Dear Parents and Carers,

Our current theme is ‘Have Courage to Stand Up’. This seems particularly fitting given this Wednesday we remember those who have died in service to our country. The men and women who certainly display great courage.

The weekend before last I took my parents to Wollongong in order to celebrate my uncle’s 93rd birthday. Uncle Bill is my dad’s brother, he was 13 when my dad was born. My grandfather died when my dad was 4 and so Uncle Bill was a very significant person in my dad’s life.

My dad was about 10 when his big brother joined the Australian Air force to become a pilot during the Second World War. A young man from the small country town of Grenfell NSW initially learnt to fly in Temora before heading to Canada for further training. William Frazer ended up being a part of Bomber Command flying Lancaster planes on missions from London. Uncle Bill is lucky to have survived the missions he flew, many of his peers did not.

To my dad his brother is his hero. For a young boy who did not have a dad it is not difficult to understand why dad looked up to his brother. Dad still has a wooden model airplane that his brother sent to him from Canada about 70 years ago. It is a prized possession not because of any monetary value but because it was a gift that all those years ago made its way from Canada to Grenfell!

Uncle Bill is a true gentleman. He is stoic, always polite, would never use bad language a true hero. He would be horrified if he I was writing these words. To many my uncle is a hero because he flew over Europe in WW11. To me he is a hero because he was married for 70 years, because he raised two daughters who are loving, caring and kind, amazing grandchildren and now much loved great grandchildren.

This year 11 November marks the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute’s silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

We Remember

Claire Frazer
Principal
From the Principal......

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers Amanda Ducker and her family. Amanda’s grandfather died last weekend.

Sympathy is extended to the Tran family (Jamie - 6 White & Jeremy - 2 White) on the death of their Great Grandmother who passed away in her sleep. Aged 100!

We hold in our thoughts and prayers the family and friends of Liam Mullen. Liam a former student of St Gregory’s (Year 6, 2009) was killed in a car accident last week. Julie Wiley, Jane King and our school captains will represent St Greg’s at Liam’s funeral on Friday at St Raphael’s Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the Zraika family (Sienna - 2 Blue) on the birth of a baby brother and to the Verran family (Kobi - 1 Gold, Grace - 2 Red & Brayden - 3 White) also on the birth of a baby brother.

**SNOWY RIVER MARCH:** My thanks to the following students who represented St Gregory’s in the Snowy River March last Sunday – Rebecca Goodall, Taylor Nikolovski and Sam Robinson (School Captains), Patrick, Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Cecilia Welch and Hayden Lasker. I was very proud of you all and thank you for demonstrating pride in your school. Thanks to the parents for spending their Sunday morning with us!

**PLANNING DAY:** Next Thursday the Leadership Team will spend the day planning for 2016. We will be finalising the 2016 School Improvement Plan that includes Literacy and Numeracy goals.

**WALKATHON:** Please forward any outstanding walkathon money to school as soon as possible. So far we have raised $12,526.20. Congratulations to our highest fundraisers - Holly Toretto (K White), Isla Neumann (1 Blue), Jade Camilleri (6 Blue) and Meaalii Faatamala (4 Red). They will be presented with their prizes at this week’s whole school assembly.

**WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS ASSEMBLY:** This Friday 2 Blue and 2 White will be hosting the last Whole School Focus Assembly for the year. They will be leading us to reflect on the theme of Have Courage to Stand Up. Parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to join us for this assembly. All guests are reminded to enter the hall from the back entrance and please do not park across our neighbours driveways or on the footpaths.

**KARINYA HOUSE:** Call out for the following items please. At present needed (as new) towels and face washers, bassinettes and prams that lay back - in good/sound working condition. Have been inundated with winter clothing, thank you, due to the change in seasons. We don’t have the storage capacity to accept any more winter clothing. We do however require summer clothing particularly smaller sizes of 000 and 00 for newborns. All donations items can be left at either campus and will be delivered to Karinya House. Thank you.

**Clothing Pool Spring Sale**

**Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 November**

**9am to 10am**

**Lowe Street MPR**

**Any 2 items for $5**
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 12 November Michelle Welch
Friday 13 November Tamara Palmer

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

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday at St Gregory’s is now nude food day. You can do your bit to reduce this by packing a school lunch without any extra packaging or juice packs. Please support us by making Wednesdays ‘WASTE FREE’ day. Thanks for your help!

LOST PROPERTY

Charlie Watson (1 Red) was wearing his hat for the last race on the sports carnival and dropped it while running. It has his name in it. Would parents please check their child has the correct hat. Thank you.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe,
Be Fair,
Show Respect.

JUNIOR CAROLS

Deck the Halls

With holly, “Fa la la la la, la la la la!”

what: Junior Christmas Carols
when: Monday, 7th December 10am - 11am
where: St Gregory’s Hall
rsvp: Children to wear Christmas themed clothes
details: K, Yr1 & Yr2 will sing favourite Christmas carols. Parents welcome!
Whooping Cough Information for Schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website.


NOTICEBOARD

ADULT EDUCATION DINNER

TOPIC—Real Care, Love and Compassion—The Alternative to Euthanasia.

Guest speaker will be Michael Rodgers.

When: Thursday 19th November at 7.00pm at The Parish Centre,
St Gregory’s School at MacQuoid Street Campus.
$20.00 per head for dinner. BYO Drinks
Please RSVP: Tuesday 10th November.
For bookings please call the parish office on 62994611

FOR SALE - St Mary Mackillop Uniform

Girls full Summer, Winter and sport uniform and school bag
Girls size 12-14 (small womens 8) for $350
All purchased for around $700
SUMMER UNIFORM - dress and jumper
WINTER UNIFORM - white shirt, kerchief, skirt and winter jacket
SPORT - shorts, polo shirt, pants and jacket

Contact: georgiagleeson@hotmail.com
ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Family Fun Day
22 November 10am-3pm Queanbeyan Park
FREE FAMILY FUN
- Zorb ball, rock wall and bungee trampoline
- Bubbles, tattoos, beading & face painting
- NSW fire truck, SES van, Police & Octy transit bus
- Petting paddock
- Giant Chess & Checkers set
- Kulture Break & Warehouse Circus workshops
- Live magic shows
- Try tennis & croquet sessions
- Jumping castle & merry go round
- Free Dairy Farmer's milk

more information see www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Familyfunday
@visitqueanbeyan

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’Eden Dance Academy’
hosting
High Tea
and
BINGO
Saturday 5th December
2pm to 4pm
Uniting Church Hall—Rutledge St, Queanbeyan
$25 per player for the first 5 games with high tea provided
Cash Prizes, Christmas Hampers, Raffles, Lucky Door Prizes & Much More

For booking info, please contact:
Alison on 0416 294 133, Megan on 0427 088 179 or Sheryl on 0416 265 347

All funds raised will go towards DPM performance groups travelling to

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Queanbeyan Festival of Ability
Community Celebration
4th December - 4pm - 8pm
Queanbeyan Park

Stalls
Live Entertainment
Amber Nichols
The Jetson 5
and more...

Food
Free Raffle
DJ
Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers