Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed precious time with your sons over the holiday break. The boys seem refreshed with the exception of a few with colds ...nothing too serious. The holidays are now over and we are full steam ahead into another term where the routine and activity are certainly kicking in.

With only a few weeks to go until Year 7 – 10 exams, we will certainly be emphasising the importance of quality revision and note taking during study sessions. As I’m sure you would all appreciate, many boys are good at this in the final week or so before exams but trying to get them to formulate a long term habit is more of a challenge. Perhaps you could assist in this by asking to see your sons study notes during the next free weekend.

The summer sport season commences next weekend with Round 1 of the ISA Basketball and Cricket competitions. This weekend, our 1st grade basketball team will travel to Oakhill for a pre-season tournament. A draw for the ISA basketball and cricket competitions both can be found below and on the College website. With the success of a premiership for our cricketers last season, we now find ourselves in Division 2. This will certainly provide a good challenge for the boys.

This weekend will see almost every boarder making an outstanding contribution to the school and wider local community. On Friday night we have Valens, Fingal, Edgar, Alfred and Senan house boys involved with the 23rd Annual Sports Dinner held here at the College. The boys will be parking cars, ushering guests, serving food, interviewing celebrity guests, speaking in front of hundreds of people or working hard behind the scenes with the kitchen or audio visual teams. Plating up the hundreds of meals on the night could simply not be done as efficiently or cost effectively without the boys’ help. The nights are always extraordinary and I’m proud to say that your sons play a vital role in making them so. On Sunday afternoon Fingal house will be heading over to Mater Dei school to assist with the pack up of their annual Country Fair.

It is these opportunities for community service which are instrumental in developing our fine young men!

Best wishes,

Max Spencer
BOARDING LEADERS 2017

Congratulations to our Boarding Leaders for 2017 who were announced at our last Boarding Mass in Term 3:

Jack Alcorn  College and Boarding Captain

Charlie Allen  Boarding Leader

Jack Kelly  Boarding Leader

Sam Villata  Boarding Leader

Joe Stewart  Boarding Leader

Matt Stimson  Boarding Leader

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that there will be no travel service provided at the end of term. All boys need to be picked up and the entire contents of their rooms taken home for the summer break on Friday 9th December. There is an expectation that all boys are present for the Christmas Mass at 9:00am that morning. If you are present for that Mass, you are most welcome to take your sons home with you after that.
BOARDING HOUSE AWARDS

The Boarding House Awards have been introduced this year to acknowledge boys who make a particularly unique contribution to their respective boarding houses. The awards are appropriately named after the Marist brother associated with each boarding house. In choosing the award winner for each house the following criteria was considered. The house award will each year go to a boy who:

- Contributes positively to the spiritual component of the boarding house by modelling the Marist attributes of a “strong mind and gentle heart.”
- Embraces the family atmosphere of the house by demonstrating a genuine care and understanding for his peers as well as displaying an ability to empathise with his fellow housemates.
- Demonstrates consistent academic effort and commitment during study.
- Displays a genuine commitment to the principles of the house by consistently cooperating with the rules, regulations and routine of the House.
- Exhibits a respectful and appreciative attitude towards staff members who offer their time and assistance in the House.
- Demonstrates a willingness to serve others and to lead by example particularly by role modelling positive behaviours for younger students.
- Participates regularly in the co-curricular life of the College, whether it be in sport, music, agriculture, public speaking or debating.

Congratulations to the following boys who were awarded the inaugural ‘Boarding House Award’ for each of their respective houses:

Jack Nicholson – Valens House Award
Russell Haylock – Fingal House Award
Mitch Kelly – Edgar House Award
Upcoming Events:

- 13th October – 4th November – HSC Exams
- 14th October - 23rd Annual Celebrity Sports Dinner, Br Luke Hall
- 22nd October – Round 1 ISA Cricket and Basketball
- 24th October – Year 12 2017 Information Evening, 7:30pm
- 26th October – Year 7 2017 Information Evening, 7:30pm
- 28th October – Year 11 Academic Awards Assembly, 9:00am
- 31st October – 4th November – Year 12 2017 Retreat and Insight Program Week
- 3rd November - Year 10 Exams commence
- 4th November - BBQ with Wenona Girls Boarding School North Sydney
- 7th November – Year 7 & 8 Co-curricular Awards Evening, 7:30pm Br Luke Hall
- 11th – 14th November – Free Weekend

BOARDER TRAVEL

Just a reminder that our Registrar Kate Stott requires any changes to Boarder Travel for the next free weekend 11th-14th of November by Monday 17th October 2016 by email

kate.stott@stregs.nsw.edu.au
BADGALLY HOUSE

Booking - Change to bookings from 27th October to 8 November

Brother Andrew Moraghan will be uncontactable by telephone between Thursday 27th October and Tuesday 8th November and so will not be able to be manage Badgally House accommodation during this period.

Brother Bryan will look after bookings etc during this time ... his e-mail address is bryan.davis@marists.org.au.

LOST PROPERTY

A watch was found in Badgally House about a month ago – Any Boarders parents who have misplaced a watch should contact Kate Stott regarding this.

SPORT FIXTURES

ISA Basketball Fixtures 2016/2017

Round 1 – 22 October (Home)

St Gregory’s College v Chevalier

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Round 2 – 29 October (Home)

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Round 3 – 5 November (Away)

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Round 4 – 9 November (Away – in lieu of free weekend)

*St Pius X v St Gregory’s College*

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ISA Cricket Fixtures 2016/2017

Round 1 – 22 October (Away)
Oxley College v St Gregory's College

Round 2 – 29 October (Away)
Chevalier v St Gregory's College

Round 3 – 5 November (Away)
Oakhill v St Gregory's College

Round 4 – 12 November (Home)
St Gregory's College v Chevalier

Round 5 – 19 November (Away)
All Saints Bathurst v St Gregory's College

Round 6 – 26 November (Home)
St Gregory's College v All Saints Bathurst

Round 7 – 4 February (Away)
St Paul's College (Penrith) v St Gregory's College

Round 8 – 11 February (Home)
St Gregory's College v Oakhill

Round 9 – 18 February (Home)
St Gregory's College v Blue Mountains Grammar School

Round 10 – 25 February (Home)
St Gregory's College v St Pius X College
COLLEGE REGISTRAR

As was announced recently, we welcome Kate Stott back in her appointment as College Registrar. Although Kate knows many of you, she is certainly looking forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months. Kate obviously brings a wealth of knowledge to her role and we are incredibly fortunate to have her back in the St Gregory’s Boarding and College community. Her expertise will also prove invaluable as the role expands with the onset of the new primary school. Kate’s contacts are as follows:

Direct Phone Line: 4629 4269

Mobile: 0429 822 633

Email: kate.stott@stgregs.nsw.edu.au

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Max Spencer

Director of Boarding