



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Three, Term Three, 2016

9 August, 2016



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Olympics has begun and what incredible scenes there have been of so many countries across the world joining together for such a memorable occasion. This is such a valuable opportunity for our students to learn about different countries, appreciate multiculturalism and recognise the importance of team spirit and sportsmanship. It was great to witness the screams of excitement in one of our classrooms yesterday, when one of our Australian Olympians responded via Twitter to the class. What wonderful learning experiences for our students.

Last Thursday evening I was privileged to see our Year 5 Wakakirri performance at the Canberra Theatre. The joy and happiness on our students faces as they performed was just beautiful. Congratulations to all of the teachers and students involved in Wakakirri, fingers crossed for the finals!

At the beginning of the term, our staff joined together at Greenhills for our St Gregory's retreat. It was a time to pray and reflect and provided us with an opportunity to look closely at the year of Mercy. This week I have witnessed some of the messages that our Year 6 students are sharing with the rest of the school about Mercy. This has been a very powerful learning experience for all children involved.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

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

**Erin Taylor
Principal (Acting)**



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 10 August

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

Thursday 11 August

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

ICAS English Competition

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 Science 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

Assumption Mass
12:30pm St Raphael's Church

Tuesday 16 August

School Council Meeting
6pm Lowe Street

Wednesday 17 August

Math Olympiad and Math Game Team

Thursday 18 August

Archdiocesan Athletics - AIS

Friday 19 August

ICAS Maths Competition

Premier's Reading Challenge ends

Monday 22 August - Friday 26 August

Book Week - Australia: Story Country

Monday 22 August

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

9am Lowe Street Book Week Parade

Brumbies rugby union clinic - MacQuoid

Tuesday 23 August

9:15am MacQuoid St Book Week Parade

Wednesday 24 August

Year 6 volunteers to George Forbes House

Friday 25 August

Whole School Assembly (K Blue/K Gold)
12:30pm St Gregory's Hall



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

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep Kristy Poole and her family in your prayers after the death of her Grandmother last week.

We continue to hold in our prayers the students of Year 6 who are currently preparing for Confirmation.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Grace Graham and Alex Maher on the birth of their baby sister, Ava.

WAKAKIRRI: Congratulations to the Year 5 Teachers and Students on a wonderful Wakakirri performance.

CHOIR: We wish our Mrs Dee McFaul and the St Gregory's Choir all the very best for their performance this Thursday.

ST GREGORY'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: On Tuesday, 6 September it will be the St Gregory's Feast Day Celebration. If you are able to assist with preparing/serving on the BBQ, please contact Mrs Lauren MacDonald (lauren.macdonald@cg.catholic.edu.au)

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.

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.

WHOOPING COUGH/SCARLET FEVER: Please be aware there have been several cases of whooping cough and scarlett fever diagnosed at the school.

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.



CLOTHING POOL SALE



September 2 for 1 Sale!

The Clothing Pool will be open every Monday in September from 9-10am and from 2:30-3:30pm
Buy any 2 items for \$5-00!

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 11 August Daphne Gagliardi
Friday 12 August Betty Ivanos

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

SCIENCE WEEK



The 2016 theme Drones, Droids and Robots, aims to embrace the 'Technology' in STEM, in particular autonomous technology. This year's theme focuses on the real-world application of autonomous technologies in areas including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, medicine and space and deep ocean exploration. Of course, it also looks at how this technology has transformed our day-to-day lives – from robot vacuum cleaners and lawn mowers to automated pools.



Year 6 will kick off Science Week by attending an expo, Science in ACTION, this Friday.

There are many events in and around Canberra for the whole family:
<http://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

Building Blocks to NUMERACY SUCCESS

TERM 3 WEEK 4

Playing games with your child is essential to developing number sense and building confidence. It is important to select a time each week to sit down and play as a family or as a pair. Make time after dinner, on a weekend or straight after school, ensure there is lots of laughter and focus on participation, not who is winning.

Kinder - Year 2

PLAYING GAMES

Play I Spy or other games to identify shapes, numbers and patterns.

Dice are a great addition to any toy collection. Roll the dice and say, make or write the numbers identified. Roll the dice and add the numbers together to find the total.

Play number games online with your child. Try this website <http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/>

Year 3 – Year 6

WEATHER MAPS

Visit the website <http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/vic/> or look at the weather maps in the newspaper.

What is the difference between the minimum and maximum temperature for each day?

Find a seven-day forecast then record the actual temperature for each day and compare. Was the forecast accurate? What were the similarities and differences?

Use the information on the weather website to explore differences in weather from your area to others. How much rain do you get compared to others? Are there differences in temperature?

If you have a question or topic that you would like addressed about Mathematics, please email me:
kate.mcmanusgreen@cg.catholic.edu.au

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe,
Be Fair,
Show Respect.

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:.....

LIBRARY NEWS



Premiers Reading Challenge 2016 - 11 days to go!!

The last day for recording is Friday 19th August at 11:59 pm.

Fantastic News, I have only 10 students who haven't begun recording yet - so please start now. Please note, it can become more difficult to logon to the PRC site the closer we get to Friday, 19th August. We currently have 285 students enrolled with 122 students finished and another 146 completing online records. Congratulations to these students. 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 but please ensure you include your child's name and class in your email.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club 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:

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3. DRAWING & GUESSING COMPETITION:

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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



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

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 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)

NOTICEBOARD

ideas and resources to improve our daughters' lives..

RAISING GIRLS !
an evening with Steve Biddulph

Entertaining, powerful, and practical, this talk covers girls at every age.

You'll hear stories about girls who have overcome tough situations and how you can help your daughter become wise, warm and strong. Learn about the five stages of girlhood, and the unique roles played by mums, dads, and aunts in girls lives.

Discover how to give your daughter inner security, a feeling that the world is hers to explore, and a confidence that goes beyond looks, fashion, or pleasing boys.

"Biddulph is a spellbinder - 60 Minutes
"Electrifying" UK Telegraph

Steve Biddulph's books including Raising Girls, the New Manhood and Raising Boys are in 4 million homes around the world.

NB we regret babies and children cannot be admitted to the sessions.



Merici College
presents:
Raising Girls

Wednesday 14 September
Merici College, Wise Street, Braddon, ACT
7.30pm Tickets \$30

book online at trybooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/LZMS>

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
Phone: 6299 4611

Email: queanbeyan@cg.org.au
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

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.