



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Six, Term Three, 2016
23 August, 2016



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Children's Books Week 2016 - "Australia! Story Country"

Children's Book Week celebrates its 71st birthday in 2016, making it the longest running children's festival in Australia. It is organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia. The week aims to celebrate the achievements of Australian books, authors and illustrators.

The Book of the Year winners were announced last Friday.



Older Readers



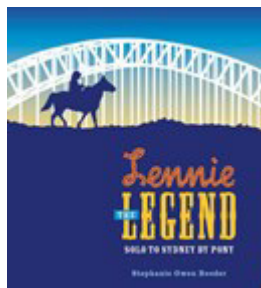
Younger Readers



Early Childhood



Picture Book



Information Book

I know that these books are in our libraries and perhaps some of these books will find their way into your homes over the coming weeks. It is a wonderful way to celebrate reading.

I am reading 'Everyday Simplicity – A Practical Guide to Spiritual Growth' and share the following quote:

Looking for God in prayer is like looking for a path in a field of untrodden snow. Walk across the snow and there is your path (Thomas Merton). Our prayer sometimes may feel awkward, uninspiring, or flat. This is not a problem unless we make it one and then become overly discouraged. Expect and accept that our prayer will not be as we fantasize it should be, and soon our unique relationship with God will develop into a rich and real one.

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

Claire

Claire Frazer
Principal



IMPORTANT EVENTS

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
7:30am to 8:30am Lowe Street Campus
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am & 2:30pm to 3:30pm Lowe St

Monday 5 September
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am & 2:30pm to 3:30pm Lowe St

Tuesday 6 September
St Gregory's Feast Day
9:30am Mass at St Raphael's then whole school celebrations at MacQuoid Street

Wednesday 7 September
Math Olympiad and Math Game Team
Parent/Child Confirmation Prayer Reflection
7pm St Raphael's Church

Thursday 8 - Friday 9 September
Year 4 Camp - Warrambui

Friday 9 September
Confirmation Candidates Retreat Day and Practice Sessions
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am & 2:30pm to 3:30pm Lowe St

Saturday 10 September
Sacrament of Confirmation
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Sunday 11 September
Sacrament of Confirmation
9am St Raphael's Church

Sacrament of Confirmation
11am St Raphael's Church

Monday 12 - Friday 23 September
Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons
Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre



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

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: We hold very much in our thoughts and prayers – Raylene, Logan, Jarod and Phoebe Beckett following the tragic death of their husband and father. We also remember Jason's parents and the other members of his extended family and friends. Jason's funeral is to be held at Norwood Park Crematorium tomorrow (Wednesday 24th August) at 1:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the students who represented the Northern Region at the Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival at the AIS last Thursday. The following students have been selected to participate in the Athletics MacKillop Selection trials at the Sydney Athletics Centre Homebush on Monday 19th September – Sienna Harajli, Rhiannon O'Brien, Madeline Bennett, Niamh Billiards, Giselle Arona, Sophie Gruber, Jordan Thurling, Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Skylla Robinson-McEvoy and Yia Bernardino.

BOOKWEEK PARADES: Thank you to the parents and carers who assisted their children to participate in the Book Week Parades. The students certainly enjoy the opportunity to dress up. Some of our teachers also enjoyed the dressing up part of Book Week. My thanks to Melissa Greentree and Kate Wigg who have worked so hard to highlight Book Week and the love of reading.

POSSUM MAGIC PLAY: Well done to the following students who have worked very hard in the last few weeks to write and produce their play – Possum Magic. Mia Scrivener 6White, Carys Horrocks 6White, Charlotte Green 6White, Hannah Kilpatrick-Ware 6White, Lara Burstow 6White, Ava-Kelle Herder 6White, Sydney Dormer 6Blue, Claire Elward 6Blue, Brandyn Ross 6Gold, Rose Thiele 6Gold, Grace Hayes 6Gold, Lily Stumbles 3White, Grace Iirilli 3White, Myah Staniforth 3White and Meliah Murray 3Blue. These students have sacrificed their break times to rehearse. Thanks also to Melissa Greentree who has assisted this motivated group. The play was performed at Lowe St on Monday and at MacQuoid today. Well done to everyone!

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: This Friday, K Blue and K Gold will be hosting our assembly. Just a reminder to parents, carers and friends attending, that entrance to the hall is via the back doors. Seating for visitors is also at the back of the hall. Chairs along the side are for classroom teachers. We look forward to the first assembly of our special Kindergarten students.

CLOTHING POOL: Betty Crowe is managing our clothing pool and doing an incredible job. Betty takes home items and washes and repairs them – well and truly above and beyond the call of duty. In September the Clothing Pool will be opened Monday and Friday mornings and afternoons. Thank you so much Betty!

NUMERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS: Thanks to the Year 2 teaching team who conducted a parents' workshop last Tuesday. The workshop was very well attended and very much appreciated by the parents. Thanks Kelly, Greg, Sarah and Bridget for giving so generously of your time.

LITERACY WORKSHOPS: This Wednesday and Thursday Kelly Delaney will be facilitating literacy workshops for the teachers. Teachers will meet in colour teams for half a day. Some of the stated learning intentions are: What are kids reading and writing? What types of texts are they being exposed to? Conferencing – who, what, when, where and why? Teacher led enquiry. Group time. Moving toward agreed practice. Publishing and where to from here.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Thank you to the parents who support the school by ensuring that students are in full school uniform. All students now need a School Hat in order to have access to all areas of the playground.

EVACUATION DRILL: A very successful drill was held last Friday at Lowe. All students were evacuated and accounted for within 8 minutes. I appreciate that some students may have found the unannounced drill a little challenging but it is something that we must do. God willing, we will never have to do it for real but we will be ready!

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: At St Gregory's, we believe in supporting students to achieve good behaviour. We employ Restorative Justice (RJ) when students are sent to "Attention". RJ encourages us to restore our relationships with others and repair any damage to these relationships. 'Behaviour Guidance' suggests that each child has the ability to learn and change (with support from caring and understanding adults). The "Attention" experience used at St Gregory's may be quite different to what you remember of "Detention" from your school days. Long gone are the exhaustive punitive (and often humiliating) measures imposed on young children. At St Gregory's, when dealing with Student Behaviour, we aim to 'keep it green' and positive - AT ALL TIMES.

Often students require a chance to reflect on how they are going, and the support of an experienced teacher to assist in planning a positive change. Working 'with' our students on this plan is of paramount importance to their future growth and performance. Kids can change when encouraged and supported.

Our Attention process involves: the student who needs guidance, their classroom teacher, possibly the supervising teacher who witnessed something occurring on the playground etc and a member of the school Leadership Team. If a student needs guidance, a 'Keep it Green' plan will be developed and shared with all involved. Parents will be included in the process via the plan that is devised, through a note home, or from direct contact on the phone or through a meeting.

The Student Behaviour Guidance policy is always a good place to familiarise yourself with what we believe about supporting student behaviour at <http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/srcfiles/2016-Student-Behaviour-Guidance-Policy.pdf>



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



St Gregory's School is hosting the NSW CPS Basketball Challenge on the 22nd and 23rd October, 2016. Some great merchandise is for sale promoting this event. Check out our range of hoodies and t-shirts. Merchandise order forms are available from the school offices or the school website and Skoolbag. To keep up to date with information regarding the tournament please like the challenge Facebook page: 2016 CPS Basketball Challenge. Or if you have any queries please contact Ryan Matchett on 6297 2221 or by email to ryan.matchett@cg.catholic.edu.au

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE

On Friday, 2nd September,
we will be celebrating
'Father's Day Breakfast'
from 7:30am - 8:30am
at Lowe Street Campus



St Gregory's Staff look forward to hosting this special event for all our special dads

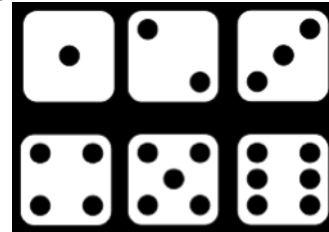
Building Blocks to NUMERACY SUCCESS

TERM 3 WEEK 6

What is SUBITISING?

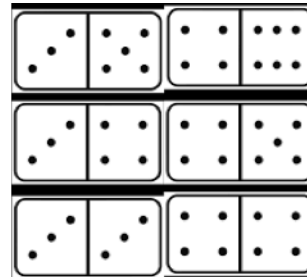
Subitising is a hot topic in Math education circles. Subitising means "instantly seeing how many." Educators have discovered that the ability to see numbers in patterns is the foundation of strong number sense. The ability to visualise and understand numbers and numeration leads to operational fluency, the ability to add and subtract mentally, to see relationships between numbers, and the ability to see patterns. There are two forms of Subitising – Perceptual and Conceptual.

Perceptual Subitising is the ability to see two or three objects and know the number instantly and without counting eg: recognising the number in dice, such as five, or four.



To build Perceptual Subitising at home – use dice with dot patterns.

Conceptual Subitising is the ability to see sets of numbers, such as seeing two numbers as a unit eg: two fours as 8 on a domino, four and five as 9.



To build Conceptual Subitising at home – use dice with domino patterns.

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

LIBRARY NEWS



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

Premiers Reading Challenge 2016 IS FINISHED FOR THIS YEAR

Thank you to all those students who participated. Please keep your user name and password safe to use again next year. We had 286 students enrolled with 176 students finishing the Challenge. Congratulations to these students: Kadin Forbes KGold, Owen O'Grady KWhite, Tristan Stewart 1White, Angus Edwards 2White, Toby Forbes 2White, Annabelle Ford 2Blue, Ava Worthington 2Blue, Frederik Watkins 3White, Cooper Lovekin 3Red, Rory Forbes 4Gold, Emily O'Grady 4Red, Euan Celaya 5Red, Clare Hempstead 5Red, Olivia Worthington 5White, Zoe Adkins KGold, Ruby Herbig KGold, Cohen Hoitink, KGold, Chelsea Rogers KWhite, Angel Walia KGold, Toby Wind KGold and Dylan Sandner 2Blue.

I am still able to access and add to student records until 26th August, so please email me if have read additional books to get your child across the line (you will need to provide me with list of books). I was able to complete an additional 7 students this morning from their Library Loan History as they were very close to completion. Email: rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au

Book Week

- 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 this week.

2. 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.

- 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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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

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 25 August

Denise Oldfield

Friday 26 August

Bethany Butterfield

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

CLOTHING POOL SALE



September 2 for 1 Sale!

Open every MONDAY and FRIDAY

in September

from 9-10am and from 2:30-3:30pm

Buy any 2 items for \$5-00!

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.



Year 6 Excursion 12th August



NOTICEBOARD

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
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, Hoskingtown
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