Dear Parents and Carers,

The establishment of St Gregory’s parish has an interesting history. The bishop at the time, Bishop John Bede Polding, who happened to be the first bishop of Sydney and other areas, was a dedicated and influential priest in building schools and churches. In our archdiocese, Bishop Polding played an integral role in the formation of St Augustine’s in Yass, Sts Peter and Paul, Goulburn and St Gregory’s, Queanbeyan.

In 1849 Archbishop Polding blessed the church’s foundation stone under the name of St Gregory the Great. The people who gathered deposited money as an offering on the stone, which amounted to more than 48 pounds! After the blessing, the Archbishop rode off on his horse to consecrate the Queanbeyan cemetery and accept two young men for admission to priesthood.

The church building was made from stone found at a quarry up near Wright Park. Shortly after the completion of St Gregory’s Church in 1850, a church-school operated on the MacQuoid Street site until a purpose built facility appeared on the same parcel of land in 1857. Between 1873 and 1874 a western extension, choir gallery and entrance foyer was added to St Gregory’s Church.

The 175th anniversary of the inauguration of the Queanbeyan mission by Archbishop Polding will be celebrated at Mass this Sunday the 9th of August at 9:30am. Our school choir will be singing, and morning tea and family activities will follow. The Mass will be held in our school hall. It would be great to see as many of our families at Mass as possible. (There is no Saturday night Mass this weekend).

May peace be in your families,

Julie Wiley
Principal (Acting)
Focus Value for August - “Learn From Our Mistakes”

From the Principal......

PRAYERS: The Agius family (Patrick KRed) – Baby Alexis needs our prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS: Fr Kevin Flynn celebrated 60 years as a priest on the weekend. Fr Flynn is well loved here at St Greg's and brings a smile and a laugh to everyone he encounters.

The St Greg’s Spirit Team did a fantastic job at Mass on Saturday night. Thanks to Mrs Kristy Poole and Ms Kelly Delaney for guiding and supporting the students. For the rest of the year, on a monthly basis, the Spirit Team will play an important part in Saturday night Mass.

Well done to the choir who travelled to Goulburn for the Singfest rehearsal last Friday. They represented St Gregory’s with the upmost respect and pride. Thank you to Mrs Dee McFaul and Mrs Amanda Ducker for accompanying the students.

During the recent school holidays, one of our students, Hugo Curtis (6Blue), competed in the National U15 Boys Epee National Championships in Sydney. He competed in the Individual competition, as the youngest fencer, and then the next day he was reserve for the ACT U15 State team. Hugo was called up to fence when one of the other boys in the team didn’t show up.

Congratulations to Aaron Ciuffetelli (4Red), who after 4 years of swimming can now swim 1000m of continuous freestyle, is competent in all four strokes and has completed the Swim and Survive component of the RLSS Award.

THANK YOU: To Catherine Russell (Aila - KBlue) and other members of the School Community Council for organising “Cuppa at the Gate” last week.

AUGUST THEME: Learning From Our Mistakes - This can sometimes be easier said than done! You have to firstly recognise that you have made a mistake before you can learn from it. It’s not easy to own up to your actions, especially when they make you look foolish to others. We need to remind ourselves that we’re not the only person in the world that makes mistakes.

KIDSMATTER: Effective Family Communication

Minimize distractions: Cut down on the noise when communicating with family members is an important part of communicating effectively.

Make time: Set aside time for one-on-one dates with our children, family nights and family getaways can enhance our opportunities to communicate effectively.

Listen actively: Actively listening is about listening with all of our senses and making sure that we understand the other person’s views and thoughts before formulating our own.

Get on their level: Keeping an open stance, kneeling or sitting down if necessary and keeping language in terms that they can understand enhances effective communication.

Show respect: It is important to show respect for the other person in our communication by being positive, even when needing to discipline.

Control emotions: Sometimes parents and kids need a “time out” to get in control and manage their angry feelings.

HATS ARE BACK: Since we are now in the month of August, students need to wear their hats when playing outside. Any students not wearing their hat will be asked to sit in a shaded area.
PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award at the last whole school assembly.

K Blue - Alexis Lyons
K Gold - Ellie Sweet
K Red - Delilah Gleeson-Weir
K White - Tristan Stewart
1 Blue - Alyce Greentree
1 Gold - Hamish Canestrari
1 Red - Connor Oldfield
1 White - Riley Picker
2 Blue - Lachlan Mallia
2 Gold - Jorja Nicolson
2 Red - April Taylor
2 White - Cody Searle
3 Blue - Thomas Hatchman
3 Gold - Sarah Fleming
3 Red - Inderjit Sidhu
3 White - Maddy Dale
4 Blue - Lily Thom
4 Gold - Brayden Stavreski
4 Red - Clare Hempstead
4 White - Euan Celaya
5 Gold - Jackson Morgan
5 Red - Jacob McMahon
6 Blue - Amelia Jess
6 Gold - Jess Martinez
6 White - Liam Connelly
AR Millionaire - Ivana Rodriguez

SPORT NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN ATHLETICS – On Thursday 23rd July, 46 students represented St Gregory's School at the Northern Region Athletics Carnival in Goulburn.

St Gregory’s was once again on show, demonstrating their competitive nature, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day. It was a credit to our students and both staff and parents from the other competing schools recognised this.

The carnival proved to be very successful for our school, with 25 students progressing through to represent the Northern Region at the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocesan trials to be held on Thursday 13th August at the AIS - Christian Barac, Ethan Barac, Luke Fahey, Joshua Fahey, Kalen Billiards, Hugo Curtis, Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Jordan Thurling, Ryan Weatherby, Rory Forbes, Kaleb Gowland, Glian Ashman, Skyla Robinson McEvoy, Sienna Birnie, Meagan Shand, Shantay Trotter, Jasmine Burns, Lauren Russell, Jasmyne Tozer, Mia Cachia, Angelina Brown, Naimh Billiards, Madeline Bennett, Amelia Rademaker. Good luck to all of those competing!

Matt Maloney, PE / Sport Teacher

175th ANNIVERSARY

There will be a display celebrating the history of the St Gregory’s Catholic Mission during the celebrations on Sunday, 9th August in St Gregory’s Hall. If any families have any historical memorabilia that could be displayed - relating either to the parish or the school it would be appreciated. Items could include old uniforms, books, photos, teaching aids, etc. Please leave at the school with your name and details clearly marked. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed for an hour (time to be advised) on Saturday 8th August to help set up the school hall for the St Gregory’s 175th Year celebrations. If you are able to help can you please contact Ryan Matchett on 62972221 or ryan.matchett@cg.catholic.edu.au.

LIBRARY NEWS - TERM 3

BOOK FAIR

When: Friday 7th August 8.30am until 5.30pm (this week)
Room: MacQuoid St Library - Reading Lounge

Please come and purchase books for your children and view some great artwork created by students. MacQuoid Street students will have the opportunity during the week to view the books and may either bring money in on the Friday to purchase items with their class OR come in before or after school with a parent/carer. Lowe Street families are also invited to visit, with plenty of picture books and younger reader chapter books available for purchase. Money raised will go towards our World Book Web subscription for both campuses. This is an amazing resource that is provided to the students for their researching needs. It includes an online encyclopaedia for Kids (K-Yr4) and Students (Yr4-Yr6), eBooks (K-Yr6), and an Early World of Learning (K-Yr3).

On Friday we’ll have a ‘Guess how many shells are in the jar?’, a ‘Lucky door prize’ and a ‘Book scavenger hunt’! Winners of the creative collage competition that was due on Monday this week will also be announced on the day. Good Luck!

To access World Book Web:
You can either go directly to the webpage www.worldbookonline.com or via St Gregory’s website, click on ‘About Us’, then ‘Library’, then ‘Oliver’ link, then the link below World Book Web. Students will need to put in their login and password details given in library lesson. This information is also available from library staff.

LAMONT BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 order will close online to parents next Monday, 10 August 2015.
**BOOK WEEK**

Book Week 2015 is fast approaching! This year the Children's Book Council of Australia is celebrating its 70th Anniversary of Book Week. This annual event which is celebrated in August each year highlights the importance of reading and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books. Book Week is about encouraging students to read; to learn about new books; to share favourite writers and illustrators; to look again at old favourite books in maybe a different way; to take time to be alone and just read.

This year’s theme is **“Books Light up our World”**. Books light up our lives in many different ways. They can entertain us, educate us and empower us. Books allow us to travel to other parts of the world, experience how others live and venture into space or fantasy worlds. They build our strength and confidence as we gain new knowledge. This term’s library program will explore Book Week’s theme as a unit focus. Students will be exposed to a range of Children’s Book Council of Australia notable and shortlisted picture books in both print and audio-visual format during library and class lessons. Students will also engage in selected learning activities such as book reviews, craft based activities, and utilise new technology tools to promote their work.

Please note: Due to school camps, Book Week at MacQuoid Street has been bought forward to Week 6. Lowe St will still be held in Week 7.

**MacQuoid Street Book Character Dress up Parade: Monday 17th August.**

Lowe Street Book Character Dress up Parade: Wednesday 26th August.

Students are invited to help celebrate Book Week by coming dressed to school as their favourite book character. The parade will be held straight after morning assembly. Students are encouraged to try and bring in a matching book with them to be used as a discussion point in class. This will be a celebration and hence no prizes will be awarded.

**MACQUOID ST BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS**

Students may choose to enter any of the following competitions:

1. **CLASS DOOR POSTER:** Some classes will be creating a door poster to celebrate Book Week’s theme ‘Book’s Light Up Our World’. The class judged as the most creative poster will be able to pick a movie from the Library’s collection to watch in class with popcorn provided. To be judged on Friday of Week 6.

2. **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Have someone take a photo of you reading the book that lit up your world in a creative space. Name and class must be written on the back. Please submit to your teacher on Friday of Week 5.

3. **DRAWING:** Draw character/s from the book that lit up your world using the light bulb template available from the Library. Make sure to write the title and author of the book outside the globe on the front. Name and class must be written on the back. Please submit to your teacher on Friday of Week 5.

4. **GUESSING COMPETITION:** Which book lit up which teacher’s world? Pick up an entry form from the Library during Week 6 and submit your entry to Mrs Greentree by Friday morning of Week 6.

5. **QUOTE OF THE DAY:** Each day during Week 6 a book quote will be added to the double library doors. Students must pick which book it came from or who wrote it. Students may pick up entry forms from the Library during Week 6 and submit their entry to Mrs Greentree by Friday morning of Week 6.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

Book Week also coincides with the final week of the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to the following six students who have finished - Brydie Beasley KGold, Alexander Dormer 1White, Charli Oldfield 1Red, Charlotte Quinn 2Gold, Erin Burstow 4Red and Caleb Quinn 5White. We have a total of 256 students participating, 217 have already completed online recording and 104 have completed - fantastic!! Please make sure your child’s PRC books have been logged by Friday 21st August to ensure they receive a certificate of completion. Don’t forget the class that has the most students to complete the Challenge will receive a Pizza lunch. 4 White are in front with 20 students completed. Please contact Ros with logon or other queries - rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au

**ST GREGORY’S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER**

**ACCELERATED READER UPDATE**

This term, Year 4, 5 & 6 students are continuing the Accelerated Reader program. This is a motivational reading program for students with a primary focus on developing students’ literacy skills and cultivating an enjoyment in reading for pleasure. Students will receive a new reading range and individual target points for this term based on a STAR Reading test they recently undertook. Students will also be given an information letter this week about Home Connect for parents. This feature can be accessed from home on any computer or tablet and allows parents and students to be updated on their child’s progress.

**St Gregory’s newest Accelerated Reader Millionaires!!** Big congratulations to Grace Hayes and Ivana Rodriguez for their achievement in reading one million words since starting the Accelerated Reader (AR) program in Term One this year. They are now members of the most exclusive club in the school!!

**Term 2 Accelerated Reader points winners!!**

Last term, students were introduced to Accelerated Reader target points. Each student in Years 4 to 6 were required to reach an individual target by the end of the term. To reach their individual target, they must not only read books at the correct reading level with associated points, but complete online quizzes to test their comprehension of each book. 4White are to be congratulated for becoming the first class to reach their individual targets for Term 2! Keep up the great work everyone!!
PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The Library is a very busy place and to ensure smooth running of Library, it would be great to have some parent volunteers. This term is extra busy in the lead up to Book Fair (week 4) and Book Week (week 6). Jobs would include helping with new theme displays, covering books, shelving and tidying the library. We still also have lots of Accelerated Reader books and Premier’s Reading Challenge books to locate and label. If you could help us out at the MacQuoid Street campus on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays, please email Melissa Greentree - melissa.greentree@cg.catholic.edu.au. Many thanks.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF St Gregory’s Catholic Mission

SUNDAY, 9TH AUGUST
9:30AM MASS
ST GREGORY’S SCHOOL HALL
MOLONGLO ST, QUEANBEYAN

Free Family Entertainment

10:30am - 2:30pm
Face Painting
Rock Climbing
Petting Zoo
Jumping Castle
National Dinosaur Museum
Balloon Making
Giant Slide

Historical Display

A historical exhibition depicting many facets of the history of the Mission in Queanbeyan will be on display in the new classrooms.

Food for the Family

A light morning tea will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass and St Gregory’s School Council will be running a sausage sizzle.

For more information please contact
St Gregory’s Parish Office 6299 0242
Ryan Matchett 0430 035 368

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St Gregory’s Catholic Mission
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3rd prize $200 Coles Myer Voucher

Tickets available from the school office

(If you would like to buy a ticket, please send money to school in an envelope with your name and contact details clearly marked)

Money raised going to St Greg’s and Home in Queanbeyan

Drawn at the disco on Friday 30th October, 2015
FREE Kids 1st Aid session for parents/carers of young children in Braidwood, Bungendore & surrounding NSW regions.

Tuesday 4th August 2015
St Bede’s Catholic School, Braidwood
School library
5:00-8:00pm
Light supper provided
RSVP ESSENTIAL—Alison 6124 3800

No childcare provided, and strictly breastfed babies only allowed at the course.

www.kidsfirstaid.com.au

Bogong Boori's Playgroup
Age 0-3
When: Every Thursday
Where: Munjuwa– 28 Rutledge Street
Time: 11:30am— 1:30pm
Free Lunch Provided
Transport can be provided

Siblings are more than welcome to also attend.
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