



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Five, Term Two, 2017
23 May, 2017



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Last Tuesday nearly 30 parents attended the Numeracy Workshop facilitated by Leonie Anstey. There was a real buzz in the air as parents completed fun numeracy activities. I think sometimes our understanding of 'Maths' is limited to completing a series of algorithms. If you are able to complete a certain number of addition algorithms with a high number correct then you must be good at maths. This is such a limited view of number. Check with your children to see if they understand friends of 10 then 20. If not play games that help develop this knowledge.

One of the games the parents enjoyed playing last Tuesday was 31 which is played with a deck of cards. Whilst our children seem to be obsessed at times with device games they still love a board or card game played with parents. These games do not have to be long – indeed a 15-minute time limit would probably work best – counting down the minutes as you go of course!

Perhaps families could try the following games, all played with a deck of cards after removing the Jacks, Queens, Kings and Jokers. The Aces count as 1.

Addition Challenge

Each player turns over two cards at the same time and adds up the total value of their cards. The player with the highest total gets to collect each players' cards and put them in their 'safe' pile. Continue playing until all of the cards are gone. The player with the most cards at the end is the winner. For older kids, you can turn over three cards at a time.

Addition Snap

Put all of the cards in two equal piles. Both players turn over one card at the same time. The first person to add the two numbers together hits their hand on the cards as they call out the answer. Be warned – this game can get very loud and competitive!! Lots of fun though! For an extra challenge, play subtraction snap where the players work out the answer by taking the smaller card number away from the bigger card number. For older kids, you can change the game to multiplication snap, whereby they follow the same rules as addition snap but multiply the numbers to get the answer.

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This is a great game to get kids thinking about addition! Each player turns over two cards and adds them together. They must then decide whether to stay 'safe' or to continue turning over additional cards. If the players' cards exceed a total of 21 then they are out. The player with cards that equal 21 or the closest to 21 (without going over) is the winner!

Place Value Challenge

Each player turns over two cards and attempts to make the largest two-digit number they can using their cards. The player who can make the largest number gets to collect the other player's cards. Continue until there are no cards left. Extend kids by turning over 3 or 4 cards and making numbers in the hundreds and thousands. This game really supports kids who are learning about place value.

If you missed the parent workshop a video of the presentation is available on our Facebook page.

Yours sincerely

Claire Frazer
Principal

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday 23 May

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

School Council Meeting
6pm Lowe Street Staff Room

ICAS Digital Technologies Test

Wednesday 24 May

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

National Simultaneous Storytime

Saturday 27 May

First Eucharist Commitment Mass
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Sunday 28 May

First Eucharist Commitment Mass
9am St Raphael's Church

3 Gold Park playdate
11am to 1pm - Queanbeyan Park

First Eucharist Commitment Mass
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Tuesday 30 May

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

Reconciliation Walk - 10am

ICAS Science Test

Wednesday 31 May

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

Thursday 1 June

SEASONS Winter Session 3

Friday 2 June

St Greg's Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6)
Wright Park

Saturday 3 June

First Eucharist Commitment Mass
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Sunday 4 June

First Eucharist Commitment Mass
9am St Raphael's Church

K Blue Park playdate
12pm to 2pm - Barracks Flat Drive Park

First Eucharist Commitment Mass
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

Monday 5 June - Friday 9 June Sabbath Week



Focus Value for May - 'Be Loving'

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep the Year 4 students, their families and teachers in your prayers as the students prepare for their First Holy Communion.

CONGRATULATIONS: Sophie Gruber, Jesse Robinson-McEvoy, Niamh Billiards, Laila Gatt, Keeva Robinson-McEvoy and Emmett Smith who will represent Canberra/Goulburn Archdiocese at the CPS Cross Country.

WELCOME BACK: This week we welcome Mrs Emma McAuliffe fulltime in the office at Lowe Street. My thanks to those people who assisted us in the office in the interim period between Karen leaving and Emma joining us again. It is great to have Emma back. Mrs Di Rouse will also be working in our offices on a regular basis – Mondays at Mac and Fridays at Lowe.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: Congratulations to the students of 2Red and 2White who along with their teachers presented assembly last Friday. I was very disappointed to have missed the assembly – I was at a Northern Region Principals meeting in Goulburn. I believe that they shared very clearly what it means to be loving. Well done to all.

ENROLMENT PERIOD: The official enrolment period ended last Friday but we are still accepting enrolments for 2018. Traditionally it has been the siblings of current students whose enrolments are slow to come in! Just a gentle reminder.

SICK STUDENTS: We are currently experiencing a vomiting bug amongst students and teachers. We request that if students have been vomiting overnight that they do not attend school the following day. Please keep any children who are sick home from school.

LATE ARRIVALS: The Archdiocesan Parent Charter that was published in the newsletter a few weeks ago includes this.

The School can expect that parents will:

•**Support their child's consistent and punctual attendance at school.** We still have a number of students that regularly arrive late for school. These late arrivals interrupt the class and have a negative impact on student learning. Unusually high absenteeism is another concern. I have no doubt that at times a sense of anxiety is the reason but staying away from school only gives rise to heightened levels of anxiety when returning. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with parents to discuss strategies to avoid late or non-attendance.

WHOOPING COUGH: Please be aware there has been a case of whooping cough diagnosed at the school.

DONATIONS: Classes have sent out a request for old playing cards to be donated for math lessons. Thank you.

CLOTHING POOL: Betty Crowe is in need of more donations for the clothing pool. Betty does an incredible job - taking home items to wash and repair. She is also able to do alterations if needed. The clothing pool is open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10am in the Lowe Street multipurpose room.

LOWE STREET BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair held at Lowe Street last week was a great success. Many thanks to Helen Carroll, Melissa Greentree and Rosalind Wythes for their hard work on the day.



SPORT NEWS

NORTHERN REGION CROSS COUNTRY -

Congratulations to the following students who have progressed to representing Canberra/Goulburn at the CPS Cross Country Carnival in Sydney: Sophie Gruber, Jesse Robinson-McEvoy, Niamh Billiards, Laila Gatt, Keeva Robinson-McEvoy and Emmett Smith.

- Matthew Maloney, PE Teacher & Sport Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are very proud of the number of students who have shown an interest in the PRC and are either completing or have completed the challenge. We currently have 185 students enrolled and 33 students have finished so far with another 96 students recording on line.

Congratulations to the following students: **Aida Deryngowski KGold**, **Ioana Shanahan KWhite**, **Kirpa Sandwalia 2Blue** and **Joshua Ireland 4Gold** who completed their Challenge this week.

There are many other students who have expressed an interest in the challenge but believe they have not yet enrolled. The enrolment form and further information can be downloaded from the 'Notes' section of our school website. It is not too late to enter the challenge. All Lowe Street students already have books that can be added to their list towards completion because teachers are reading some PRC books in class. Year 2 teachers will too begin reading books to their classes which will be added to their list. Year 3 to 6 are required to read books independently for the challenge. Student borrowing records are kept from September last year so that those books can be immediately added if they have chosen to read PRC listed titles. Students are recommended to also refer to their homework reading logs from term 4 last year up to when the challenge finishes in August this year when completing their online reading records. If you require a borrowing list for your child please contact Ros Wythes and she will be able to email it to you.

'Bookaneer' Scholastic Book Fair – Lowe Street

Last week was an exciting week at Lowe Street Campus with the Bookaneer Book Fair. There were 3 competitions or challenges at the fair; the lucky door prize draw, the Guess the Gold Competition and the Pirate Flag Making Challenge. The Pirate Flag Making Challenge entries must be back at school (to the front office or teachers) by this Friday for a chance to be in the prize draw. The book fair prizes will be given out in Week 5 and 6. We would like to say a REALLY big thank you to all the families and students who involved themselves in the fair and entered the competitions.

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MacQuoid Street Book Club

The Book Club Orders have been received and distributed to students today.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Tomorrow, Wednesday 24th May at 11am it is the official National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the chosen book is 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon' by Tony Wilson. This annual event is organized by the Australian Library and Information Association to promote the importance and joy of reading, literature and literacy. Lowe and MacQuoid Street students will be invited to listen to a reading of this book on Wednesday. There will also be an exciting performance of the book created by MacQuoid Street Library Monitors that may be shared with classes. More information and activities can be found on the ALIA website: ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime is @ <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>

Author visit - Dr Cameron Stelzer

On Friday 26 May, our Kinder-Year 1 students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading and follow-along drawing activity with Cameron. Some students will also be inventing creatures and characters, which can be used in their own stories, and others will be working on Inspirational Story Ideas. Students and teachers are looking forward to this fantastic day!

Accelerated Reader Millionaires



Congratulations to Matilda Howell, Yashmeen Dandiwal, Ava Bentham and Ivana Rodriguez who are our newest members to join 2017's most exclusive club in the school! They join other students that have quickly read more than one million words since starting Accelerated Reader this year. The students include (in no particular order): Madeleine Heller, April Taylor, Audrey Keillor, Louise Hill, Madeline Dale, Rose Taylor, Andrew Mackenzie, William Hales and Chloe Mansell. This is a tremendous achievement and to recognise their efforts they will soon be invited to a VIP mid-year celebration party and later an end of year party. Keep on reading everybody!!!

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	Ella Osmialowski
K Gold	Amelia Hunt
K Red	Koa Marsden
K White	Hayley Seivers
2 Blue	Stella Rosin
2 Gold	Josie Hill
2 Red	Liana Holland
2 White	Joseph Mallia
3 Blue	Antonio Balnaves-Knyvett
3 Gold	Elly Bollard
3 Red	Riley Picker
3 White	Claude Carino
4 Gold	Alexi Vlahos
4 Red	Brock Cox
4 White	Isabelle Edmondson
5 Blue	Brianna Woodford
5 Gold	Marcos Gagliardi
5 Red	Nicolas Pulciani
6 Blue	Mailey Cunningham
6 Gold	Holly Mansell
AR Millionaires	William Hales Matilda Howell
Gold Band	Lucy O'Neill Briony Gagliardi Trinity Debenham Toby Forbes Andrew Mackenzie Myah Staniforth Liam Carroll Sean O'Brien

CLOTHING POOL

The second hand clothing pool is asking all families for donations of any old school uniforms. They are running low on most sizes.

A reminder the clothing pool is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 10am at Lowe Street in the multipurpose room.

LOST PROPERTY

Daniel Ossato (5 Red) has lost his new blue and gold zip up sports jacket. It has his name on it in several places. Can you please check it hasn't been picked up by mistake? Thank you.

RE NEWS



First Eucharist

Please pray for the Year 4's who are preparing for this Sacrament, that marks a new chapter in their family's faith life. It is exciting to think that these children will be able to participate fully in the worship life of our parish by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist time they attend mass. Thank you to the parents in our community who joined us for the parent information session on Tuesday evening.

COMMITMENT MASSES: Saturday 27th May/ Sunday 28th May/ Saturday 3rd June/ Sunday 4th June. (Please remember to bring your commitment card to present at the mass and the Our Father prayer sheet).



My Body, My Life

Year 5 and Year 6 families received a note for the My Body, My Life program last week. These MUST BE signed and returned to school for accurate numbers at both the evening and day sessions.

- Kate McManus-Green, REC.

CLASS CONTACTS

3 Gold Park playdate

Where: Queanbeyan Park (Behind Qbn Police Station)

When: Sunday 28 May 2017

Time: 11.00am to 1.00pm

What to bring: Please bring a plate of food to share.

Kinder Blue Park playdate

Where: Barracks Flat Park (Barracks Flat Drive, Qbn)

When: Sunday 4 June 2017

Time: 12.00pm to 2.00pm

What to bring: BYO sausages and bread for a sausage sizzle. Also bring any water bottles, picnic rugs and anything else you'd like. Siblings welcome.

Rug up if it's cold. We hope to see you there.

CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteers at Lowe Street Canteen this week are:

Thursday 25 May
Friday 26 May

Lyn Smyth
Kerrie Hill