



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Five, Term Three, 2016

16 August, 2016



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our community was deeply saddened by the tragic death of one of our community last Saturday. Jason Beckett husband of Raylene and dad of Logan, Jarrod and Phoebe (3Blue) was killed in an accident on Sutton Road on Saturday.

We hold the Beckett family very much in our thoughts and prayers.



Rest In Peace

It is possible that this sudden death will raise some questions and concerns for our children. It is reasonable that children will identify very closely with this news and may begin to question the safety of their own parents. This is a very normal reaction.

Explaining Death in a Child's Terms

Be honest with kids and encourage questions. This can be hard because you may not have all the answers. But it is important to create an atmosphere of comfort and openness, and send the message that there's no one right or wrong way to feel. You might also share any spiritual beliefs that you have about death.

A child's capacity to understand death - and your approach to discussing it - will vary according to the child's age. Each child is unique, but here are some rough guidelines to keep in mind.

Until kids are about 5 or 6 years old, their view of the world is very literal. So explain the death in basic and concrete terms. The person's body stopped working and explain that dead means that the body stopped working.

Kids this young often have a hard time understanding that all people and living things will eventually die and that it's final and they won't come back. Avoid using euphemisms, such as telling them that the dead person 'went away' or 'went to sleep' or even that they are 'lost'. Because your kids think so literally, such phrases might inadvertently make them afraid to go to sleep or fearful whenever someone goes away.

www.kidshealth.org

In my many years of assisting children through the process of dealing with death it is always best to be as honest as you can. It is okay to say that you don't know the answers. Death of a loved one is something that inevitably our children will deal with and whilst we cannot shield them from the pain and sadness of loss we can help them to cope which helps them to build emotional resources they can rely on throughout life. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

May you always be aware of the great Mercy of God

Claire

**Claire Frazer
Principal**



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 17 August

Math Olympiad and Math Game Team

Thursday 18 August

Archdiocesan Athletics - AIS

ICAS Maths Competition

Friday 19 August

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 26 August

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

Monday 29 August - Friday 2 September

National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Sabbath Week

Monday 29 August

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

Brumbies rugby union clinic - MacQuoid

Friday 2 September

Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 5 September

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

Brumbies rugby union clinic - MacQuoid

Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
2:30pm to 3:30pm Lowe Street MPR

Tuesday 6 September

CPS Netball Carnival - Penrith

St Gregory's Feast Day celebrations

Wednesday 7 September

Math Olympiad and Math Game Team

Parent/Child Confirmation Prayer Reflection
7pm St Raphael's Church



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

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers all those who are grieving the death of a loved one. We remember too those who work in our emergency services and deal with tragic deaths. We pray for our Year 6 students who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.

CONGRATULATIONS: Engagement news - Congratulations to K White teacher, Amy Hazell and Kosta Kouparitsas on their engagement.

Emily O'Grady (4 Red) who is the 8 years ACT Irish Dance Champion. Also to her cousin Claudia Balogh (ex St Greg's Student) who is the 13 years Champion.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS: Yesterday we all gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption - commemorating when Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven - with Mass. It was a beautiful celebration where all students demonstrated extraordinary reverence and prayerfulness. The highlight was the amazing choir - our male teachers who modelled deep respect and appreciation for our greatest female - Mary. Thank you gentleman, wonderful role models for all.

CHOIR TRIUMPH: I received this email from Bob Perkins, Event Co-ordinator, KSC Canberra Branch - *The 3rd Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival was held last Thursday at St John Paul II College Nichols, ACT involving some 230 participants, teachers, parents and officials. Archbishop Christopher Prowse presented the awards and enjoyed the combined choir performance involving some 180 students and conducted expertly by Mrs Dee McFaul and accompanied by Mr Jim Bowring (both from St Gregory's School, Queanbeyan). The awards were:*

- 1st Place - St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma NSW
- 2nd Place - St Gregory's School, Queanbeyan NSW
- 3rd Place - St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah ACT

The judges were – Jaki Kane – Musical Director of St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra; Rachel Campbell – Director of Music, Australian Rugby Choir and Director of Music, Intermediate Choir, Woden Valley Youth Choir; Leanne McKean – Head of Music, Radford College and Director of Music, Canberra Men's Choir. The whole festival was run and co-ordinated by the Canberra Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross with the support of Mrs Maree Williams from Catholic Education.

MORE CHOIR NEWS: I was contacted by Maree Williams from Catholic Education last Friday to share with me the impressive behaviour demonstrated by the members of the choir. So it seems as well as singing like angels they behaved like ones too. I commend the choir members for their success, and acknowledge how hard they have worked. I wish to thank most sincerely our Choir Director, Mrs Dee McFaul and our volunteer accompanist Mr Jim Bowring. They have worked hard to provide this wonderful opportunity for our students.

NR PUBLIC SPEAKING: Congratulations to the students who represented St Gregory's School at the Northern Region public speaking competition in Braidwood last Thursday. The adjudicator was very apt when she explained that all public speaking requires great courage and skill and as such, every child present was already a champion. The students who attended were: Year 3: April Taylor, Matilda Howell Year 4: Aimee Perrett, Kate Bartu Year 5: Hayden Meadley, Eden D'Souza Year 6: Charlotte Green and Mia Scrivener. Special congratulations to Eden D'Souza who has been selected to represent the Northern Region at the Archdiocesan competition. Well done to all.

WAKAKIRRI: Our Year 5 team have done it again! They will be performing at the Wakakirri Awards Night on Thursday 22 September at 7:15pm at Canberra Theatre. Great teamwork and cooperation skills on display again. Well done to everyone involved.

YEAR 6 EXCURSION: Year 6 students attended the 'Science in ACTION' exhibition last Friday at the old bus depot in Kingston. The exhibition had information relating to such things as drone technology and application, robotics, augmented reality, biodiversity management, computer applications and emerging assistive technologies. The students were highly engaged and enthused by what they saw on the day. The Year 6 teachers accompanying the students on the day could not have been more proud of the behaviour students displayed at the event. A big thank you to Year 6 parents, Anna Foster and Matthew Dormer for assisting in supervision on the excursion.

TROPICAL CYCLONE WINSTON: Earlier this year the community responded with their usual generosity to an appeal for school resources for the Fiji following the devastation of Cyclone Winston that struck the island nation on the 20th February 2016. The following are excerpts from a letter of appreciation from the Fijian High Commissioner (08/08/16) *May I please take this opportunity, on behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Fiji, to convey my heartfelt gratitude in respect of the generosity of St Gregory's.....Words cannot truly convey the gratitude felt by the generosity of St Gregory's Primary School and tireless efforts to help Fiji recover from the devastating impacts of the cyclone.*

BOOK WEEK: Next week is Book Week. Parades – MONDAY @ Lowe and TUESDAY @ Mac.



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!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	Frederick Tyson
K Red	Jayden Dunn
K White	Lola Middleton
1 Blue	Shannon Neuss
1 Gold	Jayden Perritt
1 Red	Xavier Sander
1 White	Aila McDonald
2 Blue	Stella McKinnon
2 Gold	Lachlan Fahey
2 Red	Aiden Seivers
3 Blue	Mariana Calligaro
3 Gold	Jordan Gao and Matilda Howell
4 Red	Paige Sliwinski
5 Blue	Tyler Giddings
5 Red	Erin Burstow and Ella Dawes
5 White	Eleni Lolesio and Eden D'Souza
Gold Bands	Stella Rosin Brad Sliwinski Paige Sliwinski

OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

Building Blocks to NUMERACY SUCCESS

TERM 3 WEEK 5

Kinder - Year 2

MAKING PATTERNS: Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry.

- * Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, cards and furniture.
- * Use coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery to begin a pattern for your child to continue. For example, red, blue, white, red, blue, white.
- * Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders or greeting cards or on material.

Year 3 - Year 6

RECIPES:

- * Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millimetres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons.
- * Discuss how you would double a recipe. Encourage your child to record the new measurements for the recipe.
- * Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe.
- * Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe.
- * Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full, for example, L for litre, mL for millilitre, tsp for teaspoon, tbs for tablespoon.

Source: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/>

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:
Thursday 18 August Erika O'Brien
Friday 19 August Maureen Ward
Volunteers are always welcome at MacQuoid Street, even if just for an hour or more. Please contact Rosemarie on 6297 2221. Thank you.

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



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Premiers Reading Challenge 2016 - 4 days to go!!

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

We now only have 6 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 156 students finished and another 123 completing online records. Congratulations to these students: Jai Blakey KGold, Phoebe Doyle 1Blue, Jonathon Ryan 1Red, Timothy Sibraa 2Gold, Blake Meadley 4Gold, Hayden Meadley 5Blue, Sydney Dormer 6Blue, Zoe Butterfield KRed, Michael Cawthron KBlue, Bianca Chase KBlue, Hayley Hughes KWhite, Darcy Madden KBlue, Ashley Barnes 1Blue, Ian-James Bassett 1Gold, Kathleen Connelly 1Red, Trinity Debenham 1Gold, Campbell Madden 1Blue, Stella Rosin 1Red, Xavier Sandner 1Red, Ivy Butterfield 2White, Flynn Lovekin 2Blue, Sophie Porter 2White, Sarah Taloni 2Gold, Aleisha Worner 2White, Joshua Ireland 3White, William-John Bassett 4White, Eianna Celaya 4Red, Ella Dawes 5Red, Samantha Black 5Blue, Peter Taloni 5White, Yia Bernardino 6Gold, Jackson Murphy 6White and Rose Thiele 6Gold. 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 please direct to rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au but please ensure you include your child's name and class in your email. Thank you.



Book Week

Book Week 2016 is next week! 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, & utilise new technology tools to promote their work.

- **Lowe 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. Students may choose to enter any of the following competitions:

- MACQUOID ST BOOK WEEK 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 -

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:

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 at 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 prayer sessions each week until the end of term. These sessions are modern and interactive. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday mornings (8:30-8:50am) in the Lowe St Parish Room and Friday mornings (8:30-8:50am) in St Gregory's Church.

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.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)

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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

NATIONALLY RECOGNISED
PART
QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE
UNITS FROM THE CERTIFICATE IV IN EDUCATION SUPPORT (CHC40213)

Queanbeyan SaCC is offering 4 fully subsidised units in Cert IV Education Support for eligible students through BCA National next term. Please attend the information and enrolment session 9:30am Monday 22nd August at SaCC, Queanbeyan Primary School, Isabella Street. Ph 6297 2167 for more information.