Over the past eighteen months the re-development of the Br Luke Hall has been the focus of the building programme. The hall is an important part of the school as it enables the whole school community to gather for school assemblies, information evenings, liturgies and musicals. The expansion of the hall has almost doubled its size and capacity. Many people were able to see and walk through the hall for the first time during the College Open Day held in February. The Harmony Day assembly was the first time that the whole school gathered in the hall. We have also celebrated Easter and commemorated ANZAC Day in the new space. Our first celebration of Eucharist was the Mass for the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat. There will be an official opening on Wednesday, 22 July at 9.00am and all parents and friends of the College are welcome to join us on this occasion.

With the functions of the Donovan Centre shortly being relocated to the Br Luke Hall, this will enable the Donovan Centre to be converted into a new boarders’ dining room. This project is planned to commence in June and completed in November. The present boarders’ dining room will be converted into a new library/learning centre that will be a wonderful addition to the teaching and learning opportunities of the College and make the resources and facilities much more accessible than its present location allows.

When Marcellin Champagnat was alive, he committed all of us, as Marists, to the sacred hearts of Jesus and Mary, thus, placing us there for safekeeping.

Marists all over the world follow this tradition and at St Gregory’s the name of every student, staff member and Brother is on a scroll which lives in this heart held by Luke Dean and Kaylan Phipps.
Marist schools across Australia join to celebrate a particular theme across the year. This year the theme is justLOVE and it was introduced to the St Gregory’s community at the opening Mass.

The Gospel story of the Good Samaritan was read at Mass and our Year 12 student leaders proposed a challenge to each boy, individually, and each year group collectively, to accept in order to develop their personal faith and spirit in 2015. At face value all the challenges involved fairly simple tasks such as getting to know the names of all the boys in their year group or contributing in some way to the Lenten appeal. However, as the year has progressed and the enthusiasm has waned in the face of the challenges imposed by daily life, it has called for a real commitment by the boys to meet their challenges.

CHAMPAGNAT DAY MASS AND AWARDS

On Wednesday, 3 June at 9am in the College Hall the school community came together to celebrate Champagnat Day with a special Mass and the presentation of the Champagnat Awards.

Congratulations to these members of our community who received a Champagnat Award, presented by Br Michael Callinan.

**Community Award:** Fr John Roberts for his dedicated service to the boys and staff of the College through a close association that has been over many years.

**Year 12:** Tom Condon, Luke Grosvenor, Liam Mulvihill, Justin Phan and Sam Limbrey. The Champagnat medallion recipient for Year 12 is Sam Limbrey.

**Year 11:** Hugh Allen, Christian Cavallaro, Frank Lopresti, Lachlan Watkin and Bradley Rego. The Champagnat medallion recipient for Year 11 is Bradley Rego.

**Year 10:** Jack Alcorn, Daniel Bertollo, Gabriel Collet, Sam Prince and Sean Mabin. The Champagnat medallion recipient for Year 10 is Sean Mabin.

**Year 9:** Jayden Barna, Reece Creak, Zac Mansour, Ryan Toner and Leighton Brown. The Champagnat medallion recipient for Year 9 is Leighton Brown.

**Year 8:** Marcus Bombardiere, Sam Cantwell, Nick Parr, Hayden Wulff and Angus Rochester. The Champagnat medallion recipient for Year 8 is Angus Rochester.

**Year 7:** Harrison Bolton, David De Vecchis, Justin Eggert, Lindsay Munro and Jake Nash. The Champagnat medallion recipient for Year 7 is Jake Nash.

CHAMPAGNAT COURTYARD

Marcellin Champagnat was a priest in a small village called La Valla in southern France in 1816. He was called one day to attend a young boy who was dying. As the priest talked with the boy it was clear to Champagnat that the boy had not the opportunity of school and education and he did not even know about God. That incident was to be the spark which led to the formation of the Marist Brothers as a teaching order with a particular care for those in rural areas and those socially disadvantaged. In order to make the origin of our school and our connection to the Marist Brothers known at the College the Champagnat courtyard has been established. As well as a striking image of the founder of the Marist Brothers looking down above the courtyard there are panels telling the Marist story as well as tables and chairs to make this a good spot for the boys to spend some time together.
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Champagnat Day Activities

Year 11 students participating in the immersion experience
(L to R): Nicholas Dzevlan, Max Clark, Mitchell Duncan, Travis Rebeira, Ruvi Ratnayake, Matthew Zappia, Bailey Ivancic, Lachlan Watkin, Micheal O’Leary, Brandon Cotter, Murray Cooke Absent: Ned Mulholland, Callum Parr, Joshua Lewocki
Dear Members of the St Gregory’s family,

The College has enjoyed a wonderful start to 2015 with many positive events and celebrations taking place.

The High Achievers’ Assembly opened the year for the College with an impressive array of young men returning to the College to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to Jacob Mitchell who achieved an ATAR of 98.5. Congratulations to all the men of the class of 2015 who achieved to the best of their ability.

On the building front, the newly renovated Brother Luke Hall has now been used by the College. The official Opening and Blessing of the Hall will take place on Wednesday, 22 July commencing at 9am. The last of the demountable buildings have been removed from the College site which now creates an open space looking over the valley. The Champagnat courtyard has also been completed. This courtyard tells the story of St Marcellin and it is a calm and relaxing place where the students can relax and enjoy their breaks. The conversion of the Donovan Centre into the Boarders’ dining room is due to commence shortly and should be completed by the end of the year ready for occupation in 2016.

The College has been well represented at agricultural shows and on the sporting fields. The students brought home a swag of ribbons from all the shows this year and the highlight would have been the Champion Ewe at the Sydney Royal. The cricket teams were undefeated and won all finals in the MCS along with winning the Downie Shield once again. The swimming team came second at the MCS Championships and the College has won the cross country and the tennis once again. The College plays in the ISA competition on Saturdays and our first grade Basketball team won their first trophy in this competition. Debating teams venture out on Friday evenings and are looking promising at this stage. The musical “Grease” had many rehearsals leading up to the performances in June.

During the month of May, we celebrated Mary with the recitation of the rosary in the Chapel at lunchtime led by the College leaders. We also celebrated Mother’s Day with our Year 7 mothers. It is important that we take time to remember our mothers and especially when we reflect on our mother Mary. She was a calm, understanding, caring person who always looked after everyone and acted as an intermediary to her son. It is important to remember that she is still there for us, like all mothers who will always be there for their children. Like any relationship if we want it to grow, it is important to nurture the relationship and one way of doing that through Mary is to recite the Rosary on a regular basis.

Mr Damien Millar
Headmaster
WELCOME COCKTAIL EVENINGS

New parents to the College this year were warmly welcomed at the New Parent Cocktail evenings held in the Donovan Centre in February. These events are a wonderful opportunity for our new parents to meet other parents and learn about the rich history of the College and the vision for the future as well as the work of the College Foundation.

It was wonderful to meet so many new parents at these events, including some of our new boarding parents who travelled great distances to be at these evenings. It was also a pleasure to welcome back more than 20 old boys who are now returning as parents of sons at the College.

YEAR 10 - WE’RE HALF WAY THERE

The Foundation Office welcomed the parents of our Year 10 students to a cocktail evening in the Donovan Centre to re-connect with friends made over the past three years and look to the next three years at the College. Joining us on this occasion were Headmaster, Mr Damien Millar and the Directors of the College Foundation. Also, Mr Peter Meadows, as a former parent who had been through the experience, was our entertaining guest speaker.

The evening was an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the donors to the College Foundation and Stephen and Catherine Robinson won the lucky door prize which gave them tickets to this year’s Celebrity Sports Dinner.
ANZAC DAY
At the commemoration of ANZAC Day we were very pleased to welcome back several old boys who participated in the service. Greg Sawyer ('89), Paul-Raymond James ('96), Jay Pettifer ('95) and Rhys Mathew ('05) who are presently serving in different branches of the armed services also took time to tour the College and meet with our students.

OLD BOYS OZTAG FAMILY DAY
It was great to welcome back many old boys for this family day and everybody had a great time. The competition was as fierce as it has ever been on the College ovals but the winners on the day for the Challenge Cup was the Class of 2001.
COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD

The Board of the College Foundation meets regularly to chart the direction of the College Foundation which is committed to supporting and raising funds to improve and enhance the educational opportunities at St Gregory's College. Recently, Mr. Dugald Powe resigned his position on the College Foundation. Dugald is a past parent of the College, he joined the Foundation Board in 2009 and he contributed his time and expertise generously over many years.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newly appointed Directors, Mrs. Amanda Hresczuk and Mr. Craig Braithwaite.

The Board of Directors 2015

Mr. Bruce Hanrahan
Chairman

Mr. Damien Millar

Mr. Martin Bullock

Mr. Jack Hughes

Mr. Tony Mackey

Mrs. Rebecca Purcell

Mr. Craig Braithwaite

Mrs. Amanda Hresczuk

22ND ANNUAL CELEBRITY SPORTS DINNER

The College Foundation is celebrating the 22nd Annual Celebrity Sports Dinner in the Brother Luke Hall on 9 October, 2015.

How can you help?

We are seeking your help with sourcing auction and raffle items, recommending sports stars to attend, taking up sponsorship and advertising packages or by purchasing tickets to the dinner (tickets are limited). Any assistance that you can provide is greatly appreciated.

If you can assist contact Catherine Jeffcoate, Development Officer, on 46294133 or email catherine.jeffcoate@stgregs.nsw.edu.au.

THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge our Major Sponsor, Wests Campbelltown, as well as our Gold Sponsors, Meehans Solicitors and Leppington Speedy Seedlings. We thank them for their continued support of this event.
This year the Old Boys Committee has been re-established to maintain and develop our contact with ex-students and their families. On the committee are Daniel Meadows (2005), Ben Rogers (1998), Adrian Quig (2000), Stephen Bullock (2001), Rebecca Purcell (Past parent and one of the Foundation Directors), Scott Eastwood (1979) and Br Michael Haynes. The committee has established a St Gregory’s Old Boys Community Facebook page which has already been getting a lot of visits and likes.

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- **Vintage Luncheon** – is held for Old Boys who attended the College from 1940 to 1965. In 2015 it will be held Wednesday, 17 June. Join us and take a tour of the College, attend a College Liturgy and have lunch in the Donovan Centre.

- **Class of 2005** – Celebrating 10 years since being at St Gregory’s **Friday, 17 July 2015** – Dinner to be held in the Donovan Centre at the College.

- **Class of 1985, 1990, 1995** – Celebrating 20, 25 and 30 **Saturday, 18 July 2015** – College Tour and Dinner to be held in the Donovan Centre.

- **Class of 2010** – Celebrating 5 Years on **Saturday, 14 November 2015** – Dinner to be held in the Donovan Room.


It would be great to see many old boys attend. Ex-students interested should either contact the Development Office via email oldboys@stgregs.nsw.edu.au or by telephoning 4629 4132. For all upcoming events please visit our website site www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au or the St Gregory’s College Old Boys Community Facebook page.

**Bursary Donations**

You are invited to donate to the Father Frank Helping Hand fund to support St Gregory's College families in challenging times. Donations are fully tax deductible. Old Boys are particularly encouraged to contribute and specific year groups may wish to arrange to organise a donation as an ongoing annual project.

**Bursary Donations**

I wish to support the Father Frank Helping Hand by making a tax deductible donation.

- **Name**
- **Email**
- **Telephone**
- **Mobile**

I am an Old Boy from the Class of ......... OR I am a past, current or future parent, or a Foundation friend of the College community.

**Please note that all payments are Tax deductible. An official receipt will be issued when payment is processed.**

- **Cheque**

  All cheques should be made payable to the St Gregory’s College Foundation

- **Credit Card**: Please debit my

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