



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Six, Term Two, 2015
26 May, 2015



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently undertaken a review of what was our Student Behaviour Management Policy now known as the St Gregory's Primary School Student Behaviour Guidance Policy. The review was undertaken by the school wellbeing team facilitated by our wellbeing coordinator, Ben Mockler, in consultation with staff and parent representatives. The following is taken from the introduction to this policy.

'So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them.' (Gen 1:27)

At St Gregory's, developing self-discipline is a shared responsibility that enables the growth and development of all. The opportunity to enhance personal capacity and develop socially, emotionally, spirituality, cognitively, and physically is paramount to the success of our students.

St Gregory's has a large and diverse student body, committed and proactive staff community, Leadership Team, School Council, Parent Network and Parish Team. These groups work together to support the school and wider community to successfully achieve its goals with optimism and faith.

POLICY FRAMEWORK

We believe that behaviour and emotions are linked, therefore we embed social and emotional learning into our curriculum. We value the development of strong relationships, personal spirituality and reaching ones potential in all we do. KidsMatter is used as a framework to assist our school personnel in supporting students, teachers and families to promote Mental Health and Wellbeing.

At St Gregory's, the Student Behaviour Guidance Policy and the KidsMatter initiative are supported by the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) framework. The primary aim of SWPBS is to improve educational outcomes for students. It achieves this through

- Preventing behaviour problems
- Managing existing issues positively and consistently
- Developing skills and knowledge in schools for improved learning and teaching
- Creating and maintaining an ever improving school environment.

I look forward to sharing more about our policy.

Last weekend we celebrated Pentecost, this is recognised as the birth of the Catholic Church. It was when the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus, descended on the apostles. The apostles then moved from being frightened and hiding in a locked room to becoming courageous messengers of Jesus. The readings at Mass reminded me of the gifts that the Holy Spirit offers me, *'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.'* Galatians 5

May you recognise the many blessings you receive each day,

Claire

**Claire Frazer
Principal**

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 27 May - Wednesday 3 June
National Reconciliation Week

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 - Friday 5 June
Sabbath Week

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 - Kambah

Wednesday 3 June
ICAS Science Competition

Monday 8 June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 12 June
CCC/CPS Cross Country
Eastern Creek

Friday 12 June
First Eucharist Students Retreat
St Raphael's Hall - 12:30pm to 3pm

Saturday 13 June
First Eucharist
St Raphael's Church - 5:30pm

Sunday 14 June
First Eucharist
St Raphael's Church - 9am and 11am

Monday 15 June
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Monday 15 June
My Body My Life Year 6 night
7pm St Gregory's Hall



Focus Value for May - "Making Good Choices"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: We continue to hold in our prayers those in our community and those we love who are currently undergoing treatment for cancer. As the colder weather comes we also think of and pray for those in our community who are homeless. Please keep in your prayers David Elward father of Claire (5Gold) who was involved in a serious motorbike accident on the weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: Kate and Garreth Wigg on the safe arrival of their daughter Ruby Louise last Friday. Congratulations also to Lachlan (5 Red) and BJ (3 Gold) Fitzpatrick on the birth of a baby sister and to Riley Willis-Callahan (6 White) on the birth of a baby brother.

NSW AFL: Congratulations to Josh Fahey who has been selected in the NSW AFL team. Well done!

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Archdiocesan Cross Country last Wednesday. Special congratulations to Meagan Shand, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Sienna Birnie, Kalen Billiards and Joshua Fahey who will now go on to represent the Archdiocese at the CCC/CPS Cross Country.

2016 ENROLMENT: The official enrolment period for Catholic Schools in the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese closed last Thursday. Yesterday I began the enrolment interviews. I very much enjoy this opportunity to meet new parents or reconnect with our current parents to talk about their expectations of our school. If you know of any families that are planning to enrol children for next year and have not already submitted forms please advise them to do so as soon as possible.

CEFPI CONFERENCE DELEGATES VISIT: CEFPI is the Council of Educational Facility Planners International. CEFPI is a worldwide organisation sharing knowledge, experiences and best practices in planning, designing and building great learning environments. Yesterday and this afternoon we hosted a group of about 45 delegates visit St Gregory's to view our newest buildings and also our oldest – our beautiful St Gregory's Church.

REGISTRATION VISIT: St Gregory's participated in an extremely successful registration panel visit last Tuesday and Wednesday. The panel made some very positive comments in relation to our school, particularly the strong sense of community and the positive relationships that are evident between the parish, parents, students, staff and wider community. When I have received the final registration report I will share the commendations and recommendations made by the panel. I would like to take this opportunity for thanking the staff for their professionalism, diligence and passion in preparing for the panel visit. My thanks to the parents (School Community Council and Parent Contacts) who met with the panel informally on Tuesday evening, the panel reported that the parents in attendance could not speak more highly about the school.

BUS INTERCHANGE: I received an email last Friday from a concerned member of the community. It would be appreciated if you your child is in this area that you remind them of demonstrating respect and safe behaviour. *'I catch the bus every morning from the Crawford street interchange and during the week a group of about 15-20 children are running around in the foot path along the home base shop. They are screaming very loudly, throw the football and basketball. My concern is they might hit one of the elderly citizens or if the ball hits the shop window (on one occasion it has) or if the ball ends up on the road. Crawford Street is a busy street from 8am and all morning. My concern is for the safety of the children and citizens. Let me say it's great to see them having a great time and laughing and doing some outdoor activity. I just think the balls and running around on a busy area in the morning is not the best place for it.'*

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME: Will be held tomorrow. The story this year is The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey. It is a great book about sibling rivalry which perhaps some of our families experience! Information about the book and the Simultaneous Reading campaign can be found at <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Is scheduled for this Thursday at Wright Park. I thank Matthew Maloney for his work in preparing for this day.



KIDSMATTER: This week is about focusing on the behaviour you want rather than focusing on the behaviour you do not want. St Greg's operates with the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. Our 3 school rules are worded positively Be, Show and Stay rather than Don't.



LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have finished this week Billy Greentree KRed, Jonathon KWhite and Charlotte Green 5White. We have a total of 254 students participating, 131 are already completing online recording and 44 have completed - fantastic!! We have our class pizza challenge running again and we have two classes KWhite and 1Red each with 4 students completed. 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

LAMONT BOOK CLUB

Issue 3, 2015 has arrived back at school and items have been handed out to students.
Thank you - Rosalind Wythes, Library Assistant.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 28 May Michelle Welch
Friday 29 May Tamara Palmer

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

SPORT NEWS

NSW AFL: Congratulations to Josh Fahey who has been selected in the NSW AFL team!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: All students from Years 3 - 6 will attend the Athletics Carnival this week, Thursday 28th May at Wright Park.

SPIKES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN FOR ANY EVENT ON THURSDAY.

ARCH CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to the following students who will compete as part of the Archdiocesan team at the CCC/CPS Cross Country in Sydney in June - Meagan Shand, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Sienna Birnie, Kalen Billiards and Joshua Fahey.

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

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe,
Be Fair,
Show Respect.

JUVENILE 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 lolly packets at the school offices for \$2:00 each.



NOTICEBOARD



Host: Tracey Berry 0413 090 049
Date: Thursday 28th May
Where: Ukrainian Hall, Cnr MacQuoid and Atkinson
Streets, Queanbeyan
Time: 9:30am to 11:30am
Theme: "Pink"
Please bring a plate to share - thank you



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:.....



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:.....