Dear Parents and Carers,

Our learners today are bombarded by media and images on a daily basis, and for some, before the school day even starts. This has many challenges for the teachers. The requirement to teach our students today through multi-modal means is as important as ever. According to the NSW syllabus “multimodal” is defined as “comprising more than one mode. A multimodal text uses a combination of two or more communication modes, for example, print, image and spoken text as in film or computer presentations”.

Examples of multimodal texts include, a picture book, a webpage, a live theatre performance, a cartoon, a film, an animation, and so on. In the classroom students have opportunities to display their knowledge and understandings through various means. They often make choices about the tools and technology used.

It is important to also teach our children visual literacy skills. The real world cannot always be interpreted and understood through media. We teach our students to be intentionally critical about what they see, whether that’s on a computer screen, a television, a poster, an advertisement or in a book.

Parents need to be aware of what is currently being marketed to children. It’s also important to be aware of the messages and values that these shows/apps/games often portray. More importantly, it’s essential to be aware of what our children are watching so that we can teach them how to recognise and process the values being portrayed. We need to give them the tools to develop stronger values.

Learners today, whether we like it or not, are exposed to, and entertained by, images and text on the many devices available to them. They are playing, reading and participating in media activities that are quick, bright and stimulating. Our classrooms today therefore need to keep up with the demands of our visual learners. Teachers, along with parents, also need to ensure our students can discriminate and interpret this information with a critical eye.

On a final note, our Year 5 students performed at Wakakirri last Thursday night. We were very proud to receive the teamwork award on the night. The Year 5 students have shown cooperation and commitment in the lead up to the big night and their months of hard work certainly paid off. The teachers were very impressed with the student’s professionalism. What a great opportunity for them!

May peace be in your families,

Julie Wiley
Principal (Acting)
Focus Value for August - “Learn From Our Mistakes”

From the Principal…….

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Madeline Bennett (3 Blue), Lauren Russell (6 White), Mia Cachia (6 White) and Skyla Robinson-McEvoy (5 White) on qualifying for the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocesan team to compete at the MacKillop Athletics.

THANK YOU: To the teachers accompanying and supervising the Year 6 students on camp this week. Mr Garreth Wigg, Ms Marian Wells, Mrs Fron Hewson, Ms Kelly Delaney and Mr Matthew Maloney will be away from their families from Monday to Friday. I appreciate their generosity in providing the Year 6 students with a memorable and rewarding camp experience. I look forward to visiting everyone in Narrabeen tomorrow. Make sure you check Twitter @stgregsqbn for regular updates and photos of the campers.

AUGUST THEME: Learning from our Mistakes – Accepting the importance of learning from our mistakes is one thing, but doing the actual work is quite another because it involves such things as facing our ego, taking responsibility and admitting vulnerability. But since the process is precisely where we often benefit the most, we’re going to focus on understanding the primary reasons we avoid accepting and learning from our mistakes.

KIDSMATTER: Children and Bullying – Bullying is deliberately hurting another person who cannot defend himself or herself, generally making them feel bad. It can continue over time. Importantly, bullying is not “rough play”, personal conflicts or arguments, disagreements, dislikes, or random acts of aggression or nastiness. If you find your child has been involved in some type of bullying, here are three important things you can do: Manage your reactions and get the facts, talk with your child and work to resolve the situation.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Don’t forget our Trivia Night is on in the hall this Saturday evening, 29th August from 6:30pm. It is not too late to book a table. Phone Jane King 6297 2221 if you are interested.

NAPLAN: Naplan results have been sent home with the Year 3 and Year 5 students today.

ST GREGORY’S FEAST DAY: We are celebrating our feast day on the 3rd of September. We start the day with Mass, followed by a day of fun and festivities! It is custom for parents to cook and serve lunch for 640 hungry students. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered – your help is very much appreciated. If you missed the note, please check our website.

SABBATH WEEK: This week is Sabbath Week. Students do not have set homework, however, are still expected to read every night. It’s a great opportunity to spend some quality family time together.

WAKAKIRRI OFFICIAL PHOTOS: Year 5 families who wish to order copies of their child’s photo please visit www.winkipopmedia.com.au. Click on “view and order your photos”. Select Wakakirri. Password: chicken

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.
Thank you to all the students and 150 students. Certificates will arrive in Term 4. White. We had a total of 138 students who completed this year, unfortunately not quite reaching last year's target of 6 Blue. Mia Cachia 6 White, Jasmin Dawes 6 Gold, Jessica Reid 5 Red, Mia Scrivener 5 Gold, Liliana Staltari 5 White, Grace Black 5 Red, Samantha Black 4 Red, Clare Hempstead 4 Red, Lara Burstow 4 Red, Ebonnie Mallia, Mackenzee Picker, Lauren Russell, Mia 5 Red, Jasmine 5 Red, Lila 4 Red, Kelly 5 Red, Madison Everet 5 Red, Kelly Lolosio. 

Congratulations to the following 13 students who have finished this week - Alexandra Bower K White, Cohen Goodchild K Blue, Sophie Porter 1 Red, Charlotte Hill 3 Gold, Samanatha Black 4 Red, Clare Hempstead 4 Red, Lara Burstow 5 Red, Mia Scrivener 5 Gold, Liliana Staltari 5 White, Grace Black 6 Blue, Mia Cachia 6 White, Jasmin Dawes 6 Gold, Jessica Reid 6 White. We had a total of 138 students who completed this year, unfortunately not quite reaching last year's target of 150 students. Certificates will arrive in Term 4.

R U OK?

R U OK? is coming to St Greg's 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 “R U OK?”

All Year 6 students will be involved in a morning session on Wednesday the 9th September. Parents and Carers are encouraged to attend to show support and also gain some valuable insight into the aim and purpose behind the R U OK? initiative. A small morning tea will be provided.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are: Thursday 27 August Anna Nappo Friday 28 August Bethany Butterfield Volunteers are always welcome at MacQuoid Street, even if you are only available for an hour. Thank you.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

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SPORT NEWS

PENRITH NETBALL CARNIVAL - The following students have been selected to represent St Greg's at the NSW CPS Netball Carnival to be held in Penrith on Tuesday, 1st September. The bus will depart school at 4:30am and estimated arrival back approximately 7pm.

10 Years Team - Eleni Lolosio, Imogen Dorsett, Shayne Mc Mahon-Lee, Keeya Robinson-McEvoy, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Angelina Brown, Emily O’Grady, Maggie Robinson and Madison Everett

COACH - Kelly Lolosio

MANAGER - Louise McMahon

UMPIRE - Sally Dorsett

12 Years Team - Amelia Jess, Tijana Petrovska, Hulita Fainga’a, Ebonnie Mallia, Mackenzee Picker, Lauren Russell, Mia Enright, Gabrielle Reynolds and Amelia Rademaker

COACH - Erin Taylor

MANAGER - Matthew Maloney

UMPIRE - Jessica King

BOOK WEEK

Book Character Dress up Parade: Lowe Street on Wednesday 26th August at 9am

This week Lowe Street will participate in a book parade to celebrate the Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Week. It is a wonderful celebration of books and reading. Our children are excited. Tomorrow they may dress as a favourite book character. The parade will begin after morning assembly. Students will go to class to put away bags first. Parents, family and friends are welcome to come and join the celebrations. We are looking forward to seeing some very well known, and also some not so familiar characters.

Queanbeyan Library Visits: As part of our Book Week activities, all classes from Kinder to Year 2 will visit the Queanbeyan Library during Weeks 7 and 8 and listen to some of the shortlisted books. Students from Lowe Street Campus have helped create a spectacular school banner on the 2015 theme ‘Books light up our world’. This will be displayed in the Queanbeyan Library for Book Week.

Colouring Competition: Last week students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 were given the opportunity to enter into a creative art competition for Book Week. Students may make their artwork using any creative medium they prefer, or a combination, such as colouring, painting and collage. Imagination overload! These need to be back at school by next Friday 28th August. Prizes will be given in each grade for the neatest, best entry and also for the most original and creative entry.

GREAT BOOK SWAP AT LOWE STREET

When: Wednesday 2nd September

Where: Lowe St Library (only Lowe St students will participate)

Cost: Gold coin donation plus a good quality book to swap

Our school has registered to take part in The Great Book Swap for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

To participate, students need to bring along a gold coin donation as well as a good quality second hand or new book to swap. If it is not of good quality it may be that your child will bring it back home, not having found anyone with whom to swap. If you are in a position to donate more than 1 book it would be most helpful as it will give a larger range of choice for students.

Some children are disappointed if they cannot find just the book they wanted. Being happy just to make a donation to help someone else is an important part of the day. I will be reminding students that the priority is to help other students in other schools.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation works to promote and develop literacy throughout remote and regional Indigenous communities. It supplies carefully selected books to Indigenous communities in need across Australia. The foundation works closely with communities to translate, write, publish and supply books in Indigenous languages. More info can be found at: https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/the-great-book-swap.html

One reason for participating in this event is to make a difference to literacy levels in Indigenous communities through our donation. Another is to promote the excitement of reading and giving in our own students and in those in Indigenous communities.
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
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.rmhcamberra.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