Dear Parents and Carers,

St Gregory’s is now accepting enrolments for 2016.

To be eligible to begin in Kindergarten next year students must turn 5 years of age by the 30th April 2016.

Enrolments will also be accepted for students of other grades.

ENROLMENT PERIOD
MONDAY, 4 MAY UNTIL FRIDAY, 22 MAY, 2015
All classes from Kindergarten to Year Six

OPEN DAY
Lowe Street and MacQuoid Street Campuses
MONDAY, 11 MAY, 2015 from 10.00am - 5.00pm
Organised tours at 10am, 1pm and 5pm

May you recognise the God moments in your life,

Claire
Claire Frazer
Principal
Focus Value for May - “Making Good Choices”

From the Principal......

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers Lauren Macdonald and her family following the death of her father-in-law last week following a battle with Mesothelioma. We offer our sympathy to her husband Gus and children Ingrid and Robbie. We hold in our prayers the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake. Our red and blue day last Friday raised $981.60 which will be donated to Caritas to aid the people of Nepal.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS: Yesterday I travelled with my dad to visit his brother in Wollongong, sadly at 92 his mental health has deteriorated. I was reflecting last night on how blessed I am to have my parents living nearby in relative good health. Counting our blessings is an important way to keep positive.

FIRST EUCHARIST: The information session for parents of children preparing for their first Eucharist will be held tonight. One of the real blessings of any sacramental program is the possibility of bringing parents back to the church. There are many reasons why people drift away from church, often it is not possible to identify a single event. All I want to say is that ALL are welcome, ALL are loved and forgiven. This is a time when Jesus invites us to come and be embraced in his love.

PARENT CONTACTS: Due to changed work conditions and a family illness the mum who had offered to be the parent contact for 1Blue is no longer able to cover this role. Are there any parents from that class who could take on this vital role? A reminder too that 6Gold and 6White are still without parent contacts – any volunteers??

KAYE LOWE WORKSHOP: It is not too late! Attending this workshop will give you wonderful, practical strategies to help your child with reading and writing. The workshop will be held in the MacQuoid Street Library beginning at 6:30pm and finishing at 8:30pm. I also highly recommend visiting Kaye’s website, the videos are particularly helpful http://www.read4success.com.au/

KIDSMATTER: The brochure this week is about helping our children in their decision making. Making Good Choices is something we wish for our children. It does not always happen but we can help them.

PRIMARY COEDUCATION: In the past some families have decided to send their boys after Year 3 to single sex schools to complete their primary education. I respect without hesitation parents right to choose the type of education for their children. I also agree that for some boys it is better for them. However I don’t believe that parents should feel that they need to move sons in order to confirm a place in high school, this is not a good reason to make a decision about schooling. I have taught in a single sex male school including primary school grades. Some of the things I think they missed out on include – book week parades, class assemblies, working with younger classes, interaction with girls, buddying with younger students, exercising authentic leadership, being the eldest students in a school. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

NUT/EGG/FISH FREE SCHOOL: A reminder that St Gregory’s is a nut, egg and fish free school. There are students enrolled at our school who have anaphylactic reactions to these products. Please do not allow students to bring products containing nuts to school. Products that state on their packaging ‘may contain traces of nuts’ are permitted.
No whole egg products (eg, egg sandwiches, boiled eggs, etc). Allowed are cakes/slices/muffins made with eggs. Although students with egg intolerance will not be able to consume them.
No tins/sandwiches containing fish (eg. tuna, salmon, etc) please.

CHICKEN POX: We have been notified of a student diagnosed with chicken pox.
SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
St Gregory’s School communicates with parents by various means. The Newsletter is uploaded to the school website on Tuesday each week (http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/newsletter/). It is also emailed to many families. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email and would like to, please contact Jane King on 6297 2221 or email jane.king@cg.catholic.edu.au or complete the tear off slip on the back of this newsletter.

We also have the St Gregory’s Skoolbag App, which is a smartphone mobile app through which the school can communicate directly with iPhone and Android devices. The newsletter, notes, alerts, information, instant messages and reminders are updated regularly on Skoolbag. We encourage all families to download the App. To install, search for our school name “St Gregory’s School Queanbeyan” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Twitter @stgregsqbn enables the school to broadcast short messages about events happening during the day, updates on school excursions, camps and sporting events.

CANTEEN
Helpers at Lowe Street this week are: Thursday 7 May  Julie Worner Friday 8 May  Lyn Smith
Volunteers are always welcome at MacQuoid Street, even if you are only available for an hour. Thank you.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you for all your wonderful donations. Students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts this week on Friday, 8 May. 9am to 11am at Lowe Street and 11:45am to 3pm at MacQuoid. Gifts will be available for $2 or $5 (and a limited number of $10 gifts). Cupcakes will also be for sale in packs of 2 for $5.

LIBRARY NEWS
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the following student who has finished this week - Nativi Tutu’ila 4Blue. We have a total of 254 students participating, 106 are already completing online recording and 29 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 Thank you - Rosalind Wythes, Library Assistant.

LAMONT BOOK CLUB
Brochures have been distributed to students. A reminder that all ordering is done online. Orders cannot be accepted at school. Closing date for Issue 3 is 11 May 2015. Thank you.

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. Jobs would include covering books, shelving, tidying the library and making small displays. We also have lots of Accelerated Reader books and Premier’s Reading Challenge books to locate and label. If you could help please email melissa.greentree@cg.catholic.edu.au (MacQuoid St).

SPORT NEWS
CROSS COUNTRY: Good luck to the following students who will travel to Crookwell on Thursday to compete in the Northern Region Cross Country. The bus will depart MacQuoid St at 7:30am and return at 3:20pm. Angelina Brown, Keeva Robinson-McEvoy, Niamh Billiards, Sienna Harajli, Madeline Bennett, Chloe McCormack, Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Emmett Smith, Brayden Verran, Beau Cox, Leo Vanderpol, William Girvan, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Sienna Birnie, Laura Siérant, Rose Taylor, Imogen Dorsett, Grace Jenkins, Kaeli Billiards, Ryan Weatherby, Luke Fahey, Brent Marsden, William Bate, Kaleb Gowland, Megan Shand, Amelia Rademaker, Lilly Vanderpol, Ashleigh Clarke, Olivia Smith, Lillian Foster, Bailey Thornton, Megan Shand, Amelia Rademaker, Lilly Vanderpol, Ashleigh Clarke, Olivia Smith, Lillian Foster, Bailey Thornton, Megan Shand, Amelia Rademaker

ST GREGORY’S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER
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QUEANBEYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Commencing 8th May 2015
Fridays 4.30-5.30pm
Ages: 4-10yrs
Cost: $85 includes basketball pack
7 weeks clinic
Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
Register now at www.aussiehoops.com.au

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

“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 www.mackillop.act.edu.au for more info.
Wanniassa Campus – Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa
Isabella Campus – Ellerston Avenue, Isabella Plains

NOTICEBOARD

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER
(Please return this slip to your child’s class teacher)

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

Email: ........................................................................................................................................................................
(please print clearly)

Eldest Child’s Name:.............................................................................................................................Class:..........................................

For all your property needs contact Alex Dennison, your local agent and past St. Gregory's student.

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