Dear Parents and Friends,

The end of the term is rapidly approaching and spring is definitely in the air! After finally getting some luck with the weather, we have just enjoyed a wonderful morning for our Champagnat Day celebrations.

I was contemplating what Marcellin may have thought about on such an occasion. The religious, political, economic and social unrest would have made such festivity almost impossible, at least to scale enjoyed by the boys today. Having said that, I’m confident that there would have been opportunities for fun and times where the community would gather together in celebration. This seems to be part of the fabric of any Marist Community, as if instilled in the DNA of early brothers and passed down through the years. It is now held sacred in modern times by Marist staff and students everywhere who understand those core values of presence and family spirit.

Whilst we are fortunate to live in a country of relative peace and prosperity, it is apparent that we also live in troubled times. Our young people face challenging times as they navigate an increasingly complex world. It therefore seems appropriate that we do ‘down tools’ occasionally, and take the time to just be together, to smile and laugh. This is where relationships are forged and spirit is built. It is in these moments and the mundane moments of everyday life that we are building the kingdom of God.

Another such moment is almost upon us with Year 12 graduation on Friday 23rd September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our boarding leaders Callum Parr, Hugh Allen, Damien Hayden, Mitch Nobbs, Allan McKenzie and Tim Wighton for their contribution to the boarding community this year. I would also like to acknowledge all of Year 12. Whether for just a term or for the past six years here, they have all made a contribution and we wish them well as they now prepare for their final HSC exams.

Best wishes,

Max Spencer
Director of Boarding
ST VINCENT DE PAUL DOOR KNOCK APPEAL

A big thankyou to the following boys for their work with assisting the recent St Vincent de Paul Door Knock Appeal. This was certainly an eye opening and worthwhile experience for the boys and I appreciated them giving up their time on a Sunday morning.

Year 10 – Sam Canty, James Hill, Anthony Piromalli, Brandon Donnelly, Jarred Burns
Year 11 – Harry Fuller, William Mannix, Tom Englert
Year 12 – Clancy Maher, Michael Fisher,

FORMAL DINNER

On Sunday 18th September we will be holding a formal dinner in the Dining Hall following Mass. At Mass we will present our new boarding leaders with their badges. This Mass will also be the final time all year 12 boarders will be present and so we will also officially farewell them from the boarding community on this occasion. At the formal dinner we will present our inaugural Boarding House Awards. There will be more information to follow for families of boys being presented.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that travel for the boys will be Saturday 24th September in order to allow boarders to be here for the Year 12 Graduation Mass. This is one of the most significant days in the College’s calendar and all boys are expected to be here to farewell the Year 12 students, many of whom have been a significant person in your son’s life. The exception to that are those unable to get home due to lack of services not running on Saturday. Daniela Romeo has already been in contact with those families.

2017 ENROLMENTS

Many thanks to many of you who are assisting the College with conversations you are having with family friends. The numbers for 2017 at this point are positive with the overwhelming number coming from word of mouth. Early projections are that we will maintain our current numbers which is good news. Again the students are coming from far and wide.

Can I please encourage you to continue to promote the College in your area as we are always keen to have like-minded families and boys join us. As you would no doubt heard us say before, if you are happy with St Greg’s tell your friends and if you have an issue tell us!
ISA RUGBY UNION FINAL PLACINGS

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Well done to all boys on an outstanding season. This was collectively, our strongest ever performance in the ISA competition. The 2nd XV fell short of a premiership due to a washout. Congratulations to the 3rd XV, 16A’s, 15B’s and 14A’s for winning their premierships. Things look very promising for 2017.

ISA Football

Congratulations to our first official ISA 1st grade soccer team for making the semi-finals. The boys were a credit to the College throughout the season.
CCC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

There was a large number of boarders in the squad who recently took out the CCC shield for the 15th year in a row.

Congratulations to Allen McKenzie who was awarded ‘Sportsman of the Year for 2016 at the recent Year 12 Co-Curricular Awards night.
Congratulations to the following boarders who were announced as College Leaders for 2017:

Jack Alcorn  
College and Boarding Captain

Michael Calcutt  
Marist Solidarity Leader

Charlie Allen  
College leader

Jack Kelly  
College leader

Sam Villata  
College leader

Isaac White  
College leader
Congratulations to Dylan Bordignon on receiving a prize in the UNSW Australian Economics and Business Studies competition.

Upcoming Events:

- 12th – 22 September – Year 11 Yearly Exams
- 18th September – Boarders Mass (Year 12 Farewell, 2017 Boarding Leaders presented) and Formal Dinner (Awards Night)
- 22nd September – Year 12 Boarding Parents Cocktail Party
- 23rd September – Year 12 Graduation
- 24th September – Boarders Travel Day (Home)
- 9th October – Boarders Travel day (Return)