



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN

NEWSLETTER

Week One, Term Three, 2018
24 July, 2018

Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

On Monday the staff members of St Gregory's and St Bede's Braidwood came together for our retreat. Our retreat was held at Greenhill's Conference Centre near the Cotter. Some of us gathered on the Sunday evening for prayer, dinner and a campfire singalong. It was a wonderful opportunity to socialise and hear all the news of the term break.

The Religious Education Coordinators from both schools – Kate McManus-Green and Ann Monkhouse facilitated a wonderful day where we were led to reflect on the story of the Road to Emmaus. We were particularly blessed to have our PP Fr Troy and the pastoral associate from Braidwood Br Brian share the time with us.

The Road to Emmaus is a very familiar story to me but like all Scripture there was new meanings uncovered for me during the talks, readings and discussions of yesterday. This particular story is only recorded in the Gospel of Luke. It begins.... *Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him.*

I had always presumed that the two disciples referred to were men but there is conjecture from some biblical theologians that one was probably a woman. They were walking away from Jerusalem that centre of faith – away from God.

By the end of the story *They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.*

So after their encounter with Jesus on the road – who they recognised in the breaking of the bread – the disciples had the courage and faith to return to Jerusalem.

I was able to encounter Jesus during my time at Greenhill's – in prayer, in scripture but most importantly in those around me. We are indeed truly blessed.



All things are possible,

Claire
Claire Frazer
Principal

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday 24 July

Bookings open for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Students return for Term 3

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

Wednesday 25 July

Bookings open for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Maths Games #3

Thursday 26 July

Bookings open for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 27 July

Bookings close at 11pm for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Confirmation Teacher Retreat Day

Monday 30 July

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

Grandfriends' Day

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 31 July

100 Days of Kinder

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

ICAS English Competition

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Confirmation Parent Info Meeting
7pm St Gregory's Hall

Wednesday 1 August

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 2 August

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 3 August

Year 1 Prayer Celebration
9:30am St Raphael's Church

4Red, 3Red and KRed to Parish Mass
12pm St Raphael's Church

Saturday 4 August

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

Sunday 5 August

Confirmation Commitment Mass
9am or 5:30pm St Raphael's Church



Focus Value for July: **"Commitment - I will not give up!"**

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of (Aunty) Betty Reid who died on Sunday evening. Aunty Betty was our neighbour across the road in MacQuoid Street. We will miss the smiles and waves. We will miss our resident security monitor. Go gently good and faithful servant. 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' 2 Timothy 4:7

FAREWELL: It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Rita Pelle this week. Rita joined the St Gregory's staff in January 2004 as a Classroom Support Assistant (well when Rita started it was as a Learning Support Assistant LSA). Since that time Rita has supported countless numbers of students in their learning and provided invaluable assistance to many, many teachers. Rita has shown compassionate care for the many students she has worked with and she will be greatly missed. Thankfully Rita will still be a presence in our school due to her role in our parish as the Sacramental Coordinator. On behalf of the school community I thank Rita for her many years of service and wish her well for the future.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Will be taking place next week. In looking at the booking data for each class I note there appears to be relatively few parents who have taken up this opportunity to meet with teachers. Bookings are still able to be made and the booking system will close at 11pm on Friday, 27th July.

GRANDFRIENDS' DAY: is on Monday. This is one of my favourite days of the year. The students delight so much in showing their school to their special visitors. I know our grandfriends enjoy sharing with the students the way education has changed over time. We welcome our Grandfriends to Lowe St at 9am and to MacQuoid Street at 11:40am.

100 DAYS OF KINDER: will be celebrated on Tuesday. Wow! Our Kinder students have grown in many ways over the 100 days.

ANDREW CHINN: On Wednesday, 18th July students from Catholic schools and parishes around NSW gathered at the Robertson Brothers Studio in the Blue Mountains for a choir recording of Andrew Chinn's latest album, **"Rise Up!"**. The students came from the Dioceses of Parramatta, Wollongong, Wagga Wagga, Broken Bay and the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn.

The students recorded vocals on seven songs in all and their parents also had the opportunity to record, singing on a song "With A Father's Heart, With A Mother's Heart", inspired by a conversation Pope Francis had with a young boy Emanuele, whose father had passed away.

The students were selected personally by Andrew who had heard each of the children sing at their school or parish over the past two years. Louise Hill (5 Blue) and Trisha Salazar (6 Gold) from St Gregory's were part of the choir. They were selected following the day Andrew spent at our school writing our school song.

"It's always an amazing moment to hear these voices, from all over the state, sing their first notes together," said Andrew Chinn. "They were a very sweet choir and very efficient. It took us less than two hours to record all seven songs. It was also a lot of fun, plenty of laughter and smiles."

The album will be released digitally and in CD form in December this year.

GOOD LUCK: to Toby Guy, London Imrie, Liam and Jorja Nicolson who are competing in the interschools snowsports championships this week at Perisher ski resort.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Teachers will be available for interviews next week – Monday 30th July to Thursday 2nd August. Interviews are assigned in 15 minute timeslots.

To book an interview time please click the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) link on the home page of St Gregory's School website <http://stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/> Bookings will close at **11pm on Friday, 27th July.**

Your personalised log in PIN was issued at the beginning of the year. If you have misplaced your PIN or encounter any difficulties accessing the online booking facility, please contact Jane King (6297 2221).

SCHOOL COUNCIL

2018 National School Board Week

This week is National School Boards Week and is about taking the time to know and acknowledge the significant contribution made by approximately 75,000 school board and school council members across Australia's Catholic, Independent and Government schools.

St Greg's School Community Council meets twice a term, in Weeks 5 and Week 10. We aim to hold an 'open meeting' once per term.

Your council members are as follows;

Chair: Leesa Hughes

Deputy Chair: Peter Welch

Secretary: Nicole Forbes

Treasurer: Anna Howell

Elected parent representatives: Daniel Killaly and Ryan Harris

Staff representatives: Claire Frazer, Erin Taylor, Father Troy Bobbin and Garreth Wigg

Appointed by the Principal: Nicole Pollock and Natalina Ireland

The following, are some of the areas of responsibility the School Council has;

- Supporting the development of the Catholic identity, ethos and mission of the school
- Promoting the school in the local community
- Raising money for resources
- Provide support for school programs involving parents
- Provide opportunities for social interaction and for parents to form supportive networks

If you would like to contact any member of the school council, please feel free to do so by emailing stgregorys.schoolcouncil@cg.catholic.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge



ONLY 38 DAYS TO GO!

Go online now and record your child's reading now - I have 117 incomplete student records. Congratulations to our 79 students who have completed the challenge. Congratulations to **Samuel Foster 1Red, Domenico Staltari 1Blue, Christopher Tutalo 1White, William Hall 3Blue, Yashmeen Dandiwal 5Gold, Jackson Hall 5Gold and Trisha Salazar 6Gold** who have completed the challenge over the break. You are able to count books read from the 1st September 2017 towards your challenge and I can email you a loan history to help fill out your child's log.

Any questions can be answered by looking at PRC web page or emailing me. The challenge closes on 24th August 2018. Please when you email me include your child's name and class. Rosalind Wythes - PRC Coordinator rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au

GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

Monday, 30th July



LOWE ST

9 : 00 WELCOME ASSEMBLY

9 : 15 CLASSROOM VISITS

10 : 30 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

MACQUOID ST

11 : 40 WELCOME ASSEMBLY

11 : 45 CLASSROOM VISITS

12 : 30 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

CANTEEN

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 26 July

Daniela Magno

Friday 27 July

Ivanka Mrkonjic

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



NOTICEBOARD

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

Email: queanbeyan@cg.org.au

Email: troy.bobbin@cg.org.au

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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

Sunday 8:30am St Bede's, Braidwood

1st Sunday 11am Ss Peter & Paul, Hoskinstown

2nd Saturday 5pm St Patrick's, Michelago

3rd Sunday 9am St Joseph's, Gundaroo

5th Sunday 12noon St Brigid's, Kwarra

Saturday 6pm 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)

3rd & 4th Sundays 10:30am Baptisms St Raphael's Church, Qbn

(Sat) 5:30pm/(Sun) 9am Baptism Presentations St Raphael's Qbn

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



Term 3/2018 Basketball Enrolment Night

Day: Thursday 26th July 2018

Time: 5-7.30pm

Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

- new players and new teams welcomed

Competition commences from 30th July 2018

Contact Rosie E: rosieball1@tpg.com.au

Kindergarten to Year 6 Competitions



Register now: aussiehoops.com.au

Commences: Friday 3rd August 2018

Fridays 4.30-5.30pm

Ages: 4-12yrs

8 week Development Program

Cost: \$90 includes basketball, backpack & singlet

Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

CHRISTMAS IN JULY WINTER DREAM

29 JULY 2018

QUEANBEYAN SHOWGROUND

FESTIVITIES FROM 10AM - 4PM

CHRISTMAS INSPIRED FOOD
GOURMET TREATS • BEER AND WINE
HANDMADE CHRISTMAS GIFTS
SNOW AREA • DACHSHUND RACES
ACTIVITY AREA FOR YOUR ELVES
SANTA PET PHOTOS • SANTA FROM THE SOUTH POLE
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AND LOADS MORE