



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week One, Term Two, 2015
22 April, 2015



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 which promises to be another jam packed time for our community. I hope that all our families had a time of peace and rest. I know for many it meant travel, for some there were cultural pursuits and I know of one student who had her tonsils removed. Whatever your commitments I hope we are all ready for the term ahead.



I felt it was timely to revisit the vision and mission statement for St Gregory's. In 2009 the following graphic was designed. Its focus is the cross but the other significant feature is the river. The river I guess could be described as separating our two sites but as a community we embrace the life giving nature of water and celebrate the vital gift of water in our lives. Water can be a strong force and so it can carry us as we

flow to our future in faith. There are facets that bring this alive in our school. Our school is built on our spiritual heritage. We nourish our faith in relationship with others. It is through the deepening of our spirituality and what we learn about ourselves and others in our relationships that we can be empowered to reach our potential.

SPIRITUALITY

We nourish our spirituality when we join with God on the journey of learning.

- Good teaching and learning in a Catholic school flows from a journey of self-discovery, enriched by life experiences.
- Inspirational teaching and learning happens when we model the values of Jesus.
- Good teaching and learning fosters equality by being accepting and inclusive.
- Good teaching and learning occurs in a calm and trusting environment present in a spiritual classroom.

RELATIONSHIPS

We nurture authentic relationships when we connect with our world.

- We gather together to celebrate our friendships as a community.
- We strive to build our relationship on trust, respect and open communication.
- Our teaching is based on effective relationships that are centred on our positive role models.
- Good teaching nurtures self-esteem by catering for each individual.

POTENTIAL

We strive to reach our potential by being the best that we can be each day.

- Valuing our experiences links learning to our lives.
- Being encouraged to take risks in a safe environment develops resilience for future challenges.
- Exploring possibilities in our learning prepares us for our future.

May you recognise the God moments in your life,

Claire

**Claire Frazer
Principal**

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 22 April

Year 6 volunteers to George Forbes House

Saturday 25 April

ANZAC Day March

Students assemble at 10am outside Council Chambers, Crawford Street

Monday 27 April

Second Hand Clothing Pool Open

9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

ANZAC Day Liturgy

12:45pm St Raphael's Church

Tuesday 28 April

STOP WORK ACTION

Wednesday 29 April

Primary Touch Trials

Friday 1 May

Mackillop Winter Sport Trials

Saturday 2 May

Starting Schools Expo

Bicentennial Hall

Monday 4 May

Second Hand Clothing Pool Open

9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Monday 4 May - Friday 22 May

Catholic Schools 2016 Enrolment period

Tuesday 5 May

First Eucharist Parent Info Nght

7pm St Gregory's Hall

Wednesday 6 May

Reading and Writing Parent Workshop

6:30pm to 8:30pm MacQuoid Street Library

Thursday 7 May

Northern Region Cross Country

Crookwell

Friday 8 May

Mother's Day Stall

am at Lowe St and pm at MacQuoid St

Saturday 9 May

Eucharist Commitment Mass

5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Sunday 10 May

Eucharist Commitment Mass

9am St Raphael's Church



Focus Value for April - "Count Your Blessings"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers Jacqueline Heffernan. Jacqueline is the principal of St Bernard's Batehaven and has just begun treatment for breast cancer. I know that Anne Jochimsen appreciates your ongoing prayerful support. Anne has moved to Sydney and will continue her treatment there. There are a number of parents in our community who are currently having treatment for cancer please hold these families in your prayers.

THEME FOR APRIL: It seems very fitting as we commemorate ANZAC day that our focus is 'Count Your Blessings'. Even though my battle with breast cancer was back in 2010 I still count my health as a wonderful blessing. Perhaps at the evening meal family members could share the blessings of their day.

REMINDERS: Teachers begin duty at 8:30am. There is one bus that arrives before that time and students are very cooperative in sitting and waiting for the teacher to arrive. If you are dropping children to school or they are arriving under their own steam please ensure that arrival is not before 8:30am. Afternoon duty of teachers generally ends at 3:20pm and it is expected that under normal circumstances all students will have been collected by then.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Students should now be wearing winter uniform. There have been some issues with some upper primary students not wearing full uniform (usually shoes). This term students who continually refuse to wear the full uniform will be on attention. Consideration will also be given to refusing permission for students to represent the school at various functions including sporting if the uniform policy is not followed.

ANZAC DAY PARADE: I encourage all families to participate in the parade this year on the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. I would like to think that we could have the biggest representation ever as a sign of our respect. Past and present defence personnel are encouraged to march with us. Students should meet outside the Queanbeyan City Council Chambers in Crawford Street by 10am.



KIDSMATTER: The articles continue to focus on Children's Emotions. This week there are helpful suggestions for supporting children's emotional development.

3 RULES: It would be helpful if parents and carers could discuss with children what our 3 rules are, what it looks like when the rules are followed and how they can ensure that they are following the rules.

STAY SAFE

BE FAIR

SHOW RESPECT

STOP WORK ACTION: Tuesday 28 April

Next Tuesday, 28 April, the Independent Education Union has called a stop work action for the whole school day. This action is part of their protected industrial action campaign.

Teachers from our school may be attending this stop work action which will have implications for the usual operation of the school. Whilst regular classes will be affected, I can assure you that the children who attend will have supervision.

However, on that Tuesday, you may decide to keep your child at home for the day. Please contact me via email (claire.frazer@cg.catholic.edu.au) if you have any questions.



LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to these 8 students who finished over the holidays Isla D'Souza KBlue, Charli Ioppi 1Blue, Aleisha Worner 1Gold, April Taylor 2Red, Trisha Salazar 3Gold, Eden D'Souza 4Red, Rose Taylor 4White and Armand Saad 5Gold. We have a total of 251 students participating, 94 are already completing online recording and 22 have completed - a great start!! It is not too late to register. Flyers with registration details can be found on the school website under the Notes tab (<http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/notes/>). The PRC site is now working and I have completed all current registrations. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have trouble with your logon - there were a group of 15 new registrations which got caught up in the problems with the site and they may need to be reset. Any questions can be directed to rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au



LAMONT BOOK CLUB - Brochures have been distributed to students. Ordering is done online. Please do not send any orders to school. Closing date for Issue 3 is 11 May 2015. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Don't forget to continue sending in your donations for the Mother's Day Stall please. Gifts are required at school by **Friday, 24 April**. Some ideas for donations include: candles, note books, diary, journals, pens, wooden spoons, kitchen gadgets, cook books, tea towels, coffee mugs, candles. For every donation students will receive a raffle ticket to win a wonderful prize basket.

LOST PROPERTY



LOST - Chris Hodges (1 White) has lost 1 x knitted jumper, 1 x sport jacket and 2 x hats all with his name. Please check these items haven't been taken home by mistake. Thank you.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

**Stay Safe,
Be Fair,
Show Respect.**

PIANIST REQUIRED

We are needing an accompanist for the school choir. The rehearsal times are each Wednesday from 1:40pm until 3pm. Need to be able to sight read music, be able to play multi part music and willing to get a working with children clearance. We will require them to be available for some school masses, the massed choir in September and other school occasions. If you are interested please contact Dee at dee.mcfaul@cg.catholic.edu.au - Thank you.

GYMFIT

Gymnastics lessons will begin on the 29th April and continue each Wednesday until 17th June for all Lowe Street classes this term. Students are to wear their sport uniform on these days.

9am	Kinder Blue
9:40am	Kinder Gold
10:20am	Kinder Red
11:40am	Kinder White
12:20pm	1 Gold
1pm	1 Red
2:10pm	1 White

CANTEEN

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 23 April
Friday 24 April

Help Needed Please
Bethany Butterfield

Volunteers are always welcome at MacQuoid Street, even if you are only available for an hour. Thank you.



NOTICEBOARD

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE



Year 7, 2016 Information and Open Evening:
Monday 4 May 2015 6.30pm
Wanniassa Campus

"Try MacKillop Day" [for Year 6 students]
Thursday 7 May 2015 9:00am to 2:30pm
Wanniassa Campus

[registration via www.mackillop.act.edu.au]

Careers Expo and Year 11 2016 Information Evening
Wednesday 13 May Isabella Campus
Careers Expo from 4.30pm
Presentations from 6.00pm

Contact the Enrolment Officer on 6209 0100, email enrolments@mackillop.act.edu.au or visit the College website www.mackillop.act.edu.au for more information.

Wanniassa Campus – Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa
Isabella Campus – Ellerston Avenue, Isabella Plains

DARAMALAN COLLEGE



ENROLMENT DATES FOR 2016

Pre-Enrolment Day for Year 6 Catholic Primary School Students -
Thursday 30 April 2015 from 10am to 1:45pm.

"Try Dara for a Day" - Tuesday 5 May 2015 (full or half day options
available but the day is only for those who do not attend on 30
April.

Year 11, 2016 Information Evening - Wednesday 20 May 2015
from 7:30pm.

Contact the Registrar on 6245 6348 or find info about
enrolments on our website: www.daramalan.act.edu.au

MERICI COLLEGE



OPEN DAY: Wednesday 6 May 2015
9.30am to 7.00pm
Come and see the College in action!

INFORMATION EVENINGS:
For Year 7 Students for 2016
Tuesday 12 May 2015
6.00pm-7.15pm

For Year 11 Students for 2016
Thursday 14 May 2015
6.00pm-7.15pm
Careers Expo from 4.00pm

Wise Street Braddon – Ph: 6243 4100 – Fax: 6243 4199
Visit our website at www.merici.act.edu.au
or contact the Enrolment Officer
on email patricia.ryan@merici.act.edu.au



Play Rugby League for the Queanbeyan Kangaroos

The Junior Roos are still on the lookout for players
especially those eligible for under 9 and under 10.
Most age groups have space so anyone interested should
contact roossecretary@hotmail.com

WANTED
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Italian for Kids at St Gregory's



Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30pm

Start date & time: 23rd April 2015 at 3:30 pm

End date & time: 25th June 2015 at 4:30 pm

Venue: St Gregory's Parish Room

Term Fee: \$160 per child (10 weeks)

For students requiring care from 3-3:30pm fee is \$180 per student

For enrolment and more information, please contact Sarah on
0431 252 768 or email sarah.mak@lcclubs.com.au and visit us at
www.lcclubs.com.au

QUEANBEYAN DISTRICT BASKETBALL



Enrolment/Payment Night
Term 2 Social Basketball

Day/Date: Thursday 23rd April 2015
Time: 5-7.30pm

Venue: Basketball Stadium-Cnr Southbar & Cooma St
Contact Rosie E: pete35@tpg.com.au
Grades- Kindergarten to Year 6

Contact Carole E: cjduvall@hotmail.com
High School and Senior Men & Women