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The **Grand Prix** tournament at **Melbourne Central Catholic High School** was a successful end to our biggest year ever. Congratulations to our tournament winners; **Varun Sriramineni** (K1), **Pacey Qi** (K3), **Anthony Qi** (K6), **Owen Deao** (K12), **Aditya Anil** (SE), and **Andy Yang** (SM). Top Team was **Viera Charter School**, which won the **Traveling Pawn** for the fifth time this year and took it home for good. The **GP Top Prizes** for cumulative score went to **Kenji Blakeley** (K1), **Roshan Anil** (K3), **Noah Boniello** (K6), **Cameron Foles** (K12), **Cyrus Matini** (SE), and **Priya Gutta** (SM). Congratulations for their dedication and consistent performance throughout the year. Special awards were given to **Kenji**, **Michael Yang**, and **Elek Lamoureux** for Good Sportsmanship, **Jagger Smith** for Chess Spirit, and **Vincent Stone** as Player of the Year.

Thank you to **Jim Ziarno** and the volunteers at **MCC** who did a great job providing a beautiful site for the tournament. Thanks also to **Matt Cobb** who worked the score table and took the pictures, and to the Assistant Tournament Directors; **Nick Moore**, **Jalen Woods**, and **Sajan Gutta**. Special thanks to **Larry Herman** who made and served the amazing Chess Cake, to **GM Lars Bo Hansen** who spoke with our students between rounds, and **Elfi Ousley** who worked behind the scenes all year keeping us informed and on schedule.

