



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

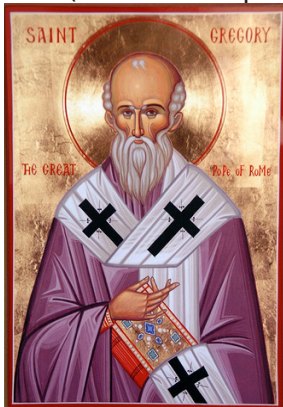
Week Eight, Term Three, 2015
1 September, 2015

Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the St Gregory's community will come together to celebrate St Gregory's Feast Day and Father's Day. Our students always look forward to these events; it's these traditions that are so important to the fabric of our school. I have had quite a few enrolment interviews lately and one question that is asked is, "Why have you chosen St Gregory's?" The responses are usually comparable – "We've heard great things about the school; the values that are taught and reinforced; we want a Catholic Education for our child, and; we want our child and our family to be part of a special community spirit."

Our school and parish are named after St Gregory the Great. Gregory was born in Rome around 540, and died in 604. He was a doctor of the church and a pope. Gregory was chosen Pope by the unanimous consent of priests and people. He was a great teacher, lawyer, missionary and preacher, and had a huge influence on the English Church and many other churches. Gregory is known above all for his magnificent contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. (He is also the patron of teachers).



I was sitting in the office area at MacQuoid Street last Friday afternoon and I asked a few students what they loved about St Gregory's Day...

"Playing with my friends on the oval." (Jackson 2Gold)

"Celebrating St Gregory and the icy-pole." (Lakshita 3Gold)

"The whole day!" (Sarah 3Gold)

"Playing the games and going to Mass." (Brad 3Red)

"The sausages and ice block." (Leo 4Gold)

"The whole school getting together and the talent show." (Rose 5Gold)

"Well I've never had St Greg's Day but I reckon having the little kids at MacQuoid St would be pretty good." (William KBlue)

St Gregory's Feast Day will be celebrated this Thursday. We will start our day with Mass at St Raphael's Church at 9:40am. This day is one that our students really look forward to; it's a day of fun, food and fanfare! After Mass the students will walk back to MacQuoid St and get ready for the class items. All students will **depart** school from the MacQuoid St campus. Q City buses have been notified.

May peace be in your families,

Julie Wiley
Principal (Acting)

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 2 September

Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Swap
Lowe Street Library

Thursday 3 September

St Gregory The Great Feast Day

Mass - St Raphael's Church 9:40am

Friday 4 September

Father's Day Breakfast - 7:30am MacQuoid St

Year 4 excursion to National Gallery and
National Museum - 9:15am to 2:30pm

Archdiocesan Public Speaking - Crookwell

6Gold, 3Gold & KGold to attend 12pm Mass
St Raphael's Church

Monday 7 September

Years 3 and 4 Learn to Swim begins

Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
Lowe Street MPR - 9am to 10am

Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day & Practice
9:30am to 2:30pm St Gregory's Hall

Tuesday 8 September

Sacrament of Confirmation
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Sacrament of Confirmation
7:30pm St Raphael's Church

Wednesday 9 September

RuOK? session for Year 6 students and
parents/carers - 9am to 11am

Sacrament of Confirmation
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Wakakirri Awards Night
7:15pm Canberra Theatre

Friday 11 September

6Blue & KBlue to attend 12pm Mass
St Raphael's Church

Singfest
7:00pm Trinity Catholic College

Monday 14 September

Mackillop Athletics - Homebush

Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
Lowe Street MPR - 9am to 10am

Year6 Laptops and Google Apps for Education
info session - 7pm St Gregory's Hall



Focus Value for September - "Look On The Bright Side"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: The Agius family (Patrick KRed) and baby Alexis. Prayers also needed for Mya Vangageldonk's (5Gold) brother, Jacob, who continues chemo treatment.

CONGRATULATIONS: We made it to the Wakakirri finals! So exciting. Well done to everyone involved.

Congratulations to Skyla Robinson-McEvoy for being awarded the Junior BP certificate in Girl Guides on Sunday. Skyla had to complete 12 challenges to earn this award. Well done.

THANK YOU: To all the parents who have volunteered to help cook, set-up and serve lunch to the students on St Gregory's Day. Your help is very much appreciated. Please turn up at your nominated time. A special thank you to Michael Bower (Francesca 2White & Alexandra KWhite) for everything he has done in ensuring our students will be fed!

To the contributions everyone made at our Trivia Night on Saturday night. It was a great night. Again special thanks to Michael Bower, Garreth & Kate Wigg, Janessa Docking, Jane King and Tanya Vangageldonk for all their hard work.

ST GREGORY'S RAFFLE: 1st prize \$1,000 Coles Myer voucher, 2nd prize \$500 Coles Myer voucher and 3rd Prize \$200 Coles Myer voucher. Tickets are only \$10 each. The raffle will be drawn at the school disco on Friday, 30th October. If you would like to purchase a ticket please visit either school office or send money to school in an envelope with your name and contact details clearly marked.

SEPTEMBER THEME: *Look On The Bright Side* – There are some people who always seem able to look on the bright side of things, no matter what is going on in their life. Then there are other people who seem to delight in looking at all the things that are wrong in the world and all the things that could go wrong for them. Things can go wrong and stuff can happen – even if you are a "good" person. How you deal with whatever life throws at you is what matters – and it's what will ultimately help you grow as a person.



KIDSMATTER: Mental health risk and protective factors - Children's mental health is influenced by many factors. A child's physical, social and emotional development, family circumstances, sense of belonging to school and access to support services can all influence a child's mental health. Protective factors decrease the likelihood of mental health difficulties. These include: positive connections, cultural identity, easy temperament, positive coping style and optimistic outlook on life.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: This Friday the teachers will cook for all the dads! We look forward to seeing the Kinder dads in their special ties. The staff will have food ready from 7:30am at MacQuoid Street campus. All students are required to be at their respective campus for morning assembly. If you haven't sent the RSVP slip back in, please do so ASAP. We look forward to serving breakfast to our dads.

YEARS 3 & 4 LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Years 3 and 4 Learn to Swim Program will commence next Monday 7th September and continue every day until Friday 18th September, 2015. Swimming lesson times are as follows:

9:30am – 10:00am 4 Gold	10:00am – 10:30am 4 Red	10:30am – 11:00am 4 White	11:00am – 11:30am 3 Blue
12:00pm – 12:30pm 3 Red	12:30pm – 1:00pm 3 White	1:00pm – 1:30pm 3 Gold	1:30pm – 2:00pm 4 Blue

All students will walk to and from the pool and will leave school approximately 30 minutes before their scheduled lesson time.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	William Hall
K Gold	Liana Holland
K Red	Kumbirai Muzvidzwa
K White	Alexandra Jeffery
1 Blue	Tahlia Nicholls
1 Gold	Aleisha Worner
1 Red	Ava Worthington
1 White	Ava Arona
2 Red	Mia Duff
2 White	Isaac Mortimore
3 Blue	Jennifer Noveski
3 Red	Joshua Kirkpatrick
3 White	Daniel Ossato
4 Blue	Jayden Clayton
4 Red	Connor McLachlan
5 Gold	Deion Trinidad
5 Red	Lachlan Fitzpatrick
5 White	Clay Eldridge
AR Millionaire	Thomas Heller
Gold Band	Elly Bollard

R U OK?



R U OK? is coming to St Gregs in a bright yellow bus as part of their national tour. It's all about celebrating our family and friends who take the time to listen, to encourage and follow up. And they need our help to show Australia the power of a conversation! We're hosting an event with the crew, which is all about giving a big old fashioned thanks to the people who ask "R U OK?"

All Year 6 students will be involved in a morning session on Wednesday the 9th September. Parents and Carers are encouraged to attend to show support and also gain some valuable insight into the aim and purpose behind the R U OK? initiative. A small morning tea will be provided.

R U OK? is a national charity whose mission is to empower and inspire us all to ask "are you ok?" regularly and meaningfully of one another. Find out more here: <https://www.ruok.org.au>

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 3 September Michelle Welch

Friday 4 September Tamara Palmer

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

LIBRARY NEWS

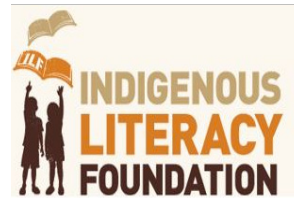
LOWE STREET BOOK PARADE

Last week our Lowe St children and community participated in a book parade to celebrate the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week. It was wonderful to see the excitement of children, parents and staff. We saw a sea of very well known and not so familiar characters. The array and variety was amazing and the students interviewed spoke with confidence and pride. Thank you parents and carers for all the work you put into making the day special for your child. Book Week parade memories are often reflected upon with pleasure for many years.

COLOURING COMPETITION

Our Book Week creative art competition for K, Y1 & Y2 students closed last Friday. Prizes will now be awarded in each grade for the neatest, best entry and also for the most original and creative entry.

GREAT BOOK SWAP AT LOWE STREET



When: Wednesday 2nd September

Where: Lowe St Library (only Lowe St students will participate)

How much: Gold coin plus a good quality book to swap

Our school has registered to take part in The Great Book Swap for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

To participate, students need to bring along a gold coin donation as well as a good quality second hand or new book to swap. If it is not of good quality it may be that your child will bring it back home, not having found anyone with whom to swap. If you are in a position to donate more than 1 book it would be most helpful as it will give a larger range of choice for students.

Some children are disappointed if they cannot find just the book they wanted. Being happy just to make a donation to help someone else is an important part of the day. A priority is to help other students in other schools.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) works to promote and develop literacy throughout remote and regional Indigenous communities. It supplies carefully selected books to Indigenous communities in need across Australia. The foundation also works with communities to translate, write, publish and supply books in Indigenous languages. More information can be found at: <https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/the-great-book-swap.html>

One reason for participating in this event is to make a difference to literacy levels in Indigenous communities through our donation. Another is to promote the excitement of reading and giving in our own students and in those in Indigenous communities.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all those who participated and especially the 143 students who successfully completed this years Challenge. We will draw the winner from all our names when the certificates arrive at school in Term 4. If you are thinking of doing the challenge again next year please save your user name and password somewhere safe. It really cuts down on administration time.



2016 ENROLMENTS

Please complete and return this note to the office if your child (except Year 6 students) is not returning to St Gregory's School in 2016. Thank you.

My child/ren.....
in class/es.....will not be returning to St Gregory's School in 2016.
He/She/They will be attending
(please insert name of school)
Signed:.....Parent/Guardian Date:.....

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

(Please complete and return this note to the office)

I would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email please.

Email:.....
(please print clearly)
Eldest Child's Name:.....Class:.....

NOTICEBOARD

QUEANBEYAN JUNIOR CRICKET

Registrations for the 2015-16 Season
Ages 4-16
Girls and Boys all welcome.

Dates & venues as follows:

Riverside Plaza

Saturday, 29th August from 9am – 12pm

Thursday, 3rd September from 5pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, 5th September from 9am – 12pm

Freebody Pavilion

Saturday, 12th September from 9am-12pm

Or follow this link.

www.queanbeyanccricket.com/site/juniors



IMPACT Youth Group for Years 4-6 is on every Sunday from 4:30-6pm in St Gregory's Hall.

Mexican Fiesta Night!

Sunday 6th September
4:30pm – 8pm

Mexican Attire is recommended! There will be a competition on the night for the best dressed.

Food and drinks will be provided.

The only cost is a \$5 entry fee.

rsvp: stgyouthleaders@gmail.com

Explore and Read all over Queanbeyan!



Monday 31st Aug
Story time and picnic in the park
Ray Moreton Park 1pm
Bring your picnic rug, healthy lunch, water & favourite teddy along for stories in the park.

Tuesday 1st Sept
Story Time at the Reading Tree
Queanbeyan Town Park playground
11:50am
Come along for stories in the park, look for the bright pillows

Wednesday 2nd Sept
Bungendore Reading Tree Launch
Bungendore playground 11:50am
Come along for Story Time at the Reading Tree and games in the playground

Thursday 3rd Sept
Story Time at the Reading Tree
Queanbeyan Town Park playground 11:50am
Come along for stories in the park, look for the bright pillows

Friday 4th Sept
Story Time at the Reading Tree
Apex Park, 27 Campbell St 2pm
Come along for stories, look for the bright pillows

Celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Explore Literacy! Check your 'map' for when story time will happen near you and come along to join in the fun

For more information contact
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CAMPBELL PAGE

Schools as Community Centres

CAR POOLING REQUIRED

Does your child train at Southern Canberra Gymnastics Club in Erindale? Are you interested in sharing pick-ups and drop-offs on Tuesdays and Thursdays? Please call Yvonne Carroll on 0490191723 or email mpc222@gmail.com