



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Ten, Term Three, 2017
19 September, 2017



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

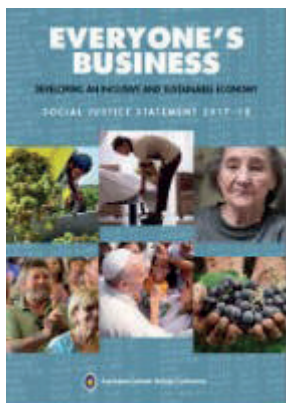
This Sunday is acknowledged in the Catholic Church is Social Justice Sunday. The Gospel that will be read this Sunday is Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard. The employer goes on four separate occasions throughout the day to find labourers. At the end of the day the workers are all paid the same amount regardless of how long they worked. Whilst those who had worked fewer hours were pleased those who had worked the full day not so much! Even though they were paid the agreed wage.

Using an everyday example of economic hardship, Jesus teaches how the reign of God is open to all, generous, and especially mindful of those left behind. God provides sufficiently and fairly for each person, all the while attentive to the needs of those who experience exclusion and have little hope.

This year's Social Justice Statement considers Australia's economic priorities. It draws from the teachings of Pope Francis and his predecessors, highlighting how extreme versions of free-market economics have failed to serve all. Inequality has been growing in Australia. Many have missed out on opportunities to secure stable employment and a just share in income and wealth – even after 26 years of continuous economic growth.

The parable may seem unfair to us. Not only does the owner of the vineyard employ workers who, through no fault of their own, find themselves locked out of the market system, he also pays all of them one denarius – even those who completed only one hour's work. But the denarius was the basic daily pay of labourers, sufficient for a living wage, and akin to our notion of a minimum wage. The payment given by the owner recognises the dignity of all, regardless of the hours they worked. The generosity of the owner is shown in how he places the human person, not the prevailing standard of the market, at the centre of his concern.

Jesus invites us to see others as God sees them, as unique and precious, and to treat them accordingly. It is an offence in the eyes of God to treat people simply as commodities, to be discarded when no longer commercially profitable. We are called to challenge commonly held assumptions and ways of operating that undermine human dignity and damage the most vulnerable of our neighbours.



For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

I hope that our staff, students and families have a restful and restorative break.

Yours sincerely

**Claire Frazer
Principal**

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday 11 - Friday 23 September
Year 3 and 4 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 19 September
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

School Council Meeting - 6pm Lowe St

Wednesday 20 September
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Kinder Excursion - Floriade and Questacon

Friday 22 September
Year 6 back from Camp - Arrive at
Queanbeyan Railway Station 11am

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Monday 9 October
Staff Planning Day

Tuesday 10 October
Students return for Term 4

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

Wednesday 11 October
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Saturday 14 October
Catholic Primary Schools Netball Carnival
Calwell

Monday 16 October
MacQuoid Street Photo Day

Tuesday 17 October
Lowe Street Photo Day

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

Wednesday 18 October
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Friday 20 October
Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival

KWhite, 2White and 4White to Parish Mass
12pm St Raphael's Church

Saturday 18 October
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR



Focus Value for September - "Be Generous"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: *Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world free of violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead to injustice, nor selfishness mean suffering to others. Help us to devote ourselves to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfil the destiny for which we have all been created.*

CONGRATULATIONS: To the students of 1Red and 1White on the presentation of their assembly last week. I was very disappointed to miss the assembly and I hear that I missed a good one! Well done to all and special thanks to your amazing teachers – Katie, Kellie and Michelle.

Congratulations to Harry Foster, Rory Forbes, Niamh Billards, Rhiannon O'Brien, Madeline Bennett, Rosaja Blazeski and Tom McIntosh who represented Canberra Goulburn at the Mackillop Athletics Carnival yesterday in Homebush.

YEAR 6 CAMP: Yesterday morning a very excited group of Year 6 students and their equally excited teachers boarded the train to Sydney. The group will be having a wonderful week experiencing a variety of activities. Keep in touch of the camp experience via Facebook. (987 likes!).

WALKATHON: Please send in all sponsorship money by this Friday. The total funds raised will be announced in the first newsletter next term.

FLORIADE: The St Gregory's gnome display looks amazing. Thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks to Kate and Jessica for settling the gnomes into their new home and Emma for the administrative support!

HOME QUEANBEYAN: This week some Year 5 boys and I have been invited to lunch at HOME. The invitation is to say thanks to the boys who each week make sandwiches for the residents.

CONTACTING TEACHERS: I sometimes hear that teachers have not responded to emails. Some of the reasons could be email becoming lost in the ether, teachers being away on leave, teachers not having email access for some reason, the email slips down the list and out of sight and plain old human error! If you have issues regarding lack of response, please contact Jane King.

APPROACHING STUDENTS: Parents and grandparents are reminded that under no circumstances should you approach other students. If you have any issues that you would like to be addressed with students, please speak to a staff member. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

CLASS ALLOCATIONS: A reminder regarding the placement of students in 2018 classes. Please note the following point in the Class Allocation policy:

Parents who wish to discuss particular concerns regarding class placement should make an appointment to meet with the principal. All meetings must be held by Friday of Week 4 in Term 4. (2017 date will be by Friday, 3rd November)

YEAR 3 and 4 SWIMMING: Thanks to the parents and friends who are assisting with the swimming program. Your support is very much appreciated. The review of the swimming program conducted two years ago indicated that this program is very much valued.

TERM 4: Begins for students on Tuesday 10th October. Staff will return on Monday and will be looking at the School Surveys and working on our School Improvement framework as a start to preparing the 2018 Annual Improvement Plan.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	Sophie Hoskin
K Gold	Samuel Jeffries
K Red	Mackenzie Colovatti
K White	Liam Morrison
1 Blue	Ruby Loft
1 Gold	Jayden Dunn
1 Red	Annemaria Francis
1 White	Mathew Neuss
2 Blue	William Hall
2 Gold	Jeshly Tonacao
2 Red	Jayden Perrit
2 White	Orlando Blazeski
3 Gold	Ava Worthington
4 Red	Lachlan Mallia
4 White	Aiden Crawford
5 Blue	Jordan Bird
5 Gold	Bayley Mallia
5 Red	Ethan de Haviland
6 Blue	Eric Caetano
6 Gold	Claudia Oldfield
6 White	Jayden Clayton
Gold Bands	Darcy Chacos
	Charlotte Murphy
	Ava Worthington
	Madeleine Heller
	Aiden Willis
	Thomas Seib
	Sophia Watson

WALKATHON



Please remember to continue to send in your sponsorship money to school so we can start planning the upgrade of our playgrounds. Money may be paid by the Qkr! app or sent to school in a marked envelope with the sponsorship card. All money collected must be returned to school by this Friday, 22nd September.

CANTEEN

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 21 September	Antonia Harajli
Friday 22 September	Bethany Butterfield

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

TRIVIA NIGHT



Saturday, 21st October, 2017

St Gregory's Hall
MacQuoid Street, Queanbeyan

6:30 for 7pm

BYO drinks and nibbles or order in some dinner

Tables of 10 - \$25 a head

(Pre-purchase your entry tickets from school
or pay on the night)

Phone the MacQuoid Office on 6297 2221 to book
your table (This is an 18+ event)

Plenty of Prizes, Auctions and Raffles!

Book now and support St Gregory's School and
'HOME in Queanbeyan'

CLOTHING POOL SALE



It's Sale Time!

9:00am - 10:00am

Tuesday, 19th September
Wednesday, 20th September
Tuesday, 10th October
Wednesday, 11th October

The Clothing Pool welcomes your donations of uniforms that no longer fit or no are longer required. Donations may be left at either campus. Thank you to those families who have left donations.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October 2017, St Gregory's School student photos will be taken. MacQuoid St on Monday and Lowe St on Tuesday.

Family Photos - If you wish to have a family photo taken please collect an envelope from the front office at either campus and return it to school.

- Families with all siblings at MacQuoid St – photos on Monday during first break.
- Families with all siblings at Lowe St – photos on Tuesday after class photos.
- Families with siblings at both campuses – Tuesday at Lowe St during first break. NB: Siblings from MacQuoid St will be walked across to Lowe St on Tuesday morning.

Special/Sporting Group Photos will be taken on Wednesday 1st November at MacQuoid Street.

NOTICEBOARD

Men ALIVE Men's Weekend 23rd and 24th September 2017

Saturday 8am – 9pm (lunch and dinner provided)

Sunday 8:30am – 1:30pm St Gregory's School Hall,
Molonglo Street, QUEANBEYAN.

Investment: Your time & \$50 donation
Includes: workshops, morning and afternoon teas,
Saturday lunch and BBQ dinner.
(Sunday no meals provided.)

RSVP by Thurs 21 Sept 2017 to Frank 0417 664 110.

Email enquiries: queanbeyan@cg.org.au



R.C.I.A. 2017—2018

Do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic?
Are you interested in being a support person for someone who is on the journey toward becoming a catholic?
If so, please contact Rita in the Parish Office – 6299 4611



Family, Fun and Fitness

Season starts Saturday 21 October 2017

8.30am–11.00am (approx) – “Come & try” day and 1st meet

Register online

Go to actlaa.org.au and follow the prompts.

Proof of age is required for all new registrations

Uniform sales and pack collection

Wright Park, Saturday 16 September and 14 October
10.00am–2.00pm

 Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/qlac) or visit www.qlac.org.au

NORTHERN MISSION

St Gregory's Parish



Queanbeyan
Michelago
Bungendore
Braidwood

PARISH OFFICE DETAILS:

9am -3:30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
(Closed Monday & Wednesday)

Address: 47 Lowe St, Queanbeyan

Postal: PO Box 175 Queanbeyan 2620

Phone: 6299 4611

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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 (Youth/Family Mass) St Raphael's, Queanbeyan

Saturday 6pm St Bede's, Braidwood

1st Sunday 11am Ss Peter & Paul, Hoskingstown

2nd Saturday 6pm St Patrick's, Michelago

3rd Sunday 9am St Joseph's, Gundaroo

5th Sunday 12noon St Brigid's, Kwararee

Sunday 8:30am St Mary's, Bungendore

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 Wednesday 10:00am George Forbes House

2nd Wednesday 11:00am Warrigal (Kawaree)

4th Wednesday 11:00am Queanbeyan Nursing Home

Friday 11:00am-11:55am Exposition & Adoration St Raphael's, Qbn

Saturday 4:30-5pm (or by appointment) Reconciliation St Raphael's, Qbn

Sundays during 9am mass Children's Liturgy (ages 3-9yrs)

1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday 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

HOME IN QUEANBEYAN PRESENTS
OUR 2017 MOVIE FUNDRAISER

FRANCE'S
BOX OFFICE
SMASH HIT



Winner
LUMIERE AWARDS
Winner
CÉSAR AWARDS

THE
BÉLIER FAMILY

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2017 (6PM - 10.30PM)
THE Q THEATRE, 253 CRAWFORD STREET, QUEANBEYAN
MOVIE TICKETS: \$75 INC. DRINKS, HOT SNACKS + MOVIE ENTRY
TICKETS: WWW.THEQ.NET.AU OR THE Q BOX OFFICE (02) 6285 6290

ALSO ON SALE! RAFFLE TICKETS: 4 CORPORATE BOX TICKETS
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