



# ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Four, Term Three, 2017

8 August, 2017



*Share the Spirit....*

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Last week Walkathon Sponsorship Cards should have made their way to your homes. Our Annual Walkathon is the major whole school fund raising initiative. In the past funds raised have been used to upgrade the Lowe St playground, update the MacQuoid St playground, purchase ICT resources, and books. As you can imagine there is always a wish list from parents, teachers and students about how funds raised can be used to improve our school. Whilst I am not sure about the real need for a swimming pool or skate part suggested in last year's satisfaction surveys there are calls for more outdoor furniture, more books, more maths resources and upgraded classroom furniture which are all extremely valid requests.

In past years the Walkathon has raised around \$20,000 which is a huge effort from our families. If each student were to secure \$30 sponsorship – we would meet this goal. The Walkathon is a parent driven initiative through the School Community Council. It is this group, in consultation with school staff, who decide how the raised funds will be distributed.



This year we are trying something different – having our walkathon on the same day as our Feast Day Celebrations and Fathers' Day Breakfast! Our whole school Mass celebrating our patron, Saint Gregory will take place at 9:40am. The students from Mac will walk across to the church – the beginning of their walkathon. At the conclusion of Mass all students will walk to Mac – the beginning of the walkathon for our Kindergarten and Year 1 students.

After a fruit stop at Mac all students will walk to Wright Park. There they will do laps of the area with music to walk (or dance) to along the way. After completed laps they will all return to Mac for a well-deserved sausage sizzle, drink and ice block.

Our plan is to have a fun day that celebrates our wonderful community. Parents are needed to assist on the day – please see the separate note.

**Yours sincerely**

*Claire*

**Claire Frazer  
Principal**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### Tuesday 8 August

ICAS English Test

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

Confirmation Parent Info Night  
7pm to 8:30pm St Gregory's Hall

### Wednesday 9 August

Year 6 team to Netball NSW South Coast  
Regional Schools Cup Final - Queanbeyan

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

### Thursday 10 August

ACG Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival  
St John Paul II College, Nicholls

Northern Region Public Speaking Comp  
St Bede's Braidwood

### Friday 11 August

Year 6 excursion  
Old Bus Depot Kingston

1 Red, 1 Blue & Year 5 to Parish Mass  
12pm St Raphael's Church

### Saturday 12 August

Confirmation Commitment Mass  
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

### Sunday 13 August

Confirmation Commitment Mass  
9am St Raphael's Church

Confirmation Commitment Mass  
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

### Monday 14 August

ICAS Maths Test

### Tuesday 15 August

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

Assumption Day Mass  
9:30am St Raphael's Church

St Gregory's School Community Council  
Meeting - 6pm Lowe Street Staffroom

### Wednesday 16 August

Maths Olympiad

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

### Friday 18 August

Year 3 to Parish Mass  
12pm St Raphael's Church

### Saturday 19 August

Confirmation Commitment Mass  
5:30pm St Raphael's Church



## Focus Value for August - 'Be Persistent' From the Principal.....

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers our Year 6 students who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are parents who are undergoing treatment for cancer – we hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

**WAKAKIRRI:** WOW! Congratulations to our Year 5 students and their teachers – Brad Brown, Veronica Hall and Jamie Marmont on the performance last night. It was wonderful to see them choose a theme that impacted our school – The Carwoola Bushfires. The students were amazing in their performance but also throughout the day of rehearsals. St Gregory's was awarded Best Public Speakers, Best Hair and Makeup and Best Backstage. A terrific effort – persistence and hard work rewarded with excellent results! So very proud of you all.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Kinder Red and Kinder Gold – or as they named themselves Kinder Orange – presented a fantastic assembly last Friday with the theme of persistence. I am sure there was plenty of students displaying a persistent attitude during preparations for the assembly. Well done to all the students and their terrific teachers – Caroline Tanti and Jessica Musgrave.

**SNOWSPORTS:** Toby Guy (KBlue) and London Imrie (KWhite) thoroughly enjoyed St Greg's first year entering the Interschool Snowsport Championships held at Perisher from the 26th to the 28th July, 2017. Toby and London competed in the Alpine GS and Skier X Division 6 for the males and females, respectively. Neither of them placed, but they both thoroughly enjoyed the experience representing St Greg's for the first time in the ACT and Southern NSW region competition. They have learnt a lot from the experience and look forward to entering again next year.

**100 DAYS!:** Kindergarten students certainly celebrated with great enthusiasm this milestone. How wonderful to see them investigating such a big number – 100. Thank you parents for entering into the fun by organising the dress ups. Thanks to the wonderful Kindergarten team for ensuring their students enjoy and celebrate learning.

**GOOD LUCK:** On Thursday, 10th August, the School Choir will be competing against ten other Catholic School Choirs at John Paull II College in Gungahlin. The students will also participate in a mass choir piece with Mrs McFaul conducting and our amazing volunteer, Mr Bowring, providing the musical accompaniment. The Choir have been working very hard all year to prepare, demonstrating great resilience and commitment. Well done to everyone!

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:** This Thursday the following students will participate in the Northern Region Public Speaking Competition at St Bede's Braidwood. Mrs Hewson will accompany the students.

Year 3: Taiah Dunn and Lara Watts

Year 4: Danielle Quinones and April Taylor

Year 5: Chloe Amey and Madeline Dale

Year 6: Katie Bisset and Eden D'Souza

I can't help but wonder what happened to the boys?

**TOILET UPGRADE:** There was great excitement amongst the male and female students at Mac yesterday when they discovered new toilets had been installed! We are now waiting to have the floors and walls pressure cleaned. Thanks to Mrs Taylor for coordinating the plumbing work.

**MESSAGES TO STUDENTS:** If you need to let your children know of changed pick-up arrangements during the day it is best to call Jane, Emma or Di at the front offices. Teachers may not check emails till later in the day – much too late to pass on these messages.

**MODERATION DAY:** This Thursday, 10th August, is Moderation Day for High Schools in the ACT. Whilst we love to see ex-students, we cannot have them visit the school on this day.

**SCHOOL HATS:** Hats are now compulsory again for school. If students do not have school hats they can be purchased from the office for \$15. I do wonder how school hats seem to go missing but other baseball caps can always be found! The only hats that can be worn at school are the school hats.



## RE NEWS

### PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.*

*As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.*

*Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.*

*Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



This weekend, our Year Six candidates for Confirmation will be participating in a commitment ceremony as part of the weekend Mass (5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am Sunday and 5:30pm Sunday). Everyone is invited to join the candidates and their families in prayerful support of all involved in preparing the young people for this major step in their faith lives as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep the students, their families and those preparing them in your prayers.  
- Kate McManus-Green, REC.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	Noah Smith
K Gold	Shiloh Burgess
K Red	Mark Wei
K White	Matilda Hodder and Samuel Wardle
1 Blue	Ava Picker and Ruby Barrett
1 Gold	Ruby Herbig
1 Red	Oliver Donnelly and Toby Wind
1 White	Zoe Butterfield
2 Blue	Campbell Madden
2 Gold	Dylan Gavin
2 Red	Billy Greentree
2 White	Thomas Smith-Roberts
3 Gold	Madison Cachia
3 Red	Kate Munoz
3 White	Matthew Gomes
4 Gold	Harry Munoz and Mia Taylor
4 Red	Eva Rowley
4 White	Sajika Polgolla
5 Blue	Riley Dodge
5 Gold	Chloe Amey
5 Red	Leo Vanderpol
6 Blue	Luke Fahey
6 Gold	Sebastian Pulciani
6 White	Erin Toole

AR Millionaire	Joshua Seivers
Gold Bands	Cooper Lovekin Joshua Funnell Eleni Lolesio Ellie Sweet Isaac Mortimore Chloe Amey Jesse Eldridge Flynn Lovekin Olivia Worthington

## LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly marked with student names. It is amazing the amount of Lost Property without names.

## OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

## SPORT NEWS

**NETBALL NSW SCHOOLS CUP FINAL** Good luck to the girls competing in the final tomorrow. Please meet Miss Allen at Queanbeyan Netball Courts at 8:30am. A canteen will be operating.

**PENRITH NETBALL CARNIVAL** Teams have been finalised for the NSW CPS Netball Carnival to be held in Penrith on Tuesday, 5th September.

St Greg's White Team - Taiah Dunn, Elly Bollard, Tahlia Nicholls, Charli Ioppi, Emily Zutt, Mia Duff, Sophie Gruber, Ava Rhule, Kate Munoz and Jasmine Dolbel.

St Greg's Blue Team - Maggie Robinson, Shayne McMahon-Lee, Madeline Bennett, Hannah Zutt, Angelina Brown, Grace Jenkins, Imogen Dorsett, Laura Sierant and Eleni Lolesio.

St Greg's Gold Team - Emily O'Grady, Chloe Amey, Keeva Robinson-McEvoy, Niamh Billiards, Lizzy Gruber, Poppy Howell, Rosaja Blazeski, Chloe Mansell and Willow Ashman.

- Matthew Maloney, PE Teacher & Sport Coordinator



## LIBRARY NEWS



### MACQUOID ST BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

1. **LIBRARY ACTIVITIES:** This year's theme 'Escape to everywhere' 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.
2. **BOOK PARADE AND LIBRARY MONITOR PLAY:** Students are invited to help celebrate Book Week by coming dressed to school as their favourite book character on Thursday 24th August. 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. The Library Monitors will also be presenting a play based on 'Alice in Wonderland' after morning assembly with the annual parade.

### MACQUOID ST BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS

Students from Year 2 to 6 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 'Escape to Everywhere'. 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 displayed during week 6 and judged on Friday of Week 6.**
2. **DRAWING COMPETITION:** Draw a place to escape inspired by your favourite book. Recreate a scene from your favourite book inside a hot air balloon template. Templates are available from the MacQuoid Street Library. Prizes will be awarded for neatest and most creative work. Name and class must be written on the back. **Submit to your teacher by Friday, Week 5.**
3. **ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE 5 DAY TRIVIA:** Each day during Week 6, 4 trivia questions will be added to the double library doors. Students must answer all questions correctly to be in the running for a prize. Students may pick up entry forms from the Library during Week 6 and **submit their completed 20 question entry to Mrs Greentree by Friday morning of Week 6.**

Please contact Melissa Greentree (Teacher/Librarian - MacQuoid St) for further information - melissa.greentree@cg.catholic.edu.au

**LOWE ST BOOK WEEK Celebrations** - For students in Kinder and Year One.

1. **LIBRARY ACTIVITY:** Classes will participate in art and craft activities relating to the theme of 'Escape to Everywhere' and some of the shortlisted books. This artwork will be displayed in the library throughout the term.
2. **CLASSROOM ACTIVITY:** Classes will participate in an art/craft activity in response to one of the shortlisted titles and these will be displayed in classrooms and around our school during the term.
3. **BOOK PARADE:** Students are invited to dress as their favourite book character and take part in a Book Week Book Parade on Tuesday 22nd August at 9.30am. For classroom discussion, please bring along the book featuring the character.
4. **CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR:** (see further information) for one day from 8.15am Tuesday 22nd August. Please note that the fair will be closed from 9.30am until the completion of the parade and again from 11.40am to 12.30pm. The fair will then close at 4.30pm. Students will view the fair books during their library lessons.
5. **'ESCAPE' BOOK CHALLENGE:** Students are invited to write and illustrate a book with the title 'ESCAPE'. This book could be a non-fiction book, a picture book or a chapter book. These books will then be displayed and shared in the library and classrooms. This is a challenge and no prizes will be awarded. There will, however, be a certificate of appreciation given to each student.
6. **POSTER COMPETITION:** Students may wish to create a new and original Book Week poster of the 2017 theme 'Escape to Everywhere'. Entry forms will be sent home. There will be prizes awarded for the most original and creative designs. Submit to the library, the front office or your teacher by Tuesday, Week 5.
7. **QUEANBEYAN LIBRARY VISITS:** Classes will visit the Queanbeyan Library during Book Week to listen to some of the shortlisted stories.
8. **JACKIE FRENCH:** During Book Week students at Lowe Street will also receive a phone call from award winning, internationally acclaimed and prolific author, Jackie French. How exciting!

Please contact Helen Carroll, Lowe Street teacher/librarian via email (helen.carroll@cg.catholic.edu.au) for more information.



## LIBRARY NEWS (Cont'd)...

### Premier's Reading Challenge



NSW Premier's  
Reading Challenge

#### Update records now - 18 reading days to go!

We currently have 187 students enrolled and 100 students have finished so far with another 87 students recording on line.

Congratulations to the following students **Toby Guy KBlue, Olivia Staltari KWhite, William Luketic 1Blue, Victoria MacDonald 1Gold, Sophie McIntyre 1Blue, Caitlyn Sibraa 1Blue, Liam Carroll 2Blue, Ava Langeveld 4W, Charlotte Quinn 4Red and Eden D'Souza 6White** who completed their Challenge this week. Our class prize of a pizza lunch is wide open with **2Blue** leading with 8 students finished. I have lot of classes with 4 & 5 students completed, so this year any class can win. We are able to print off a Library Loans history for students to help fill out their record, just email me if you would like a copy remembering to list their name and class in the email. Any questions can be directed to my email [rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au)



#### We are hosting a **CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR.**

Each class will be invited to preview the books during their library session. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators.

All books are discounted.

**Every single purchase from the Book Fair earns FREE books and resources for our school.**

#### Our Book Fair selling times will be:

Tuesday August 22nd 8:30am – 4:30pm  
(excluding Book Parade time)

You, your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.

Credit Card facilities are available. No AMEX please.

**Remember 'READERS ARE ACHIEVERS'**

## Dear Teacher....

Each week we will answer your questions or address concerns you may have to assist with home learning. If you would like to submit a question, please email:

- Literacy to [kelly.delaney@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kelly.delaney@cg.catholic.edu.au) and
- Numeracy to [kristy.poole@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kristy.poole@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Please include the year group/s of the students so we can answer the question to the appropriate level.



### NUMERACY

A Kindergarten mum asks - *What other experiences can I give my child to help with counting?*

Hi there

Count the number of steps to the car, the number of toys in a box, the number of candies in a jar. Later, introduce estimating the same quantities. Double-check your child's counting when appropriate. Reasonable estimates are one of the most useful strategies for successful mathematical thinking.

Regards,  
Dear Teacher

### LITERACY

Dear Teacher,

*My child is in Kindergarten and is enjoying reading at school. We want to buy some books for home, can you recommend some?*

Hi there,

I am so happy that your child is enjoying reading. Here are some books that he/she may enjoy. These books have highly predictable and repetitive language, supported by illustrations: perfect for Kinder and Year 1!

- Inside, Outside, Upside Down (Stan Berenstain)
- Rosie's Walk (Pat Hutchins)
- Where is the Green Sheep (Mem Fox)
- Yes (Jez Alborough)
- Pom and Pim (Lena Landstrom)

Regards,  
Dear Teacher

## CANTEEN

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 10 August

Friday 11 August

Daphne Gagliardi

Tanya Sandner

Volunteers always welcome at MacQuoid. If you are available please phone Rosemarie 6297 2221.





## 2018 ENROLMENTS

Please complete and return this note to the office if your child/ren (except Year 6 students) will not be returning to St Gregory's School in 2018. Thank you.

My child/ren.....

in class/es.....will not be returning to St Gregory's School in 2018.

He/She/They will be attending .....

(please insert name of school)

Signed:.....Parent/Guardian Date:.....

### NOTICEBOARD



# GALA DINNER

LIVING THE GOSPEL TODAY -  
NEXT STEPS TO RE-IMAGINING OUR  
PARISH COMMUNITIES

EARLY BIRD PRICE - \$60

Qbn Roos Club | Tuesday 28 Nov | 7:00 for 7:30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - RENOWNED  
JOURNALIST, RADIO/TV HOST  
**GERALDINE DOOGUE AO.**

CONTACT US TO BOOK YOUR TABLE OF TEN

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# GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA OPEN DAY



**SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2017**

9am-2pm | [www.ga.gov.au/open-day](http://www.ga.gov.au/open-day)  
Corner Jerrabomberra Avenue and Hindmarsh Drive, Symonston, ACT

## NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

*Queanbeyan NAIDOC Committee are hosting a NAIDOC Family Fun and Activity Day*  
*The day will consist of a Welcome to Country, Elder's tent, Local Entertainment, Sausage Sizzle, Fairy Floss, Slushies, and Stalls from Local Service Providers & Amusement Rides*

**This is A FREE community event it is open to everyone, Aboriginal & Non - Indigenous People.**

When: 10.00am to 3pm Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Where: Queanbeyan Showground 19-41 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

For more information contact:  
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