



# ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Ten, Term Four, 2015  
8 December, 2015



*Share the Spirit....*

## Teaching Staff 2016

### **Kindergarten Team**

Daniel Hunt  
Amy Hazell  
Jessica Musgrave  
Caroline Tanti

### **Year 1 Team**

Pamela Brown  
Laura Goodall (MTTF) / Sybil Busby (W - Term 1)  
Michael Kinnane (MTWT) / Kellie D'Souza (F - Term 1)  
Emma Gibson (MTW) / Erin Taylor (TF)

### **Year 2 Team**

Bridget Allen  
Sarah Cook  
Kelly Delaney  
Greg Tarrant (MTWT) / Sybil Busby (F)

### **Year 3 Team**

Ryan Matchett  
Sybil Busby (MT) / Des Gomez (WTF)  
Keryn Thiele  
Bella Duke (Term 1) / Kristy Poole (Terms 2-4)

### **Year 4 Team**

Amanda Ducker  
Melissa Taglieri (Term 1) / Ben Mockler (Terms 2-4)  
Christine Washington

### **Year 5 Team**

Brad Brown  
Stephanie Ellis  
Veronica Hall

### **Year 6 Team**

Francoise Hewson  
Marian Wells  
Garreth Wigg / Kate McManus-Green

### **Specialty Teachers**

Learning Support  
Teacher Librarians  
PDHPE  
Reading Recovery  
Numeracy Contact  
Music  
Italian

Maryann Tarrant  
Melissa Greentree and Helen Carroll  
Matthew Maloney  
Lauren Macdonald  
Kate McManus-Green  
Dee McFaul  
Lorena Nesa

### **Leadership Team**

Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Religious Education Coordinator  
Administration Coordinator  
Curriculum Coordinator  
Wellbeing Coordinator

Claire Frazer  
Julie Wiley  
Lauren Macdonald  
Garreth Wigg  
Erin Taylor  
Laura Goodall (Acting T1) / Ben Mockler

**Claire Frazer  
Principal**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

**Monday 7 - Thursday 10 December**  
Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Wednesday 9 December**  
Year 5 excursion to the movies  
9am to 1pm Limelight Cinema Tuggeranong

**Thursday 10 December**  
Year 1 orientation visit to MacQuoid Street  
9am to 11am

Year 3 excursion to Questacon  
9:15am to 2:45pm

**Friday 11 December**  
End of School Year Mass (whole school to attend) - 12pm St Raphael's Church

**Monday 14 December**  
Second Hand Clothing Pool OPEN  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Year 6 excursion to movies and bowling

Year 6 dinner and disco  
6:30pm to 9pm St Gregory's Hall

**Tuesday 15 December**  
'Step Up' Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3pm

**Wednesday 16 December**  
Year 6 Graduation Liturgy (whole school to attend) - 12pm to 1:30pm St Gregory's Hall

**Wednesday 16 December**  
**END OF TERM FOUR**  
Last day for students

**Thursday 28 January**  
Students return for Term One

Kinder half days until Friday 5 February

**Monday 1 February**  
Second Hand Clothing Pool OPEN  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

**Monday 8 February**  
Second Hand Clothing Pool OPEN  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

St Greg's Swimming Carnival  
(Years 3 - 6) Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre



## Focus Value for December - "Reflect and Appreciate"

### From the Principal.....

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers Sarah Hazell (sister of Amy and cousin of Tom Grant and Sam & Maggie Robinson) who was in a serious car accident on the weekend.

We also hold in our thoughts and prayers the staff of the Brindabella Family Practice following the sudden death of their bookkeeper on the weekend in a car accident.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Harper Butt is very excited to announce the birth of her baby brother.

**THANK YOU:** Special thanks to the Year 6 parents for providing morning tea for the staff yesterday.

**ADVENT:** This Sunday will be the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The Gospel reading provides practical advice as to what we can do to repent in order to prepare for Christmas. We are told to share our food and clothing. This time of the year so many charities are calling for donations so that they can respond to the needs of those who struggle so we do not have to look far to find where we can share food.



**ST GREGORY'S PARISH:** As we come to the end of the year I would like to publically acknowledge the contribution that many of our teachers make to the wider parish community. As well as some of our staff being on the regular church rosters as readers and special ministers the following teachers regularly assist with BRIGHT SPARKS the Children's Liturgy held each weekend - Amy Hazell, Sophie Cummins, Naomi Beatty, Jessica Musgrave, Veronica Hall, Kate Wigg, Janessa Docking, Garreth Wigg, Sybil Busby, Keryn Thiele, Lauren Macdonald and Sarah Cook. We are a very blessed community.

**HANDOVER MEETINGS:** As in the past this week we are conducting handover meetings for all students with a PP (Personal Plan) and some students with special needs that do not have a PP. The meeting is between the 2015 teacher and the 2016 teacher where valuable information about learning styles, areas of weakness and strength and any strategies that have worked well this year is shared with the teacher for next year. This is a very important part of our planning and preparation for 2016. To date 80 of these meetings have been scheduled for this week. Relief teachers have been employed to release staff for these meetings.



## LOST PROPERTY



Missing from Year 5 Camp Black Camera with clear waterproof casing (similar to a Go Pro) Please contact Natasha on 0414 684 516

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS



The Queanbeyan Vinnies group prepares several food hampers for local residents each week. Help us to support others especially at Christmas by sending in Christmas hamper items. When you are grocery shopping in the next couple of weeks please add an extra item to your trolley. The following are suggestions; however, you may wish to also include pasta and sauces, drinks, tinned fish or special Christmas items such as tinned hams, mince pies, cakes, puddings, custard, jams etc:

**Kindergarten** – Candy canes or bon bons

**Year 1** – Shortbread biscuits or packet jelly

**Year 2** – Tinned corn, beetroot or pineapple

**Year 3** – Savoury biscuits/crackers

**Year 4** – Chips, Cheezels, Pringles, corn chips

**Year 5** – Tinned fruit

**Year 6** – Sweet biscuits or long life custard

Please send in donations during December to the baskets in the classrooms. <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate>  
Thank you for your support - Lauren Macdonald, REC.

## OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

**GOLD BAND AWARDS:** Congratulations to Dejan Celeski, Sarah Bartu, Madeline Dale, Madalyn Johnson, Sean O'Brien, Ava Rhule, Laura Virgo, Rhiannon O'Brien, Christopher Hodges and Cooper Lovekin.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a blue band in November: Ian-James Bassett, Cooper Giteau, Alexis Lyons, Lleyton Margules, Bradley Tiller, Gianpiero Gagliardi, Phoneix Hamlin, Naomi McInnes, Jessie Willis, Giovanni Zanetti, David Nelson, Jackson Wells, Caleb Birch, Ivy Butterfield, Evie Illingworth, Kate Munoz, Riley Nemeth, Sarah Taloni, Alexa Burns, Lachlan Fahey, Cadence Cunningham, Christopher Hodges, Angelina Celeska, Phoebe Beckett, Lachlan Eagles, Dejan Celeski, Isabel Hagel, Cameron McInnes, Frederik Watkins, Ava Langeveled, Blake Meadley, Lakshita Sundar, Zac McMahon, Brayden Verran and Lara Burstow.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to Rushen Perera, Grace Horrocks, James Mackenzie, Cassie Griffiths, Claire Elward, Eden D'Souza and Adam Da Silva who received a Principal's Award for being Accelerated Reader Millionaires.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **New Accelerated Reader 50's Club students (Years 4 to 6)**

Congratulations to Bridget Sinclair 4B, Arshdeep Singh 4R, Hovell Hunter 4R, Kelven Ng 4W, Ashlee Smith-Roberts 4W, Tahlia Da Silva 4W, Cameron Piercy 4W, Ned Bennett 5G, Declan Tiller 5G, Vicky Nguyen 5G, Nicholas Dowling 5G, Jacob McMahon 5R, Ryan Weatherby 5R, Matthew Jackson 5R, Blake Codey 5W, Toby Goodyer 5W, Tom Grant 5W and Caleb Quinn 5W on becoming new members of the Accelerated Reader 50s club for achieving 85% on more than 50 AR quizzes. Well done and hope you enjoy the Accelerated Reader VIP party!!

### **Accelerated Reader VIP Party**

Congratulations to our big readers in Years 4 to 6 this year that have made it into the Accelerated Reader VIP Party held on Monday 7th December:

Millionaires-

Ivana Rodriguez 4G, Katie Bissett 4G, James Hill 4R, Eden D'Souza 4R, Rose Taylor 4W, James Mackenzie 4W, Jacynth Blakey 5G, Patrick Cunningham 5G, Claire Elward 5G, Armand Saad 5G, Rushen Perera 5G, Blake Hambrook 5R, Lara Burstow 5R, Grace Hayes 5R, Grace Horrocks 5R, Clay Eldridge 5W, Cassie Griffiths 6B, Emily Quan 6B, Gabby Reynolds 6W, Thomas Heller 6W, Lachlan Dagwell 6W and Adam Da Silva 6W.

### **50's Club**

Bridget Sinclair 4B, Mailey Cunningham 4B, Eleni Lolesio 4G, Beau Cox 4G, Nicholas Coleman 4G, Aaron Ciuffetelli 4R, Matthew Lockhart 4R, Angelina Brown 4R, Arshdeep Singh 4R, Hovell Hunter 4R, Amara Hynes 4W, Euan Celaya 4W, William Bate 4W, Alison Bielecki 4W, Ashley Hewson 4W, Kelven Ng 4W, Ashlee Smith-Roberts 4W, Tahlia Da Silva 4W, Cameron Piercy 4W, Brandyn Ross 5G, Nadia Boonlert 5G, Sydney Dormer 5G, Ajai Guleria 5G, Deion Trinidad 5G, Ned Bennett 5G, Declan Tiller 5G, Vicky Nguyen 5G, Nicholas Dowling 5G, Mailey Cunningham 5R, Lachlan Fitzpatrick 5R, Kaylem Townsend 5R, Matthew Jackson 5R, Jacob McMahon 5R, Ryan Weatherby 5R, Joaquin Carino 5W, Anthony Kopec 5W, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy 5W, Blake Codey 5W, Toby Goodyer 5W, Tom Grant 5W and Caleb Quinn 5W.

### **100's Club**

Meaalii Faatamala 4R

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

The certificates have arrived! Congratulations to all students that successfully completed the challenge this year. Special mention to William John-Bassett 3B, Blake Meadley 3B, Elizabeth Sinclair 3B, William Hales 3G, William Ireland 3G, Joshua Kirkpatrick 3R, Rory Forbes 3R, Billy Langeveld 4B, Katie Bissett 4G, Liam Doyle 4G, Cameron Piercy 4W, Ashlee Smith-Roberts 4W and Deion Trinidad 5G for receiving a Gold Award. These students have successfully completed the PRC for four years. Any Gold or Platinum awards for Year 6 students will be announced and given at the Year 6 graduation ceremony. Students must have completed the PRC for 7 years to receive a Platinum Award (K to Year 6).

– Mrs Greentree, Mrs Carroll and Mrs Wythes.



## CHRISTMAS TREE

Riverside Plaza are holding their Christmas Tree decorating competition again this year. St Gregory's students have made many beautiful decorations and the tree looks amazing.



Please visit Riverside Plaza and vote for St Gregory's Tree. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Voting slips are also available at the school offices.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 6:00pm — St Gregory's Church, Molonglo St  
Christmas Eve: 9:00pm — St Raphael's Church  
Midnight Mass: St Raphael's Church  
Christmas Day: 8am — St Raphael's Church  
10:00am - St Raphael's Church  
2nd rite of Reconciliation: Thursday 17th December @7pm  
St Raphael's Church

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

### REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR YEAR 3 (2016) STUDENTS

Registration for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children who will be in Year 3 in 2016 has commenced. Please register your child before 11 February, 2016.

Your child must be baptised to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Paperwork can be downloaded from the parish website at:

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/first-reconciliation/>

Payment can be made via our on-line payment option on the website:

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/engine-room/online-payments/>

Please call the parish office if you have any questions regarding this sacrament on 6299 4611.

Thank you. St Gregory's Parish Queanbeyan

## CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 10 December  
Friday 11 December

Michelle Welch  
Tamara Palmer

**PLEASE NOTE: MacQuoid Street Canteen: Tuesday, 15 December will be a limited menu.**

**Last day of school (Wednesday, 16 December) the MacQuoid Street canteen will be closed.**

## NOTICEBOARD

### QDCC are conducting their annual Two Day Junior Cricket Clinic



**\*\*All Queanbeyan junior boys and girls welcome\*\***

When: Monday 21st- Tuesday 22nd December 2015.

Where: Freebody Oval 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Cost: \$100 for two days for Qbn Juniors, \$65 for one day (covers coaching clinic, lunch and drinks – please bring sunscreen and a drink bottle(s)).

Head Coach: Michael O'Rourke

Numbers: Places are limited therefore please make your EFT payment to confirm your place.

Rego Forms: Can be provided on the morning of the clinic and are available from the St Greg's School offices.

### A Christmas Carol

Some of St Gregory's students are performing in this play over the holidays.

Budding Theatre presents a youth production of Charles Dickens' classic tale, 'A Christmas Carol'. Scrooge is a solitary and bitter businessman who hates Christmas, as well as just about everyone he knows. But this Christmas Eve, he will be haunted by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Yet to Come. As memories of his childhood, teenage years, and of the present are brought to life, Scrooge becomes haunted not just by the supernatural, but by what he has become.

Venue:

Teatro Vivaldi  
ANU Arts Centre  
University Avenue  
Canberra, ACT 0200

<http://vivaldirestaurant.com.au/>

Parking is available near Union Court and next to the ANU Sports Centre.