Dear Parents and Friends,

Term 3 is in full swing and there has been plenty going on for the boys. The Athletics Carnival was a great day with beautiful, spring like weather. There was strong representation of boarders in all events. One amazing individual effort included Allan McKenzie getting up at 4am to travel back here specifically to participate in the carnival. A highlight of the day involved his year 12 cohort cheering him on to win the high jump (amongst other events). Lachlan Watkin, Molloy House Captain was most ecstatic at the end of the day to learn that after many years in the sporting wilderness, Molloy house had won itself a carnival!

Our indigenous boarders played a central role in the College’s NAIDOC assembly. With the help of the Jeffery family from Cobar, the boys got painted up and danced up a storm. The first Saturday back saw us travelling to Bathurst for rugby. It was freezing to say the least and the boys did well to withstand the conditions without too much complaint.

Week 2 involved an Etiquette Night for our Year 8 boys on Tuesday night. Below is an email from a mother who attended the night. Full credit to our Year 11 boarders who did an outstanding job serving throughout the night. On Wednesday, a Careers forum was held here at the College which boys from Year 10 – 12 found useful. Thursday saw the boys keeping the GIO Cup dream alive with another thrilling game against Matraville Sports High School at Campbelltown stadium. Victory was once again claimed in the last minute, 23-22. Needless to say it has been a very successful season for the rugby league boys.

Some of this success finally rubbed off on the 1st XV last Saturday with their first and very well deserved win of the season. A table below shows all the current rugby union standings with two games to go. As you will see we’re in very good shape in the juniors with a few premierships likely.

Year 12 are currently in the middle of their HSC trial exams. It’s hard to believe we are only 7 weeks away from their graduation. Hopefully the next few weeks is a memorable and enjoyable time for all of them.

Best wishes,

Max Spencer
ISA Rugby Union Standings

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Boarder’s 1st XIII

*Standing:* Harry Brown (Canberra), Luke Wright (Lord Howe Island), Mitch Nobbs (Lord Howe Island), Jack Murray (Gilgandra), Liam Mock (Wattle Grove), Miss Rebecca Burke, Allan McKenzie (Moree) Bayley Macbeth (Oakdale), Ash Dunlop (Dubbo),  
*Kneeling:* Joe Stewart (Harden), Sam Villata (Griffith), Ethan Parry (Tamworth), Matt Stimson (Temora)
A visit from Kearns Family Dental practice to discuss dental hygiene with the boys from Valens House.

Good news story:
Hi Catherine,

Just a quick email to say thank-you to all involved in putting on the Etiquette night. What a wonderful memory to have with our sons. As usual, everything was organised perfectly and the school impressed.

Particular mention from me was to the young men who helped from the boarding house. What wonderful ambassadors they were for your school. Exceptionally polite and well-mannered and generous in giving up their time. I am sure the college and their parents must be very proud of them.

Thank-you also to the teachers for giving up their night for us. Well Done - it’s moments like this that we are certain that we made the right decision sending our son to St Greg’s.

Please pass on my regards and thanks to those involved - including those lovely young gentlemen.

Best Regards,
Brooke Murphy (Reid - Year 8)
Email from Mr Ed Stefanski (Agriculture Department) to staff

Good evening Colleagues,

During the last week of the holidays, Rick Nieuwenhuis and myself took 5 boys (Lachlan Watkin, Bradyn Challis, Samuel Prince, Lachlan McLean and Dugald Mullen) and 8 sheep to the National Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo. Overall, this was a very successful show with the College receiving two first placings, six second placings, six third placings and four fourth placings in the various sheep judging classes. This includes awards for the **Best Schools Ewe in Show**, and the **Ian MacKinnon Memorial Trophy for the Best Head on a Corriedale Ram**.

One of the biggest highlights of the event would have to be Lachlan Watkins efforts in the final of the junior judging class, where Lachlan was required to judge groups of Corriedale rams and ewes, then present to the audience his reasons for his decisions. Lachlan has always found the public speaking component of the competition very nerve-racking. In fact, at the 2013 Holbrook Show, Lachlan froze solid when handed the microphone and didn’t utter a single word. I am proud to say however that 3 years later, at his last show for the College, and at the biggest sheep show held in the southern hemisphere, Lachlan confidently spoke his way to a well-deserved first place! Lachlan McLean also achieved a well-earned 7th place in the same class.

Thanks must go to all the boys for their efforts and to Rick for attending the show with me.

Mr Ed Stefanski
Boarders dancing at the NAIDOC Assembly

Left to right: Jared Burns (Cowra), Sam Schriek (Cronulla), Lindsay Munro (Cowra), Bailey Sing (Tamworth) and Xander Jeffery (Cobar)

Year 8 Etiquette Night
Alexio Vaohea, Mrs Sue Santa Maria, Dan Watkin
Upcoming Events:

- 6th August - ISA Rugby Round 9 (Away) St Augustine’s and Blue Mountains Grammar
- 13th August - ISA Rugby Round 10 (Home) Kinross Wolaroi School (Orange)
- 18th August - MSC Athletics Carnival, Homebush
- 19th – 22nd August – Boarders Free Weekend
- 28th August – Harden Visit – Hosted by Andy and Maree Stewart

Boariders Travel

FREE WEEKEND 19TH AUGUST TO 23RD AUGUST 2016

A reminder that travel bookings for the next Free Weekend 19th to 23rd August have now closed.

Any changes/cancellations need to be advised to Daniela Romeo before 14 August

END OF TERM 3 / BEGINNING OF TERM 4

Students depart - Saturday, 24 September 2016
Students return - Sunday, 9 October 2016

Please see the following deadline dates for the End of Term 3 / Beginning of Term 4.

Submit bookings to Daniela Romeo by 24 August

Amendments by – 5 September
Cancellations by – 14 September