



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Eight, Term Two, 2015
9 June, 2015

Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our current policy regarding student behaviour is called the St Gregory's Primary School Student Behaviour Guidance Policy. The term behaviour guidance implies that appropriate student behaviour is learned and this approach is supported by the Early Years Learning Development Framework for all children aged from birth to 8 years.

A positive approach to understanding and responding to challenging behaviours in children requires a respect for children and their rights. The Convention on the Rights of the Child states 'that the child should be fully prepared to live an individual life in society, and brought up in the spirit of the ideals proclaimed in the charter of the United Nations, and in particular in the spirit of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality, and solidarity' © *Community Child Care Victoria 2011*

As such, the Convention on the Rights of the Child challenges educators to consider how to respond to and support children with behaviours that challenge them. Families and educators all need to be involved in adopting a positive approach to helping children understand and acquire social skills, as well as teaching children about the consequences of particular behaviours. Moreover, adults play a pivotal role in teaching children about socially acceptable and responsible behaviours. It is important that educators are aware that learning about pro-social behaviour and acquiring social skills is not easy. A testament to this is reflected in the fact that many adults are yet to master such skills themselves. In thinking about this, educators begin to view children's behaviour as trial and error or 'mistaken behaviour' rather than intentional behaviour or 'misbehaviour'. Behaviours that educators deem to be challenging may in fact be experimental, and as such can be understood as the child exploring the world around them and learning what it means to be an individual in relationships with other individuals. It is important to remember that there is always a trigger or catalyst for behaviours adults deem to be 'inappropriate'. In determining an appropriate response to these behaviours it is helpful for educators to try to understand the triggers and what the child, through the behaviour, may be attempting to communicate to us.

Teachers understand that their pastoral role of students supports the development of consistent and effective personal behaviour and the student's ongoing journey towards self-discipline.

'Student behaviour policies and procedures in Catholic schools should seek to protect personal and school community safety, heal destructive behaviours, restore relationships, encourage reconciliation, enhance wellbeing, foster responsibility, enable personal growth and promote the common good.' Based on Pastoral Care of Students in Catholic Schools Policy.

The stronger the connection between home and school, the stronger the shared sense of responsibility for our children the greater the outcome for students learning to be the best that they can be.

May you recognise your gifts each day,

Claire

**Claire Frazer
Principal**

CHILDREN NEED
TO LEARN TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THEIR ACTIONS SO
THAT THEY DO NOT
BECOME ADULTS
BELIEVING THAT
NOTHING IS EVER
THEIR FAULT.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday 12 June

CCC/CPS Cross Country - Eastern Creek

First Eucharist Students Retreat
St Gregory'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

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

Tuesday 16 June

ICAS Spelling Competition

Wednesday 17 June

Sullivan Shield Round 2 - Kambah

Thursday 18 June

ICAS Writing Competition

Friday 19 June

Whole School Assembly (3 Gold & 3 Red)
St Gregory's Hall - 12:30pm

Monday 22 June

Bookings OPEN for Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews

CPS Rugby Trials - Forbes

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

My Body My Life Year 5 night
7pm St Gregory's Hall

Tuesday 23 June

School Council Meeting
6pm Lowe Street Staffroom

Wednesday 24 June

Year 6 volunteers to George Forbes House
11:15am to 1:15pm

Semester One Reports sent home

Thursday 25 June

Year 3 Mass - 12:45pm St Gregory's Church

Friday 26 June

END OF TERM TWO



Focus Value for June - "Believe In Yourself"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers Janessa Docking and her family. Last weekend the father of Janessa's husband Mitch died very suddenly from a heart attack. We continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers the many members of our community who are currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Milly Lawrence-Killaly (K Blue) on the birth of a baby sister.



FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT DAY: This Friday the children preparing for their First Eucharist will be having their retreat day. During this time the children will be rehearsing for the Mass.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Please keep in your prayers the children from Year 4 and from the wider parish who will be receiving Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 9am and 11am. We pray that this first Eucharist will be the beginning of life long intimate relationship with their God.

JUNE THEME: *Believe in Yourself!* I have had the opportunity to meet with a group of Year 6 girls over the last week. It has highlighted how important our theme for June is for our students. So often the incidents that I am called to 'referee' have as their base a poor sense of self.

SAFETY WARNING: A report was made to Queanbeyan Police last Friday about a man harassing some students as they walked to school. The incidents have occurred in the Sister Park – the park located on MacQuoid Street. The police have identified the man involved and have spoken to him. If your child uses this park as a short cut to school please make them aware of these incidents. If your child reports an incident to you please report it immediately to Queanbeyan Police. The school will notify police if any incidents are reported at school.

SILOAM GATHERING: I will be away from school from 2pm this afternoon (Tuesday) and all day Wednesday. I will be meeting up with a group of peer principals in Galong for a time of learning and prayer.

WELCOME BACK: We welcome back Garreth Wigg following two weeks of paternity leave. I have no doubt that Garreth had a wonderful time with his beautiful new daughter Ruby.

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS: Just a reminder to parents and carers that you do not have to wait for the formal parent/teacher interview time if you have concerns that you wish to discuss with teachers. The best way to do this is to send a request for a meeting time via email to your child's teacher. If by chance you do not have a response in the time frame as set out in our communication policy please contact me directly.

FIRST AID: This Thursday after school the staff will be undertaking the CPR Refresher training that we are obliged to complete every 12 months. Next week the staff will complete the annual anaphylaxis and asthma training.



KIDSMATTER: The brochure this week outlines what constitutes effective discipline and strategies for decreasing undesired behaviours.



LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have finished this week - **Noah Gannon 1Gold, Timothy Sibraa 1White, Sarah Taloni 1Red, Finn Beasley 3White, Eric Carino 4White and Oliver Gannon 4White.** We have a total of 255 students participating, 138 are already completing online recording and 52 have completed - fantastic!!

The class pizza challenge is running and 1Red has hit the front with 5 students completed, KWhite and 4White are runners up 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

Important Rule for PRC Readers

PRC encourages students to read widely and it is for this reason that with the series books (eg, Zac Powers, My Australian story) on the PRC booklist you can only read any 2 books as PRC books. You can read up to 5 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. Therefore a student can only read 7 books in one series for PRC and then only 2 from various series after this. Please remember this rule when recording online. Thank you - Rosalind Wythes, Library Assistant.

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



During the month of 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 on Thursday 18th June. Thank you for your support.

LOST PROPERTY

Charlie Watson from 1Red has lost his wool jumper with his name ironed on the inside. It's been lost for a few weeks. Can you please check jumpers to ensure your child has the correct one? Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 11 June

Erika O'Brien

Friday 12 June

Leesa Hughes

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

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe, Be Fair, Show Respect.

Congratulations to the following students who received a blue band in April/May for exceeding school rules.

Ian-James Bassett, Lillian Howlett, Lleyton Margules, Oliver Morgan, Trinity Debenham, Briony Gagliardi, Jessie Willis, Jorjia Blakey, Alexandra Bower, Jonathon Ryan, Tristan Stewart, Vivian Tao, Jackson Wells, Grace Carswell, Noah Gannon, Imogen Hales, Tyren McCudden, Alivia Nappo, Amelia Richardson, Sara Tufui, Cecelia Welch, Aleisha Worner, Slater Hollis-Millwood, Evie Illingworth, Janelle Kauseni, Stella McKinnon, Kate Munoz, Sarah Taloni, Sarah Bartu, Liam Dwyer, Chris Hodges, Laura Virgo, Scott Duus, Angus Lyons, Gabriel Francis, Joshua Funnell, Rhiannon O'Brien, Logan Monahan, Peter Murray, Niamh Billiards, Meaalii Faatamala, Oliver Gannon, Sem McNeill, Jackson Upton, Grace Hayes and Riley Willis- Callahan.

NSWPSSA RAFFLE

Josh Fahey is fundraising to support his selection in the NSW AFL team. A raffle book is at the office with tickets available to be purchased at \$2-00 each.

1st Prize: Laptop Notebook Computer

2nd Prize: LED TV

3rd Prize: Ipod shuffle

4th Prize: Ipod shuffle

5th Prize: Ipod shuffle

Drawn Monday 12th October

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION - YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Parents of Year 6 students are invited to register their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated in St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th September 2015.

The children must have already celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Please log onto the parish website to download the necessary paperwork at:

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/confirmation/>

Please download, complete and return the registration form to stg.sacramental@cg.catholic.org.au

Please print out the schedule of events and keep it handy for important dates in preparation for this sacrament. Payment of \$40 can be made via the online payment option at our parish website:

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/engine-room/online-payments/>

Please call the parish office on 62994611 if you have any further questions regarding this sacrament.

NB: Clash of dates with Confirmation & Wakakirri

The Confirmation dates are Tuesday 8th AND Wednesday 9th September, 2015.

The FINAL for Wakakirri awards are the 9th ONLY. We may not get in to the finals, but just in case parents may wish to choose the Tuesday for the sacrament!

Thank you - Lauren Macdonald REC.



NOTICEBOARD



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St Gregory's Parish will be hosting their first ever Winter Sleep-out!

This will be done in collaboration with the St Vincent de Paul Society in Canberra. Open to all school children from Years 4-12.

The event will run from 5pm Friday 19th June until 9am Saturday 20th June.

See fliers at MacQuoid office with permission slip on the back.

Children without a signed permission slip and required donation, unfortunately will not be allowed to attend.

Contact: William Mathieson's Mobile: 0403 614 911

Volunteers are required to cook and supply a pot of soup for this event. Please let the parish know if you are able to help out - 6299 4611. Thank you.

Alfred Deakin High School presents

Acting, Singing, Dancing to Camera

July holiday workshops run by NIDA graduates!

Our teachers are all professional performers with training from NIDA and have appeared in many TV ads, musicals and film clips.

Performance Classes
Off the Beaten Track
NIDA Canberra course in Canberra

3 Days - Acting, Singing, Dancing to Camera

TV scenes, be in a commercial, present your own tv show, film clips, funny dance moves, and a showing for family and friends on the last day.

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| Venue | Alfred Deakin High School |
| Ages | All |
| Dates | Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July (Option of Wed - Fri available) |
| Time | 5am - 3pm |
| Cost | \$400 |

Call Olivia on 0408 466 006 or email performanceclasses@gmail.com to enrol today



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:.....