

# ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN

# NEWSLETTER

Week Five, Term Two, 2018  
29 May, 2018

Share the Spirit...

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



The theme for #NRW2018 is Don't Keep History a Mystery. This year, we are invited to Learn, Share and Grow – by exploring our past, learning more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and developing a deeper understanding of our national story

NRW is bookended by two important dates – the anniversary of the 1967 referendum on 27 May, and the anniversary of the historic High Court Mabo judgement on 3 June.

- 27 May 1967 – On this day, Australia's most successful referendum saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.
- 3 June 1992 – On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

We have a huge responsibility as adults who guide the development and growth of children's respect and appreciation for varying cultures. It is often through the odd negative comment or laughing at racist comments that we influence our children's negative comprehension of cultures other than our own.

Media coverage that generalises whole cultures as being, say terrorists, drug or alcohol dependent, can be a significant influence on our own views. A big part of education is teaching the skills of critical thinking, making an informed decision based on facts, not hearsay or the bigoted views of others. This aligns very much with our Catholic Faith Tradition where Jesus showed that all are welcome.

All things are possible,

*Claire*

Claire Frazer  
Principal

**National Reconciliation  
Week 2018 27 May - 3 June**



[reconciliation.org.au](http://reconciliation.org.au)

**Tuesday 29 May**

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

ICAS Science Competition

Reconciliation Walk

**Wednesday 30 May**

Year 4 Eucharist Student Retreat Day

Lowe St Library Book Fair - 8:30am to 5pm

**Friday 1 June**

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

Archbishop Prowse visit

**Saturday 2 June**

Sacrament of Eucharist  
5:30pm St Raphael's Church

**Sunday 3 June**

Sacrament of Eucharist  
9am and 11am St Raphael's Church

**Monday 4 June**

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

Canb/Goulb rugby trials

Music In My Schools incursion - St Greg's Hall  
Canberra Symphony Orchestra performance  
9:30am to 10:30am Years 2 and 3  
11:45am to 12:15pm Kinder and Year 1  
1:30pm to 2:30pm Years 4, 5 and 6

**Tuesday 5 June**

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

**Friday 8 June**

Year 5 Mass  
9:30am St Gregory's Church

6Gold, 2Gold & 1Gold to attend Parish Mass  
12noon St Raphael's Church

**Tuesday 12 June**

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

2Blue and 2Red National Museum of Australia  
excursion - 11am to 2:30pm

**Wednesday 13 June**

Maths Games #2

SEASONS Session #5

Sullivan Shield Round 1  
Phillip District Playing Fields



Focus Value for May - *"Independence - I can do it by myself!"*

## From the Principal.....

**PRAYERS:** Please continue to pray for Charlie Morella. We also remember our Year 4 students who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

**ARCHBISHOP VISIT:** This weekend the Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn will be visiting the St Gregory's Parish. As part of this pastoral visit Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be spending some time in our school on Friday. Archbishop Christopher will spend some time with the Year 4 students sharing the excitement as they prepare for their First Eucharist this weekend. I will then be accompanying Archbishop Christopher and Father Troy as they visit classes. I very much look forward to our Archbishop seeing firsthand what a wonderful school we have.

A reminder to the Year 4 students that they are able to wear plain clothes day on Wednesday for their retreat day.

**BUSH DANCE:** What a wonderful community event last Sunday afternoon. There was a wonderful atmosphere as families enjoyed all that was on offer. Petting zoo, carnival rides, sheep shearing displays, rural bushfire truck, sack races and more. My thanks to the parents who cooked – lots of sausages and served drinks and popcorn. Enormous gratitude to Connie Black and her very generous family for ensuring a wonderful time for all. A great day!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the girls who participated in the Netball carnival last Thursday. The feedback that I have received indicates that everyone played as hard as they could and were extremely good sports supporting the various teams and thanking opponents. My thanks to Bridget Allen and the parents who were managers, coaches and umpires.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:** Congratulations to all involved in the Athletics Carnival last Friday. I received one parent email acknowledging the exemplary behaviour of the Year 6 girls – showing excellent leadership qualities. My thanks to all the parents who assisted on the day in supervising students. My thanks also to the teachers – it is long day constantly on duty with little, if any, time for sitting down. Congratulations to Matt Maloney on organising such a successful community day.

**DOGS:** Unfortunately, a student was bitten by a dog last Friday. Even the most passive of dogs can get agitated or scared when approached by many excited students. It is necessary to ask that dogs are not brought to school events or on playground. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

**CONTACT WITH PARENTS:** Teachers are very keen to encourage regular communication with parents. However, trying to speak with teachers when they are responsible for the whole class is not effective nor appropriate. Teachers need to be focussed on the children in their care. If you have a message that needs to be conveyed to the teacher either email or let the ladies of the office know and it will be passed on to the teacher. Similarly, when teachers are on duty in the morning or afternoon they need to be fully focussed on the students as this is our duty of care.

**BEFORE SCHOOL:** As the weather becomes cooler I am becoming concerned for the large number of students arriving at school well before 8.30am which means that they are sitting in the cold for extended periods of time. I am aware of one bus that arrives prior to 8.30am but all other students – being dropped to school or arriving under their own steam should not be on school grounds before 8.30am. The morning duty begins at 8.30am which is when the students can be running around to keep warm.



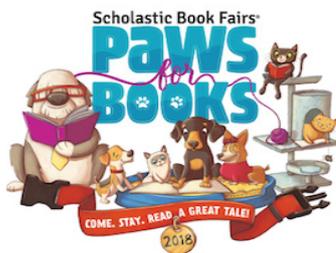
## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library

Tomorrow, the annual Lowe Street Scholastic Book Fair will be held at our Lowe Street Library between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm. The theme this year is 'Paws for Books'.

There will be a lucky door competition, a guessing competition (during the Fair) and a colouring competition (completed before the Fair). Prizes will be given out in Week 6 - Helen Carroll, Melissa Greentree and Ros Wythes.

**Low St Book Fair**  
**Low Street Library**  
**Wednesday 30th May**  
**8:30am to 5:00pm**



### Premier's Reading Challenge

Thank you for the 119 students who are busy recording online. We have received registrations for 221 students and we have 55 students who have completed the Challenge. I am currently up to date with all the registrations and have sent home emails for all new registrations and those who have forgotten their login details with your user names and passwords for 2018.

Congratulations to **Elijah Brown 2Gold and Jessica Bojko 4Blue** who have completed their Challenge this week.. You are able to count books read from the 1 September 2017 towards your challenge and I can email you a loan history to help fill out your child's log.

Parents prepared to help their child complete the Premier's Reading Challenge 2018 (PRC), please complete and send the registration form back to school - it is not too late. Any questions can be answered by looking at PRC web page or emailing me. The challenge closes on 24 August 2018. Please when you email me include your child's name and class.  
Rosalind Wythes - PRC Coordinator  
rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au

## CANTEEN

Helpers at Lowe Street this week are:

Thursday 31 May Daphne Gagliardi  
Friday 1 June Tanya Sandner

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

## RECONCILIATION WEEK



### 26th May National Sorry Day

On the 26th of May every year, Australia commemorates National Sorry Day. It is a day that remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Australia's Aboriginal peoples. In particular, the pain, grief, suffering and loss inflicted on the Stolen Generations, their families and descendants and is an important part of healing. The first National Sorry day was in 1998 - one year after the presentation of the Bringing Them Home Report to Parliament.



### 27th May to 3rd June National Reconciliation Week

Every year, Australian's celebrate National Reconciliation Week, organised by Reconciliation Australia. These two dates commemorate two of the notable events regarding reconciliation, the 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision in 1992. National Reconciliation week is a week where Australians learn about shared histories, cultures and achievements, exploring how each individual can make a difference in achieving reconciliation. This year's theme is "Don't Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow". National Reconciliation Week works towards creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider Australian community.

## SPORT NEWS

**ARCH CROSS COUNTRY:** Congratulations to Liana Holland, Dejan Celeski, Jackson Hall, Maggie Robinson, Rosaja Blazeski, Laila Gatt, Emmett Smith, William Hall and Niamh Billards who will represent the Archdiocese at the NSW CPS Cross County. Please register asap and pay registration money to school.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:** A massive thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in our Athletics Carnival on Friday. Our students competed with great passion and sportsmanship, demonstrating great pride in their House, as well as providing some fantastic results!

Thank you to the teachers. Without your leadership and energy, days like this would not be possible.

And finally, a big thank you to our parents. The day could not have run as smoothly as it did without your involvement, whether it be volunteering at events, cooking on the barbecue or supporting our students. Friday demonstrated just what a fantastic community we have here at St Greg's!

The overall results of the carnival will be processed and announced throughout the week, including ribbons and notes for those who will represent St Greg's at the Northern Region Carnival, Goulburn on Friday 22 June.

**NETBALL NSW SCHOOLS CUP** - Well done to the girls who competed on Thursday at the netball and thank you to the parent volunteers who helped out.

- Matthew Maloney, PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator.



## NOTICEBOARD

### Casual, Warehouse Storeperson Position Vacant

Australian Pharmaceutical Industries (API) is one of the leading service providers to the pharmacy industry in Australia. The services provided include wholesale distribution and retail services through our Priceline brand. API's vision is to enrich life as the most inspirational choice for health, beauty, and wellbeing.

We are looking for a Casual Store person for our **Queanbeyan Distribution Centre**, which operates Monday - Friday between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm.

Casual hours would vary between 9.00am -3.30pm

Your responsibilities will include:

- Picking & packing customer orders
- safely performing manual handling duties
- working as part of a team to improve processes
- Ensuring orders, are picked accurately

To be successful, you must display:

- Excellent communication skills
- Good attention to detail
- Good work ethics
- Self-motivation
- LF / LO license are not required

If you would like to be part of our team and meet the selection criteria above, please submit your application to [Glenn.Littlejohn@api.net.au](mailto:Glenn.Littlejohn@api.net.au)

No agencies please.



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