Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is Child Protection Week. Our children are very precious. Even in our community there are children and adults who have been abused or neglected in some form or another. For some it is obvious and for others, it's a secret held very tightly. As educators, it is our role to support and nurture all our students – we can never assume the little people in our care feel safe and loved, all of the time.

The 2015 National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) Child Protection Week Campaign continues to stress the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia. Child Protection Week is an opportunity to recognise the important work of individuals and organisations that work with children, young people and their families.

It’s important to celebrate our children, their achievements and interests and support them when times are tough. As parents and educators we need to be good listeners. It could be that at some time during their childhood they might be seeking help.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 18:10

This Thursday is “RUOK? Day”. Asking, “Are you okay?” is one way to start a conversation with someone whom you are concerned about. From here you listen, without interrupting, to what they say. Encourage them to take action in some form if you feel that might help. Follow up with the person and keep in touch. It’s important to let them know you are always around to help. Conversations do make a difference, and we can help people through life’s ups and downs. The big, yellow RUOK? bus will be visiting St Gregory’s tomorrow morning. The Year 6 students will participate in activities.

May peace be in your families,

Julie Wiley
Principal (Acting)
From the Principal……

**PRAYERS:** The Agius family (Patrick K Red) and baby Alexis.

To our Year 6 Confirmation candidates who will receive the Sacrament tonight and tomorrow night. We pray the Holy Spirit grants them the gifts and fruits needed to become fully initiated into God’s Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Marshall Phillips (K White) on the arrival of a baby brother.

To the netballers who travelled by bus to Penrith last Tuesday, leaving very early in the morning! They had a great day and represented St Gregory’s with great pride. Thank you.

To Olivia Smith (6 Blue), Aimee Perrett (3 Red) and Eden D’Souza (4 Red) who represented Northern Region at the Archdiocesan Public Speaking competition last Friday. Olivia and Aimee were Runners Up in their age group. Well done!

Congratulations and all the very best to our Year 5 students who will perform at Canberra Theatre tomorrow night at the Wakakirri finals. I wish I could be there, but I will be at Confirmation. I know they will do their teachers proud…again!

**THANK YOU:** To all the volunteers in our community who helped out on St Gregory’s Day. We certainly could not have provided lunch for all our students without your help. Thanks also to Michelle Welch (Patrick, Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Cecilia) for making this amazing cake for the staff.

**SEPTEMBER THEME:** Look On The Bright Side – As Helen Keller said, “Keep your face to the sun and you will never see shadows.”

**KIDSMATTER:** Building Protective factors - Protective factors are conditions in families and communities that, when present, increase the health and wellbeing of children and families. Factors, such as social connections and resilience, work together to reinforce each other; for example, children are more likely to be resilient in times of stress when they have social connections and a feeling of security.

**SINGFEST:** All the best to our choir this Friday night as they participate in Singfest at Trinity College in Goulburn. I am very much looking forward to hearing their beautiful voices! Special thanks to Mrs Dee McFaul, our Choir Master, for all the hard work and extra hours she has put in to the choir this year. Parents, students and teachers alike appreciate your dedication in ensuring they are “performance ready.”

**ST GREGORY’S RAFFLE:** Ist prize $1,000 Coles Myer voucher, 2nd prize $500 Coles Myer voucher and 3rd Prize $200 Coles Myer voucher. Tickets are only $10 each. The raffle will be drawn at the school disco on Friday, 30th October. If you would like to purchase a ticket please visit either school office or send money to school in an envelope with your name and contact details clearly marked.

**HOMEWORK SURVEY:** The Curriculum Team are in the process of reviewing the current Homework Policy for St Gregory’s students. You are invited to complete a short survey regarding homework. The survey is available online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8F9282X](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8F9282X) until the end of term (paper copies are also available at Lowe or MacQuoid offices). All surveys are anonymous. Thanking you in advance for your participation, your thoughts are vital to the process.
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SPORT NEWS

PENRITH NETBALL CARNIVAL - Congratulations to our netballers who represented St Gregs at the NSWCPS Carnival in Penrith last week. Both teams played extremely well and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to the many parents and carers who travelled to coach, manage and cheer the teams. Special mention to the 10Years team who were the winners of their division. They were proudly displaying their medals as they got off the bus back at school that afternoon.


12 Years Team - Tijana Petrovski, Hulita Fainga’a, Ebonnie Mallia, Mackenzee Picker, Mia Enright, Gabrielle Reynolds and Amelie Rademaker.

MACKILLOP ATHLETICS - Good luck to the students competing at Homebush on Monday for Mackillop Athletics. Madeline Bennett (3 Blue), Lauren Russell (6 White), Mia Cachia (6 White), Gianna Ashman (6 Gold), Josh Fahey (6 Blue) & Skyla Robinson-McEvoy (5 White).

SEND YOUR NAME TO MARS

You and your family have an opportunity to send your name(s) to Mars on next NASA Mars Mission which is due for launch in March 2016. The spacecraft is called INSIGHT. NASA is currently collecting names to be placed on a microchip which will be placed in the spacecraft.

HOWEVER, THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 (11:59P.M. ET [US time]) It takes one minute to register.

To find out more about the Insight Spacecraft and its Mission, follow this link: http://insight.jpl.nasa.gov/home.cfm

To register follow this link: http://mars.nasa.gov/participate/send-your-name/insight/

(If you have not registered with NASA before, you will need to fill out the ‘NEW FLYERS’ form).

If you register, you can also print off a “Boarding Pass” with the registered name on it as a momento.

Any questions please contact Greg Tarrant - gregory.tarrant@cg.catholic.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 10 September  Julie Worner
Friday 11 September  Lyn Smith

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

LIBRARY NEWS

JUNIOR COLOURING COMPETITION

Thank you for the effort students have put into completing and returning the bookmarks showing their favourite books. They look fantastic in our display in the Lowe Street library.

The entries for the Book Week Creative Art Competition were also impressive and made judging challenging! These are the winners:

**Kindergarten**

Neatest entries: William Hall & Josie Hill
Most creative: Milly Lawrence-Killaly & Cohen Goodchild

**Year 1**

Neatest entries: Aleisha Worner & Taiah Dunn
Most creative: Aleisha Worner & Charles Watson

**Year 2**

Neatest entries: Eva Rowley, Heath Herr & Yashmeen Dandiwal
Most creative: Jackson Hall & Gabe Francis

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe, Be Fair, Show Respect.

Congratulations to the following students who received a blue band in August:


RU OK?

RU OK? is coming to St Gregs in a bright yellow bus as part of their national tour. It’s all about celebrating our family and friends who take the time to listen, to encourage and follow up. And they need our help to show Australia the power of a conversation! We’re hosting an event with the crew, which is all about giving a big old fashioned thanks to the people who ask “RU OK?”

All Year 6 students will be involved in a morning session tomorrow, Wednesday the 9th September from 10:30am. Parents and Carers are encouraged to attend to show support and also gain some valuable insight into the aim and purpose behind the RU OK? initiative. A small morning tea will be provided.

RU OK? is a national charity whose mission is to empower and inspire us all to ask “are you ok?” regularly and meaningfully of one another. Find out more here: https://www.ruok.org.au
NOTICEBOARD

Queanbeyan Little Athletics

Online Registration
from 1 September at www.qlac.org.au

Registration Afternoons & Uniform Sales
Saturday 5th & Sunday 13th September 2015
12 noon to 4pm at Wright Park Sheds
* Proof of age is required for all new registrations

Season start, ‘Come and Try’ Day & Age Marshall Training
Saturday 17th October 2015
8.30am to 11am at Wright Park

Competition Commences
Saturday 25th October 2015
8.30am to 11am at Wright Park

Family, Fun, Fitness Season starts 17 October 2015!

Wright Park
Old Sydney Road
Queanbeyan
(behind Roger/Carruthers Public School)
For further information visit our website:
www.qlac.org.au
For registration questions email:
register@qlac.org.au

QUEANBEYAN JUNIOR CRICKET
Registrations for the 2015-16 Season
Ages 4-16
Girls and Boys all welcome.

Dates & venues as follows:
Riverside Plaza
Saturday, 29th August
from 9am – 12pm
Thursday, 3rd September
from 5pm – 8:30pm
Saturday, 5th September
from 9am – 12pm
Freebody Pavilion
Saturday, 12th September
from 9am-12pm

Or follow this link.
www.queanbeyancricket.com/
site/juniors

CAR POOLING REQUIRED
Does your child train at Southern Canberra Gymnastics Club in Erindale? Are you interested in sharing pick-ups and drop-offs on Tuesdays and Thursdays? Please call Yvonne Carroll on 0490191723 or email mpc222@gmail.com

AIA Vitality MINI ROOS

SPRING SOCCER

13 OCT - 15 DEC 2015

Who: Boys and Girls U6 - U9 (Individual or Team)
When: Tuesday Nights 6.30pm-7.30pm
Where: Taylor Park Queanbeyan
Cost: $60pP ($45 for New Registrations)
Info: 19.9.15 @ Riverside Soccer Club 1.00-4.00pm
Rego: www.qcfc.com.au
Registration Tab Player Registration
Follow the links to FFA
Contact: Mick 0481 043 232
mick082@bigpond.com

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GET READY WEEKEND

PREPARE ACT SURVIVE

13 SEPTEMBER 10am – 1pm
COME AND TALK TO YOUR LOCAL BRIGADE ABOUT THE FIRE RISK IN YOUR AREA. IT COULD SAVE YOUR FAMILY AND HOME FROM BUSH FIRES.

Ridgeway RFB
2 Highland Ct
The Ridgeway

TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO RFS.NSW.GOV.AU
ST GREG’S & HOME IN QBN TRIVIA NIGHT

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