



ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Building Works

Our builders are really making wonderful progress with the Junior School site due to the beautiful blue skies that we have been having lately. Slabs have been set and as you can see from the pictures, scaffolding has been established. We have been told that we will see huge changes in the site over the next month or so as we have structural steel that will start to be used to construct the buildings. It has been very exciting to see the buildings start to take place.

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NESA Registration

School registration is a reality of all schools and schooling systems. Ensuring that curriculum, policies, practices and procedures are all in place to ensure that a school is not only compliant but can thrive is the job of NESA (National Educational Standards Authority). Last month it was the Junior School that had to go through registration in regards to being set up to start in 2018. Matthew Brennan (Acting Headmaster) and I met with a NESA panel to ensure that all Curriculum documentation, policies and procedures were in place for 2018.

It is extremely pleasing to note that the NESA inspection and registration was an unmitigated success. The panel commented on the professional and thorough package that was presented and were impressed with how much had already been thought of and included in the submission. Our next registration visit will be in 12 months, after we have teachers, students and buildings set for classes. A big thank you must go to Daniela Romeo who spent many hours helping to pull required documentation together for the visit.

IPSSO Sport

Many parents and I have had discussions around sport for 2018 and the College's plan ahead for regular sport for our boys and girls. Recently, I have had confirmation that we be joining the local IPSSO (Independent Primary School Sport Organisation) competition in 2018. IPSSO Sport will take place on a Wednesday where local Independent Primary Schools can play sport against one another. Next year we will be selecting teams to participate in these regular Wednesday sport fixtures. Schools that are currently in this competition are Macarthur Anglican, St Peters Anglican, Wollondilly Anglican, Broughton and from next year Mount Annan Christian.

In terms of our three main carnivals next year, we will be joining the local Wollongong Diocese CEO Catholic Schools for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals.

Welcome back Mr Millar

Our College Headmaster Mr Damien Millar has joined us back here at St Greg's after having some time off during Term 2. Mr Millar spent time continuing his learning journey by participating in many international educational conferences. I am sure that this was an extremely worthwhile experience and I look forward to discussing these visits with him in the coming weeks.

Books

I have had a few parents contact me in regards to offering books the school that they no longer need. I am more than happy to use parent's books that they no longer require for the Junior School as long as they are in good condition. If you wish to contribute a book to a classroom library, these can be left at the College reception.

As we start to buy our College resources for the Junior School at the back end of this year, I am likely to hold a 'working bee' for any parent who would like to help organise/cover books ready for use in 2018. Keep an eye out for updates if you would like to be involved with this.

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Dates to Note

You should have received a notification from Kate Stott our College Registrar last term in regards to two dates that we would like you to keep free. Please see them below:

- **Tuesday 21 November 6:30pm – 7:30pm** – Junior School Information Evening
- **Thursday 23 November 4:00pm – 5:30pm** – Junior School Orientation Afternoon

More information in regards to these two events will be available later in the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4629 4194 or via email joel.weekes@stgregs.nsw.edu.au, if you have a query about the information contained in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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