**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: Maryann Tarrant
- Teacher Librarians: Melissa Greentree and Helen Carroll
- PDHPE: Matthew Maloney
- Reading Recovery: Lauren Macdonald
- Numeracy Contact: Kate McManus-Green
- Music: Dee McFaul
- Italian: Lorena Nesa

**Leadership Team**

- Principal: Claire Frazer
- Assistant Principal: Julie Willey
- Religious Education Coordinator: Lauren Macdonald
- Administration Coordinator: Garreth Wigg
- Curriculum Coordinator: Erin Taylor
- Wellbeing Coordinator: Laura Goodall (Acting T1) / Ben Mockler

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**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
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- St Greg’s Swimming Carnival
  - (Years 3 - 6) Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre
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.
Thank you for your support - Lauren Macdonald, REC.

Please send in donations during December to the baskets in the classrooms.

Year 5

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 1

Kindergarten

puddings, custard, jams etc:

Christmas items such as tinned hams, mince pies, cakes, 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

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

Congratulations to the following students who have received a blue band in November: Ian-James Bassett, Cooper Giteau, Alexis Lyons, Lleyton Margules, Bradley Tiller, Giampietro Gagliardi, Phoneix Hamlin, Naomi McMinn, Jessie Willis, Giovanni Zanetti, David Nelson, Jackson Wells, Caleb Birch, Ivy Butterfield, Evie Illingworth, Kate Munoz, Riley Nemet, 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 Langevede, Blake Meadley, Lakshita Sundar, Zac McMahon, Brayden Verran and Lara Burstow.

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.

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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.

ST GREGORY’S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

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

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

NOTICEBOARD

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

CANTEEN NEWS

 Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:
Thursday 10 December     Michelle Welch
Friday 11 December  Tamara Palmer

PLEASE NOTE: Mac Quoid Street Canteen:
Tuesday, 15 December will be a limited menu.

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