Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Gregory's we aim to educate the individual person. Our students learn in a variety of ways; some prefer to stand at the back of the room, some need to squeeze a fidget toy, some learn by moving, some learn by rote, some learn by having tight structures and boundaries...and some don’t.

A Differentiated Curriculum is a targeted process that involves forward planning, programming and instruction. It involves the use of teaching, learning and assessment strategies that are fair and flexible, provide an appropriate level of challenge, and engage students in learning in meaningful ways. The teachers at St Gregory's differentiate in all curriculum areas. They are consistently catering for the needs of the individual student throughout the school day.

Terry Eagleton, an internationally celebrated literary scholar and cultural theorist, quotes, “Genuine equality means not treating everyone the same, but attending equally to everyone’s different needs.” Many people have the impression that “fair” means “the same.” When needs are different, however, fairness has quite a different interpretation.

The idea of fairness is embedded deeply in our culture. Some people interpret being fair as doing the same thing in the same way for everyone. However, in a differentiated classroom being fair doesn’t always mean “the same.” Fairness in school does not mean giving everyone the same task to complete within the same time period. Instead, it means looking at each student's needs and learning goals, and planning ways to meet those goals in a way that is most appropriate for that student.

Because our students and their various learning needs are so different, the necessity for differentiation is obvious. When you walk into a classroom at St Gregory's and you see cooperative learning, students working on individual projects, one or two students using technology, one student standing at the side of the room whilst listening to instruction, another at the desk reading, you know differentiated learning is happening.

The teachers at St Gregory's strongly believe all students can, and will, learn – they just do it in different ways and within different time parameters. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. Isaiah 55:8

May peace be in your families,

Julie Wiley
Principal (Acting)
From the Principal…….

**PRAYERS:** The Agius family (Patrick K Red) and baby Alexis. Although Alexis has had a hospital visit recently, she is putting on weight and showing little improvements every day – I think our prayers are working.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to the following students on winning the Northern Region Public Speaking competition for their Year Level - Aimee Perrett (3 Red), Eden D’Sousa (4 Red) and Olivia Smith (6 Blue). They are now off to Crookwell to compete at the Archdiocesan Public Speaking competition!

**THANK YOU:** To the Year 5 teachers (Miss Stephanie Ellis, Mrs Kristy Poole and Mr Brad Brown) for all their work in preparing the students for Wakakirri. I know you will be very impressed with the performance and I appreciate all the hard work that has been invested.

Thank you also to the Year 4 teachers (Mr Ben Mockler, Mrs Chris Washington, Mrs Amanda Ducker, Mrs Janessa Docking and Mr Josh Vaughan) for attending the Year 4 camp towards the end of this week. They are on-call for 24 hours and away from their families, but I know they are only too happy to do this so the Year 4 students can participate a fantastic camp experience.

**AUGUST THEME:** Learning from our Mistakes – You gain confidence, courage and experience every time you make a new mistake. You get better and better at the things you love to do. Often the things you love to do involve some level of risk.

**KIDSMATTER:** Children and Grief – At St Gregory’s we run a grief program called “Seasons”. We have a number of groups currently operating at the school. A few of our teachers are trained companions and run the program every year. Children do not always have the words to talk about what they are experiencing. They often express feelings of ‘sad, bad, mad’ through their behaviour. It is important to check out these feelings and to talk about them. The link below is an excellent website for further support.


**UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:** There are a number of students wearing the incorrect uniform. The sports uniform and runners are for sport days only or when directed by a teacher. If there is a reason for your child not to be in the correct uniform a note needs to be sent with the child and given to their teacher.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN:** You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. We will redeem these points for educational resources. Simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths. Thank you.

**EQUIPMENT AT LOWE STREET:** The upgrade of the equipment and grass area at Lowe St has commenced. If everything goes according to plan it should be finished before the end of the term.

**HATS ARE BACK:** Since we are now in the month of August, students need to wear their hats when playing outside. Any students not wearing their hat will be asked to sit in a shaded area.
PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue   Lucy Mudge
K Gold   Byron Nye
K Red    Riley Hambrook
K White  Marshall Phillips
1 Blue   Isla Neumann
1 Gold   Imogen Hales
1 Red    Ivy Butterfield
1 White  Alannah Thurling
2 Blue   Ellie Da Silva
2 Gold   Myah Staniforth
2 Red    Bridget Carroll
2 White  Lily Stumbles
3 Blue   Chloe Arney
3 Gold   Domenic Staltari
3 Red    Brianna Neuss
3 White  Amelie Wells
4 Blue   Joseph Larobina
4 Gold   Lauren Wind
4 Red    Sophia Gawthrop
4 White  Kelven Ng
5 Gold   Mia Scriver
5 Red    Grace Hayes
5 White  Blake Codey
6 Blue   Jade Camilleri
6 Gold   Chelsea Hart
6 White  Jamie Tran
AR Millionaire  Grace Hayes
Gold Band  Alison Bielecki

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 20 August  Erika O’Brien
Friday 21 August  Leesa Hughes

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

SPORT NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN ATHLETICS - Congratulations to the students who competed at the Archdiocesan Athletics carnival last week. All students represented Northern Region with great sportsmanship and all did their best.

PENRITH NETBALL CARNIVAL - Thank you to the students who have returned permission notes to participate in the NSWCPS netball carnival on Tuesday, 1st September. Unfortunately we have too many students nominated for the Year 5/6 team. A selection trial will be held this Friday, 21st August at first break to select the Year 5/6 team. The Year 3/4 team does not require a trial - Matt Maloney, PE/Sport Teacher

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

St Gregory’s School communicates with parents by various means. The Newsletter is uploaded to the school website on Tuesday each week (http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/newsletter/). It is also emailed to many families. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email and would like to, please contact Jane King on 6297 2221 or email jane.king@cg.catholic.edu.au or complete the tear off slip on the back of this newsletter.

We also have the St Gregory’s Skoolbag App, which is a smart phone mobile app through which the school can communicate directly with iPhone and Android devices. The newsletter, notes, alerts, information, instant messages and reminders are updated regularly on Skoolbag. We encourage all families to download the App. To install, search for our school name “St Gregory’s School Queanbeyan” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc.). This makes the app even more accessible than before to our parent community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen.

NB: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

Twitter @stgregsqbn enables the school to broadcast short messages about events happening during the day, updates on school excursions, camps and sporting events.

In addition, an online calendar listing school activities and special events is available on the school website. Calendar dates are also listed in the Important Events section on the front page of the newsletter each week.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe, Be Fair, Show Respect.
ST GREGORY’S QUEANBEYAN
NEWSLETTER

LIBRARY NEWS

2015 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge


We still have 148 online records which need completing and 114 have completed - fantastic! Last year we had 180 completed so please, let's beat that target this year.

Go online now - recording closes on Friday, 21st August 2015 at 11:59pm.

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

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those fantastic parents, students and carers who came to our Fair - we have received $1,600 to pay for our World Book Subscription. This subscription can be used by all students at school and at home. You need a user name and password which your child can bring home or email rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au and I'll be happy to give this to you. We have links to the site on our Library Oliver webpage but we cannot publish the password on an open webpage.

Colouring Contest - Entries were judged by our team of Library Monitors and these students received a five dollar gift voucher to spend at the Fair.
- Kindergarten - Addison McEwan KBlue
- Year 1 - Alyce Greentree 1Blue
- Year 2 - Charlotte Murphy 2Red & Joshua Ireland 2Red
- Year 3 William Ireland 3Gold & William Fitzgerald 3White
- Year 4 - Ashlee Smith Roberts 4White
- Year 5 - no entries
- Year 6 - Emily Quan 6Blue

Lucky Door - Gurnoor Kaur 3Gold

Guessing Competition - Our winner was Cody Rangi 6White with the exact number of 177. James Hill 4Red and Joseph Mallia KWhite were runners up with a guess of 176 each.

Book Scavenger Hunt - Domenic Staltari 3Gold

NEWCASTLE'S QUEANBEYAN

BOOK WEEK

Next week we will celebrate Book Week at Lowe Street with our book character parade on Wednesday 26th at 9am, a creative art competition, Queanbeyan Library visits as well as class and library art and craft activities related to the 2015 CBCA shortlisted books. The Book of the Year winners will be announced on Friday 21st at noon.

Lowe Street students are invited and encouraged to participate in our Book Week Parade by dressing as a favourite book character. There is no need to go to expense and we encourage students to make, reuse and recycle wherever possible. A character mask is a great way of enabling children to feel part of the parade if a more detailed costume is not possible. This is not a competition and no prizes will be given. It is a celebration of books and the excitement and pleasure gained through stories. I am looking forward to seeing many different characters come alive.

This week students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will take home a creative art competition. Information for the competition is on the back of the entry form. The completed entry must be back at school by Friday 21st August. It must have the name and class of the student on the back in the space provided. Prizes will be awarded for the neatest and also the most creative in each year level.

MACQUOID ST BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS - Students may choose to enter any of the following competitions:

1. CLASS DOOR POSTER: Some classes will be creating a door poster to celebrate Book Week’s theme ‘Book’s Light Up Our World.’ The class judged as the most creative poster will be able to pick a movie from the Library’s collection to watch in class with popcorn provided. To be judged Friday of Week 6.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY: Have someone take a photo of you reading the book that lit up your world in a creative space. Name and class must be written on the back. Please submit to your teacher Friday of Week 5.

3. DRAWING: Draw character/s from the book that lit up your world using the light bulb template available from the Library. Make sure to write the title and author of the book outside the globe on the front. Name and class must be written on the back. Please submit to your teacher on Friday of Week 5.

4. GUESSING COMPETITION: Which book lit up which teacher’s world? Pick up an entry form from the Library during Week 6 and submit your entry to Mrs Greentree by Friday morning of Week 6.

5. QUOTE OF THE DAY: Each day during Week 6 a book quote will be added to the double library doors. Students must pick either which book it came from or who wrote it. Students may pick up entry forms from the Library during Week 6 and submit their entry to Mrs Greentree by Friday morning of Week 6.

St Gregory’s newest Accelerated Reader Millionaire!!
Congratulations to Thomas Heller 6White for his achievement in reading one million words since starting the Accelerated Reader (AR) program in Term One this year. He is now a member of the most exclusive club in the school!
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:………………………….

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:.........................................

NOTICEBOARD

IMPACT Youth Group for Years 4-6 is on every Sunday from 4:30-6pm in St Gregory’s Hall.

Mexican Fiesta Night!
Sunday 6th September
4:30pm – 8pm
Mexican Attire is recommended! There will be a competition on the night for the best dressed.

Food and drinks will be provided.

The only cost is a $5 entry fee.

Bring your friends! To do more nights like this one, we need more people to come!

rsvp: stgyouthleaders@gmail.com
ST GREG’S & HOME IN QBN TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 29TH AUG | 6:30PM | ST GREG’S HALL
$20pp | TABLES OF 10 | PRIZES, AUCTIONS & RAFFLES
BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES OR ORDER IN SOME DINNER

BOOK NOW
VIA MACQUOID ST OFFICE
CALL JANE ON 6297 2221

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW
$10 PER TICKET | AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE FROM NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 30
1ST – $1000 COLES MYER GIFT CARD
2ND – $500 COLES MYER GIFT CARD
3RD – $200 COLES MYER GIFT CARD
Trivia Night Raffle

$10 per ticket

1st prize $1000 Coles Myer Voucher
2nd prize $500 Coles Myer Voucher
3rd prize $200 Coles Myer Voucher

Tickets available from the school office

(If you would like to buy a ticket, please send money to school in an envelope with your name and contact details clearly marked)

Money raised going to St Greg’s and Home in Queanbeyan

Drawn at the disco on Friday 30th October, 2015
Concert for MyHome in Canberra
Building a safe, supportive and caring home for people with mental illness

Featuring: Louise Page, Shiny Bum Singers, U3A Warrani Chorale and Canberra Mandolin Orchestra

M.C. Genevieve Jacobs, 666 ABC Radio, Canberra

Saturday 29 August 2015,
Holy Trinity School Hall, Theodore Street, Curtin.
2.30pm till 5pm: Tickets: $25

1. Tickets are available via the Woden Rotary Club website (home page)

www.wodenrotary.org.au/

Donations are tax deductible

Refreshments provided

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Woden Rotary Club, St James Uniting Church, Curtin
MyHome in Canberra, Holy Trinity Catholic School, Curtin

Please visit our website at www.myhomeincanberra.org.au or our Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/myhomeincanberra to obtain information about MyHome in Canberra
Help our local House and have a lot of fun by joining the Ronald McDonald House Canberra Red Wig Run and Walk on Sunday 25 October. The whole family is welcome! Registrations open at Rond Terrace at 7:30am. The run starts at 9:00am.

Our dress code is orange, yellow and red, with prizes awarded for best dressed participants and family groups – let your imagination run wild! Your registration fee will include a vibrant red wig for you to wear.

This is a non-competitive run and walk event with proceeds going to help support the families of seriously ill children throughout the ACT and surrounds. Come out and enjoy the carnival atmosphere of Rond Terrace with characters, facepainting and a variety of fun activities available for the kids (and kids at heart)!

REGISTER NOW
www.rmhc Canberra.com.au
The Great Queanbeyan
-- Stitch up! --

Would you like to Yarn-bomb Queanbeyan with us?

Yarn-bombing is a global craze which is much like graffiti for people who would not ordinarily break the rules... sounds like fun doesn’t it!

We are looking for interest from people in Queanbeyan who would like to be a part of a community arts project where we will wrap up the town in colourful, fun hand-made, warm and fuzzy goodness.

We will form crafty alliances, working in secret; and completely out in the open, on bombing specific targets when people are not looking – all with Council approval of course!!

Want to join our crafty crew or donate some yarn or wool to an awesome cause? Or just want to know more about the concept?

Go to the GreatQueanbeyanStitchUp Facebook page
Email: queanbeyanstitchup@gmail.com
Phone: 6285 6170