



# ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Eight, Term Four, 2019  
3 December, 2019

Share the Spirit....

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This week marks the beginning of Advent. In amongst the busyness of life and particularly in the lead up to Christmas with so much going on, sometimes the meaning of why we are here can be forgotten. The special focus of Advent, is a time for us to let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to the presence of Jesus 'coming' and being within the context of our own lives. The period of Advent and Christmas is a time for us to pray and consider deeply how Christ is present in Word, Sacrament and Community.

ALL ABOUT THE  
*Advent Wreath*



Usually made up of evergreen branches or boughs placed in a circle, topped with four candles

The wreath is blessed and one candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent; another candle is lit every Sunday until all four candles are burning brightly

**PURPLE CANDLES** symbolize our waiting, hoping, longing expectation for the arrival of Christ

The act of **LIGHTING THE CANDLES** banishes the darkness: a reminder of Jesus Christ, the Light who has come into the world through his birth, and who continues to shine brightly through his Church

**PRAYER:**  
O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.

Used as a prayerful way to reflect the passage of the Advent season

The **EVERGREENS** remind us of the everlasting life promised to us by the gift of Jesus Christ, who came among us to save us from sin and death

A **PINK CANDLE** for the third Sunday reminds us that the time of Christ's arrival is fast approaching and we must prepare



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Today we celebrated the 2019 school year with a Whole School Mass. This is an important part of the end of the year, where we give thanks for our teachers, parents, loved ones and students. Thank you to Father Troy for celebrating with us and a special thank you to Mrs McFaul for her massive efforts with our singing.

Have a lovely week.

Erin Taylor  
Principal (Acting)

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 December  
Year 5 Camp - Jindabyne

Thursday 5 December  
Year 1 Orientation at MacQuoid Street  
9am to 10:30am

Friday 6 December  
Year 4 Excursion to Hume Recycling Plant  
Kinder and Year 1 Sports Carnival  
9:30am to 11:30am Brad Haddin Oval Town Park

Sunday 8 December  
Disco - St Gregory's Hall  
Kinder-Year 2 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm  
Years 3-6 from 6pm to 7pm

Monday 9 December  
Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Tuesday 10 December  
Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Wednesday 11 December  
Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass (Yr6 students & families)  
9:30am St Gregory's Church  
Year 2 excursion to Qbn Indoor Sports Centre  
Healthy Harold incursion at Lowe Street  
Year 1 Orientation at MacQuoid Street  
1pm to 3:00pm  
Semester 2 school reports go home

Thursday 12 December  
Year 6 to Qbn Aquatic Centre for the day  
Year 3 excursion to Questacon  
Kinder to Qbn Nursing Home to sing carols  
Healthy Harold incursion at Lowe Street

Friday 13 December  
Kinder & Year 1 sing-a-long christmas carols  
2:10pm to 3pm Lowe Street

Monday 16 December  
Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR  
Year 6 to movies and bowling at Tuggeranong  
Year 6 dinner and disco  
6:30pm to 9pm St Gregory's Hall

Tuesday 17 December  
Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR  
"Step Up" afternoon - 2pm to 3pm

Wednesday 18 December  
Year 6 Graduation (whole school to attend)  
12pm to 1:30pm St Gregory's Hall  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR**



Gratitude - "I am grateful!"

## From the Principal.....

**PRAYERS:** Sympathy is extended to the Imrie (London - 2 Gold) and Guy (Toby - 2 Blue) families on the death of their Grandmother.

Prayers and thoughts are with Marian Wells and family as her mother is in hospital.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Eliza Booth-Hunt and family as her grandparents house burnt down due to an accidental house fire overnight on Saturday.

We continue to pray for Ellie DaSilva and her Family. Year 6 enjoyed a visit from Ellie last week.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the students of 1Blue and 1Red and their teachers on the presentation of our Whole School Assembly last Friday. The students did a wonderful job in reminding us how important it is to be appreciative and grateful.

**CHRISTMAS/CANDY CANES:** It is that time of the year when I ask that parents do not send candy canes in with their children to share with others. There are a number of reasons that we make this request – they are sticky, sugary, they get licked into a fine point that can be dangerous, the kids run around with them in their mouths and the plastic wrappers are left around the playground. Thank you.

**YEAR 5 CAMP:** On Wednesday, our Year 5 students will travel to Jindabyne for their camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience a number of valuable outdoor activities, including climbing Mount Kosiousko as well as spending time away from home in a very safe and happy environment. My thanks to Mia Favalaro, Jamie Marmont, Scott Troidahl and Veronica Hall who will be accompanying our Year 5 Students on the camp and ensuring our students are well looked after. I look forward to joining the students for their walk up Mount Kosiousko!

**STAFFING and CLASSES for 2020:** Class lists are in the process of being finalised. Please note that no late request for change of classes will be accepted. As outlined in previous newsletters this is a very considered process. Please be assured that a great deal of time goes into balancing classes, taking into account the social, academic and behavioural needs of each child. I am conscious of interest groupings, friends and the needs of all. If your child is leaving St Gregory's at the end of 2019 (except Year 6) please remember to notify the office. Confirmation of Staffing will be distributed in Week 10 Newsletter.

'Step Up' day is on Tuesday, 17th December from 2pm to 3pm. It is anticipated all students will have an opportunity to meet their 2020 classroom teacher on that afternoon.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM:** Is now finished for 2019. My thanks to the many parents and grandparents who assisted the classroom teachers by accompanying classes to and from the pool and of course change room supervision!

**TRANSITION PROGRAM:** Year 1 began their transition program to MacQuoid St last week. The transition program will continue for the Year 1 classes from Lowe St this week and next.

**SCHOOL HATS:** Must be worn. A reminder for our students of the importance of wearing a hat when playing outdoors during the Summer elements. I ask for your support in ensuring that the students have their school hat with name labelled very clearly and that students are aware that playing during breaktimes without a hat is not permitted. There is a supervised and designated area for students to sit during first and second break, if a student is not wearing a hat. Thank you.

**LOST PROPERTY:** At both campuses there is a large amount of lost property. While we endeavour to return all named items to students it is their responsibility to check for their missing things. Any lost property without names will be sent to the clothing pool on Friday of Week 9.

**LUNCHES IN HOT WEATHER:** As the temperature rises it may be worth considering putting frozen blocks in lunch boxes.



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SAVE THE DATE

**KINDER & YR 1  
INVITE YOU TO AN AFTERNOON OF  
CHRISTMAS FUN.**

**COME ALONG AND SING-A-LONG!**

WHEN: FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER  
WHERE: LOWE ST  
TIME: 2:10 - 3:00PM

## RIVERSIDE PLAZA CHRISTMAS TREE



St Gregs tree, decorated by our Kinder students, is now on display outside Dimitries Jewellers. A vote for our tree could win the school a \$500 gift card from Riverside Plaza.

Voting closes on Christmas Eve. <https://www.riversideplaza.com.au/vote/>

**PLEASE VOTE FOR US!!**

## DISCO

**When:** Sunday 8th December  
**Where:** St Gregory's Hall  
**Time:** Kinder to Year 2 - 4:30pm to 5:30pm  
Years 3 to 6 - 6pm to 7pm  
**Cost:** \$5 per student  
(includes entry, drink and snack)

**Entry tickets have been sent home with the eldest child today.**

If your child would still like to go and you haven't purchased a ticket, please complete the permission note and return to school with payment or you may pay via Qkr! Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	Ridhima Kanwar
	Gabrielle Kwaramba
K Gold	Tommy Murray
	Shaun Slade
K Red	Ava Di Dio
	Tom Gibson
K White	Louis Goodyer
	Maisie Canestrari
1 Blue	Gerry Lloyd
	Lucy Croker
1 Gold	Clare Quade
	Liam Blazic
1 White	Mason Redondo
	Kylah Spindler
3 Blue	Raphael Da Vinha
	Sophie McIntyre
3 Gold	Owen O'Grady
	Saaj Upadhya
3 Red	Jayden Colbran
3 White	Samson Trynes
4 Blue	Angelo Staltari
4 Gold	Josephine Hill
4 Red	Thomas Smith-Roberts
4 White	Jacob Newman
5 Blue	Taiah Dunn
5 Red	Charli Stokes-Oldfield
	Kobe Retzlaff
6 Blue	Logan Summerell
6 Gold	Frederik Watkins
6 White	Seraphym McGarry-Purdie
Gold Bands:	Ryley Lopez
	Sophie Mifsud
	Matilda Davis
	Preston Kershaw
	Gracie Rhule
	Cooper Millikin
	Jack Bijorac
	Herbie Bromhead
	Phoebe Cook
	Aiden Settin
	Alyce Greentree
	Lucy Lasker
	Marcus Stojceski
	Harry Meadley
	Joshua Taiseni
	Cruz Shoard
	Ruby Rosin
	Jack Cooper
	Shaun Slade
	Maleta Lolesio
	Linc Hollis Stanford
	Omarion Mansell
	Mila Dal Cortivo
	Asher Arnold
	Hannah Netting
AR Millionaires:	Annabelle Ford
	Alexandra Bower
	Stella Rosin
	Aleisha Worner





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### OUR SCHOOL RULES

**Stay Safe,  
Be Fair,  
Show Respect.**

Congratulations to the following students who received a blue band in November:

GiNESSA Cahill, Waris Dandiwal, Ava Darville, Daphne Gregerson, Ridhima Kanwar, Oscar Lawrey, Brayden Webb-Menzies, Thomas Arnold, Anna Barnsley, Bailey Burgess, Lucy D'Arx, Elliott Docking, Mikaela Ruwona, Shaun Slade, Dana White, Archie Ahearn, Damon Boyd, Ava Di Dio, Elijah Herbig, Juliet Horth, Maggie Kershaw, Nikolai Kikhtev, Alexi Leschev, Joseph Luketic, Harry Meadley, Francesca Paine, Amelia Stumbles, Joshua Taiseni, Kaleb Brine, Isla Buchanan, Maisie Canestrari, Douglas Dixon, Taran Hennessy, Parinaaz Kaur, Jasmine Peisley, Hayden Peterie, Emily Sherd, Lucy Smallhorn, Brianna Thomas, Hanna Bijorac, Mia Brenna, James Darmody, Gerry Lloyd, Sophie Mifsud, Nicole Ryan, Hugo Solomos, Isabelle Bojko, Jack Cooper, Matilda Davis, Linc Hollis Standford, William Loft, Aiden Stokes Oldfield, Matthew Taiseni, Patrick Wallace, Lidia Celeska, Ethan Goodchild, Brenton Gregerson, Mason Gunther, Harvey Hasler, Jessica Hinton, Cooper Millikin, Mason Redondo, Annika Trynes, Jack Bijorac, Samuel Dingle, Oscar Smith, Zac Taylor, Sophie Visser, Asher Arnold, Kadin Forbes, Hannah Netting, Zoe Butterfield, Hannah Bentham, Oliver Donnelly, Winifred Howell, Isabelle Fowler, Ruby Rosin, Samson Trynes, Hannah Visser, Pheonix Hamlin, Briony Gagliardi, Tahlia Nicholls and Preston Kershaw.

### CANTEEN

Canteen Helpers at Lowe St this fortnight are:

Thursday 5th December	-
Friday 6th December	Kerrie Hill
Thursday 12th December	-
Friday 13th December	Melissa Agius

**Volunteers are always required at MacQuoid Street, especially on a Thursday or Friday. If you are available please contact Rosemarie. Thank you.**

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

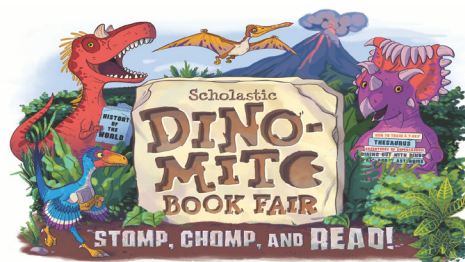
*Christmas Eve* - 6pm Family Mass, St Gregory's Hall Molonglo Street (Carols from 5:15pm)

*Midnight* - St Raphael's Church (Carols from 11:15pm)

*Christmas Day* - St Raphael's Church 8am & 10am

**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT** - Thursday 19th December 7pm St Raphael's Church

### LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you to everyone who purchased books from our dinosaur themed Book Fair at MacQuoid Street last week. The commission earned will go towards our World Book subscription.

Congratulations to the following students for winning either a book prize or gift voucher to the Fair-

#### **Colour in competition entries-**

Kindergarten- Ella Stevens

Year 2- Aaron Thampi and Gurleen Dhillon

Year 3- Yael Birch and Matthew Neuss

Year 4- Shannon Neuss

Year 5- Alyce Greentree and Anabel Ferreira

Year 6- Yashmeen Dandiwal and Savannah McGourty

**Best Dinosaur Design** was awarded to Lara Watts and runner up was Rodrigo Santos Romao.

**Guess the number of Dinos in the Jar-** Payton Berry 3R.

#### **Lucky Door**

Liam Morrison 2B.

**LIBRARY MONITORS:** Thank you to the following Year 6 students who were our library monitors this year - Matilda Howell, Jesse Scrivener, Oliver Pardy, Gigi Bruno, Lauren Cullen, Charlotte Murphy, Charlie Hargreaves, Mia Duff, Lucy Lasker, Jessica Redpath, Mariana Calligaro, Jorja Nicolson, Mia Taylor, Lily Stumbles, Charlotte Quinn and Francesca Bower. These students were presented with Appreciation Certificates at Friday's whole school assembly.

- Melissa Greentree and Rosalind Wythes

### 2020 TERM DATES

#### **TERM 1**

28 January (Tuesday)	Staff Planning Day
29 January (Wednesday)	Students return for Term 1
5 February (Wednesday)	Kinder Rest Day - no school for Kinder students
12 February (Wednesday)	Kinder Rest Day - no school for Kinder students
19 February (Wednesday)	Kinder Rest Day - no school for Kinder students
9 April (Thursday)	End of Term 1

#### **TERM 2**

28 April (Tuesday)	Staff Planning Day
29 April (Wednesday)	Students return for Term 2
3 July (Friday)	End of Term 2

#### **TERM 3**

20 July (Monday)	Staff Planning Day
21 July (Tuesday)	Students return for Term 3
25 September (Friday)	End of Term 3

#### **TERM 4**

12 October (Monday)	Staff Planning Day
13 October (Tuesday)	Students return for Term 4
16 December (Wednesday)	Last Day for Students



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### 2020 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 2020. Thank you.

My child/ren.....

in class/es.....will not be returning to St Gregory's School in 2020.

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

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



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### Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camp & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



Contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator  
Phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355  
Email CanberraSP@thesmithfamily.com.au  
Online saverplus.org.au  
Find us on Facebook



\* Every Commonwealth payment is eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.  
Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and AISC, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Brotherhood Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by NDIS and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.ds.gov.au](http://www.ds.gov.au) for more information.

## NOTICEBOARD

### AUSTRALIAN ELITE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

AEFA Term 4 Registrations Now Open!!!

#### Boys Development Centre

Each Monday, commencing 4th Nov 2019  
Ages - 8 to 16

or \$25.00 per night

Timings: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

#### Girls Development Centre

Each Friday, Commencing 8th Nov 2019  
Ages - 8 to Open

or \$25.00 per night

Timings: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

#### AEFA Little Lions

Each Wednesday, commencing 6th Nov 2019 Ages - 5 to 8

Cost: \$100.00 for 7 weeks  
or \$15.00 per night

Timings: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

#### All programs will offer:

- \* Technical guidance
- \* Position specific development
- \* Tailored sessions The programs will be delivered by a UEFA 'A' licenced coach with over 25 years experience developing player youth, professional and international players.

For more information and registration email: [information.aefa@gmail.com](mailto:information.aefa@gmail.com)



### AUSTRALIAN ELITE FOOTBALL ACADEMY - AEFA

#### AEFA Christmas Clinic



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 19  
Time: 10am - 3pm  
Venue: Freebody Oval  
Stuart Avenue, Queanbeyan  
Age: 6-16  
Cost: 10am-3pm - \$50  
10am-12.00 - \$30  
1pm - 3pm - \$30

#### A day of festive fun including:

- Technical development
- Small sided matches
- Competitive games
- Christmas prizes
- Lunch provided
- Water bottle required

To register for the AEFA Christmas Clinic please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/2vz54sHEpZGhu4mx8>  
For further information, please email [information.aefa@gmail.com](mailto:information.aefa@gmail.com)

### QUEANBEYAN MARKET

A community market runs every third Sunday of the month in Queanbeyan. The focus is on community and supporting homemade, hobbyist and/or children run stalls. You will find us at the park behind Queanbeyan Police Station. The next Monthly market is on the 17th November. If families would like a stall they can either turn up on the 17th before 9am and set up their stall or email Veronika Cox for the paperwork [hello@twopluckygirls.com](mailto:hello@twopluckygirls.com). We look forward to seeing you at our next event. Please email at [thequeanbeyanmarket@gmail.com](mailto:thequeanbeyanmarket@gmail.com)

### Baptisms in St Gregory's Parish

Baptisms in St Gregory's parish are celebrated on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:30 am. We are currently booking baptisms several months in advance. If you wish to have your child baptized please call the parish office early (6299 4611) to avoid disappointment. Thank you.