Term 3 for Gallagher students was a rich experience of building House Spirit and Caregroup pride through participating in Gallagher’s Caregroup Cup.

**Gallagher’s Caregroup Cup!** Term three is a time for building relationships among Caregroup members and demonstrating our house pride, which is shown through the Caregroup Cup. Gallagher’s Caregroup Cup is an annual Term 3 event, a caregroup versus caregroup competition, where caregroups fight for ultimate pride (and for the coveted Knight Statue) to end up on the top of the ladder as Caregroup Cup Champions. Each week brings an activity to complete throughout the week. The various activities allow for the caregroup to work together, such as creating and decorating pin boards, cracking codes and transforming Yr 12 students into suitable knights.

**Knight Find.** One of the favourite activities from previous years that proved successful once again was the popular Knight find. In this task students got out and about around the school searching for hidden Knight images. This gave the students a goal to achieve over the week, finding a range of different knights was a simple challenge but was an enjoyable one to actively participate in.

**Mascot Dress Up.** Newspaper, sticky tape and boxes were in high demand as the new activity, newspaper knight competition, was completed. Students in each care group had various ideas on how to best dress a senior student. Shields were a must with paper box lids being the go to material, as well as newspaper or streamer skirts for the ladies, while the boys were split between pants from the advertiser or garbage bag get up. The results came in with G3 winning but G4 and G5 coming very close in equal second place. The success of this activity proves it will be a popular activity to add to the annual house cup challenge.

**Quoits Challenge.** Week 3’s task saw Gallagher students scoring points for their caregroup by participating in Gallagher’s very own quoits competition. Caregroups had a week to prepare and practice and on the Friday, 2 representatives from each caregroup had the chance to move their caregroup up the leader board. Students had 10 shots each, to throw quoits into either the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th hoops. G4 came out on top managing to score the most quoit points.

**Crack the code.** In week 5, Gallagher caregroups had the week to try and crack the mystery code which would give them instructions of how to win points for the Caregroup Cup. The winner of the crack the code challenge was G5, then in second place was G1, then coming in third was G2.

**Gallagher’s Great Green Quiz.** Friday Week 9 was the day that Gallagher students tested their knowledge of all things Green and all things Gallagher. As the final Caregroup Cup task of the term, it brought out the competitive nature of students who wanted to win for their caregroup. Winners of the Great Green Quiz were G5, leaving all other caregroups green with envy.

**Caregroup Cup Champions.** With results from the entire term tallied, our Caregroup Cup Champions were announced on Monday of Week 2, Term 4. In an incredibly close race G4 finished in 3rd place, G2 in second place but the honour of Caregroup Cup Champions for 2016 went to G5. Congratulations G5! A big thank you to all students and teachers who participated and engaged in the cup throughout term 3, we look forward to its return in 2017.

Ashleigh, Ivy, Mikala, Simon and Angus
Other Term 3 events that Gallagher students participated included:

Yr 8 Retreat

On Thursday the 18th of August the year 8’s went to Port Germein on a retreat. We split up into small groups to do fun activities like a scavenger hunt as well as talking about diversity and exploring what makes us all different. We all had fun getting to know each other by participating in activities throughout the day. Sophie

Year of Mercy Mass & Tree Planting

To celebrate the Year of Mercy and the Assumption of Mary, students and staff from both campuses gathered in the Good Samaritan Hall for a whole school mass on Monday of Week 4. As a part of our celebrations and commitment to protecting our Earth, a representative from each Benedict class and Bosco caregroup was chosen to plant a tree between the two campuses that was blessed by Fr Francis during our mass. The tree planting was a symbol of unity between us and the environment, as well as the Bosco and Benedict Campuses. We look forward to watching the trees grow. Ellie

Alufua Siva Tour: Samoan Visitors

On Tuesday the 23rd of August, the College had visitors but not just any visitors, it was a group of 48 young men from Don Bosco Technical College in Alafua, Samoa. They were also accompanied by 6 of their teachers. The Samoan boys engaged in a quiz night with students on Tuesday night, performed and ran dance workshops at Benedict as well as playing soccer and touch football on the oval at lunch, a performance and went into classrooms at Bosco. Wednesday night was the pinnacle of the Samoan visit with a concert which expressed their culture and showed values of Samoan life through native song and dance. As well as the Samoan performances, there were performances by St Mark’s students. Sadly on Thursday morning we had to say good bye to our Samoan visitors as they continued on their trip south to Xavier College. Overall it was a great experience of Samoan culture which all students appreciated. Sam and Gi

Father Dennis Hanley Cup

On the 10th August, St Mark’s athlete fought against Xavier College at our home ground. Netball, football and soccer were contested to decide who would win the cup. St Mark’s netballers played hard and with good sportsmanship, winning in the Year 8, 9, 10 and 12 games. The soccer and football players tried their best, whether winning or losing. All athletes played with passion and College spirit in memory of Father Dennis who would be truly proud. Although St Mark’s did not win the cup this year, we tried our best and are ready to fight harder next year. Joanna
Quoits Challenge
Samuel and Callum take out the honours for the Quoits challenge, while Harrison and Simon try their best.

Pinboard pride
G1’s Yr 8’s: Tallen, Lara, Kim, Lucy and Amy get into the spirit of the pinboard challenge.

Gallagher’s Great Green Quiz
G3 hard at work on their quiz questions.

Gallagher’s Newspaper Knight Mascots
Yr 12’s Maddison, Alannah, Patrick, Ashleigh and Sam represent their caregroups in the mascot challenge.

Pinboard with the Petersons
Maggie, Gracie and Will with G5’s pinboard.

Pinboard pride
G1 Yr 8’s: Tallen, Lara, Kim, Lucy and Amy get into the spirit of the pinboard challenge.

G3’s Knights
Harrison, Kasey and Keelie next to G3’s pinboard creation.

Gallagher’s Great Green Quiz
G3 hard at work on their quiz questions.