



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Nine, Term One, 2016
22 March, 2016



Share the Spirit....

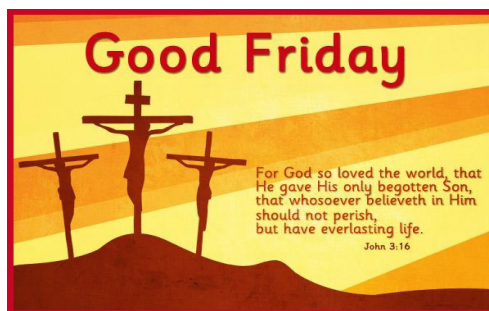
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the final week of preparations for Easter – Holy Week.



Jesus spends this night with his friends. Before the meal he demonstrates to his Apostles what leadership should look like – to lead you must serve. Jesus got on his hands and knees and washed the filthy, dusty feet of his followers. Then Jesus took bread and wine, blessed it and shared it with his friends saying 'This is my body, this is my blood do this in memory of me'. More than 2000 years later we still do this in memory of Jesus every time we are at Mass. Jesus then goes to the Mount of Olives to pray. He takes friends with him but they are too tired to stay awake at the very time that Jesus really needed them. Jesus is arrested and lead away.

The Mass of the Last Supper will be celebrated at St Raphael's Church at 7.30pm.



Jesus carries his cross to Calvary. He is battered and bruised facing the taunts of many. He also had to bear the heartache of seeing his mother and the others that he loved in distress. Jesus is hung on a cross between two criminals. One joins in the taunting the other asks Jesus for forgiveness and in return he is assured that he will be with Jesus in paradise. Darkness came over the whole land until three in afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus in a loud voice said, 'Father into your hands I commend my spirit'. Having said this, he breathed his last

Good Friday Passion Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Raphael's Church at 3pm.



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 23 March

3Blue & 3Red Sacrament of Reconciliation
10am St Gregory's Church

Matt Giteau Cup
Campese Oval, Queanbeyan

Thursday 24 March

11:40am Easter Pilgrimage from MacQuoid St
to St Raphael's Church

Friday 25 March

Good Friday

Saturday 26 March

Easter Saturday

Sunday 27 March

Easter Sunday

Monday 28 March

Easter Monday

Tuesday 29 March

Easter Liturgy 12:30pm St Gregory's Hall
School Council Meeting
6pm Lowe Street Staffroom

Wednesday 30 March

World's Greatest Shave - 9am MacQuoid St

Thursday 31 March

Merici College to visit Year 5 & 6 girls
CPS Swimming - Homebush

Friday 1 April

Author, Michael Salmon to visit Year 2 and 3

Sunday 3 April

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
University of Canberra, Bruce

Monday 4 April

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

Tuesday 5 April

STAMP out Bullying incursion
St Gregory's Hall

Wednesday 6 April

Brumbies rugby union clinic - Kinder & Yr 1
Lowe Street

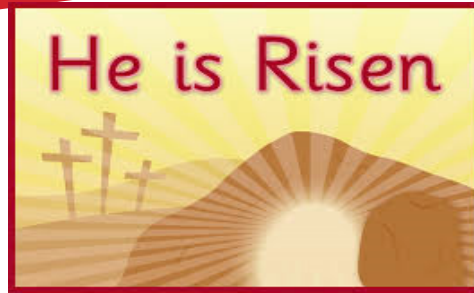
Thursday 7 April

Netball NSW Schools Cup netball carnival
Thornton Road Netball Courts, Queanbeyan
St Mary MacKillop College to visit Year 6

Friday 8 April

WALKATHON

Last Day of Term One



The women go to the tomb in the early hours to discover the tomb is empty. Jesus is alive!

Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Raphael's at 7.30pm on Saturday.

Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 10am.

It is my prayer that everyone has a happy and holy Easter!

May you always be aware of the great Mercy of God,

Claire
Claire Frazer
Principal

Focus Value for March - *'Showing Mercy by Practising Forgiveness'*

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: We offer our love, prayers and support to Melissa, Simon, Patrick and Joseph following the death of their very much loved daughter and sister last Sunday. Alexis was indeed a precious gift to her family and will be very missed. The funeral for Alexis will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at St Raphael's Church at 11:30am.

CONGRATULATIONS: The students and teachers of 2Gold and 2White for the presentation of their assembly last Friday. The students were very active in their participation singing loudly. The students who read are to be congratulated on their clear and easy to hear and understand reading. The message about forgiveness was very clear. It is certainly much better to grow beautiful flowers than it is to collect heavy rocks. My thanks to the teachers Kelly Delaney and Sarah Cook and the wonderful students of Year 2.

CROSS COUNTRY: Yesterday was perfect weather for the running of the Cross Country. I do appreciate that long distance running is not a favourite for everyone but I do admire the many students who gave of their best and completed the race some distance behind the winners. Perseverance is a wonderful quality. My thanks to Matt Maloney and all the teachers who contributed to the success of the carnival. The top 6 finishers will now represent St Gregory's in the Northern Region Cross Country to be held in Crookwell on Friday 29th April. Well done!

EASTER LITURGY: This year our Easter Liturgy on Holy Thursday will include elements of a Pilgrimage. The Lowe Street Students will begin at midday and then process to the Bicentennial Hall where they will meet up with students from MacQuoid who will have started at 11:45am. After a time of prayer in the hall we will all process to St. Raphael's Church. Our time of prayer will conclude at 1:30pm. On Tuesday next week we will celebrate with a Resurrection Liturgy at 12:30pm in the Hall. Parents, Carers and Friends are invited to join us as we celebrate Easter.

WYD: Ryan Matchett teacher of 3Gold and our Aboriginal Contact person has been invited by Catholic Education to attend World Youth Day this year. This year the event will be held in Krakow, Poland in July. St Gregory's Parish is fundraising so that other young people from Queanbeyan can attend. They currently have a raffle with the First Prize a Quilt that is hand applied plus machine pieced 165cmx160cm. Second prize is Porcelain Dolls. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5 and are available at school offices.

WALKATHON: Only 16 days left to collect sponsorship. The Walkathon was officially launched at our Whole School Assembly last Friday. Mayor Tim Overall was at the assembly to help announce that our walkathon will also include a walk against Bullying and Violence. We thank Mayor Overall for sharing his thoughts about bullying. Please encourage your children to safely seek sponsorship for this fundraising initiative. I did receive some feedback in relation to the Walkathon from a parent and would welcome any further feedback that could be discussed at our next School Community Council Meeting to be held next Tuesday.

ANZAC DAY: I appreciate that we are still in March but I invite families to note that once again the students of St Gregory's will participate in the Anzac Day March in Queanbeyan. Anzac Day is on the 25th April and is the Monday before school resumes for students for Term 2 on Wednesday 27th April. (Tuesday 26th April is a Teacher Professional Development Day)

NAPLAN: As noted in other sections of the newsletter the NAPLAN testing will be held 10th-13th May - Week 3 of Term 2. If for some reason you wish to withdraw your child from the testing regime, please contact Mrs Erin Taylor.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award at the last whole school assembly.

K Blue	Jackson Ward
K Gold	Cooper Giteau
K Red	Olivia Dwyer
K White	Luke Amey
1 Blue	Oliver Morgan
1 Gold	Briony Gagliardi
1 Red	Hamish Reid
1 White	William Hall
2 Blue	Flynn Lovekin
2 Gold	Cadence Cunningham
2 Red	Slater Hollis-Millwood
2 White	Dakota Berry and Ivy Butterfield
3 Blue	Geordie English
3 Gold	Bridget Carroll
3 Red	Ella Mossfield
3 White	Harry Croker
4 Gold	William Ireland
4 Red	Maddy Dale
5 Blue	Rachelle Nairne
5 Red	Rose Taylor
6 Blue	Isabelle Bauer
6 Gold	Brie Allinson-Brasser
6 White	Wynn Hickey
Gold Bands	William Ireland
	Hayden Lasker
	Raffaele Gagliardi
	Gianpiero Gagliardi

PROJECT COMPASSION



Dhaniram is driven to help create change in his village. Through the grass-roots Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, run by Caritas India and supported by Caritas Australia, he's gained the skills to help his community claim what's rightfully theirs and develop their plan for a better future.

Project Compassion continues this week up to Easter. Collection boxes have been placed in each classroom and the school offices for donations which will go to support people around the world. This year's theme is 'Learning More, Creating Change'. Visit <http://www.caritas.org.au> to view the projects. Thank you for your support - Lauren Macdonald, REC.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge 2016



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

We currently have 240 students enrolled with 10 students finished and 37 completing online records. What a great start!!! Congratulations to the following students who completed their challenge this week Phoenix Hamlin 1Red, Sienna Hamlin 1Gold, Sean O'Brien 2Gold, Danielle Quinones 2Blue, Sophia Watson 4White and Armand Saad 6Gold. The processing of PRC registrations is complete. If you have sent in a registration form and haven't received a user name and password, please email. It is not too late to register. Forms are available from the Notes tab of St Gregory's website <http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/notes/> Any queries can be directed to rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au but please ensure you include your child's name and class in your email.
- Rosalind Wythes, Library Assistant.

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.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



Peter Taloni (5 White) has registered with the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave. The 'GREAT SHAVE' will take place at the 9am morning assembly at MacQuoid Street on Wednesday, 30th March. Please sponsor Peter by sending in donations to school or donating online at <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/petertaloni>



MOTHERS DAY STALL



The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 6th May, 2016. The aim of the stall is to give students an opportunity to purchase a gift for a special lady in their lives. We are asking all families to please donate a small wrapped gift (clear wrapping please) to the value of approx. \$5-00. Please send your gifts to school by 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.

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.

NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAYS

Wrap Free Habits



St Greg's are urging students to bring a Wrap Free recess and lunch every day but especially on Wednesdays. On this day, we ask that your child's recess and lunch contain as few items as possible that must be thrown away. Ideally, your child's lunch will only contain items that may be eaten or composted. By participating, students will have a better understanding of how we can take action to reduce our waste. Wrap free recesses and lunches also save money and promote healthy eating.

<http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/nude-food.html>

Thank you for supporting this initiative.

SPORT NEWS

MATT GITEAU CUP - Students from St Gregory's will be competing in the Matt Giteau Cup tomorrow at Campese Oval. We have two Year 3/4 teams and a 5/6 team. Good luck!

CONGRATULATIONS - Lachlan Fitzpatrick (6 Gold) who has been selected in the MacKillop AFL team.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to attend the MacKillop trials.
Boys Football - Ned Bennett and Armand Saad
Girls Football - Taylor Green and Skyla Robinson-McEvoy.

Netball - Eleni Lolesio

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.

WALKATHON



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

Our theme this year is to raise awareness against bullying and violence by naming our walkathon A Walk against Bullying and Violence.

Every student is encouraged to collect donations, with your supervision.

Money raised will go towards the purchase of more Google Chrome books for our school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 24th March Daphne Gagliardi

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



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.

MASS TIMES

THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER

Holy Thursday, 24th March
7:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 10:00pm

Good Friday, 25th March 10am
Stations of the Cross
St Raphael's Church

Good Friday, 25th March 3pm
The Lord's Passion

Saturday, 26th March 7:30pm
Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 27th March
7-7:30am
Something New
(A "He has Risen" Liturgy)
St Gregory's School Hall,
Molonglo Street, Queanbeyan.
Followed by coffee & hot cross
buns

Sunday, 27th March at 8am &
10am

ST EDMUNDS COLLEGE OPEN DAY



Whole school Open Day will be held on Saturday 7 May 2016.
Two session times available.

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.

Session 1

10:00am Registration
10:15am Principal's Welcome
10:30am Tour
11:30am Morning Tea

Session 2

12:30pm Registration
12:45pm Principal's Welcome
1:00pm Tour
2:00pm Afternoon Tea

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE ENROLMENT



Year 7 2017 Information Night: 6.30pm, Monday 2 May @The Wanniasa Campus (Mackinnon Street, Wanniasa).
Try MacKillop Day: Thursday 5 May @The Wanniasa Campus (Mackinnon Street, Wanniasa) 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

NORTHERN MISSION

Incorporating Queanbeyan, Michelago, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes

Weekly & Weekend Masses			1 st Wednesdays	10:00am	George Forbes House
Saturday	5:30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan	2 nd Wednesdays	11:00am	Warrigal (Kawaree)
Sunday	9:00am & 5:30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan	4 th Wednesdays	11:00am	Queanbeyan Nursing Home
Sunday	8:30am	St Mary's, Bungendore	Saturdays 9:30am Morning Prayer of the Church, St Raphael's		
1st Sundays	11am	Peter & Paul, Hoskinstown	Fridays	11:00-11:55am	Exposition & Adoration, St Raphael's
3rd Sundays	9 am	St Joseph's Gundaroo	Fri 11:30-11:50am, Sat 4.30-5pm		Reconciliation, St Raphael's Church
4th Sunday	11am	St Patrick's Michelago	Sundays during 9am mass		Children's Liturgy Ages 3-9yrs
Saturday	6pm	St Bede's, Braidwood	1st, 3 & 4 th Sun	10:30am	Baptisms St Raphael's Church
5th Sunday	12 noon	St Bridgid's, Krawarree	2nd and 4 th weekends (Sat) 5:30pm / (Sun) 9am		Baptism Presentations, St Raphael's Church
Monday	NO MASS		By Appointment		Marriages
Tuesday	5:30pm	St Raphael's	Mondays 10:00am-12noon		Craft Group, Parish Mtg Room
Wednesday	7:00am	St Raphael's	1 st Wednesdays 12:30pm		Cancer Support Gr 6297 1912
Wednesday	9:00am	St Mary's Bungendore	Wednesdays 1:30-3pm		Prayer Group, Parish Meeting Room.
Thursday	7:00am	St Raphael's			
Friday	12noon	St Raphael's			

PARISH OFFICE DETAILS:

Open: 9-3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed for lunch 1-1:30pm and all day Wednesdays)
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