



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Two, Term Three, 2015
21 July, 2015



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday we welcomed three students into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Jasmine and Alexa Burns, and Scott Duus. Fr Troy also celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist with Jasmine Burns, Kali Joly, Cody Rang, Thomas Duus and Jess Martinez. It was a beautiful and intimate mass. Fr Troy explained the significance of the symbols and his actions throughout the mass.

The Sacrament of Baptism is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). In the early Church infant baptism was not the usual way that people became members of God's family. Initiation into the Church was primarily done for adults. They had to enter into a long period of learning and praying with the Christian community. During the active ministry of the apostles, baptisms were performed wherever adequate water could be found in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, the sea, etc. Adults seeking to enter the Church today normally enter into the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) as catechumens. When you ask for Baptism you are asking to become a member of the Catholic Church and you are expected to take part in the life of that community on a regular basis.



Tonight we have our first Confirmation Parent Night in the school hall. This is compulsory for all parents who have children in Year 6 receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in September. This session is for parents only. The candidates will attend the second Information Night next week, in Week 3.

As you have probably noticed, I am back from my extended stay in Bali. It's been great to catch up with many of you since my return and I thank you all for your best wishes and prayers.

May peace be in your families,

**Julie Wiley
Principal (Acting)**

IMPORTANT EVENTS

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

Monday 27 July
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
Lowe Street MPR - 9am to 10am

Tuesday 28 July
ICAS English Competition

Confirmation Parent & Candidate Info Night
St Gregory's Hall - 7pm to 8pm

Wednesday 29 July
Cuppa at the Gate
Lowe Street Canteen - 8:15am to 9am

Thursday 30 July
Cuppa at the Gate
MacQuoid St Parish Centre - 8:15am to 9am

Kinder Prayer Liturgy
Lowe Street MPR - 12:45pm

Friday 31 July
Singfest Rehearsal - Goulburn

Whole School Assembly (KBlue/KGold)
St Gregory's Hall - 12:30pm



Focus Value for July - "Show Tolerance"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: The Agius family (Patrick K Red) – Baby Alexis is not well and needs all our prayers. Fr Troy held a beautiful prayer service with the family, parents and students of KRed last week. We also pray for Mrs Dee McFaul, on the recent and sudden passing of her father-in-law. Prayers are also needed for Mrs Glynnis Moran, whose husband died unexpectedly last week. Glynnis taught at St Greg's for many years. Sympathy is extended to Mackenzie (6 Gold) and Lincoln (1 White) Picker on the death of their Great Grandmother, Iris Gabriel.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Olivia (6 Blue) and Emmett Smith (3 Blue) on the birth of a baby sister, Isla.

WELCOME: Mrs Kellie D'Souza who is teaching 1 Red whilst Mr Michael Kinnane is on LSL until Week 10 this term.

JULY THEME: *Show Tolerance* - We should continually focus on being tolerant of others in our daily lives. This involves consciously challenging the stereotypes and assumptions that you typically encounter in making decisions about others and/or working with others, either in a social or a professional environment.

NR ATHLETICS - Good luck to the athletes heading to Goulburn for the NR Athletics Carnival this Thursday. Thanks to Matthew Maloney who will be accompanying the team. Let's hope the team do not freeze – rug up everyone!

GRANDFRIEND'S DAY: Grandfriend's Day is this Friday! It's one of our most favourite days of the year! It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to show the important people in their lives their school. I know our grandparents enjoy sharing with the students the way education has changed over time. We welcome our grandfriends to Lowe St at 9am and to MacQuoid St at 11:45am. Morning tea will be held at both campuses: 10:15am at Lowe St and 12:45pm at MacQuoid St. Unfortunately due to WHS regulations, the students are unable to attend the morning tea with their grandparents.

NAIDOC MASS - The Archdiocesan NAIDOC Mass will be celebrated this Friday at St Christopher's Cathedral. Ryan Matchett, our Indigenous Contact Teacher, some of our indigenous students, Garreth Wigg and 6 Gold will be attending.

KIDSMATTER: "When Parents Separate" - All children have a need and a right to...

- Love and be loved by both parents.
- Be able to enjoy the love of both parents without having excessive demands placed on them by either.
- Feel proud of both parents and to be able to respect them.
- See their parents behave towards each other with at least mutual courtesy, consideration and respect.
- Be listened to by both of their parents so that their needs are met.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held this week. Please be mindful of your 15-minute timeslot; if you require more time, please make a separate time to meet with the teacher.





LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following nine students who have finished over the July break - Ian-James Bassett KBlue, Lucy McCudden KWhite, Tyran McCudden 1Gold, Dominic Trinidad 3Blue, Euan Celaya 4White, Kaleb Gowland 4White, Billy Langeveld 4Blue, Bradley Sliwinski 4White, Yia Bernardino 5Red, Deion Trinidad 5Gold and Carmelina Staltari 6Gold. We have a total of 256 students participating, 215 are already completing online recording and 89 have completed - fantastic!! **We have our class pizza challenge running and 4 White are in front with 20 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 Thank you.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club, Issue 5 brochures have been distributed to students. Ordering is done online. Please do not send any orders to school. We only take online orders. Orders close to parents on Monday, 10 August 2015. Thank you.



BOOK FAIR

The fantastic Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MacQuoid Street on Friday, 7th August from 8:30am until 5:30pm! Please see separate flyer with more details.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe,
Be Fair,
Show Respect.

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

SPORT NEWS

NR ATHLETICS - Good luck to the following students who will compete at the Northern Region Athletics Carnival in Goulburn on Thursday - Hugo Curtis, Christian Barac, Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Blake Codey, Kalen Billiards, Charlie Fahey, Archer Mossfield, Jack Murphy, Jamie Tran, Jordan Thurling, Joseph Kopec, Luke Fahey, Ned Bennett, Joaquin Carino, Rocco Barrett, BJ Fitzpatrick, Ryan Weatherby, Ben Thurling, Tom Grant, Bailey Thornton, Ethan Barac, Kaleb Gowland, Rory Forbes, Leo Vanderpol, Lachlan Hambrook, Madeline Bennett, Niamh Billiards, Angelina Brown, Sienna Harajli, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Sienna Birnie, Mia Cachia, Amelia Rademaker, Giaan Ashman, Sarah Bogue, Meagan Shand, Kali Joly, Jasmine Burns, Olivia Smith, Archisha Meeson, Jasmyn Tozer, Shantay Trotter, Giselle Arona, Lauren Russell and Makayla Crotty.

CALWELL NETBALL - St John Vianney's will host the 2015 Catholic Primary Schools' Netball Carnival! This year's event will be held at Calwell Playing Fields, Were St, on Sunday 25 October 2015. The event will run from approximately 8.30 am - 3.30 pm. Experienced netball players from Years 3 to 6 are invited to collect a note from the office. Registrations close Friday, 24 July.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL - Students from Years 3 to 6 are invited to represent our school at the Boorowa boys Touch and girls Netball Carnival. This year the annual Boorowa Carnival will be held on Friday, 16 October, 2015. The Boorowa Carnival aims to balance competition with participation and encourages the involvement of as many children as possible in a day of friendship and community spirit. Notes are available from the office.

- Matt Maloney, PE/Sport Teacher

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers are needed for an hour (time to be advised) on Saturday 8th August to help set up the school hall for the St Gregory's 175th Year celebrations. If you are able to help can you please contact Ryan Matchett on 62972221 or ryan.matchett@cg.catholic.edu.au.

LOST & FOUND



Thomas Hatchman (3 Blue) has lost an Asian Cup soccer ball. He fears that someone has taken it home by mistake. It has his name on it. Please check any soccer balls your child may have bought home. Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 23 July

Erika O'Brien

Friday 24 July

Leesa Hughes

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

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.

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