Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware St Gregory’s School hosted the 2016 NSW Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Challenge over the weekend. This was a great community event that we have not hosted since 2004. These events do not just happen overnight and take hours and hours of preparation and dedication by staff and parents. First of all I would like to thank the students, families and teachers from all around NSW for attending this great annual challenge! A special thanks also to the students from St Gregory’s who participated this year.

There were many people who put in a lot of hours behind the scenes. To all of the staff at St Gregory’s, I appreciate greatly all the things seen and unseen that you did in the lead up and over the weekend. To our many parent volunteers, without your support events like this do not go ahead so thank you for supporting our school as you always do. Special mention must also go to Emma McAuliffe and Jane King for processing the hundreds of merchandise orders and keeping track of raffle tickets sold. Thank you to Di Smith for organising and distributing the raffle tickets last term.

A special mention to the coaches of our 6 teams: Leonie Cunningham, Mary Da Silva, Sarah Gowland, Shayne Monahan, Cathryn Rodgers and Eugene Smith.

We had some great results:
St Greg’s Junior girls team won Division 1 and the Senior boys blue team were runners up in Division 1. Senior boys gold team made the Semi Final in Division 4, Senior girls team made the Semi Final of Division 2, Junior boys blue team made the Quarter Final of Division 1 and the Junior boys gold team made the Quarter Final of Division 3. Thank you to the many parents who supported these teams over the weekend.

I must also thank the referee supervisors, Adam Harris-Byron, Rosie Buchaniec and Kassie Wattling who helped myself and the venue coordinators greatly in the smooth running of the challenge. Thank you to Claire Frazer, Erin Taylor, Fr Troy and the St Gregory’s School Community Council for supporting me in planning and organising this event. I feel very blessed to have such a great supportive team around me.

Ryan Matchett
NSWCPS Basketball Challenge 2016 Convenor
From the Principal......

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers Candice Rech (6 Blue) and her family following the death of her Grandfather. Please keep in your prayers the dad of Jackson (6 Blue) and Oliver (1 Blue) Morgan, Jamie who is in hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS: To all involved in the Basketball Challenge on the weekend. The strong community spirit and strong home school partnership was very evident. So many of our wonderful staff were at the various venues for both days all day as were many parents. Well done Ryan Matchett and the whole team!

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society. World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5th October, 1994, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the adoption of the UNESCO and International Labour Organisation recommendation concerning the status of teachers. Most countries celebrate World Teachers’ Day on 5th October but, since that date falls in the Australian school holiday period, we mark the day on the last Friday in October. Happy World Teachers’ Day to all our wonderful teachers.

MISSION MASS: Tomorrow some students will be attending the annual Archdiocesan Mission Mass and will be accompanied by Lauren Macdonald and myself. World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God’s people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. For more information please visit the official Catholic Mission site: http://www.catholicmission.org.au/wmm/about-wmd

ITALIAN CULTURAL DAY: Will be celebrated by Years 3-6 tomorrow at MacQuoid Street. This is a very popular day for our students and I thank our Italian teacher Lorena Nesa for her efforts in organising this day.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2017: Soon the teaching staff will begin the process of creating the class groups for next year. When compiling classes, teachers are asked to take into consideration a number of factors; learning styles and abilities are a first concern, behavioural issues and special needs are also a high priority. Friendships are of less importance as children do establish new friendship groups with students in their class. The classroom is a learning space and the break times provide ample opportunity for socialising. The teachers are in the best place to determine which students should be together in order to ensure the best learning environment for all. However if you have a specific request that you would like to be considered you will need to come and meet with me in order to discuss. Please be aware that requests for particular teachers or for a particular gender of teacher will NOT be considered. Please note that any requests made in previous years will need to be discussed again if still pertinent. Please contact Jane King (62972221) to make an appointment. All requests must be finalised by Monday, 14th November.

INCIDENT: One of our parents fell over last Wednesday, 19th October on the grassed area near the Lowe Street showground carpark and broke her ankle. If anyone witnessed this accident could you please contact the Lowe Street office? Thank you.

RELAY FOR LIFE: On the 5th to the 6th November Kristy Poole (teacher of 3 Red) will be participating in the 24 hour South Canberra Relay for Life. If you would like to support Kristy by making a donation please click on this link: http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCACT?px=1580170&pq=personal&fr_id=4626&_ga=1.116583621.294578543.1475395747
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NSWCPS BASKETBALL RAFFLE

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners!

1st Prize - $500
Ticket No: 04135 Welch Family

2nd Prize - $500
Ticket No: 02823 Nicole Munyard

3rd Prize - $500
Ticket No: 03352 Shane Gormly

4th Prize - Make Up & Skincare Gift Pack (value $465)
Ticket No: 02268 Antonia Harajli

5th Prize - $250 Coles/Myer gift card
Ticket No: 06356 Sinh Netting

6th Prize - National Museum of Aust package ($240)
Ticket No: 05204 Ross Howarth

7th Prize - Elements Face & Body gift voucher ($210)
Ticket No: 01468 Alison Johnson

8th Prize - Qldoor Sports Birthday voucher ($200)
Ticket No: 01455 Leesa Hughes

9th Prize - Hedgren Sports Birthday voucher ($129)
Ticket No: 01453 N. Coglan

10th Prize - Sportsmans Warehouse Basketball Pack
Ticket No: 07986 Janelle Fahd

11th Prize - Queanbeyan Thai Restaurant voucher ($100)
Ticket No: 05464 M. Foster

12th Prize - Southern Cross Club meals voucher ($100)
Ticket No: 01808 Barbara Williams

13th Prize - Questacon Family Pass (value $70)
Ticket No: 06066 Mia Duff

14th Prize - Bunnings voucher (value $50)
Ticket No: 06984 Pepe

15th Prize - KMart voucher (value $50)
Ticket No: 08514 Jamie Marmont

TERM DATES 2017

TERM 1
Tuesday, 31 January Students return for Term 1
Wednesday, 1 February No school for Kinder students
Wednesday, 8 February No school for Kinder students
Wednesday, 15 February No school for Kinder students
Friday, 7 April End of Term 1

TERM 2
Wednesday, 26 April Students return for Term 2
Friday, 30 June End of Term 2

TERM 3
Tuesday, 18 July Students return for Term 3
Friday, 22 September End of Term 3

TERM 4
Tuesday, 10 October Students return for Term 4
Friday, 15 December Last Day for Students

LIBRARY NEWS

The fantastic Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MacQuoid Street!!

When: Wednesday 2nd November 8.30am until 5.30pm
Room: MacQuoid St Library- Classroom

Please come and purchase books for your children and view some great artwork created by students. Money raised will go towards our World Book Web subscription.

On the Wednesday we’ll have a ‘Guess how many Minties are in the jar?’ and a ‘Lucky door prize!’ We will also have an ‘X-Ray Art Colouring competition’. Competition sheets can be collected from our Libraries at Lowe or MacQuoid now. Entries must be submitted to the classroom teachers by Monday 31st October 2016 and include the student’s name and class. Prizes will be Book Fair vouchers to spend at Book Fair. Good Luck!

Don’t get snappy! Come to the Fair!

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Stay Safe,
Be Fair,
Show Respect.

SPORT NEWS

BOOROWA - Last Friday St Gregory’s sent teams to the Boorowa Touch Football and Netball Carnival. The carnival was a great success. All players were commended for both their performance and their sportsmanship on the field and their manners off it. A massive thank you to our parent volunteers who managed teams throughout the day!

Without your efforts, events such as this can’t take place and I know that our students greatly appreciated your guidance and support throughout the day. Thank you.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS MORNING - (Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2)

Date: Friday 4th November
Time: 9:30am to 12pm
Place: Queanbeyan Park

Students will be participating in many fun activities. Students will walk to the park with class teachers. Please wear sport uniform, your school hat and bring a snack and a water bottle. Parents are most welcome to attend.

- Matthew Maloney, PE Teacher & Sport Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

 Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:
Thursday 27 October Erika O’Brien
Friday 28 October Maureen Ward
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:……………………………………

NOTICEBOARD

let’s play netball

Netball is a fun, inclusive sport, open to people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds. Netball is a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends, all in a safe and respectful environment.

QUEANBEYAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

ANZ NETSETGO PROGRAM
FOR NEW PLAYERS

Are you aged 5-10 years and interested in playing Netball for the first time? ANZ NetSetGO is a come and try program to learn the basics skills and rules of Netball in a fun and safe environment.

Program - Wednesdays 4:00pm-5:00pm
Starting 19 October – 7 December
Cost $15 per participant - you will receive ANZ NetSetGO pack and 8 netball sessions
Queanbeyan Netball Association – Thornton Rd, Queanbeyan
Visit queanbeyanna.nsw.netball.com.au to register

letsplaynetball.com.au

QPRC

River Festival

Saturday 29 October 2016 - 11am-4pm

CELEBRATE OUR RIVER
A FREE family day out with activities for everyone.

Queanbeyan Little Athletics Centre

Queanbeyan Lightning

Family, Fun and Fitness
Season commences Saturday 22 October 2016
U6-U8 8:30am-10am (approx.)
U9-U11 9:30am-11:30am (approx.)

Register
Online at www.qprc.org.au
Proof of age is required for all new registrations

Uniform sales and tuck shop
Wright Park, Saturday 22 October 7:30-8:30am
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NORTHERN MISSION
St Gregory’s Parish
Queanbeyan
Midlands
Presbytery
Braybrook

PARISH OFFICE DETAILS:
Open: 9am - 3:30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
(Closed Monday & Wednesday)
Address: 47 Lowe St, Queanbeyan
Postal: PO Box 175 Queanbeyan 2620
Phone: 6299 4611
Email: queanbeyan@cg.org.au
Email: troy.bobbin@cg.org.au
Email: queanbeyan.sacramental@cg.org.au
Email: queanbeyan.finance@cg.org.au
Web: www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com
Facebook: St Gregory’s Parish Queanbeyan

Weekday & Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:30pm St Raphael’s, Queanbeyan
Sunday 9:00am & 5:30pm St Raphael’s, Queanbeyan
Saturday 6pm 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
Sunday 8:30am 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 4:30-5:30pm 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
Sundays SOULED OUT YOUTH GROUP Years 7-12: 6:30pm-8:00pm

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