



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Three, Term Three, 2016

2 August, 2016



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Gregory's we hold the dignity of each individual within our community as one of our highest priorities. The wellbeing of our school community and the behaviour of each person, in particular our students, affects our ability to achieve our goals. St Gregory's seeks to encourage individuals to become effective and contributing citizens.

Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As a part of this process, they will be working with children from Kinder to Year 5 to share ways we can show forgiveness, the challenges of forgiveness and the difference between asking and forgiving. Students will also be discussing the importance of our school rules. As the year of Mercy, this is also an opportunity for students to join together and share the important message of Mercy and what it means to be Merciful.

Our behaviour guidance policy recognises the importance of developing self-awareness and self-discipline, which enables the growth and development of all. The opportunity to enhance personal capacity through social, emotional, spiritual, cognitive, and physical development is paramount to the success of our students.

St Gregory's School Rules are: **Be Fair, Stay Safe and Show Respect**. These rules guide student thinking to encourage respectful and considerate behaviour.

Research suggests that the benefits of effective family-school partnerships can enhance positive behaviour outcomes. In partnership with you, our Student Behaviour Guidance Policy aims to build a positive school community by developing our curriculum, promoting social and emotional learning, improving student support and educating staff, parents and families.

Parents and carers bring important information, knowledge and experience to the educational partnership. Encouraging children to talk about our school rules at home and ways we can model how to **Be Fair, Stay Safe and Show Respect** can provide a valuable opportunity to share and highlight our Partnership between home and school, and enhance positive behaviour outcomes. Please spend some time to share with your child/ren the importance of our school rules.

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

**Erin Taylor
Principal (Acting)**



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Thursday 4 August

Hansel and Gretel Incursion for Years 2-4
9:30am St Gregory's Hall

Wakakirri Heats
7:15pm Canberra Theatre

Friday 5 August

Community Prayer Session - "Be Hopeful"
8:30am - 8:50am St Gregory's Church

ICAS English Competition

Saturday 6 August

Confirmation Commitment Mass
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Sunday 7 August

Confirmation Commitment Mass
9am St Raphael's Church

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Monday 8 August

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

Tuesday 9 August

Community Prayer Session - "Be Just"
8:30am - 8:50am Lowe St Parish Room

Year 6 to lead Mercy Week prayer and lessons in all classes - 11:40am

Wednesday 10 August

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Thursday 11 August

Northern Region Public Speaking Comp
St Bede's School, Braidwood

ACG Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival
St John Paul 11 College, Nicholls

Friday 12 August

Community Prayer Session - "Be Just"
8:30am - 8:50am St Gregory's Church

Year 6 Excursion - Old Bus Depot

Whole School Assembly (Wakakirri)
12:30pm St Gregory's Hall

Monday 15 August

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

Brumbies rugby clinic - MacQuoid

Tuesday 16 August

School Council Meeting
6pm Lowe Street



Focus Value for August - *'Remember God's Mercy and Learn from your Mistakes'*

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: We continue to pray for our WYD Pilgrims in Poland, especially our own Ryan Matchett. There are many in our community who are grieving the death of a loved one, we remember these people in our thoughts and prayers. I heard today of another of our parents beginning treatment for cancer. Please keep our sick community members in your prayers. We hold in our prayers the students of Year 6 who are currently preparing for Confirmation.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the students and teachers of 1Blue and 1White who presented our assembly last Friday. The children were wonderful in sharing some very important messages with us! Congratulations to the Choir who entertained the guests at Queanbeyan Uniting Care last Thursday. I am sure they delighted the audience.

WALKATHON: Congratulations to our St Gregory's community! We raised over \$16,000 from our Walkathon. This money will go towards the upgrade of new IT software and equipment for our school. Thank you all for your amazing efforts!

WAKAKIRRI: Best wishes to our Year 5 students who this Thursday participate in the Wakakirri heats at the Canberra Theatre. They have been working very hard and I know that they are very excited. Theatre tickets were sent home with students today.

CLOTHING POOL: Our clothing pool is open every Monday from 9am at Lowe Street. A big thank you to Betty Crowe for her continued efforts to ensure the uniforms are prepared and organised each week.

OPERA AUSTRALIA: The students from Years 2-4 and all choir members have a very special treat this Thursday. Opera Australia will be performing Hansel and Gretel. I am sure that this will be the first operatic experience for most of our students. I thank Mrs McFaul for organising this amazing opportunity for our students.

BUSES: The driver of Bus 19 has been in contact with staff worried about the number of children who are leaving the bus at the interchange in the mornings. He is concerned that his job is to get them safely to school. He asks them if they are supposed to be/allowed to be hopping off there, but they just ignore him and hop off anyway. He was lovely about it, and seemed genuinely concerned.

PA ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME: The teachers have asked that PA announcements be limited to just before scheduled breaks, ie. just before 11am, just before 1:40pm and just before 3pm. The PA announcements are very intrusive and interrupt students working. If you need to take your child for an appointment please sign them out at the office and then collect them directly from the classroom.

CANTEEN SURVEY: As part of the Community consultation process for school improvement. The survey link below is an opportunity for your input into our School Canteen. Please take some time to complete the anonymous survey.
<https://goo.gl/forms/I2XuwdOoHiVeYuFd2>

WHOOPIING COUGH: Please be advised that we have had a student diagnosed with whooping cough.

EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL: Just a reminder that parents are required to seek exemption for their child if they wish for them not to participate in compulsory schooling for a period of time. The reason for the exemption may vary as may the length of the exemption required. Exemptions are only required for anticipated absences NOT illness. Exemptions should be sort for absences for periods of 1 day or longer. Exemption Applications are available on the school website.

CYBER SAFETY: The internet is an integral part of young people's lives. Used responsibly, the online environment is a great place for our children to socialise and maintain friendships, be entertained, download and watch music and movies, play games, to search for information and to learn. The ever changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for parents who wish to keep on top of their children's technology use. While children might seem to be tech savvy, they still need a parent's guiding hand to help make sure their online experience is positive and safe. This website provides some excellent guidelines for parents. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS: Last week one of our little chaps decided to catch a bus home with a friend instead of going to YMCA. As you can imagine this caused some angst for very concerned parents during the short time when we did not know where he was. This is not the first time that students have taken upon themselves to make alternative plans! It may be worth reminding children how important it is to follow routines.

BOOK WEEK IS COMING: Students (and parents and teachers) are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. LOWE – Monday 22nd August and MACQUOID – Tuesday 23rd August.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: The school photos have arrived and have been handed out to students today.



LIBRARY NEWS



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

Premiers Reading Challenge 2016 - 18 days to go!!

The last day for recording is Friday 19th August at 11:59 pm. 45 students haven't begun recording yet - so please start now. Please note, it can become more difficult to log on to the PRC site the closer we get to Friday, 19th August. We currently have 284 students enrolled, with 122 students finished and another 117 completing online records. Congratulations to these 14 students: Luke Amey KWhite, Winifred Howell KRed, Aidan Willis KBlue, Jorjia Blakey 1White, Tara Willis 1Blue, Jake Blakey 3Gold, Maltilda Howell 3Gold, Chloe Amey 4Red, Ethan deHaviland 4White, Michael Evans 4White, Brianna Neuss 4White, Keeva Robinson-McEvoy 4White, Billy Langeveld 5White and Jacynth Blakey 6White. I am able to email Loan histories for students to help you complete on line reading records and am still adding books to students in K-2 classes whenever they have had books read to them in class or library lessons. Any queries can be directed to rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au Please ensure you include your child's name and class in your email.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club will be held for **Lowe St Campus only** for the rest of this year. Thank you Melinda McIntyre for volunteering. Please note **orders close on Thursday, 28th August 2016**. Orders may be done online or sent into school. Thank you.

Book Week

Book Week 2016 is fast approaching! This annual event which is celebrated in August each year highlights the importance of reading and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books. Book Week is about encouraging students to read; to learn about new books; to share favourite writers and illustrators; to look again at old favourite books in maybe a different way; to take time to be alone and just read.

This year's theme is "Australia! Story Country" which is currently being explored during Library lessons as a unit focus. Throughout the term, students will be exposed to a range of Children's Book Council of Australia notable and shortlisted picture books in both print and audio-visual format. Students will also engage in selected learning activities such as book reviews, craft based activities, and utilise new technology tools to promote their work.



Please note:

- **Low Street Book Character Dress up Parade:** Monday 22nd August at 9am. Possum Magic Play performed by some of St Gregory's Library Monitors at 11:40am.
- **MacQuoid Street Book Character Dress up Parade:** Tuesday 23rd August. Possum Magic Play performed first at 9:15am followed by Parade.

Students are invited to help celebrate Book Week by coming dressed to school as their favourite book character. Students are encouraged to try and bring in a matching book with them to be discussed in class. This will be a celebration and hence no prizes will be awarded.

- MACQUOID ST BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS -

Students may choose to enter any of the following competitions:

1. CLASS DOOR POSTER:

Some classes will be creating a door poster to celebrate Book Week's theme 'Australia! Story Country'. The class judged as the most creative poster will be able to pick a movie from the Library's collection to watch in class with popcorn provided. To be judged on Friday of Week 6.

2. DRAWING & GUESSING COMPETITION:

Colour in the Book Week artwork created by Shaun Tan and/ or guess the book titles in the artwork. Colouring sheets are available from the Library. Prizes will be awarded for neatest and most creative colouring work as well as the most correct book titles found. Name and class must be written on the back. Submit to your teacher Friday, Week 5.

3. QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Each day during Week 6 a book quote will be added to the double library doors. Students must pick either which book it came from or who wrote it. Students may pick up entry forms from the Library during Week 6 and submit their entry to Mrs Greentree by Friday morning of Week 6.

- LOWE ST BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS -

Students may choose to enter any of the following competitions:

1. CREATE A BOOK COVER:

Create a book cover of your choice. Include a title and author. Use Australia as the theme. Please see Mrs Wigg to get a template or create yours from scratch.

2. CLASS DOOR POSTER:

Some classes will be creating a door poster to celebrate Book Week's theme 'Australia! Story Country'. The class judged as the most creative poster will be able to pick a movie from the Library's collection to watch in class with popcorn provided. To be judged on Friday of Week 6.

3. DRAWING & GUESSING COMPETITION:

Colour in the Book Week artwork created by Shaun Tan and/or guess the book titles in the artwork. Colouring sheets are available from Lowe St Library. Prizes will be awarded for neatest and most creative colouring work as well as the most correct book titles found. Name and class must be written on the back. Submit to your teacher Friday, Week 5.

Please contact Melissa Greentree (Teacher/Librarian - MacQuoid St) or Kate Wigg (Teacher/Librarian - Lowe St), for further information on melissa.greentree@cg.catholic.edu.au or kate.wigg@cg.catholic.edu.au



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	Eva Celeska
K Gold	Jasmine Kaur
K Red	Samson Trynes
K White	Harvey Canestrari
1 Blue	Phoebe Doyle
1 Gold	Angus Dale
1 Red	Hayden Lasker
1 White	Luke Thurling
2 Blue	Isaac Kirkpatrick
2 Gold	Natahlya Rogers
2 White	Madalyn Johnson
3 Blue	Meliah Murray
3 Red	Mia Taylor
3 White	Charli Hargreaves
4 Gold	Thomas Hatchman
4 Red	Bayley Mallia
4 White	Gustavo Sousa
5 Blue	Kelven Ng
6 Blue	Tahj Guglielmin
6 Gold	Rushen Perera
6 White	Claudia Borkowski
Gold Bands	Flynn Lovekin
	Amelia Mansell
	Ethan Armstrong

AR Millionaire

SPORT NEWS

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS: Congratulations to the following Athletics Age Champions who were awarded their medals at last Friday's Whole School Assembly.

Rory Forbes, Emmett Smith, Angelina Brown, Sienna Harajli, Jordan Thurling, Ryan Weatherby, Skyla Robinson-McEvoy, Shantay Trotter, Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Ethan Barac, Meagan Shand and Amelia Rademaker.

BOOROWA BOYS TOUCH & GIRLS NETBALL CARNIVAL will be held on Friday, 21st October. Interested students in Years 3 -6 are invited to collect a registration form from MacQuoid Office. Cost is \$20 and forms are due back at school by 12th August.
- Matthew Maloney



You may feel that the maths your child is doing at school is different from how you were taught, but you are still able to support your child in many ways.

Watch this space for tips, websites/apps and information to further connect with Maths at St Greg's.

K-2 students need lots of experiences in making, counting, drawing and talking about numbers. It is important to make connections for your child by explaining how numbers and counting are a part of everyday life.

Playing shop

*Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices written on sticky notes or prices cut out of shopping catalogues.

*Talk about how we pay for items using notes and coins.

*Make paper money or use play money to buy and sell goods from the shop.

*Order the food items by height (tallest to the shortest) or by cost (least expensive to most expensive).

*Introduce kitchen scales to the shop to weigh some foods such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice and order items by weight.

Year 3 - Year 6 students focus strongly on inquiry, asking questions and problem solving.

Connecting maths to real life is essential for engagement and future success.

SPORTS scores

*How does your favourite sport tally the score? What maths is presented on the tally?

*How do other sports tally the score, for example, tennis, golf, cricket, netball, football?

*What maths do you use to find the total of the scores?

*Are there other ways to record the score?

*How long do your favourite sport games go for in minutes and seconds? Are they divided into halves, quarters or something else?

*What are the shapes of different playing fields and courts? Talk about edges and angles.

*How can you estimate the perimeter and area of a playing field?

- Kate McManus-Green (kate.mcmanus-green@cg.catholic.edu.au)



2017 ENROLMENTS

Please complete and return this note to the office if your child (except Year 6 students) is not returning to St Gregory's School in 2017. Thank you.

My child/ren.....

in class/es.....will not be returning to St Gregory's School in 2017.

He/She/They will be attending

(please insert name of school)

Signed:.....Parent/Guardian Date:.....



OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

Congratulations to the following students who received a blue band in July for exceeding the school rules:

Jacob Newman, Ava Picker, Caitlyn Sibraa, Jackson Ward, Ruby Herbig, Sophie Quade, James Solomon, Isaac Iirilli, Sophie McIntyre, Xander Dunn, Briony Gagliardi, Grace Carswell, Alyce Greentree, Marko Joveski, Flynn Lovekin, Johnny-Ray Maiolo, Phoebe Beckett, Charlotte Quinn, Mia Duff, Matthew Lockhart and Paige Sliwinski

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 4 August Michelle Welch
Friday 5 August June Lawrence

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

NOTICEBOARD



The Musicorp program has been at St Gregory's School now for a number of years with children learning a variety of instruments. The instruments that are on offer are

Keyboard, Acoustic guitar, bass guitar, percussion, woodwind and brass instruments. We do need more brass and woodwind students to form a school band as most students that are in the program are keyboard and guitar players.

Learning an instrument can be both fun and rewarding so if you wish for your child (Years 3-6) to learn through our program please contact Musicorp on 1300 858 911 or contact the school's front office for a brochure.

Zambrero

Zambrero is Mexican with a mission:

A healthy quick-service restaurant franchise and humanitarian enterprise committed to tackling world hunger through its Plate 4 Plate program. Zambrero's menu is healthy, modern Mexican with burritos, tacos, nachos and quesadillas all made with the freshest ingredients and fresh ideas.

Zambrero was founded in Braddon, Canberra in Australia in 2005 by Dr Sam Prince. Now, Zambrero has over 110 restaurants globally across Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Ireland.

Zambrero Queanbeyan would like to offer students of St Gregory's School a 10% off VIP Card.

Please visit our store and ask our friendly staff about collecting your VIP Card.

PRAYER SESSIONS

St Gregory's School would like to offer the opportunity for our parents, carers and friends to pray as a community through two prayer sessions. These sessions will be modern and interactive. Everyone is welcome!

Week 1 - **'Be Hopeful'** Friday 5/8 - St Gregory's Church 8:30-8:50am
Week 2 - **'Be Just'** Tuesday 9/8 - Lowe St Parish Room 8:30-8:50am
and Friday 12/8 - St Gregory's Church 8:30-8:50am
- Françoise Hewson (Acting Religious Coordinator)

PARISH NEWS

CALL TO PARENTS: Were you around in 1981 and 1985 when Mother Teresa visited Queanbeyan? If you were and have any photos or memorabilia from her visit, the parish office would like to hear from you. Please call the office on 62994611. Thank you.

Novena Masses to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
St Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan
5:30pm each day

August 26 - Mgr John Kallarackal
August 27 - Fr Troy Bobbin
August 28 - Bishop Pat Power
August 29 - Fr Tony Percy
August 30 - Fr Greg Beath
August 31 - Fr Luke Verrell

September 1 - Fr Onoja Abogonye James
September 2 - Fr Peter Day
September 3 - Fr Troy Bobbin

September 4 - 9:00am Mass for
Canonisation of Mother Teresa at St
Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan - Fr Troy Bobbin

NORTHERN MISSION

St Gregory's Parish



Queanbeyan
Michelago
Bungendore
Braidwood

PARISH OFFICE DETAILS:

Open: 9am - 3:30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
(Closed for lunch 1-1:30pm and all day Monday & Wednesdays)
Address: 47 Lowe St, Queanbeyan
Postal: PO Box 175 Queanbeyan 2620
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Web: www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com

Weekday & Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:30pm St Raphael's, Queanbeyan
Sunday 9:00am & 5:30pm St Raphael's, Queanbeyan
Sunday 8:30am St Bede's, Braidwood
1st Sundays 11am Ss Peter & Paul, Hoskinstown
3rd Sundays 9am St Joseph's, Gundaroo
5th Sundays 12noon St Brigid's, Krawarree
Saturday 5:30pm St Mary's, Bungendore
2nd Saturday 5pm St Patrick's, Michelago
Monday NO MASS
Tuesday 5:30pm St Raphael's, Queanbeyan
Wednesday 7:00am St Raphael's, Queanbeyan
Wednesday 9:00am St Mary's, Bungendore
Thursday 7:00am St Raphael's, Queanbeyan
Friday 12noon St Raphael's, Queanbeyan
1st Wednesdays 10:00am George Forbes House
2nd Wednesdays 11:00am Warrigal (Kawaree)
4th Wednesdays 11:00am Queanbeyan Nursing Home
There will not be morning prayer on Saturday mornings
Fridays 11:00am-11:55am Exposition & Adoration St Raphael's, Qbn
Fri 11:30am-11:50am, Sat 4:30-5pm Reconciliation St Raphael's, Qbn
Sundays during 9am mass Children's Liturgy (ages 3-9yrs)
1st, 3rd & 4th Sun 10:30am Baptisms St Raphael's Church, Qbn
2nd & 4th weekends (Sat) 5:30pm/(Sun) 9am Baptism Presentations
Marriages By Appointment
Mondays 10:00am-12noon Craft Group, Parish Meeting Room
1st Wednesdays 12:30pm Cancer Support Group Ph: 6297 1912
Wednesdays 1:30pm-3pm Prayer Group, Parish Meeting Room