



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Two, Term Three, 2018
31 July, 2018

Share the Spirit....

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a wonderful day yesterday celebrating not only our grandparents but those who are like our grandparents – our Grandfriends.

If I think about my Nanna – and although she died more than 20 years ago – she still often comes to mind – I think about unconditional love. I had always had a sense that I was loved, regardless of what I did or didn't do.

The one very special thing that Nanna taught me to do was to pray. Each night I was with her she would have her conversation with God. That is exactly what it was like – a conversation. She had very special intentions that she brought to God every day not the least her three grandchildren who had cystic fibrosis. My Nanna was a very simple lady, she began cooking for shearers as a 14-year-old and knew what it was to work hard.

Nanna saw life as a gift and encouraged everyone else to do the same. She was quick witted, a little cheeky, generous, prayerful and a cup of tea and biscuit to dunk was her go to remedy for most things.



Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.
May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence
to their children and grandchildren.
We pray in a special way for grandparents who are the primary carers for
their grandchildren.
Amen.

Thank you to all our visitors on Monday. Your presence meant so much to our students.

All things are possible,

Claire Frazer
Principal

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

Monday 6 August

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

Tuesday 7 August

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

Thursday 9 August

Year 5 Wakakirri Heats
7:15pm Canberra Theatre

Friday 10 August

Whole School Assembly (2 Gold & 2 Red)
12:30pm St Gregory's Hall

Saturday 11 August

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

Sunday 12 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: We hold in our thoughts and prayers the many throughout the world who have been affected by natural disasters – fires in Greece, heat waves in Japan and the dam bursting in Laos. We also remember those impacted by violence. Please keep Zachary Silson's grandmother in your prayers. She was meant to be here for Grandfriends but is in hospital in Adelaide instead.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent St Gregory's at the Northern Region Public Speaking Competition to be held in Crookwell on Thursday 16th August.

Year 3	Josephine Hill and Stella Rosin
Year 4	Alivia Nappo and Taiah Dunn
Year 5	Danielle Quinones and April Taylor
Year 6	Lucy O'Neill and Aimee Perrett

LONG SERVICE LEAVE: Beginning next week, Monday 6th August and for the following 4 weeks ending Friday 31st August I will be taking Long Service Leave. The following arrangements have been put in place during my leave.

Erin Taylor - Acting Principal
Kate McManus-Green - Acting Assistant Principal
Veronica Hall - Acting Religious Education Coordinator
Jessica Musgrave - Acting Numeracy Contact Teacher

This will mean some changes to the teaching arrangements for 5 Blue and 3 Gold. Letters were sent home to these classes yesterday. Please contact Jane King if you did not receive the letter.

100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN: Today the Kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day of Kindergarten. It is always amazing to see how much the students learn and grow during their first year at school. I am always in awe when students demonstrate their reading and writing ability not to mention their understanding of the concept of number. Congratulations to you all – and a huge well done to your teachers!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Are taking place this week. If you have missed the opportunity to make a booking via PTO please contact teachers directly. My thanks to the teachers for making themselves available beyond school hours for these meetings.

WAKAKIRRI: Best of luck – or break a leg to the students of Year 5 who are presenting their Wakakirri performance at the Canberra Theatre on Thursday 9th August. I know how hard the Year 5 teachers and students have worked in preparation. I am disappointed that I will miss the performance and I look forward to hearing feedback. As I have said in previous years Wakakirri is not just about learning to dance to represent a story. The students learn about persistence, collaboration, teamwork and working together for a combined outcome.

MACQUOID STREET MORNING DROP OFF: Students who are dropped off at the Kiss and Ride area on MacQuoid Street have been using the front office as a way of accessing the playground. This is potentially dangerous with cars driving in and out of the driveway. I would appreciate you reminding your children to access the playground via the bottom gate – we will be reminding the students at school.

STUDENTS LEAVING: At this time of the year Catholic Education start planning for staffing allocations for the following year. I am required to keep the office updated about changes in enrolment. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if your child is not returning to St Greg's in 2019 (excluding current Year 6 students).

THE BLOODY LONG WALK: Kristi Lloyd is doing The Bloody Long Walk again this year. It's a 35km Walk on the 15th October to raise awareness and much needed funds to help find a treatment or cure for Mitochondrial Disease. Kristi's daughter Lola was diagnosed with this devastating disease last year. If you'd like to join in on the day we have a team called Lola's Legends (it is a lovely scenic walk!) or you can make a tax deductible donation. Thank you for your support. <https://blw-canberra-2018.everydayhero.com/au/kristi>



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Can you spare half an hour or even a few hours to help us?

We are excited to have received a grant from Catholic Education to boost our home reading collection! Before these books can be distributed, we are needing your help.

Next week (6 August-10 August), book covering and cuppa sessions will be held in the Parish room at Lowe street. Pop in for half an hour or however long you can, to cover some books between 9.00am-11.00am.

If you are unable to join the covering and cuppa session but would still like to help, please email me and I can organise for contact and books to be sent home with your child for covering.

We look forward to seeing you.

Erin Taylor

Assistant Principal

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SPORT NEWS

INTERSCHOOLS SNOW SPORTS: Last week from Wednesday to Friday four St Greg's students represented the school in the ACT-Southern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships at Perisher ski resort. Congratulations to the students who represented the school in the following events in their respective age groups:

Snowboarding Giant Slalom:

- Toby Guy (1R) and London Imrie (1G).

Alpine Ski:

- Toby Guy (1R), London Imrie (1G), Jorja Nicolson (5B) and Liam Nicolson (1R).

Skier Cross:

- Toby Guy (1R), London Imrie (1G), Jorja Nicolson (5B) and Liam Nicolson (1R).

While none of the students are continuing on to the State or National competition all the competitors thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to representing the school again next year.

CALWELL NETBALL: The Catholic Schools Netball Carnival will be held on Saturday, 20th October at Calwell Netball Courts. Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate. A fee of \$30 per competitor is required to enter the carnival. If your child wishes to participate please complete a registration form and return to school by Friday, 10th August. Late registrations will not be able to be accepted.

- Matthew Maloney, PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge



ONLY 31 DAYS TO GO!

Go on line now and record your child's reading.

I have 117 incomplete students records. I added a number of books to K-2 classes last Thursday, so your child maybe getting close to finishing. Congratulations to our 90 students who have completed the challenge.

Congratulations to **Audrey Slater KRed, Mitchell Taylor KBlue, Matilda Harris 1Red, Liam Nicolson 1Red, Rodrigo Romao 1Red, Ella McEwan 2W, Phoebe Doyle 3W, Issaac Kirkpatrick 4Blue, Ava Langeveld 5Blue, William Ireland 5Gold Koshua Kirkpatrick 6Gold and Taylah Ross 6White** who have completed the challenge this week. 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

MACQUOID BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures have been distributed to MacQuoid Street students. Book Club orders close on Monday, 13th August.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON Google play Download on the App Store

CANTEEN

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 2 August Lyn Smyth
Friday 3 August Kerrie Hill

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
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
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, Krawarree
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



Queanbeyan Social Basketball
Kindergarten to Year 6 Social Competitions
New players and New teams still welcomed
Drop in to the Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium this week
for further information
Or contact Rosie Buchaniec E: rosieball1@tpg.com.au



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
Contact: Rosie Buchaniec E: rosieball1@tpg.com.au

2019 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 2019. Thank you.

My child/ren.....

in class/es.....will not be returning to St Gregory's School in 2019.

He/She/They will be attending
(please insert name of school)

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