



# ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Ten, Term Four, 2019  
17 December, 2019

Share the Spirit....

**Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas. May this be a time of peace and love, where we continue to look out for each other.



Please join us on Tuesday, 28 January at 5:30pm in St Gregory's Hall where we will formally introduce you to our staff for 2020. It will also be an opportunity to share our vision, the learning and community opportunities for St Gregory's students and their families. A light supper will be provided.

God bless,

**Erin Taylor**  
Principal (Acting)

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### Tuesday 17 December

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

"Step Up" afternoon - 1:45pm to 3pm

### Wednesday 18 December

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony  
(whole school to attend)  
12pm to 1:30pm St Gregory's Hall

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR**

### 2020

### Tuesday 28 January

Pupil Free Day

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Meet and Greet  
Welcome to 2020  
5:30pm to 7pm St Gregory's Hall

### Wednesday 29 January

Students return to school for 2020  
Kinder to start at 9:30am

### Monday 3 February

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

### Tuesday 4 February

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

### Friday 7 February

St Gregory's Swimming Carnival  
Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre

### Monday 10 February

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

### Tuesday 11 February

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

### Friday 14 February

Northern Region Swimming Carnival  
Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre



# Gratitude - "I am grateful!"

## From the Principal.....

I feel very privileged to be leading the St Gregory's School community and look forward to continuing this role for Semester One in 2020 as Claire Frazer continues her role at Catholic Education in the Catholic Identity Officer role.

I would like to personally thank Fr Troy and our incredibly committed staff at St Gregory's. Our staff each day, continue to be passionate and inspirational educators to make a difference in the lives of all our students.

A complete list of staff will be presented at the 2020 "Meet and Greet" on Tuesday, 28th January and distributed in our Week 2 newsletter next year.

Today, Father Troy and I proudly present to you the St Gregory's Teaching Staff for 2020.

*Principal* - Erin Taylor (acting)

*Assistant Principal* - Kate McManus-Green (acting)

*Religious Education Coordinator* - Veronica Hall (acting)

*Administration Coordinator* - Matthew Maloney (acting)

*Student Leadership and Learning* - Ben Mockler

*Data & Assessment, Wellbeing and Inclusion* - Val Sheahan

*Kindergarten*: Emma Gibson, Charlee Cremerius, Kate Wigg, Michelle Hill, Maddie Handley and Janessa Docking.

*Year One*: Emma Farr, Sarah Whalan, James Prpic, Jen Ferris and Julia Allsop.

*Year Two*: Kellie D'Souza, Jessica Musgrave, Scott Troidahl, Kiralee Nolan and Maddy Harman.

*Year Three*: Veronica Hall, Sybil Busby, Mikaela Walsh, Anna van Aaken and Nicki Althaus.

*Year Four*: Laura Goodall, Bridget Allen, Lloyd Scroope and Kristi Lloyd.

*Year Five*: Teegan Blakers, Matthew Maloney and Mia Cameron

*Year Six*: Marian Wells, Carol Saad, Des Gomez, Val Sheahan and Alisa Spackman.

*PE/Sport*: Jamie Marmont

*Music*: Dee McFaul

*Teacher/Librarians*: Helen Carroll (Kinder-Year2) and Mel Greentree (Years3-6)

*Wellbeing and Inclusion Contact Teacher*: Maryann Tarrant

*Wellbeing & Inclusion Support Teachers*: Greg Tarrant and Caroline Tanti

**FAREWELL:** We bid farewell to Lorena Nesa, Natalia Ciufetelli and Tabitha Wormald who will be leaving St Gregory's this year. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. We congratulate Garreth Wigg on his successful appointment last week, as he takes on the Acting Assistant Principal role for 12 months at St Peter and Paul's in Goulburn.

We farewell our Year 6 Students this week, along with some of our current students who are moving to other schools. We wish all of these students all the best for their new educational journey.

**PRAYERS:** We continue to keep Marian Wells and her family in our prayers, after the recent loss of her Mum; Mary Anne.

We pray for our St Bede's school community in Braidwood and other families across Australia, particularly our NSW rural communities who are currently affected by the fires and drought.

For those who are without their loved ones over Christmas. Particularly for families, where this Christmas is their first experience without their loved one. We pray for you.

We pray for our St Gregory's community. May you stay safe over the Christmas period.

**THANK YOU:** To the many parents, carers and grandparents who have supported the school in so many ways during 2019 – School Community Council, Book Club, Parent Contacts, canteen, classroom helpers, excursions, sporting events, community events, fundraising and so many other ways. Thank you.

**CONTACTING SCHOOL:** If you have need to make contact with school staff during the holidays please use the following email address which will be checked regularly: [office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au)

**TERM 1 2020:** The students return for Term 1 on Wednesday 29th January 2020.





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### 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!!**

### HOMEWORK CLUB

Barnardos Queanbeyan Homework Club will be run each Thursday next year at St Greg's in the Parish Room at MacQuoid Street.

The idea for Homework Club came from talking with Aboriginal families at our Gatherings in the Park and Stories in the Street Programs, and has been successfully operating at other schools since 2009.

Students take part incultural activities, homework support, reading and writing support, healthy afternoon tea preparation and other group activities throughout the school term and resources are covered by Barnardos.

To talk further about your child attending the Homework Club please phone Bronwyn Radford on 6124 3800.

### 2019 BIGGEST READER



April Taylor is to be congratulated on becoming St Gregory's 2019 Biggest Reader. She read over 7.1 million words whilst undertaking the Accelerated Reader program this year. This has broken all our previous records. Keep shining like a star April! Who will be St Gregory's 2020 Biggest Reader?

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Lowe Street Reading Buzz Challenge

Thank you to all those students and families who made a consistent reading effort to enter The Reading Buzz Challenge. We are very proud of your achievement.

The following students won lucky draw prizes and all other students who entered received a thank you gift. Congratulations to everyone.

Lucy Croker, Isabelle Bojko, Rocky Dal Molin, Gabriella Kwaramba, Oscar Lawrey, Henry Quade, Edith Segrott, Gerry Lloyd, Abigail Hoo, Jasmine Peisley, Clare Quade, Maisie Canestrari and Zoe Whitfield.

#### MacQuoid Street

Congratulations to our AR Millionaires, PRC Platinum and Gold Awardwinners and our Library Monitors.





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### 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

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

#### TERM 3

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

#### TERM 4

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

#### St Gregory's Catholic Parish Queanbeyan

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019



#### Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December

**6.00pm** St Gregory's School Hall, Molonglo St  
Please bring your own chair.

Carols commence 5:15pm

**12 Midnight (Midnight Mass)** St Raphael's  
Carols commence at 11.15pm

#### Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December

**8am** St Raphael's Church, Lowe Street

**10am** St Raphael's Church, Lowe Street

**2<sup>nd</sup> rite of reconciliation Tuesday 17th December  
at 7.00pm St Raphael's**



PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR

## St Gregory's Meet and Greet 2020

**Tuesday 28th January  
St Gregory's Hall  
5:30pm to 7pm**

**A light supper will be provided.**

This meet and greet is a wonderful opportunity to formally introduce our St Gregory's staff for 2020 as well as an opportunity for parents and carers to meet each other.

Outlined during the meet and greet will be the following:

- \*Address from our Parish Priest- Fr. Troy Bobbin
- \*Address from our Principal (Acting)- Erin Taylor
- \*Distribution of details for curriculum and planning across each year level.
- \*Outline of events at St Gregory's in 2020, including updated policies and procedures.
- \*An opportunity to introduce yourself to your child's classroom teacher.

This event is for Parents and Carers only. Thank you.