Dear Parents and Carers,

St Gregory’s is very proud to be hosting the NSW Catholic Primary Schools’ Basketball Challenge for the second time after last hosting in 2004. I hope that your stay in Queanbeyan and ACT is a pleasant one and you enjoy what our region has to offer. We have 27 schools, almost 1000 players and 130 teams competing at this year’s challenge, with a total of 308 games being played over the weekend.

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St Anne’s North Albury   St Joseph’s Taree
St Patrick’s Griffith   Our Lady Star of the Sea Terrigal
St Mary’s Yoogali   St Christopher’s Panania
Holy Spirit Lavington   St Therese’s Padstow
St Joseph’s Narrandera   Sacred Heart Mosman
St Joseph’s Leeton   St Michael’s Lane Cove
St Gregory’s Queanbeyan   St Brigid’s Coogee
Holy Family Gowrie   St Joseph’s Narrandera
Lumen Christi Pambula Beach   St Joseph’s Narrandera
St Mary’s West Wyalong   Sacred Heart Shellharbour
St Mary’s Young   Nazareth Shellharbour
Sts Peter and Paul Goulburn   Stella Maris Shellharbour
St Joseph’s Goulburn   St Paul’s Albion Park

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Challenge Sponsors
A massive thank you to all of our great sponsors who have supported the 2016 Challenge and the St Gregory’s School community.

- Bunnings Fyshwick
- Canberra Southern Cross Club
- Catholic Care Canberra-Goulburn
- Catholic Church Insurance
- CDF Canberra-Goulburn
- Elders Real Estate Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra
- Elements Face and Body Queanbeyan
- Guideline Civil Engineering
- Jayco Caravans Canberra
- Kmart Queanbeyan
- Mr Rental ACT
- National Museum of Australia
- OFM Direct
- P and R Commercial Plumbing
- Peter Blackshaw Real Estate Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra
- Q-City Transit Queanbeyan
- Q-One Indoor Sports
- Queanbeyan Thai Restaurant
- Questacon National Science Centre
- Rivoland Tiles
- Sportsman’s Warehouse
- Teachers Mutual Bank ACT Branch
- WJG Building
- Zambrero’s Queanbeyan

This event would not be possible without the organisation and dedication of Mr Ryan Matchett. Ryan has devoted many hours to make this Challenge a success. Thanks also to the Basketball Challenge Executive Committee, School Community Council, St Gregory’s Staff, St Gregory’s Parish and St Gregory’s families. Without your support, events such as these are not possible. Thank you also to One Sportswear for supply of the official merchandise.

The Basketball Challenge is a major fundraising initiative as well as a community event. A successful Basketball Challenge has the potential to raise significant funds for our school. Raffle tickets are still for sale with some amazing prizes on offer. If you still have tickets at home please ensure they are returned to the school by Friday, sold or unsold. All money raised from the proceeds of the raffle go back to our school. The raffle will be drawn on Monday afternoon at 3pm.

VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED to help from Thursday. For this carnival to be a success, St Gregory’s will need as much assistance as possible from every family at the School. If you are available (even for a small amount of time) please phone Ryan Matchett or Jane King on 6297 2221 or by email ryan.matchett@cg.catholic.edu.au or jane.king@cg.catholic.edu.au

Claire Frazer
Principal
From the Principal…….

PRAYERS: We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those affected by the recent floods particularly those who rely on the land for their livelihood. Please keep Amanda Ducker in your prayers and Dee McFaul who has shingles. Last week was Mental Health Week and so we pray for those in our community who struggle daily to maintain positive mental health.

CONGRATULATIONS: Mrs Lauren Macdonald who has been appointed as coordinator at St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Calwell beginning from next year. This is a great opportunity for Lauren and being closer to home will be great for her family as well. Mrs Keryn Thiele has been successful in her transfer application for 12 months to St Jude’s Primary School, Holder. This is a great professional opportunity for Keryn to work in another school setting.

WAKAKIRRI: Congratulations Year 5 - joint winners of the Division 1 ACT Wakakirri Finals! They have now been nominated as a contender for the National Story of the Year 2016.

YEAR 6 CAMP: It was great to meet the Year 6 students and their amazing teachers at Queanbeyan Railway Station on the last day of Term 3. Perhaps a little tired everyone was in good spirits and back safe and sound after a big week away. They have some fantastic experiences and created wonderful memories. Students were cooperative and respectful with teachers reporting a great time had by all. My thanks to the teachers – Kate, Marian, Fron, Garreth and Matthew for your generosity in being on call 24 hours a day from Monday 7am till Friday at midday – very much appreciated.

BUNNINGS BBQ: Thanks to the parents and staff who assisted at the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday which was a fund raising event for the CPS NSW Basketball Challenge. Whilst there were helpers who popped in for a couple of hours or so throughout the day, including Fr. Troy special recognition to Michael Bower (School Community Council) and Ryan Matchett who were in attendance all day. More than 650 sausages cooked and sold – well done!

PARISH EXPO: It was fascinating to see all the groups that operate in our vibrant parish. There is certainly something for all age groups and most interests. If you are not already involved in the parish I certainly encourage you to do so. Being a part of such a powerful and welcoming community is a real blessing.

HATS: All students must have a school hat in order to access all areas of the playground. Hats are available from the office for $10.

NAPLAN ANALYSIS: This week the Literacy and Numeracy Teams will be spending a day (Numeracy – Monday. Literacy-Wednesday) analysing the school’s NAPLAN Data. The teams will be working to:

* understand the school results
* confidently analyse data on the cohort, students and skills development
* develop strategies to integrate this information with classroom assessment and curriculum delivery
* identify issues for further exploration, and
* aid in the development of the school’s Literacy and Numeracy Plans.

The plans that these teams develop will then be incorporated in our 2017 School Improvement Plan.

BOOROWA TOUCH & NETBALL CARNIVAL: Over 80 students from Years 3-6 will join the annual pilgrimage to Boorowa on Friday for the Touch and Netball Carnival. This is a very popular event where the students enjoy participating and having fun. It will be an early start for all including the teachers who are accompanying the students. My thanks to Veronica Hall, Matthew Maloney, Ben Mockler and Erin Taylor who will be attending.
BOOROWA - Bus will be leaving MacQuoid St at 6am sharp, therefore we ask that all students are at school no later than 5:45am. For those who are driving please be aware that the traffic is very hectic getting into Boorowa. Games start at 9am and will continue throughout the day, with the last game commencing at 3pm. The bus will be leaving at the completion of the last game. Updates regarding arrival time back at school will be posted on Facebook, Skoolbag and Twitter as it comes to hand.

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BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This weekend, St Gregory’s School will be organising and hosting the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Challenge.

This competition will take place at St Gregory’s Queanbeyan, Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium Karabar, St Edmund’s College Griffith and the AIS Belconnen.

Please support our teams on the Saturday of the Challenge. They are playing at the following times.

- Senior Boys Blue - Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Tom Grant, Joaquin Carino, Aidan Hayes, Blake Codey and Toby Goodyer - AIS 8:45am, 1:55pm and 4:50pm
- Senior Boys Gold - Izaq Phillis, Deion Trinidad, Kaleb Gowland, Ashley Hewson, Jacob McMahon, Ayjay Guleria, Rocco Barrett - AIS 8:45am, 1:20pm and 4:50pm
- Senior Girls - Charlotte Green, Talia Da Silva, Mailey Cunningham, Shania Settin, Lily Monahan, Laura Seirant - AIS 11:35am, 2:30pm and 6:35pm
- Junior Boys Blue - Emmett Smith, Josh Buchanan, Lachlan Eagles, Jackson Hall, Jackson Codey and Brodie Clayton - QBN Stadium 8:45am, 2:30pm and 4:50pm
- Junior Boys Gold - Isaac Mortimore, Logan Monahan, Logan Summerell, Dominic Trinidad, Josh Ireland, Cooper Lovekin - St Greg’s 1:20pm, 3:05pm and 6pm
- Junior Girls - Ellie Da Silva, April Taylor, Rhiannon O’Brien, Alyssa Harajli, Sienna Harajli, Giselle Arona, Macey Nash, Anjali Guleria - St Edmund’s 11:35am, 2:30pm and 6pm

Volunteers are the most important part of a successful carnival. There is no particular expertise required and you don’t have to be a basketball fan.

Volunteers are required on Thursday 20th and/or Friday 21st October to lend a hand to help with setting up venues, delivering items, sorting merchandise orders and preparation.

On the Saturday 22nd and/or Sunday 23rd more volunteers are needed to cook at the BBQ’s.

If you are available, even for a short amount of time, please contact Ryan Matchett/Jane King on 62972221 or ryan.matchett@cg.catholic.edu.au or jane.king@cg.catholic.edu.au

Facebook page: 2016 CPS Basketball Challenge.

CLOTHING POOL

Open every MONDAY and FRIDAY this month 9 - 10am and 2:30 - 3:30pm

If anyone has any excess uniforms please bring them in. Thank you.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe,
Be Fair,
Show Respect.

LIBRARY NEWS

Author Buzz Reading Challenge
During Term 4 students in Kinder to Year 3 are invited to complete the Author Buzz Reading Challenge. They will have been given an entry sheet during library in Week 2. Spare forms are available from the school offices and libraries. In Kinder and Year 1 library lessons we are discussing favourite authors. For the challenge students have been asked to choose fiction books from their favourite authors.

There are so many inspiring children’s authors and this is a great opportunity to develop a love of reading through best literature. Books on the Premier’s Reading Challenge reading list can be added to the 2017 PRC challenge. All the necessary information for the challenge is on the reading form. Please return the completed form to school at the end of Week 7 for a chance to win a small prize.

CBCA Make Your Own Storybook Competition
Well done to everyone that submitted an entry into the Make Your Own Storybook Competition through CBCA ACT Branch. The organisers have notified us that a selection of student’s books are only display in ACT Libraries until Friday 28 October. Southside schools are in Tuggeranong Library, Inner North schools are in Dickson Library. Belconnen and Gundagai schools are in Belconnen Library. You can visit the CBCA ACT Branch Facebook page for photos.

Winners have been notified, and will be publicly announced soon. Congratulations to Rose Taylor for her winning entry. Thanks to everyone who has been involved. According to the organisers “The standard of entries was incredible”!

Library Overdue Notices
We will be sending out Library Overdue Notes on Thursday this week. These are just a reminder and we are asking that you have a look around at home and check your child’s bag. These notes are not a demand for payment or replacement. Books are often returned when teachers return their class libraries or when we stocktake our collection at the end of the year. For the moment, please just check at home and return any books your child is no longer reading. Thank you, Melissa, Helen and Rosalind.

CANCEEN NEWS

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:
Thursday 20 October Daphne Gagliardi
Friday 21 October 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.
Queanbeyan Social Basketball
Term 4 Registrations Open
Players still welcomed to Enrol
Call in: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
from 6pm-7:30pm (Mon-Fri)
Grades - Kindergarten to Year 6
Contact Rosie E: pete35@tpg.com.au
High School and Senior Men & Women
Contact Carole E: cjduvall@hotmail.com

Register now at www.aussiehoops.com.au
Commencing 21st October 2016
Fridays 4:30-5:30pm
Ages: 4-10 yrs
Cost: $90 includes basketball, backpack & singlet
+8 weeks clinic
Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

Queanbeyan River Festival
Saturday 29 October 2016 - 11am-4pm
Celebrate our River
A FREE family day out with activities for everyone.
Craft Workshops
Water tug-a-war
Fly/fishing demonstrations
Stand up paddle boards
Enviro Expo

Campbell Street Children's Centre
Annual Fete
Saturday 5th November
10am - 2pm
Campbell Street Children's Centre
21 Campbell Street, Queanbeyan
02 6297 4359 | Find us on Facebook

Slushies
Showbags
Face painting
Jumping Castle
Cake & Craft Stall
Children's Art Exhibition
Multicultural Canteen
Second hand Stall
& Plenty other Stalls

Family, Fun and Fitness
Season commences Saturday 22 October 2016
U8–U10 8:30am–10:00am (approx.)
U9–U17 9:30am–11:30pm (approx.)
Register
Online at www.qlac.org.au
Proof of age is required for all new registrations
Uniform sales and pack collection
Wright Park, Saturday 22 October 7:00-8:00am
For updates like us on Facebook or visit www.qlac.org.au
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10 WEEK PROGRAM
Friday 4th November, 2016
to
Friday 2nd December, 2016
break for Christmas
Friday 3rd February, 2017
to
Friday 3rd March, 2017

REGISTER NOW AT
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Cost: $60.00 and you receive a Foxtel VIVA7s Tee
Location: Campese Oval Queanbeyan

Contact: Simon Booth
general@whiteunionsrugby.org.au

RUGBY INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM
WHAT IS BUDDING BRUMBIES?
Budding Brumbies is a four week program enabling kids to try rugby in a safe, non-contact environment after school whilst learning plenty of basic skills and having loads of fun. On the fourth and final Friday of the program (25th November) the session is held at Brumbies HQ with Brumbies elite players coming down to engage with the children and help run a number of games and activities.

COST: $50.00

BUDDING BRUMBIES PACK:
Each participant within the Budding Brumbies program receives a Budding Brumbies t-shirt, a size 2 Wallabies rugby ball, a drink bottle, and a team poster.

REGISTRATION FORM
To register your interest please complete and return this form to Brumbies HQ at the email address provided below.

Player’s Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ___________________________
Contact Number: ___________________________ School/Club: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________
Next of Kin/Emergency Contact – Name: ___________________________

For further information please contact our Development Staff
e-mail: development@brumbies.com.au or phone: (02) 6238 8588