had a Uniform Blitz during line-up on Monday and it went extremely well. I will continue to send letters to you throughout the year informing you of our expectations in relation to uniform and behaviour.

Lions Club Exchange Program

Please review the flyer on the College Website if you are interested in the exchange program over the Christmas holiday period in 2013/2014.

Escalating a Situation through the use of Social Media

Since the inception of social media and the ease of access young men and women have to it, it comes as no surprise when some people abuse this tool while others use it to their and others benefit. Some of the young men at our College use it well and for the benefit of them and others, while some use it to gossip, slander and ridicule others. I would like to place it on record that any student who escalates a situation through the use of social media will incur the same punishment as those directly involved. We expect more from our students in this regard. Take the option to not get involved or report inappropriate language and behaviour to a parent, teacher or the Police.

Stephen Kennaugh, Deputy Headmaster

A charge for damaging or not returning text books to the Book Hire Office.
If text books are not returned directly to the Book Hire Office before the end of Term 4, no credit can subsequently be issued for a late return as the College would have incurred the cost of replacing that missing copy. This also applies to Year 7 to 10 students returning all History and Geography books before the end of Term 2.
TERM 1 – WEEK 2

ST GREGORY’S COLLEGE ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year’s Annual Swimming Carnival will be held at the Bradbury Pool on 20 February. Information will be sent home with your son with the specifics of the day. We have asked all students who have Swimming Squad / Development experience, have previously been in the College Swim team or who would like to swim in the Championship Divisions (A, B and C) of the various Age and Strokes Divisions to complete and return a nomination form to our Head Coach, Mr Dixon, or myself by Wednesday 13 February. These races assist us in representative selections for future Carnivals.

MARIST CRICKET CARNIVAL

In December the College First Grade Cricket team attended the Australasian Marist Cricket Carnival hosted by Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon Victoria. St Gregory’s concluded the Carnival in equal second place with three wins against Woodlawn, Ashgrove and Auckland, NZ and two losses to Warragul and host College, Traralgon, who were the undefeated Champions of the Carnival. With a young and inexperienced First Grade team, the main highlight would be the growing maturity of the team that is expected in a strong First Grade Competition. We congratulate team Captain Lachlan Munro and the team – Mitchell Taylor, Lachlan Inger, Jake Grove, James Walgers, Roshan De Zoysa, Justin Stewart, Joshua Institoris, Liam Hastie, Brett Russell, Toby Huxley, Jeremy McCall and Jonah Price.

MCS BASKETBALL AND CRICKET

In the MCS Cricket and Basketball competition all four Cricket games and the First and Second Grade Basketball teams were victorious.

There were many highlights from the MCS Cricket games: First Grade defeated Auburn by 10 wickets with Lachlan Inger 35no and Mitchell Taylor 32no; Third Grade won by 5 runs with Jarrod Paterson 34 and James Fawbert 31; Year 10 won by 9 wickets with Ryan Smith 4-11, Jessie Stewart 45no and Alex Bullow 35no and Year 8 won by 8 wickets with Lachlan O’Neill 22.

There were some good highlights from the Basketball players: First Grade defeated Auburn by 21 points with Arthur Currie 22 points, Daniel Dinh 10 points and new student Sam Colosimo 9 points; Second Grade won by 20 points with Gary Charles 14 points; for Open Year 10 Lachlan Anderson 11 points and Open Year 9 Sam Hackett 9 points.

The Saturday ISA Basketball competition games against Blue Mountain Grammar saw excellent wins to the Under 14 years, 15 years, 17 years and Opens. Special mention goes to the Opens with their top of the table game going into extra time and winning by 2 points.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Damien Mortimer (Class of 2012) was selected to the Australian U19 Cricket Merit Team following the National Championship.

Jake Grove (Year 12) was selected to the Australasian Cricket Merit team.

Nathan Calman (Year 10) has won the NSW Country Diving Championship and has qualified for the National Championship.

Forthcoming Events

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Joseph Lantz, Sports Coordinator

St Gregory's College Enrolment for 2014
DEVELOPING FINE YOUNG MEN IN THE MARIST TRADITION

COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Sunday 24th February 2013
10am—2pm

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday 27th February 2013, 7.30pm Br Luke Hall
3.5 AND 7 DAY BOARDING ALSO AVAILABLE

www.sfgregs.nsw.edu.au  t: 46 29 4222
100 Badgally Road Gregory Hills
Limited number of means tested Bursaries available for Year 7 students enrolling for 2014
Congratulations to our College Dux, James Horton

James was presented with the Dux trophy at the full College assembly held on February 1. James received an ATAR of 98.05. He has been successful in gaining a prestigious accounting cadetship with Price Waterhouse and Coopers and he has accepted an offer to study Commerce at the University of Sydney. Addressing the assembly, James outlined the wide range of opportunities, both academic and co-curricular, that he had been involved in during his time at the College. He spoke highly of the support and encouragement given to him by his mother and his sister and the staff who worked with him during his time at St Greg’s. James spoke of the values that had been instilled in him and the importance of a consistent but balanced approach to work, particularly in his final year of school. He acknowledged the benefit to him of the routine provided by boarding and the support and expertise of the tutors who worked with him.

The College also acknowledged the achievements of the thirteen other students who also received an ATAR over 90. All but one of the students were able to attend the assembly to celebrate their success with family, friends and staff.

(Absent Thomas Brown)
Fourteen students achieved an ATAR over 90. This continues the strong trend of academic success at the College. Of the 96 students who elected to receive an ATAR, 34 students or 35.4% gained an ATAR above 75. (This figure may be higher as the College is not notified of student ATAR’s)

James Horton  
ATAR 98.05  
College Dux

Alexander Craze  
ATAR 96.90

Thomas Brown  
ATAR 96.60

Timothy Wray  
ATAR 95.40

Jonathan Pacchiarotta  
ATAR 95.35

James Graham  
ATAR 95.00

Joshua Hughes  
ATAR 94.95

Stephen Harris  
ATAR 94.75

Miguel Gilarte  
ATAR 94.50

Ivan Franich  
ATAR 94.40

Lewis Field  
ATAR 93.70

Michael Stambouli  
ATAR 92.80

Ryan Watts  
ATAR 92.80

Christopher Varrica  
ATAR 90.30
TOP TEN IN THE STATE

Congratulations to **Lewis Field** who was placed **fourth in the State** in Information, Processes and Technology. Lewis was taught by Ms. Lydia Khoury.

This outstanding achievement builds on the College’s top ten results in recent years.

Luke Walsh  
2011 HSC  
Fourth in the State in the Metals and Engineering examination.

Brandon Wickett-Rooke  
2010 HSC  
Second in the State in the Metals and Engineering examination.

Grant Lansdown  
2010 HSC  
Seventh in the State in the Construction examination.

Gerard Lamerton  
2009 HSC  
Second in the State in Standard English

Joseph Hoare  
2008 HSC  
Fifth in the State in the Construction examination.

Daniel O’Leary  
2008 HSC  
Fifth in the State in the Metals and Engineering examination.

Nathan Compton  
2007 HSC  
First in the State in Studies of Religion 2 and First in the State in Legal Studies

Daniel Hennessey  
2007 HSC  
Fourth in the State in the Metals &Engineering examination.

Matthew Brown  
2006 HSC  
First in the State in the Primary Industries examination.

ON STAGE NOMINATION FOR MUSIC

Congratulations also to **Benjamin Hughes** whose Viva Voca was nominated for the prestigious OnStage programme.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TIMBER EXHIBITION

The outstanding results of **Simon McFadyen**, **Lewis Field** and **Thomas Soccio** in their Industrial Technology Timber projects were also acknowledged through their nomination for the prestigious IndTech exhibition.

COURSES ABOVE STATE MEAN

29 out of 32 courses or 91% of courses studied for the 2012 HSC achieved results above the State mean. Some highlights were:

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BAND 6 PERFORMANCES

Twenty nine students from the class of 2012 achieved 52 band 6 results or equivalent. These outstanding results were achieved across a wide range of subjects.

SCORES IN THE BAND 5 AND 6 RANGE

44.6% of students were awarded a mark of 80 or more with many students achieving marks in the high 80’s. This reflects the trend of continued academic improvement.
STUDENTS ON THE MERIT LIST

Lewis Field  Information Processes and Technology Fourth in the State
Thomas Brown  Geography, Mathematics, Physics
Alexander Craze  Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Studies of Religion I
Mitchell Dwyer  Senior Science
Abe Elliott  General Mathematics
Lewis Field  Industrial Technology, Information Processes and Technology
Ivan Franich  Business Studies, Mathematics Extension 1
Lachlan Fraser  Senior Science
Miguel Gilarte  Business Studies, Geography, Studies of Religion I
James Graham  Mathematics
Jake Harris  Information Processes and Technology
Stephen Harris  Studies of Religion I, French Continuers
Matthew Henson  Industrial Technology
James Horton  Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Studies of Religion I
Benjamin Hughes  Music 1
Joshua Hughes  Mathematics Extension 1
Michael Ippoliti  General Mathematics
Christian Kagiassis  Mathematics
Efren Lorenzo  Studies of Religion I
Joshua Lound  General Mathematics
Simon McFadyen  Industrial Technology, Senior Science
Jose Navarro  Design and Technology
Jonathan Pacchiarotta  Business Studies, Geography, Studies of Religion II
Thomas Socci  Industrial Technology
Michael Stambouli  Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Studies of Religion I
Lachlan Tibbles  Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Christopher Varrica  Business Studies, Information Processes and Technology
Brodie Veness  Senior Science
Ryan Watts  Geography
Timothy Wray  Business Studies, Legal Studies, General Mathematics, Modern History, Studies of Religion I

Congratulations to our high achievers from the HSC Class of 2012. All of the boys acknowledged the support they had received from their families during their final year at school. They also recognised the efforts of the staff who had taught them both in Year 12 and in their other years at the College.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff. Their commitment, dedication and professionalism have played a significant role in these outstanding results.

The College continues to explore ways in which to improve academic standards and this is evident in the pleasing results from the 2012 HSC. The College will continue its commitment to improving results through a focus on current educational research, improved literacy, quality teaching and learning for boys and enhancing the study skills of all students.

Mrs Catherine Keegan, Director of Teaching and Learning
GORDON FETTERPLACE

Public Speaking Competition
Friday February 15th, Week 3, Term 1, 2013

• Gain experience
• Build confidence
• Conquer nerves
• Good for resume
• Gain House points
• All welcome

Entry forms available at Student Services
Entries close Wednesday, February 13th
Are you looking for an overseas adventure in your summer holidays? YES?

Then try the Lions Youth Exchange Program
www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

- Youth aged 17-21 years eligible.
- No school attendance required.
- FREE accommodation provided by host families from Lions Clubs International, the largest community organization in the world.
- Chaperoned stopovers available in Los Angeles & London.
- Depart Australia December 2013, return January 2014 (5-6 weeks of summer holidays).
- Costs range from $1,800 depending on destination.
- See the website for more details or email Lion Helen Dalgleish, helend222@hotmail.com.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 JUNE 2013
APPLY NOW!

Flyer prepared by Lions Australia
MD201 Youth Exchange Committee