Dear Parents and Carers,

Along with Catholic Schools across NSW and the ACT St Gregory’s will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from the 8-14 March.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015 is ‘Educating for Today and Tomorrow’. The theme ties in with the 50th anniversary of the Declaration on Christian Education. The document recognised the continuing need for the Church to support parents in the education of their children.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

One way we will be celebrating our links with families is by hosting 3 workshops for parents and other friends. The workshops will be on Numeracy, Literacy and Reading. ALL WELCOME.

The students of Year 6 will be assigned in groups to lead prayer and ‘teach’ about Making Jesus Real in all classes K-5 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Catholic Schools Week. The students are very excited about demonstrating spiritual leadership at their school.

The Gospel reading last week was the story of the Transfiguration.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Lent is a time when Jesus calls us all to be transformed. No one is perfect and Jesus calls us constantly to become our best selves. It is a daily struggle of success and failure but one that we do not do alone.

May you recognise the God moments in your life,

Claire Frazer
Principal
Focus Value for March - “Be A Forger”

From the Principal......

PRAYERS: During Lent we pray – Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 Please keep in your prayers the students of Year 3 who are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We pray that this may be a time of renewal for their families.

Sympathy is extended to Ava-Kelle Key’s and family on the death of her Grandfather and to Brayden, Grace and Kobi Verran on the death of their Great-Grandfather.

CONGRATULATIONS: To all the students, staff and parents involved in the Northern Region Swimming Carnival. Special thanks to Matthew Maloney for coordinating a very successful carnival. It was a great day. Congratulations to the students and teachers of 4 Blue and 4 Red who presented the whole school assembly last week with the focus of God Moments. We are certainly surrounded by God Moments if we only have the eyes to see.

POSITIONS VACANT: The St Gregory's School Community Council has two vacancies. The Council comprising of parent, school and parish representatives meet twice a term. If you would like to nominate to be a member of the School Community Council please complete the slip below and return it to the school by 4pm next Tuesday 10th March. If there are more than 2 nominations an election process will be conducted. For more information please contact Claire Frazer or Julie Wiley.

KIDSMATTER: The flyer this week outlines the cognitive development of children and offers suggestions for stimulating learning.

DISCO: CHANGE OF DATE You may have noticed that the Disco is now on a Thursday night (12th March) instead of Friday. This is a one off change. The change was made because of the Archdiocesan Mass that St Gregory's staff will be attending to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. In making the change we took into consideration that it was SABBATH week with no homework obligations.

PRINCIPALS’ RETREAT: I will be away from the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week attending the Archdiocesan Principals’ retreat and System Day. Wednesday will be meetings led by Moira Najdecki Director and other Catholic Education staff. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be leading our retreat on Thursday and Friday. Please be assured of my prayers during this time.

PARENT CONTACTS: Thank you to the 30 parents who have volunteered as Parent Contacts for the various classes. As of going to print there were 4 classes without a parent contact – 4 Blue Mrs Docking and Mrs Menser, 4 Gold Mr Mockler and Mrs Saad, 6 Gold Mr Wigg and 6 White Miss Garrett are all keen to be represented!

PARENT WORKSHOPS: Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the following:
- Monday 9th March at 9:20am LITERACY Lowe Street with Julie Wiley and Erin Taylor
- Wednesday 11th March at 2pm READING Lowe Street with Lauren Macdonald
- Thursday 12th March at 2pm NUMERACY MacQuoid Street with Kate McManus-Green

ILLNESS: We have been notified that a student from Year 2 has been diagnosed with Giardiasis. This is an inflection mainly of the small intestine caused by the parasite Giardia lamblia. To prevent infection it is important to wash hands thoroughly especially after using the bathroom. Teachers will be reminding students and we encourage you to reinforce this message at home. A brochure about Giardiasis from the NSW Department of Health is provided for your information.

PARENT WORKSHOP: Following a disappointing response with only 2 parents indicating that they would attend the parent workshop set down for last night to be conducted by Associate Professor Kaye Lowe Language and Literacy, Faculty of Education Director, National Capital Centre for Literacy Research University of Canberra had to be cancelled.

SCHOOL SHOES: There are a few students who continue to wear joggers or other inappropriate footwear when they should be wearing black leather shoes. The most common response when questioned is that correct ones could not be found, my mum is buying them next week comes in at a close second. Your assistance in ensuring the full uniform is worn is much appreciated.
Principal Awards

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

K Blue  Isla D’Souza
K Gold  William Smith
K Red  Angelo Staltari
K White  Alexandra Bower
1 Blue  Marko Joveski
1 Gold  Siearna Cahill
1 Red  Isabella McMullan-Reid
1 White  Lachlan Fahey
2 Gold  Jackson Hall
2 Red  Jake Blakey
2 White  Cooper Lovekin
3 Blue  Maggie Robinson
3 Gold  Brent Marsden
3 Red  Josh Buchanan
3 White  Adam Kostakos
4 Blue  Nativi Tutu’ila
4 Red  Hunter Hoyle
4 White  Rose Taylor
5 White  Liliana Staltari
6 Blue  Morgan Hoyle
6 Gold  Ryan Buchanan
6 White  Tamara Sargent
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