



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Three, Term Two, 2016
10 May, 2016



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. This is recognised as the birth of the church as it was only after the gift of Holy Spirit at Pentecost that the followers of Jesus had the courage to go out to the world and spread the Good News.

'On the day of Pentecost, the believers were gathered together in one room. All of a sudden they heard a sound like a strong wind that seemed to fill the whole house. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire coming and resting on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and immediately they started to speak in other languages'. Acts of the Apostles.



In our Teaching Learning Communities workshops the teachers have been working to enhance the way that they collect assessment data on their students. In particular, our focus has been on embedding effective formative assessment strategies in classrooms. It is this formative assessment data that drives future planning of the learning experiences for the students.

Teachers have also been working at making the learning intention for each lesson explicitly clear to all students. A learning intention is simply a description of what teachers want the students to know, understand or be able to do by the end of the lesson. It tells the students what the focus for learning is going to be.

Learning Intentions are most effective when they focus on the learning rather than the activity or task - for example:

We are learning to Use research skills to gather information is much better than

We are learning to ... research about Pandas.

The first learning intention makes it clear that the students are learning research skills, which they can then transfer to other learning contexts or situations.

When learning intentions are shared and discussed with students they are more likely to be: focused for longer periods of time, motivated and involved and responsible for their learning. Perhaps you can ask your children what learning intentions they have been working on.

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

Claire

**Claire Frazer
Principal**



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday 10 May
NAPLAN

Wednesday 11 May
NAPLAN

Book Fair at Lowe Street

Thursday 12 May
NAPLAN

Friday 13 May
Whole School Assembly - Year 4

Monday 16 May
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open

Wednesday 18 May
Archiocesan Cross Country

Math Olympiad and Math Game Team

Thursday 19 May
ICAS Digital Technologies Competition

Friday 20 May
Catholic Schools 2017 enrolment period ends.

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Monday 23 May
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open

Tuesday 24 May
School Council Meeting

First Eucharist Parent Night 7pm St Greg's
Hall MacQuoid Street



Focus Value for May - *'Make good choices by showing God's Mercy.'*

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: We hold in our thoughts and prayers the family affected by the fire in Queanbeyan last week. We also pray in thanksgiving for the emergency personnel who responded to the emergency. Please keep in your prayers the students of Year 4 who are now preparing for their First Eucharist.

THANKYOU: My thanks to the parents who contacted me to express their condolences about Anne Jochimsen. She is very missed and your kind words have been very much appreciated.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL: I was at Lowe Street on Friday and witnessed firsthand the excitement of the Kindergarten and Year 1 students as they purchased gifts for their mums. My thanks to all those who sent in gifts and especially the parents who were able to come along and to be the shop assistants. I would also like to particularly thank Di Smith who again this year coordinated a very successful event. My thanks to her family for all the sorting, wrapping and storing that happened in their home.

ARCHDIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Northern Region at the Archdiocesan Cross Country next Wednesday 18th May – Niamh Billiards, Madeline Bennett, Laila Gatt, Rhiannon O'Brien, Keeva Robinson-McEvoy, Angelina Brown, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Shantay Trotter, Meagan Shand and making sure the boys are represented Emmett Smith. Well done!

CLOTHING POOL: We have had a volunteer for the clothing pool. Betty Crowe a grandmother of a number of students has very kindly offered to be the coordinator for the clothing pool. I am sure that Betty would be appreciative of any offers of assistance. Thank you very much Betty for offering your time.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: This Friday the students of Year 4 will be hosting our assembly with the focus – Making good choices by showing God's mercy. All parents and friends are invited to join us for the assembly which will begin at 12.30pm.

LOWE STREET MONSTER BOOK FAIR: The fair will be held TOMORROW from 8.30am to 6.00pm in the library at Lowe. There will be a lucky door prize, a guess the number of monsters eyes prize, a colouring competition (Kinder & Year 1 only) prize and a 'build a monster' craft prize. The lucky door and guessing competition will take place at the fair on Wednesday. Prizes will be awarded in week 4. There will be credit card facilities at the fair and you can also order and pay online if you can't make it to the fair.

OPEN DAY YESTERDAY: My thanks to the group of Year 6 students who were our tour guides at Lowe Street during our Open Day. Many parents commented on how polite, mature and respectful the students were. Parents and other visitors were also impressed with how proud they were to be students of St Greg's. Special thanks to the students who came after school to show our visitors around the school.

ENROLMENT PERIOD: I am delighted to say that we have already received 35 applications for Kindergarten 2017. Given we are only into the second week of the three-week enrolment period this is a very pleasing number. It is wonderful to know that our school is the school of choice for many local families. I have already started interviewing prospective families. If you have children who are due to begin school next year or you have friends that may be interested, please contact the office for enrolment packages.

NAPLAN: The assessment regime began today with 2 tests – Language Conventions and Writing. Tomorrow the students will complete the Reading assessment followed by the Numeracy test on Thursday.



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



In October St Gregory's Primary School is hosting the 2016 NSW CPS basketball championships in Queanbeyan and the ACT. There will be up to 1000 students and their families visiting our region for this tournament. We are seeking any businesses or families who are able to sponsor our event. Please contact Ryan Matchett, Championship Convener at St Gregory's on 62972221 or by email ryan.matchett@cg.catholic.edu.au for further information.
Thank you - Ryan Matchett

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 12th May Erika O'Brien
Friday 13th May Maureen Ward

Helper at MacQuoid Street this week are:

Friday 13th May Kellie Stokes

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



We currently have 260 students enrolled with 28 students finished and 112 completing online records. What a great start!!! Congratulations to the following student who completed their challenge this week Jorja Nicolson 3White. 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.

Monster Book Fair - Lowe Street



Our Lowe Street Scholastic Book Fair will be held this Wednesday, 11th May 8.30am - 6.00pm in the library at Lowe. The theme is monsters: Monster Book Fair. Our Scholastic Book Fairs are always successful due to the wonderful support and generosity of our families. Please come along again this year and purchase a book from the appealing selection sent by Scholastic. We are able to purchase many new books for our students from the funds raised.
There will be a lucky door competition, a guess the number of monsters eyes competition, a colouring competition (Kinder & Year 1 only) and a 'build a monster' craft competition.
The lucky door and guessing competition will take place at the fair on Wednesday.
The colouring competition sheets have been handed out at Lowe and were due back on Monday. These could be completed in the classroom or at home. The craft entries were also due back on Monday.
Prizes will be awarded in week 4.
There will be credit card facilities at the fair and parents can also use the Scholastic flyer to order and pay online if they can't be at the fair.
Helen Carroll, Ros Wythes, Melissa Greentree

PROJECT COMPASSION



The Year 6 Spirit team are organizing a Toy Stall to raise money for Project Compassion. Could you please bring in any old and unwanted toys. The toys need to be still in good condition not broken or missing any pieces.
Thank you - Lauren Macdonald, REC.



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.

KARABAR HIGH SCHOOL



Performing Arts Program

Applications for placement in Karabar High School's Performing 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



Auditions – Auditions – Auditions

In the next few weeks Acting Antics will be holding auditions for their gala performance of...

"ROCKETMAN"

Ex-President of the Intergalactic Space Council, Regano, has escaped from Alcatrais and is planning a comeback. Can Princess Zara and her fearless Solar Knights hold off Regano & the Androids until Wing Commander Wang & his brave fighters, Nav, Tech and Brash arrive? Will Rocketman ever arrive & what have Froth & Perk from the Jupiter Bean café & Memento & Secondo, spies extraordinaire, been up to?

IF YOU LOVE TO ACT, DRESS-UP & PERFORM THIS IS THE PROGRAM FOR YOU!

St Gregory's School - Lowe Street Campus - Multi Purpose Room
Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm - Performance Actor (7-12yrs)

PERFORMANCE ACTING classes build confidence while developing acting, presentation & performance skills. Curriculum covers improvisation, the actor's voice, characterization, movement & mime, stagecraft, the audition & rehearsal process & theatre etiquette.

TEACHER Monica Engel has 8 years experience in primary & secondary schools teaching art, music & drama & has just completed her Diploma in Musical Theatre.

Fees: Season 1 (Term 1 & 2) pro-rata fees \$144.00 (students from all schools welcome - start any time)
Registration & Enquiries: www.actingantics.com - admin@actingantics.com - 0409 507773



This year Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 21 May, 10am – 2pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn all about fire safety in the home.

Our local Queanbeyan Fire Station at 41 Campbell Street, will be opening its doors to celebrate Open Day with all sorts of fun activities planned for the kids, including being able to hop aboard a real working fire truck and hold a fire hose, and get a show bag full of goodies while chatting with real firefighters about what they do. They will also be providing a free Sausage Sizzle for everyone.

With the onset of winter just around the corner, learning as much as you can about home fire safety is really important – winter is the worst time of the year for house fires.

So make sure you reserve the date and head down to Queanbeyan Fire Station on Saturday 21 May! Further information Contact Queanbeyan Fire Station on: 6297 2332

Italian for Kids @ Queanbeyan



Start Date & Time: 28th April 2016, Thursday
End Date & Time: 30th June 2016, Thursday
Venue: St. Gregory's Parish, 47 Lowe St.

Time/Fee (Low st students) : 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.; \$165.00 per child Time/
Fee (McQuoid st students) : 3.20 to 4.30 p.m.; \$155.00 per child
Sibling discounts apply. Please make a request at enrolment

Note: The LCF Italian Teacher will accompany your child at Lowe St Campus to St. Gregory's Parish from 3.00 p.m. Please prepare some snacks for them.

For enquiry and enrolment, please contact LCF Fun Languages
www.lcfclubs.com.au - Sarah Mak @0431252768 Email sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au



SMALL UNIFORM ALTERATIONS

If you require small alterations to your childs uniforms please contact

Betty Crowe on 0408 842 992



We are now offering a pick-up and drop-off service, included in our daily fee!

Offering excellence in childcare and early learning delivered in a fun, vibrant and caring environment

ENROL NOW FOR 2016

PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!



We offer:

- A unique school readiness curriculum based program for our pre-schoolers.
- Five spacious, light and airy, age graded rooms.
- Nutritious, balanced meals cooked fresh daily on our premises.
- Extra curricula activities, visitors and in-house programs included in our daily fee.
- Exceptional outdoor play areas with our special animal friends, Baff the Giraffe, Lumpy the Elephant and Dynamoe the Dinosaur

We are located in a brand new centre at
7-9 McKeahnie St. Queanbeyan 2620
Please contact us or drop in anytime to view our stunning centre.

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