Dear Parents and Members of the St Gregory’s Community,

At the last Headmaster’s Assembly I spoke to the boys about Dr Ric Charlesworth (Australian Hockey Coach). Ric Charlesworth is also a medical doctor, has been a politician, State cricketer and writer.

I spoke to the student body about some of Ric Charlesworth’s ingredients for success in life. They included having high ambition, being open to learning new skills, being open to the fact that things go wrong and we must learn to handle disappointment and be resilient, and to stay committed and don’t get distracted from your goals.

In this context, Ric Charlesworth’s advice is to get to know yourself and know what triggers success in you. Once you have found that out then work to consolidate your development and success. He believes that resilience is the most important quality for an athlete to have.

Charlesworth also offers some advice for the coaches in that he maintains that training should be more intense than the game. I don’t know how keen the boys were to hear this but I believe it is good advice to prepare them for life lessons as well as in sport. I think the advice Charlesworth gives is certainly applicable to study, work and recreation.

Champagnat Day
Thank you to all the staff and students who participated so fully in the Champagnat Day celebrations on Wednesday. Champagnat Day is an opportunity to reflect on what it is to be a Marist School in the 21st Century. It reminds us of our obligation to carry the baton of St Marcellin into all that we do in life. It is a chance to make a difference.

Music Rooms
The Music Rooms are operational now with tutorials having taken place in the new spaces for the past week. We have had a small number of classes in the new teaching spaces as well. Thank you to Mr Malone, Miss Wray and Mr Clanfield as well as the Maintenance Team and IT Team for all the work they have done to get the new rooms ready for this week. I am sure the boys will appreciate it. It gives the Year 7 and 8 Music classes a chance to use the new spaces before the change-over in semester.

Rostrum Public Speaking Competition
Both Dominic Andrew and Jack McNally placed second in their Zone Finals. They will be called upon for the Final at Parliament House if the winners withdraw. Congratulations to Dominic, Jack and Ned Mulholland for making it to the Zone Final.

CSDA Debating
Congratulations to the six teams who have progressed through to the finals in Debating. Teams that have progressed are the 8A, 8B, 9A, 10A, 10B, and 11B teams. The next round will be on Friday 14 June with the venue to be decided. Hopefully we will be able to host and see many parents and students there in support.

Year 8 Pastoral Day at Stanwell Tops
Thank you to Mrs Falas, Miss Keir and the Year 8 Homeroom Team for the day they provided to the Year 8 group at Stanwell Tops. From the feedback I have received, it was a great day with the weather holding out for them. Although, in some cases the boys were a bit intimidated by some of the challenges, they had a go and enjoyed the experience.

Year 7-10 Exams
Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped to organise and supervise the exams for Year 7-10 boys last week. The large number of staff and parents involved in special provisions was appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Wall, Mrs Price, Mrs Mulligan and Miss Burke for all of their work as well as Mrs Keegan for supervising catch-up exams for boys who were absent. Hopefully the results will match the hard work boys have put into study.

Stephen Kennaugh
Acting Headmaster
SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 11 2014

The Higher School Certificate Subject Selection Evening for boys returning to the College for Year 11 2014 will be held in the Brother Luke Hall on Thursday June 20 commencing at 7.30pm.

The evening serves as a compulsory part of the subject selection process for those students whose intention it is to complete Years 11 and 12 at St Gregory’s College. Students who are not able to attend this meeting and wish to return to St Gregory’s in 2014 should supply a letter signed by a parent/carer to the Year Coordinator, Mr Vetrano. Please note that your son is expected to wear his full winter uniform.

On this night, students will receive a Subject Selection Form for Year 11, 2014. This form is used to indicate the students’ preferences for their HSC studies.

To support the boys in this process of subject selection, students and their parents will be given the option of a subject interview. These will be conducted at the College during weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3. Details will be emailed to all Year 10 families.

Catherine Keegan, Director of Teaching and Learning

St Gregory’s Geography Students Excel in Australian Geography Competition

One class of Year 9 and one of Year 10 from St Gregory’s tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2013 Australian Geography Competition.

We have a number of student geographers at our school who performed to a very high level in the competition this year with six gaining high distinctions, eight distinctions and twelve earning credits. Special mention goes to Bailey Ivancic (Year 9) who came in the top three percent in the nation.

Around 75,000 students entered the Australian Geography Competition so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of geography.

Geography is such an important subject to develop in students a real understanding of the complex social and environmental interactions happening in the world around them.

The competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers’ Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

Jason Marks, Geography Coordinator

The Vinnie’s Van would like to ask for the support of any donations in the way of:
- Socks
- Beanies
- Gloves
- Scarfs

REQUIREMENTS:
- NO GREEN or ORANGE colours please.
- Adult size ONLY
- Home-made, purchased or pre-loved

This is a charitable organisation with a limited budget and any support that may be offered will be greatly appreciated.

With the cooler months already here the above mentioned items will be greatly sought after and thoroughly appreciated by those in need.

Donations can be left at Student Services
On Friday 31 May, Year 8 and the Homeroom team teachers travelled to Stanwell Tops for the first of the ‘Boys to Men’ retreat days. The boys had an enjoyable day and it was great to see them so enthusiastic about the challenges that faced them. The activities required courage and teamwork and Year 8 displayed these qualities abundantly.

Many of the boys confronted their fear of heights on the Giant Swing and the High Ropes. I was proud to see the ground spotter crews encouraging their partners along the rope course. The sense of satisfaction as the boys returned to the ground was remarkable.

The Go Karting was the most competitive activity on the day. Each challenger pedalled with all their strength to bring their team home victorious. Many cheers could be heard from the sideline and assistance in changing over and pushing team mates out onto the track showed great solidarity.

The daunting activity of a 10m abseil down a rock face into bushland seemed to be one taken with tentative steps for most. Again the importance of the group standing to watch and calling out words of support and assurance helped many boys make it all the way down. It was great to see boys who had never participated in abseiling before manage to achieve getting geared up and at least leaning back over the edge.

The survivor activities required effective communication skills and resourceful leadership to complete the varied challenges the groups were given. The persistence of some boys was amazing as they needed to attempt certain activities many times before succeeding at them.

Without doubt the highlight of the day was the way Year 8 conducted themselves. The spirit, participation and maturity displayed by the boys was commendable and I would like to thank them for making it such a pleasant day. A particular thankyou to the Year 8 Homeroom team, as the success of the day is due to your continued commitment and enthusiasm towards our boys.

Mrs Kristy Falas, Year 8 Coordinator

End of Term Arrangements

A reminder that the boys are expected at school on Friday 21 June for classes. Full time boarders are travelling home and the Solomon Islands Immersion is on. The boys will receive their end of semester reports on this day. Those absent will not be receiving them until next term with a parent note explaining their absence.

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 benefit of themselves 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.

Matthew Brennan, Deputy Headmaster (Acting)
Parents – all students are to select their Term 3 sport activity by the end of Week 7.

To do this, students go to http://extranet.stgregs.nsw.edu.au/ and log in using their school username and password, then
1. Click on the Sport Selections icon.
2. Read through the Important Information for All Students and then click on 2013 Term 3 Sport Selection Form.
Select your chosen sport and be sure to select Save My Choice at the bottom of the page.

Even if your son wants to continue the same sport he is currently doing he still must reregister for that sport. Please check with your son that he has completed his Term 3 Sport selection.

MCS FOOTBALL AND RUGBY LEAGUE
All Week 4 MCS Football and Rugby League games were cancelled because of the wet weather and points were given as a Draw.

Many of the Rugby League age divisions begin the MCS Play Off process this week. First Grade has a BYE this week for topping their Pool and the 13 years B team has a BYE for being undefeated Minor Premiers.

Week 5 in the MCS Rugby League competition saw 3 wins from the 6 games played. Wins went to the 15 years “B”, 14 years “B” and 13 years “A” teams. In Football there were 4 wins and 2 draws from 8 games against the strong Fairfield teams. With one week to go in the MCS Football competition 7 of our 8 teams are in a position to play in the coming Semi Finals.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS AND AWARDS
Ashleigh Nisbet (Year 11), Jesse Jackson and David Green (both Year 12) have been selected into the President’s Open Rugby League team.

Daniel Wall (Year 12) has been added to the MCS Cross Country team.

Will Kerr (Year 10) has been selected to the NSW CCC 15 years Rugby League team.

Congratulations to these students.

2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS COACHES

**Athletics**
Coach: Adrian Harrison
Assistant/Managers: Debra Monte  Greg Serone  Luke Wilson

**Golf**
Coach: Ian Millett
Assistant/Manager: John Howell  Bernard Malone

**Tennis**
Coach: Trudy Sawyer  Luke Wilson

**Cross Country**
Coach: Graeme Cook  Brendan O’Flynn
Assistant: James Clanfield

**MCS Cross Country**
Carnival Officials: Joe Lantz  Greg Serone  Debra Monte
Graeme Bingham  Andrew Jamieson  Br Ernest Houston

Joseph Lantz, Sports Coordinator

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2013 saw another successful year in the show ring at the Annual Landmark NSW Sheep Show in Dubbo. This year we took four boys and 14 sheep to compete in a number of competitions. In the Corriedale stud section we were successful in being awarded a first place, 5 seconds, 7 thirds, 2 fourths, a fifth and sixth place. The College also competed in the Corriedale Perpetual Shield which is a handling and “all round performance” competition where the boys themselves were judged. This competition saw all four St Greg’s boys receive a place; Brandon Prince first, Samuel Prince second, Hayden Peake third and Harry Wighton fifth. This year we once again competed in the interschool competition called the ‘Goongunyah Shield’. A total of 13 schools competed in this competition and we were successful in gaining third place. We also had the opportunity to enter the junior handling competition, which saw Samuel Prince placed third, Hayden Peake fifth and Harry Wighton sixth. This was an outstanding effort considering the huge number of students that participated in the event. Special mention must also go to David Thompson, who placed third in the Merino junior judging competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Stefanski and the boys who attended the show, who made our time at the show highly rewarding and successful.

Brandon Prince (Year 10)