Dear Parents,

The school year has only been underway for a short time but already there seems to be a settled atmosphere and a good tone has been set around the boarding school.

Thank you for the support you have provided in ensuring your son’s have made the best possible start to the year. Our 35 new boarders have settled in well and have already begun making a good contribution to our vibrant community.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of all our boarding staff who have helped your son’s thus far. Whilst it is very much our job to care for your boys, I’m often pleasantly surprised by staff going beyond the ‘call of duty’.

Study time is being utilised well by most. I’m sure like most parents we only ever expect your son to be doing his best and extending himself where possible. I would encourage you to keep a regular dialogue with your son about what he is doing in study. He should be utilising tutoring when necessary and he should be able to produce study notes other than what is in his workbooks when you see him for free weekends and holidays. Can I please remind you to call your son’s House Co-ordinator with any concerns as they arise or any information you may require. I have included a full list of contacts with this newsletter.

Other than school and study, the boys have been well occupied with swimming, cricket, basketball, touch footy and fitness sessions. We have also already had two outings to the beach at Wollongong and a Waratah’s trial match at Campbelltown stadium last Friday night. We had 7 year 8 boarders who did a superb job as ‘ball boys’ on the night and quite a few boys had the opportunity to meet and get photos with some of the players.

Finally, I ask again that you please circulate this to anyone that may be interested and also give them the email address where they can subscribe:

kate.stott@stgregs.nsw.edu.au

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Max Spencer
BOARDING LEADERS 2015

Congratulations to the following students on their election as the Boarding Leaders for 2015:

Vince Ryan (Captain)          Jack Lane (Vice Captain)          Brandon Prince
Harry Wighton                Tom Condon                        George Derrick
Luke Docherty                Justin Stewart                    

STAFF CHANGES 2015

Assistant Director of Boarding and Senior Boarding Coordinator (Alfred and Senan)

Mr John Hargreaves has joined us at St Greg’s after a 7 year stint at Chevalier College, Bowral. John takes up the newly created Assistant Director of Boarding role as well being the House Coordinator for Alfred and Senan houses. John is an English teacher and was also a House Coordinator and Year Advisor during his time at Chevalier. John is also heavily involved with coaching representative basketball in NSW.

Mr Ben Carter has taken on the role of Fingal House Live-in Supervisor. Ben is a qualified PDHPE teacher and worked casually in boarding last year. When he is not teaching Ben is also a part-time tennis umpire on the ATP Tour.

At the end of 2014 we said farewell to Miss Kristy Partridge who was the Live-in Supervisor for Valens house. Kristy landed a full time permanent position at Sancta Sabina College but will continue to work as a tutor in boarding of an evening.

OPENING MASS

The College’s opening Mass was a wonderful celebration. Although the livestream video never does it justice some of you may enjoy the link below.

[link](http://youtu.be/1bwBc2hh8yU)
UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

You will see from the list of events below that there is a fair bit happening over the next month. There are also a couple of opportunities you may wish to encourage your son to make the most of. These include auditions for the College Musical and entry into the Gordon Fetterplace Public Speaking Competition. Your son doesn’t need a particular talent in either, rather enthusiasm and courage to get out of his comfort zone. All abilities are catered for.

Upcoming events:

- GORDON FETTERPLACE PUBLIC SPEAKING 13TH FEBRUARY
- KANGAROO VALLEY SHOW 13TH – 14TH FEBRUARY
- ISA BASKETBALL ROUND 9 AT MINTO SPORTS STADIUM SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
- YEAR 8 BOYS AND BLOKES SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
- SWIMMING CARNIVAL - TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
- ASH WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
- SYDNEY KINGS BASKETBALL OUTING FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
- ISA BASKETBALL ROUND 10 AT MINTO SPORTS STADIUM SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
- NEW PARENT FOUNDATION COCKTAIL EVENING
- YEAR 7 PARENT FORUM MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
- YEAR 7 2016 INFORMATION EVENING
- BOARDERS FREE WEEKEND 27TH FEBRUARY – 2ND MARCH (travel back on 3rd March)
- ISA BASKETBALL SEMI-FINALS SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
- CANBERRA ROYAL SHOW 25TH FEBRUARY - 1ST MARCH
- MUSICAL TRY OUTS

Boarder Travel

As previously mentioned, all boarders travel home on Friday 27th February. Full time boarders travel back to the College on Tuesday 3rd of March however all Weekly and Extended boarders attend school as per normal on Tuesday morning 3rd of March. Senan house will be open from 8am on the Tuesday morning for the Weekly and Extended boarders to drop off their gear in the Common Room until the various boarding houses open later in the evening.

The travel itinerary will be posted on the College website and emailed to all parents usually on the Wednesday afternoon or early Thursday morning prior to the travel day.

If there are any concerns about travel – always feel free to call Kate on 46294269
Jack Alcorn and Nathan McCarthy meet Patty Ryan
Sam Villata meets Kurtly Beale

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Boarders News

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Fouded 1926
In partnership with families producing ‘Fine Young Men’
All of the new 2015 Boarders together with Director of Boarding, Mr Max Spencer.