



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week One, Term Three, 2015
14 July, 2015



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I would never have imagined that I'd be writing this whilst stranded in Bali. Now I know what you are all thinking...and if I wasn't in this situation I would be thinking the same thing! Believe me, at this point in time, I'd much prefer to be home and at work! It's been quite stressful not knowing what's going on, being told the next available flight out is on the 27th of July, organising accommodation for an indefinite amount of time and checking the skies for the sound of aircraft and volcanic ash! I have prayed a lot and have also found myself saying over and over, "There are people here who are worse off than us". We have met many people here (nothing like an erupting volcano and airport closure to get people to engage with each other) who are desperate to get home for many different reasons; they have no money, no medication, children back in Australia, work commitments, and so on. It's times like this you fully appreciate living in Australia and knowing our systems and infrastructures are world class.

I have been thinking a lot about the Serenity Prayer. This prayer was up in our kitchen when I was growing up.

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*

I welcome back all teachers, students and parents to Term 3. A very special welcome to our new families. I know all teachers have been preparing for Term 3 during the break and are ready for a busy term ahead. We have many events on this term and I invite you to attend as many as you can.

On Monday staff participated in a Spirituality Day at the Botanic Gardens. This was run by Patrick McGrath from Catholic Education. Although I was unable to be present, I heard the staff found the day to be one of reflection and faith. It is such a privilege to be working in a Catholic School, where staff are encouraged to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and each other.

**Until I return,
May peace be in your families,**

**Julie Wiley
Principal (Acting)**

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 24 June - Monday 20 July
Bookings OPEN for optional parent/teacher interviews

Tuesday 14 July - Friday 17 July
1 Red Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 16 July
Year 2 and 1 Blue Prayer Liturgy
St Gregory's Church - 12:45pm

Friday 17 July
100 Days of Kinder celebrations
NSWPSSA Cross Country
Eastern Creek

Sunday 19 July
Fr Pat Power 50th Anniversary Mass and morning tea - St Raphael's Church - 9am

Monday 20 July
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
Lowe Street MPR - 9am to 10am

Monday 20 July - Friday 24 July
Optional parent/teacher interviews

Tuesday 21 July
Confirmation Parent Information Night 1
St Gregory's Hall - 7pm to 8pm

Wednesday 22 July
Year 6 volunteers to George Forbes House

Thursday 23 July
Northern Region Athletics - Goulburn
Year 1 (Lowe St) Prayer Liturgy
Lowe Street MPR - 12:45pm

Friday 24 July
NAIDOC Mass
St Christopher's Cathedral - 9:30am

Grandfriend's Day
Lowe Street - 9am to 11am
MacQuoid Street - 11:45am to 1:40pm

Saturday 25 July
Confirmation Commitment Mass
St Raphael's Church - 5:30pm

Friday 24 July
Confirmation Commitment Mass
St Raphael's Church - 9:00am



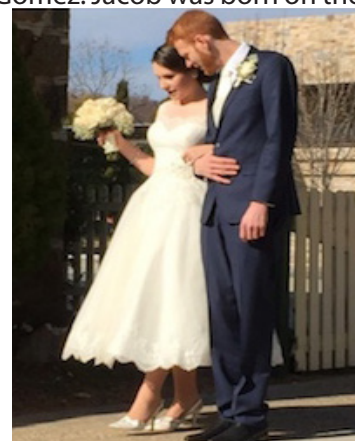
Focus Value for July - "Show Tolerance"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: To all the people in our community who are struggling in some way at the moment. May they know God's love is always present. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Agius family (Patrick - K Red). Sympathy is extended to Joshua Martin (4 Blue) and family on the death of his Grandfather, Colin Lyons.

CONGRATULATIONS: Des, Liz and big brother Isaac on the birth of Jacob Raymond Gomez. Jacob was born on the 28th of June. Everyone is doing well.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Françoise Garrett (6 White teacher) and James Hewson on their wedding during the holidays. Miss Garrett made a beautiful bride. I know you join with me in wishing Fron and James every happiness.



WELCOME BACK: Mrs Kristi Lloyd who is returning to St Greg's for 2 days a week – Thursday in 3 White and Friday in 6 Gold. We also welcome Mr Josh Vaughan to 3 Blue for the next two weeks whilst Des is on Paternity Leave.

THANK YOU: To Michael Bower and the wonderful volunteers who helped out at the Lowe Street working bee on the first Saturday of the holidays. The Kinder courtyard area has been cleared, ready for some exciting inclusions. Watch this space!

JULY THEME: *Show Tolerance*. Tolerance means respecting and learning from others, valuing differences, bridging cultural gaps and discovering common ground. Tolerance, in many ways, is the opposite of prejudice. Behaviours that disrespect and hurt others, like being mean, bullying, lying or stealing, should not be tolerated. Tolerance also means treating others the way you would like to be treated.

100 DAYS OF KINDER: This Friday we celebrate 100 days of Kinder. Wow! Both teachers, parents and students made it! Our Kinder students have grown in many ways over the 100 days.

GRANDFRIENDS DAY: A reminder that we have Grandfriend's Day next Friday, the 24th of July. We welcome our grandfriends to Lowe St at 9am and to MacQuoid St at 11:45am.



KIDSMATTER: This term we begin the series on Happy Families work together. Research on communication in families shows the importance of parents and carers communicating warmth and caring and also setting clear expectations for children's behaviour.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held next week (Week 2). 1 Red interviews will be held this week as previously advised. Bookings can be made online. **Bookings close Monday, 20th July.** Click on the PTO logo on the school website <http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au> Your PIN is the same as used earlier this year. Please contact Jane King (6297 2221) if you are unsure of your PIN or have misplaced it. Teachers are generally available in the mornings from 8:15am and after school till 5:00pm provided they do not have a duty or are not involved in meetings. Please be mindful of your 15 minute timeslot; if you require more time, please make a separate time to meet with the teacher.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: A further reminder that correct school shoes are to be worn at all times. Black runners/sneakers are not a substitute for black leather school shoes. Further details can be found on the school website.

SUPERVISION: Staff are on duty from 8:30am to 3:15pm. If students arrive at school prior to 8:30am they are not supervised. Other care arrangements should be made.



RE RESOURCE WEBSITE

The school has subscribed to this website as a trial for the rest of the year and would love parent feedback.

<http://understandingfaith.edu.au/>

Username: ceo.cg.quean

Password: zxX5YvJfeP

Thank you, Lauren Macdonald, REC

OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

Congratulations to the following students who received a blue band in June for exceeding school rules. William Hall, Campbell Madden, Lucy Mudge, Bradley Tiller, Brydie Beasley, Bella Bromwich, Imogen Elmazovski, William Smith, Josie Hill, Hayden Lasker, Liam Carroll, Kathleen Connelly, Courtney Flack, Alexandra Jeffery, Holly Toretto, Siarna Cahill, Johnny-Ray Maiolo, Cecilia Welch, Christopher Hodges, Alyce Greentree, Yashmeen Dandiwal, Harry Munoz, Elizabeth Sinclair, Makayla Mallia, Amelie Wells & Alison Bielecki.

LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following nine students who have finished over the July break - Phoenix Hamlin KRed, Sienna Hamlin KRed, Alexandra Jeffery KWhite, Jackson Hall 2Gold, Ava Langeveld 2White, William-John Bassett 3Blue, Alison Bielecki 4White, Taylor Green 4White and Sem McNeill 4White. We have a total of 255 students participating, 214 are already completing online recording and 78 have completed - fantastic!! **We have our class pizza challenge running and 4 White are in front with 17 students completed.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have trouble with your logon or any other queries - please include your child's full name and class in any email. 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 the series books (eg Zac Powers, My Australian Story) on the PRC booklist, you can read any two books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. Therefore a student can only read 7 books in one series for PRC list and then only 2 from various series after this. Please remember this rule when recording online.

Book Fair at MacQuoid

Comin in August - watch in next week's Newsletter for dates and details of our competitions.

Overdue Notes

I will be sending overdue notes home this week as a reminder for next weeks Library lessons. I'm asking you to look at home for the books - please don't panic if you don't find them at home, because they are often in classrooms or student desks at school. At the end of the year we stocktake and that picks up any that may have made to the shelves without being checked in and teachers also bring back class loans and clear student desks - it is only then we believe they are really lost. - Rosalind Wythes, Library Assistant.

Principal Awards

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

K Blue	Seth Marsden
K Gold	Raffaele Gagliardi
K Red	Orlando Blazeski
K White	Marshall Phillips
1 Blue	Aiden Seivers
1 Gold	Riley Nash
1 Red	Sarah Taloni
1 White	Ava Rhule
2 Blue	Harry Munoz
2 Gold	Isabel Hagel and Angus Lyons
2 White	Ava Langeveld
3 Blue	Hayden Ozimek
3 Gold	Anjali Guleria
3 Red	Taylah Ross
4 Blue	Elizabeth Welch
4 Gold	Hannah Zutt
4 Red	James Hill
4 White	Kaleb Gowland
5 Gold	Meagan Shand
5 White	Caleb Quinn
6 Blue	Thomas Dues
6 Gold	Daniel Joveski
6 White	Holly Giddings
Millionaires	Blake Hambrook, Clay Eldridge, Jacynthah Blakey and Lara Burstow
Gold Band	Stella McKinnon

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Isabella Barac (6 White) who represented ACT U13's in the FFA Youth National Soccer Championships in Coffs Harbour last week. Her team won the tournament and Isabella was named **PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT**. An amazing achievement!

GOOGLE APPS



This Term, 6 Gold will begin trialling the use of Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education. Each student will be provided with their own laptop and Google education account. This trial will inform decisions and planning for next year, as we aim to have Chromebooks for all Year 6 students in 2016.

6 Gold have been chosen to trial the program as our school ICT Coordinator, Garreth Wigg, is also 6 Gold's class teacher.

If you would like more information about the trial, please visit the 'e-Learning' page on the school website (<http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/elearning/>).

Parents of our current Year 5 students should note that on Monday, 14th September (Week 10, Term 3) at 7:00pm the school be holding a Google Apps for Education and Chromebook information evening. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 16 July

Julie Woner

Friday 17 July

Lyn Smyth

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



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 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.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN



Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

NOTICEBOARD

UNIFORMS FOR SALE

2 of the new tracksuits – 4 to 6 months old – size 8 and 10.

3 school bags in very good condition – one of which is only 4 months old.

School shirts – sizes 8 and 10 in good condition.

2 ties.

2 pairs school pants – size 8 and 10 in good condition – again one of which is only 4 months old.

Prices negotiable.

Ph : 0408 301 316

Queanbeyan District Basketball



Enrolment/Payment Night
Term 3 Social Basketball

Day/Date: Thursday 16th July 2015
Time: 5:00 -7:30pm

Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
Cnr Southbar Rd & Cooma St

Contact Rosie E: pete35@tpg.com.au
Grades - Kindergarten to Year 6

Contact Carole E: cjduvall@hotmail.com
High School and Senior Men & Women



Register now at
www.aussiehoops.com.au

Commencing 31st July 2015

Fridays 4:30-5:30pm

Ages: 4 -10yrs

Cost: \$85 includes basketball pack

8 weeks clinic

Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
Cnr Southbar Rd & Cooma St