Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

“Respect is given Trust is earned”

On Friday I spoke to the College at Assembly about respect and related it to what we are now seeing in our younger generation demonstrating their support for our soldiers at ANZAC Day ceremonies. Often we hear of people saying “you must earn someone’s respect”. I told the boys that I disagree with this statement as I believe that respect should be given automatically and it is something that sadly is lacking in our society today. I often see the young men of our College demonstrate this quality when they address and welcome adults or guests to the College, when they help others, when they attend ANZAC Day ceremonies in their holiday period in full College uniform and when they participate in the many co-curricular activities we offer at the College, just to name a few.

These qualities come from you as parents and are reinforced here at St Gregory’s. It makes me proud to be part of such a community.

The type of boy that we have had attend the College was never more evident to me than when I received a letter from a gentleman by the name of Raymond Kersh. He was so impressed by the honesty of one of our ex-students who handed in his lost wallet containing $500, he gave him a reward and wrote him a beautiful letter of thanks. Raymond Kersh and his sister own Edna’s Table, a celebrated restaurant in Sydney. The ex-student was Patrick Green (class of 2012). It brings to reality words that many of us say “you are always on show and you really have no idea of the impact you make on people you come into contact with”.

**Dubbo Sheep Show**

Congratulations to Hayden Peake, Brandon Prince, Samuel Prince, David Thompson and Harry Wighton who represented the College at the Dubbo Sheep Show last Thursday to Sunday. Thank you to Mr Stefanski who supervised the boys.

**CCC Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the boys who represented the College and the Metropolitan Catholic Schools in the Combined Catholic College’s Swimming Carnival Championships on Tuesday 30 April at the Homebush Aquatic Centre, they were: Kane Alexander, Louis Amato, Joshua Ashkar, Mitchell Ashkar, Nathan Calman, Declan Grohala, Ben Hall, Todd McCartney, Liam Novak, Mark Perich, Shane Rose and John Spencer. Your representation is a real achievement and one that we are all proud of. Congratulations to the boys who have progressed to the All Schools Championships on May 9, their results are in the Sport section of this newsletter. I would like to make special mention of Nathan Calman’s two gold medals in the 3 Metre Springboard and the Open Age 5 Metre Platform Events, this was a real highlight and I believe it to be a first for the College.

**CSDA Debating**

After a strong performance in Round 2 against Fairfield Patrician Brothers where we won ten out of the twelve debates, we were up against our local rivals and sister school, St Patrick’s College Campbelltown. We won six debates and are up against St Patrick’s College, Strathfield, this week in Round 4.

**Dressing Sheds and Music Rooms**

The Dressing Sheds and surrounds should be completed this week. At this stage the Music Rooms will be completed in the next week or two and the move will be starting Monday 20 May or possibly earlier. This is a great result for the staff and students of the College in that the Year 7 students doing Music will hopefully have a few weeks in the new building before they swap their classes in Semester 2.

**NSW Constitutional Convention**

Congratulations to Nicholas O’Neill (Year 11) who has been selected to participate in the New South Wales Schools Constitutional Convention at Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney, on Monday 17 June 2013. The students at the NSW Convention will select 30 of their number to attend the 3 day National Constitutional Convention held in Canberra, early 2014.

For the first time this year, the 30 delegates selected to attend the National Schools Constitutional Convention will have the opportunity to express an interest in attending the Regional Youth Parliament, to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 24 September to 1 October, 2013. We wish you well Nicholas.

**Happy Mother’s Day**

To all the mothers in the community, I wish you a very happy Mother’s Day on Sunday. I hope that you have the opportunity to gather with family and have a relaxing day.

A Prayer for Mothers.

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
Whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
Whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love, or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen

Quae Seminaveris Metes.

Stephen Kennaugh

Acting Headmaster
**From the Acting Deputy Headmaster …..**

**MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

I thought I would give a timely reminder about student mobile phone usage at the College. As is stated on page 29 of the student diary:

The phone is not to be turned on at any time during the school day from arrival at the College to the dismissal bell.

The consequences should be as follows:

- **First Occasion**: students will have their phone confiscated by their Year Co-ordinator and a Friday afternoon detention will be issued.

- **Next Occasion**: the phone is stored until it can be collected by a parent. The student will be issued with 2 hours of afternoon detention time.

There may be very few exceptions to this and only when under the explicit instruction from staff. This may include taking photos or footage of major works in Industrial Arts and in some IT courses. Listening to music is not a reason.

It is important that this is not to be confused with the use of a phone to record material of other students or staff without consent. That is also addressed on page 29 with the consequences stated.

**LAST AFTERNOON BUS**

The last bus from the College to Campbelltown Station departs the College at 4:38 pm every afternoon.

Matthew Brennan,
Deputy Headmaster (Acting)

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**Lent Wrap Up**

I would like to say a big thank you for your marvellous support of the 2013 Lenten appeal. This year we raised over $15,000 which is an outstanding effort! Each year we seem to come up with different ideas to raise money and I am constantly blown away by the generosity of people in our College Community. This year we had Valentine’s Day cupcakes, paper aeroplane competitions, breakfast BBQ’s, pizza lunches, sports shootouts, cake stalls - just to name a few. The staff need to be commended on the amount of time they give up before school, during their lunch time and after school to organise and run all these activities, without their dedication we would not be as successful as we have been. This money allows us to support schools in the Asia Pacific region and also to run activities such as Champagnat Day which is coming up in week 6.

I would also like to thank the Finance department for their ongoing work over that time and Mrs Judith Walsh for the collation and reporting of class totals and activities. Thanks again for your contributions and I hope you can feel proud of what we as a community have achieved.

Mrs Debra Monte,
Marist Solidarity Coordinator

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**2013 MUSICAL - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**

Rehearsals are going well and the time to perform is fast approaching on

13 – 15 June!

News on ticketing to come in future newsletters.

The directors are looking for any interested St Greg’s community members who could assist in sewing costumes. Please contact Miss Davidson if you have access to a sewing machine or overlocker and are willing to help (sally.davidson@stregs.nsw.edu.au).

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**NAPLAN FOR YEARS 7 AND 9**

NAPLAN testing will take place next week as follows:

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Students are reminded that they need to bring a 2B pencil, eraser and pencil sharpener for each day of the tests. They will also require a calculator for Thursday. Students are also advised to bring a reading book in case they finish early.

"Challenges in Spirituality - the ripple effect of mental health"

Come to a Reflection Day Saturday May 11 entitled - "Challenges in Spirituality - the ripple effect of mental health". A dynamic day of interaction, encounter and reflection. The day will contain 3 guest speakers from the Philippines. Located at St Patrick’s Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am to 3 pm. BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

For more information go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com or call 0417 682 822.
Monday, 6 May saw the Year 9 cohort, accompanied by the Pastoral Care team converge on Wedderburn Christian Campsite for a day of challenges and activities.

A wide range of activities pushed boys outside their comfort zones and encouraged them to display initiative whilst working together as a team and providing support to their peers.

Laser skirmish proved popular and abseiling and giant swing presented daunting challenges. Rock climbing and BMX tested fitness and coordination whilst initiative games promoted teamwork and lateral thinking.

The entire day proved enjoyable and worthwhile, yet another step forward in the difficult journey from “Boys to Men”.

My sincere thanks to all students for their contribution, enthusiasm and behaviour. Also, thanks to the highly committed and talented Pastoral team, the success of the day is a reflection of your tireless efforts and care for the boys involved.

Peter Hogan,
Year 9 Coordinator

On Thursday 25 April, 50 students from Years 7 to 12 represented the College at the ANZAC Day Service in Campbelltown. The boys displayed reverence and great pride in the school. The service and march made for a great start to the day and it was great to see so many students involved.

The ANZAC Day traditions were confirmed at the school assembly on Friday 3 May. Great respect and acknowledgement on the day was shown. Many thanks to Mrs Murdoch and Vietnam tour students for their insightful reflection. Also to Ms Wray and the College band and Chris Robinson who played the last post.

Thomas Bent and Edward Thomas
(Year 12)
MARIST BASKETBALL CARNIVAL
Congratulations to our Marist Basketball team who have successfully competed in the National Marist Carnival in Alice Springs, NT. The team improved from 13th to 9th place and won the Plate division of the competition. Well done to the team, their coach Mr Cook and manager Miss Burke.

CCC SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Seven of our 12 swimmers have gained selection to the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges team for the NSW All Schools Carnival. Our 14 years 4 x 50m Medley Relay team of Louis Amato, Declan Grohala, Joshua Ashkar and Liam Novak placed 2nd to qualify. Individually, Declan Grohala 14 years 200m Breaststroke and Ben Hall 17 years Individual 400m Medley have qualified on time. Also, St Gregory’s Co-Captain Mitchell Ashkar placed 3rd in the 100m Butterfly to make the CCC team. An outstanding effort saw Nathan Calman win the 15 years Springboard and the Open Platform events in the Diving competition.

Congratulations to these students and to Mr John Dixon for his assistance as an Official with the MCS Representative team.

MCS FOOTBALL AND RUGBY LEAGUE
The last Thursday Sport Day of Term 1 brought outstanding sporting success to our MCS teams in the Rugby League and Football competitions. The College won all eight of the Rugby League games played in the first round of competition and won 6 of the 8 games against Marist College, Eastwood. In Week 1 of Term 2 the First Grade, 15 years “A” and 13 years “B” Rugby League teams had wins. Football continued its good results with 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses against the strong Greystanes teams.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS AND AWARDS
We congratulate Daniel White (Year 10) on his outstanding performance at the finals of the NSW Junior Triathlon Championship where he won a Bronze Medal by placing 3rd in his Age Division.

Additional swimmers to the MCS Swimming team for the NSW CCC Championship are Mark Perich (Year 7), Louis Amato, Joshua Ashkar, Declan Grohala, Liam Novak and Shane Rose (Year 8) and John Spencer (Year 11). Nathan Calman (Year 10) will compete in the Diving events.

Ben Talamaivao (Year 12), Jai Gunton and Travis Dambroski (both Year 11) have been selected to the NSW Country U17 Rugby team.

Nathan Hayward (Year 10) was a highly successful member of the NSW U18 Ten Pin Bowling team who placed 5th from 20 teams in the National Junior Bowling Championship.

Joseph Lantz, Sports Coordinator

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A link is now available on our website to a form which can be used for updating Family and/or Medical information. This form can be accessed via the CURRENT FAMILIES tab.

Catherine Keegan
Director of Teaching and Learning

YEAR 7-10 EXAMS
All Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will sit for exams commencing May 27 (Week 5). Could I ask for your support in ensuring that your son attends all exams? While I understand there will be times when a student cannot attend due to illness, it is difficult for the boys when they have to sit exams at another time. On a practical level, there may not be time for them to complete exams due to report deadlines.

YEAR 10 EXAMS / SENIOR SUBJECT SELECTION
Year 10 students should note that these exams will be used to help inform decisions regarding subject selection for Year 11 2014 as decisions re subjects need to be made well in advance of the final exams in November. This is important for all students but particularly those seeking access to more difficult courses such as Advanced and Extension English, Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1, Physics, Chemistry, Economics and Software Design and Development.

As outlined in the assessment handbook, Year 10 students will need a medical certificate if they are absent from an exam. The certificate must cover the entire period of the absence and students must be ready to sit for the missed exam on the day of their return to school.

STUDY SKILLS PROGRAMME
Our Years 7 and 10 students took part in the Study Skills sessions with Prue Salter on May 6.

For our Year 10 students, Prue looked at further development of their skills as they prepare for the Semester One exams and look towards senior study. Our Year 7 students took part in the first stage of the programme which runs through to Year 12. There will also be a parent session for Year 7 students and their parents on May 20 at 7.30pm in the Donovan Centre. More detailed information was emailed to all Year 7 parents last week.

Learn useful tips to help you achieve your personal best at school at the Study Skills Handbook website.

Our school’s subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -
Username: forstgregsonly
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