



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Five, Term Two, 2015
19 May, 2015



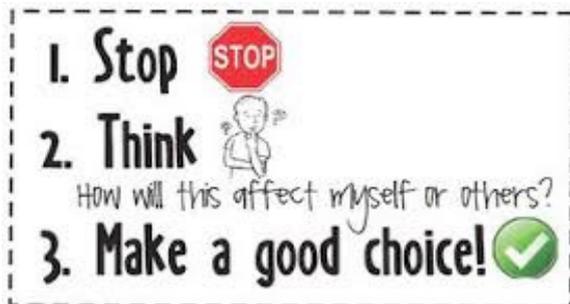
Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday the Year 1 classes from Lowe St led us in our assembly with the focus of Making Good Choices. When it comes to making bad choices it is usually in the small day to day events. When there is a big decision to be made we usually take the time to think things through, weigh up the options and possible consequences. However when faced with an immediate decision we can end up making a poor choice. If we are lucky this poor choice does not have lasting consequences but as we know only too well some poor choices lead to life changing and challenging outcomes.

Kidsmatter define a good decision as one that, on balance, is most likely to lead to a positive outcome for everyone concerned. Children learn to make good decisions with adult guidance and when given opportunities to practise making decisions for themselves. By talking through the steps for decision-making, adults can help children learn how to think decisions through. They also help them understand the important things they need to consider when making decisions.

As St Gregory's when children make a poor choice they can find themselves on Attention. In many settings, including educational the term used is Detention. Detention is a negative word, for example criminals are detained awaiting trial. The reason we use the term Attention is that we are providing a time and place for the student to attend to the issue or behaviour that has resulted in the need for Attention. Attention is conducted every day by a member of the school leadership team. The staff member and student/s discuss the issue/attitude/behaviour that has resulted in the need for Attention. The format follows the Restorative Justice process. What happened? Who was hurt or upset by what happened? What can be done to repair the situation? The emphasis is on the student taking responsibility for their poor choices. As a Catholic school the quality of forgiveness is also very important. We all can and do make mistakes, learning to say sorry and seek forgiveness is important.



May you recognise the many blessings you receive each day,

Claire
**Claire Frazer
Principal**

"It is not small people who ask for forgiveness. It is large hearted, magnanimous, courageous people who are ready to say; what are some of the most difficult words in any language; "I am sorry". But once uttered, they open the way to a new opportunity, the possibility of a new beginning, the chance to start again, having learnt a lesson from the past."
Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1998)

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday 4 May - Friday 22 May
Catholic Schools 2016 Enrolment period

Wednesday 20 May
Archdiocesan Cross Country
Stromlo Forest Park

Thursday 21 May
Year 5 Mass
12:45pm St Gregory's Church

Friday 22 May
Catholic Schools 2016 Enrolment period ends

Sunday 24 May
Year 3 Sports Morning
11am to 1pm Queanbeyan Indoor Centre

Monday 25 May
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Monday 25 May
Open Book Afternoon - 4pm to 6pm

Tuesday 26 May
Reconciliation Walk (Year 6 & indigenous students) - 10:15am to 12pm

Wednesday 27 May - Wednesday 3 June
National Reconciliation Week

Wednesday 27 May
St Edmunds College students to visit Year 6

Wednesday 27 May
Year 6 volunteers to George Forbes House

Wednesday 27 May
National Simultaneous Storytime - 11am

Thursday 28 May
Athletics Carnival (Years 3 - 6)
Wright Park

Friday 29 May
Merici College students to visit Year 6 - 9am

Monday 1 June
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Monday 1 June
Rugby Trials - Yass

Wednesday 3 June
Sullivan Shield Round 1

Wednesday 3 June
ICAS Science Competition



Focus Value for May - "Making Good Choices"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers Brielle (5White) and Riley (2Blue) Carter and family following the death of their great grandfather, Herb on the weekend. We continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers the many members of our community and those known to us who are currently undertaking treatment for cancer.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the students and teachers of 1Gold, 1Red and 1White on the wonderful assembly presentation last Friday. The message about Making Good Choices was very powerful and the story of the Good Samaritan really helped us to understand what making good choices is all about. I would also like to congratulate the rest of the student community on their exemplary audience behaviour.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Congratulations to the students who are wearing full school winter uniform. My thanks also to the parents who support our uniform policy by ensuring that students are adhering to the rules. There are a couple of students who may find themselves on Attention during the next week for continually choosing not to follow school policy in this regard.

FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASSES: Many families from Year 4 attended a parish Mass over the weekend in order to commit themselves to preparing for the reception of First Holy Communion. I would like to thank the many staff members who also attended the Masses to show support for our Year 4 students.

GOOD LUCK: To the students who will be representing the Northern Region at the Archdiocesan Cross Country at Stromlo Forest Park this Wednesday. The Northern Region Team will be managed by a staff member of St Mary's Crookwell.

NR PRINCIPALS MEETING: I will be in Yass all day on Thursday for a meeting with my colleague principals and some staff from the Catholic Education Office.

OPEN CLASSROOMS: A reminder that you have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom this coming Monday 25th May between 3:15pm and 6:00pm. This is an opportunity for children to share with you their learning space and talk about what they do in their classrooms. This is particularly important for parents and carers who, due to work commitments, do not have the opportunity to visit school often. This is not a time for parent teacher interviews, however it may provide a good chance to set up a mutually convenient meeting time if you have any concerns.

WAKAKIRRI: A very excited group of Year 5 students gathered last night for the 2015 Wakakirri Launch. The students, their teachers and parent helpers will now begin the hard work of preparing for the performance. My thanks to Brad Brown, Kristy Poole and Stephanie Ellis for all the extra hours and effort to ensure that our students can have this amazing opportunity!



KIDSMATTER: The brochure this week is the last in the series on Social Development. Next week we will begin sending home brochures about Discipline.

PARENT CONTACTS: I am delighted to report that 25 of our 26 classes now have parent contacts. My thanks to all who have offered to be involved in this important role. 6 White are still waiting...



LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have finished this week - Isaac Kirkpatrick 1Red, Ava Worthington 1Red, Joshua Kirkpatrick 3Red, Bradley Newman 3Red, Angelina Brown 4Red, Mailey Cunningham 4Blue, Olivia Worthington 4Red and Mackenzie Picker 6Gold. We have a total of 254 students participating, 119 are already completing online recording and 41 have completed - fantastic!! 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/>). Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have trouble with your logon or other queries - include your child's name and class. Any questions can be directed to rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au
Thank you - Rosalind Wythes, Library Assistant.

RECONCILIATION WALK



Next Tuesday, 26th May all Aboriginal and Year 6 students will be participating in the Queanbeyan Reconciliation Walk. This is an annual event organised by the local council and is attended by all Queanbeyan and surrounding schools and community elders and councillors. All students will be leaving Ray Morton Park, Trinculo Place at 10:15am and will finish at the Reconciliation Garden, corner Lowe and Campbell Sts. All students will be strictly supervised and will return to school by approximately 12pm - Ryan Matchett.

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



During the months of May and June, the Year 2 students and the St Greg's Mini Vinnies team is asking the whole school community to DONATE any WINTER ITEMS (blankets, beanies, scarves, jumpers, gloves, socks, sleeping bags ,etc) and a CAN OF FOOD to help out the less fortunate families in our local Queanbeyan area. Please go through your wardrobes and cupboards and donate to this very worthwhile appeal. All items will be collected from classrooms each week, with the final collection being made on Thursday 18th June. Thank you for your support.

Principal Awards

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

K Blue	Amelia Mansell
K Gold	Imogen Elmazovski
K Red	Hamish Reid
K White	Lucy McCudden
1 Blue	Curtneey Mangipay
1 Gold	Natahlya Rogers
1 Red	Anthony Oldfield
1 White	Laura Virgo
2 Blue	Brodie Clayton
2 Gold	Shanaathanan Srimanobhavan
2 White	Jeremy Tran
3 Blue	Kate Bartu
3 Gold	Giselle Arona
3 Red	Jacinta Foster
4 Blue	Amelia Seib
4 Gold	Luke Fahey
4 Red	Eden D'Souza
4 White	Sophie Flemming
5 Gold	Anessa Nappo
5 Red	Shae Irvin
5 White	Carys Horrocks
6 Blue	Thomas Donohue
6 Gold	Imogen Coleman
6 White	Lilly Virgo
Library Choir	James Hill, Rose Taylor & Gabby Reynolds Oliver Gannon

SPORT NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY: Good luck to the following students who will compete in the Archdiocesan Cross Country at Stromlo tomorrow - Angelina Brown, Keeva Robinson-McEvoy, Emmett Smith, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Sienna Birnie, Kalen Billiards, Luke Fahey, Meagan Shand, Lillian Foster, Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Christian Barac and Joshua Fahey.

MACKILLOP TRIALS: Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to trial for Mackillop teams: Joshua Fahey - AFL and Opens rugby league and Sienna Birnie - Soccer

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: The St Greg's Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 28th May at Wright Park. All students from Years 3 - 6 will attend. All students will have the opportunity to try field events during sport times leading up to the carnival.

SULLIVAN SHIELD: Students from Years 5 & 6 are invited to represent St Greg's in the Sullivan Shield rugby league competition. The first round being held on Wednesday 3rd June and the second on Wednesday 17th June at Kambah. Please collect a permission note from the front office if interested.

- Matthew Maloney, PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 21 May Help Needed Please
Friday 22 May Bethany Butterfield

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

A new canteen price list has been sent home with this week's newsletter. Please note that pies and sausage rolls are now available Tuesday - Friday at MacQuoid Street and Thursday - Friday at Lowe Street.



JUVENILE DIABETES

The sweetest way
to raise awareness and
funds for type 1 diabetes



Jelly Babies - it's the sweetest way to raise awareness and funds for type one diabetes. For only \$2:00 you can support medical research to help improve the lives of over 120,000 Australian kids and adults living with type one diabetes. To support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation St Gregory's will be selling jelly babies packets at the school offices for \$2:00 each.

OPEN CLASSROOMS

'Open Classrooms'
will be held on
Monday, 25th May, 2015

Classrooms will be open from 3:15pm to 6:00pm.
This is an opportunity for your child to showcase
their bookwork and classroom.

We look forward to seeing you!

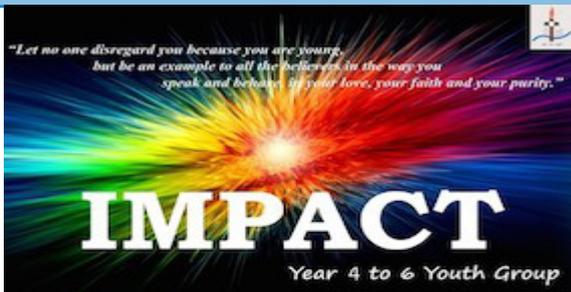
OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

NOTICEBOARD

NetSetGo Netball Skills Program 5-7 Years

ANZ NetSetGO has been developed to provide children from 5 to 7 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball incorporating lots of skill activities, games and fun. The skills program runs for 45 mins on Saturdays from 1:30pm commencing 23rd May to 15th August. Registration is \$90 and each participant receives a t-shirt, netball and participation medal. For more info or to register email sunrisesecretary@outlook.com



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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:.....