



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Eleven, Term One, 2016
5 April, 2016



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of an 11 week first term. It has gone by so fast, our kindergarten students have finished their first term and our Year 6 students are now a quarter of the way through their last year of primary school.

As you know Pope Francis has declared this a Year of Mercy. Mercy is such a powerful quality. Only strong and self-assured people have the courage to demonstrate mercy to all. Jesus calls us to be merciful to all that is where the challenge of Christianity comes. It is relatively easy to show mercy to those to whom I judge to be worthy – but Jesus calls for more. We are called to be merciful to those to all.

It is the story of the Prodigal Son that reminds us about what Jesus means when he describes mercy. The Father in the story could show mercy without condition or limits. The older brother could not understand at all why his brother deserved to be treated with mercy. I can hear the elder brother very clearly in my imagination. What right does he have to be welcomed back? How dare he think he can just waltz back into our homes as if nothing has happened? What about me I've worked hard all my life? It is just not fair!

The reality is that the elder brother was never disadvantaged financially, spiritually or emotionally by the choices and actions of his younger brother. He still had his share of the property, he still had the love of his father and he still had a place of value in the community. And yet he still felt that life was unfair.

No wonder I can imagine what the elder brother must have been thinking ... So often this is my reaction to circumstances in my own life.



I hope that all families have the opportunity for restorative rest during the break,

Claire

**Claire Frazer
Principal**



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday 5 April

STAMP out Bullying incursion
St Gregory's Hall
(all students to start the day at MacQuoid)

Wednesday 6 April

Brumbies rugby union clinic - Kinder & Yr 1
Lowe Street

Thursday 7 April

Netball NSW Schools Cup netball carnival
Thornton Road Netball Courts, Queanbeyan

St Mary MacKillop College to visit Year 6

Friday 8 April

WALKATHON - all students to start and
end the day at MacQuoid Street

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Monday 25 April

Anzac Day March - Students to assemble at
10am in Crawford St near Council Chambers

Tuesday 26 April

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 27 April

STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2

Year 6 volunteers to George Forbes House

Friday 29 April

NR Cross Country - Crookwell

Monday 2 May - Friday 20 May

Catholic Schools 2017 Enrolment Period

Monday 2 May

Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Tuesday 3 May

Year 6 girls to visit Merici College

Wednesday 4 May

Archdiocesan Touch Football Trials



Focus Value for April - *'To Remember God's Mercy is to Count Your Blessings'*

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: We hold in our thoughts and prayers those we know and love that are unwell. We particularly remember Anne Jochimsen at this time. We also pray for the members of our community who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our love and congratulations to Brad Brown (Year 5 teacher) and Sophie Cummins (Teacher at St Gregory's 2013-2015) on the announcement of their engagement over the weekend. We wish them every happiness for the future.

Congratulations to Shayne (5 White) and BJ (3 Blue) McMahon-Lee who competed in the National Wakeboard competition last week, Shayne qualified for the finals coming in 5th and BJ made it to the semi finals.

GOOD LUCK: We wish Ros Wythes (Library Assistant) safe travels as she takes long service leave until the 8th May to travel overseas with her husband, Peter.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL: Congratulations to the 4 teams that participated in the Catholic Schools' Soccer Carnival last Sunday. On the day teams from 26 schools played 202 games of soccer! What a mammoth organisational task! (Great job Mrs McAuliffe!). Thanks to the community of St Benedict's Narrabundah who hosted the event. Great effort from the many parents who were there for the day making sure that their kids had a great day, special thanks to those who were coaches and managers. My thanks to the teachers who were able to call in for at least part of the day. Finally, to the players themselves – well done and congratulations.

TLC: Tomorrow is the third in our nine Teaching Learning Communities sessions to be held throughout this year. Teachers are released for a 90-minute session in colour teams. Relief teachers have been arranged to cover classes during these times. This time selected students will be providing feedback to our teachers as to how success criteria can help with their learning.

ANZAC DAY: All students and parents who are current or former members of the Armed Services are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day March on Monday 25th April. We will assemble from 10am near the Council Chambers in Crawford Street, Queanbeyan. Students participating are to wear full school winter uniform.

TERM 2: Students begin on Wednesday 27th April for Term 2. Students should be wearing full winter uniform as of the beginning of Week 2 – Monday 2nd May.

WALKATHON: My thanks to all families who are supporting this fund raising initiative for our school. I appreciate any efforts to collect funds for St Gregory's. I acknowledge that some families have access to fewer fund raising avenues than others. Any funds raised are of value no matter the amount. The HOUSE that raises the most money will be rewarded with movie and popcorn. I look forward to seeing lots of our parents, grandparents and older siblings this Friday.

PROJECT COMPASSION LAST WEEK! Thank you to all those who have donated to Project Compassion so far this Lent! Project Compassion finishes this week. Boxes are in each classroom and around the school for donations which will go to support people around the world. Visit <http://www.caritas.org.au> to view the projects.

MOTHERS DAY STALL



Mother's Day gifts are required at school by the end of this week **Friday, 8 April**. Some ideas for donations include: candles, face washer and soap, chocolates, notebooks, diary, journals, pens, photo frames, hand lotion, jewellery, kitchen gadgets, cook books, tea towels, coffee mugs, etc.

For every donation students will receive a raffle ticket to win a wonderful prize basket. If you would like to volunteer to help with preparing gifts or on the stall on the day please email Di Smith at diannsmith82@gmail.com - Thank you.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

Congratulations to the following students who received a blud band in March for following the school rules:

Maleta Lolesio, Charlotte Holland, Isaac Iirilli, Patrick Agius, Addison McEwan, Shannon Neuss, Ellie Sweet, Brydie Beasley, Cohen Goodchild, Riley Hambrook, Jorjia Blakey, Zoe De Jong, Chris Hodges, Dakota Berry, Phoebe Beckett, Joshua Funnell, Seiana Zraika, Chloe Amey, Peter Murray, Joseph Larobina, Lauren Wind and Euan Celaya.

NAPLAN

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The tests will be conducted across Australia on the following dates:

Tuesday, 10th May - Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 11th May - Reading

Thursday 12th May - Numeracy

Friday, 13th May - A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for any students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Please contact Erin Taylor if you have any queries relating to these tests.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helper at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 7th April Denise Oldfield
Friday 8th April WALKATHON

Volunteers are always welcome at MacQuoid Street, even if just for an hour or more. Please contact Rosemarie on 6297 2221. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge 2016



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

Holidays are coming up and it's a great time to read for the PRC. We currently have 249 students enrolled with 17 students finished and 67 completing online records. What a great start!!! Congratulations to the following students who completed their challenge this week Sophie Quade KGold and April Taylor 3Blue. I am currently up to date with processing PRC registrations. If you haven't received a user name and password and have sent in a form, please email. It is not too late to register. Forms are available from the Notes tab of the St Gregory's School website <http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/notes/>
NB: I'm away on Long Service Leave from 5 Apr - 8 May, so please direct any PRC queries to melissa.greentree@cg.catholic.edu.au Please ensure you include your child's name and class in the email.

Monster Book Fair - Lowe Street



Coming in Term 2 is our Lowe St Book Fair. One of our competitions is a "Build a Monster" craft competition. The holidays is a perfect time to get busy with this task.

WALKATHON

ONLY 3 DAYS TO GO!!



Our 2016 walkathon will be held this Friday 8th April...Last day of Term 1!!!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

St Gregory's Parish are holding a Youth Fundraiser on Sunday 24th April at St Raphael's Church after 9am mass. There will be morning tea, a bbq, kids activities, entertainment and mothers day stalls. Funds raised will go towards Youth activities in the Parish such as; Little Sparks, Youth Groups, Sacramental Programs and World Youth Day. The Parish are seeking donations of used toys and books that are no longer wanted by your children. Please send all donations to Ryan Matchett at MacQuoid Street or leave at the front office of either campus to be collected. Thank you, Ryan Matchett.



NOTICEBOARD

MERICI COLLEGE OPEN DAY



Wednesday 4 May
2.00pm-7.00pm

YEAR 7, 2017
INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 10 May 6.00pm-7.15pm
Enrolment forms will be available

YEAR 11, 2017
INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 12 May 6.00pm-7.15pm
Careers Expo 4.00pm-6.00pm
Senior Information Handbooks will be available.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL TOURS
Saturdays 30 April and 7 May

Visit www.merici.act.edu.au for more information.

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE ENROLMENT



Try a Day @ St Clare's, 10.00am - 2.00pm
Friday 29 April

<https://stcc.act.edu.au/enrolment/become-a-st-clares-girl-for-a-day/>
Tuesday, 3 May 2016
Year 7 2017 Open Evening, 4.00 - 7.30pm
Tours: 4.00 - 6.00pm
Information Session 6.00 - 6.30pm in College Hall
Tours 6.30 - 7.30pm

Tuesday, 17 May 2016
Year 11 2017 Information Evening, 6.00 - 7.30pm
in the College Hall

Enrolment application forms & information about
the College will be distributed at all these events.

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE ENROLMENT



Year 7 2017 Information Night: 6.30pm, Monday 2 May @The
Wanniassa Campus (Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa).

Try MacKillop Day: Thursday 5 May @The Wanniassa Campus
(Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa) during school hours. An online
registration form will be available for Try MacKillop Day in April.
Year 11 2017 Information Night: 6pm, Wednesday 11 May @The
Isabella Campus (Ellerston Avenue, Isabella Plains).
Includes the Careers Expo and Curriculum Stalls.

First day of enrolment period: Monday 2 May. Enrolment forms will be
accepted from this date. Final day of enrolment period: All enrolment forms
for Year 7 2017 & Year 11 2017 are due to the College by 4pm Friday 20 May.

If you require further information, do not hesitate to contact the Enrolment
Secretary 6209 0100 or by emailing enrolments@mackillop.act.edu.au

MARIST COLLEGE OPEN DAY



Enrol at Marist Open Day Sunday 1 May 2016.
9am to 12noon

Enrolment Period for 2017:
Year 4, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 11
Monday 2 May - Friday 20 May 2016

Headmaster's Address at 10am
Welcome by Head of Junior School: 10:30am

DARAMALAN COLLEGE ENROLMENT



2017 Primary School Pre-Enrolment Orientation Day.
Thursday, 28 April 2016

<http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Pre-enrolment-Day-Booking-Form-Day-2-2016.pdf>

Monday, 2 May 2016 - Enrolments for 2017 commence
Friday, 20 May 2016 - Year 7 2017 Enrolments close

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact
the Enrolments Officer via email - enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au
or by phone on 6245 6348

ST EDMUNDS COLLEGE OPEN DAY



Whole school Open Day will be held on Saturday 7 May 2016.

Two session times available 10am or 12:30pm

Please ensure you register to assist with catering numbers.

<http://www.stedmunds.act.edu.au/open-day-registration>

We look forward to welcoming you to our College.

KARABAR HIGH SCHOOL



Performing Arts Program

Applications for placement in Karabar High School's Per-
forming Arts Program in 2017 are now open.

Application forms are available from St Greg's office.
Completed application forms are due to Karabar High School
by 3rd June.

Any queries phone Alison Cronan at Karabar on 6298 4333
or by email alison.cronan@det.nsw.edu.au

LAST CALL FOR 2016 SEASON SUNRISE PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

There are only a few spots remaining in our Sunrise teams and
spots are filling fast. Anyone can join our fun and friendly club!

Netsetgo Skills 5 - 7 years
Junior Teams 8 - 12 years
Junior Teams 12 years
Cadets 13 - 17 years
Seniors 17+



All players 5-10 years receive an awesome
Netball NSW Participant pack.

Costs: Netsetgo \$90 Juniors \$130 Seniors \$170
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or email sunriseselector@outlook.com
<https://www.facebook.com/SunriseNetball/>
<http://netsetgo.asn.au/>



DID YOU KNOW?



ROBBIE COLEMAN
QUEANBEYAN'S OWN BRUMBIES SENSATION



**WENT TO SCHOOL AT
ST GREGS**

**HE ALSO PLAYED
RUGBY FOR**



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS



AUSTRALIAN UNDER 20S



AUSTRALIAN SEVENS



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