

ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. Thank you all for such a positive start to the school year and your presence at our Meet and Greet last Tuesday evening. We keep all of our community in our prayers, particularly staff members and families who continue to be on alert with fire conditions. We also pray and thank our wonderful emergency services and RFS personnel who are working tirelessly to protect our communities.

Our students have had a very settled start to the year and I am very proud of the way each student has responded to the structure and routines of the school day at St Gregory's. It was a wonderful celebration of our students and school at Mass this morning.

This year, our school vision is ***Everyone will make progress***. This vision is shared across our student, staff and parent community, and we look forward to supporting everyone in achieving this.

At St Gregory's, our 5 Learning Assets encourage our students to be: Communicators, Collaborators, Self-Managers, Researchers and Thinkers. Over the past week, students have developed a classroom agreement with their teachers and, our School rules: Stay safe, Be Fair, Show Respect along with our 5 Learning Assets are part of St Gregory's pedagogy and practice to support and encourage progress for every student.

St Gregory's works in partnership with parents and the community to promote shared responsibility for the education of each child.

Parents and Caregivers are the primary educators of their children. St Gregory's look forward to working with you in 2020 to support the needs of every child and their families.

God bless,



Erin Marmont
Principal (Acting)

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday 7 February

St Greg's Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6)
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

Defence Parents Welcome Morning Tea
9am MacQuoid Street Parish Room

Defence Students Morning Tea
11am MacQuoid Street Parish Room

Defence Students Afternoon Tea
1:40pm Lowe Street Library

Friday 14 February

Northern Region Swimming Carnival
Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre

Monday 17 February

Uniform Shop Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Canberra Raiders to visit MacQuoid St

Tuesday 18 February

Uniform Shop Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Friday 21 February

Reconciliation Teacher Retreat Day

Whole School Assembly (Yr 6 Induction)
12:30pm St Gregory's Hall

Sunday 23 February

School Parish Mass - 9am St Raphael's

Monday 24 February

Uniform Shop Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Tuesday 25 February

Uniform Shop Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

School Council Meeting
6pm Lowe Street Staffroom

Reconciliation Parent Information Night
6:30pm St Gregory's Hall

Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday Mass
9:30am St Raphael's Church

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please pray for Isaac Kirkpatrick (6 Gold) and family on the death of his Grandfather.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Claire Frazer, whose Father is gravely ill.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Miss Jessica Musgrave and Jon on their recent engagement over the holidays. We also congratulate Mr Lloyd Scroope and Kate on their engagement over Christmas. We wish them all a very happy future together.

STUDENT ILLNESS: From time to time children do get sick. It is sometimes unavoidable. When your child is sick please base your decision on keeping your child at home with the health of other students and staff in mind. It is best to avoid spreading germs and bugs at school. We have some students at school who have compromised immune systems.

DOGS ON PLAYGROUND: Please note, dogs are not permitted on school premises. Thank you for your understanding.

MOBILE PHONES: Please remind students that Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during school hours. If in the case you need to contact your child through the day, please do so via the office.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Will be held this Friday 7th February at Queanbeyan Pool for students in Years 3 - 6. The following Friday – 14th February – St Greg's will be hosting the Northern Region Swimming Carnival. The Northern Region consists of the following Catholic Primary Schools – St Bede's Braidwood, St Mary's Crookwell, St Joseph's Goulburn, Ss Peter and Paul's Goulburn and Mt Carmel Yass.

SUPERVISION: Supervision at school commences at 8:30am and finishes with the last school bus. No supervision is available outside of these hours. Therefore, it is very important that children are not on the school premises before 8:30am and/or left after 3:20pm.

Promptness is important. Your child is disadvantaged if he/she is late each morning. Children can also become distressed if left waiting in the afternoon. When approaching the campuses, please keep in mind the 40 kph speed limit and the parking restrictions (as indicated on the appropriate signage). Safe parking is of utmost importance when dropping off and picking up each day. Please do not drive onto the school playground or driveways. Park your car and walk to meet your child. Children being collected by their parents are to wait at the designated areas.

All children being collected must be collected from the school gates.

Lowe – all students wait in the shade of the big tree. They will not be permitted to go to cars.

MacQuoid – there are two collection points. The Bottom Gate (MacQuoid St) and The Top Gate (Mowatt St). The Bottom Gate at MacQuoid St is a Kiss & Ride pick up/drop off zone and the gutter is painted blue.

LOWE ST PARKING CHANGES: Joanne the Road Safety Officer from Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council along with Council Rangers will be at Lowe Street from 8am-9am – handing out flyers on parking changes and will be happy to chat with parents and school community about school safety.

DEFENCE MENTOR SUPPORT PROGRAM: This year, we welcome our Defence Support Mentor, Mr Mitchell Pike to the St Gregory's community.

Mitch will be working with students to welcome them into the school community, provide support during times of parental absence, farewell students as they transition to new locations and empower students with a range of skills they will use to navigate life within a military family. Mitch brings a wealth of experience as a youth mentor. He is a former student of St Gregory's and has an abundance of local area knowledge to share.

Mitch will be working closely with Learning Support staff, classroom teachers and the wellbeing team to support our students and their families.

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend a Welcome Morning Tea on Tuesday 11 February at 9am to meet Mitch and our regional Defence representative, Brooke James. This will be held in the Parish Room at MacQuoid St. Please bring along a plate to share.

Mitch and Brooke will also be meeting Defence students at break times on this day to introduce the program. Please encourage your children to come along and bring a plate to share with their Defence peers.

MacQuoid Street Parish Room from 11:00-11:40am and then at Lowe Street in the Library from 1:40-2:10pm.

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

Principal - Erin Marmont (acting)

Assistant Principal - Kate McManus-Green (acting)

Religious Education Coordinator - Veronica Hall (acting)

Student Leadership and Learning - Ben Mockler

Data & Assessment, Wellbeing and Inclusion - Val Sheahan

Administration Coordinator - Matthew Maloney (acting)

Kinder Blue: Emma Gibson

Kinder Blue: Michelle Hill

Kinder Red: Charlee Cremerius

Kinder Silver: Maddie Handley

Kinder White: Kate Wigg and Janessa Docking

1 Blue: Jen Ferris and Julia Allsop

1 Gold: James Prpic

1 Red: Emma Farr

1 White: Sarah Whalan

2 Blue: Maddy Harman

2 Gold: Kiralee Nolan

2 Red: Kellie D'Souza and Jessica Musgrave

2 White: Scott Troidahl

3 Blue: Nicki Althaus

3 Gold: Anna van Aaken and Sybil Busby

3 Red: Veronica Hall and Sybil Busby

3 White: Mikaela Walsh

4 Blue: Mel Sheehan

4 Gold: Laura Goodall and Carol Saad

4 Red: Lloyd Scroope

4 White: Bridget Allen

5 Blue: Teegan Blakers

5 Gold: Matthew Maloney

5 Red: Mia Cameron

6 Blue: Marian Wells and Carol Saad

6 Gold: Des Gomez and Val Sheahan

6 White: Alisa Spackman

PE/Sport: Jamie Marmont

Music: Dee McFaul

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

Librarian Assistant: Ros Wythes

Wellbeing and Inclusion Contact Teacher: Maryann Tarrant

Wellbeing & Inclusion Support Teachers: Greg Tarrant and Caroline Tanti

Classroom Support Assistants: Michelle Comerford, Paula Howard, Nat Ireland, Stefanie Jones, Michelle Scott, Dave Haskew, Bec Kinnane, Amy Daniel, Hannah Rowcliffe and Maddi Green

Defence Liason Aide: Mitch Pike

Aboriginal Contact Officer: TBC

Lowe Street Office and Fees/Bursar: Emma McAuliffe

MacQuoid Street Office and Enrolments: Jane King

Admin Assistant: Di Rouse

Lowe Street Canteen: Helen Brownlie

MacQuoid Street Canteen: Rosemarie Conroy

Uniform Shop: Betty Crowe

Groundsman/Maintenance: Paddy Hobday

Student and Family Counsellor: Elizabeth Shen

LIBRARY NEWS

At the end of last year we conducted a stock take of all Library Resources. Teachers returned all their classroom books and each book in the library was scanned into the system, so it would have been automatically removed from your child's record if it were found at school. We will be sending out **Overdue Notices** for items not returned in 2019. If you receive one of these notes and you are unable to find the items at home, we are asking for a \$10.00 donation per lost book to help towards replacing the item. We will never stop your child from borrowing, however, they will be restricted to ONE item each week. Please help us find all of library books. Thank you.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Band Award at the end of last term.

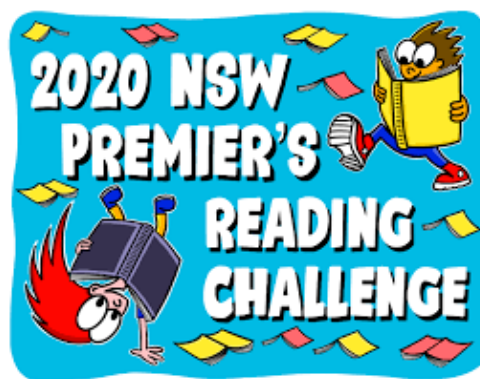
Nicole Ryan
Makayla Russell
Lleyton Margules
Oliver Donnelly
Adriana Marques
Maggie Kershaw
Kaleb Brine
Beatrix Barnsley
Annabella Bromwich
Liam Blazic

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you for your donations of uniforms. They are much appreciated. We are still in need of small uniform items if you have any at home we would appreciate the donations.

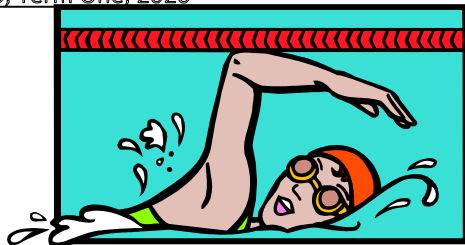
BUS PASSES

Bus passes for 2020 have not, as yet arrived at school from QCity. As soon as they are received they will be distributed to students.



The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is a program to encourage children to read and enjoy a variety of quality stories. Books read need to come from the PRC lists. The Challenge runs from 1 September 2019 to 28 August 2020 and opens on 2 March 2020. Successful completion of the Challenge is rewarded with a Certificate signed by the Premier of NSW. The reading is done mostly at home and parents or students are responsible for recording their books online. K-Yr2 need to read 30 books (may be read to them) and Yrs3-6 read 20 books. We encourage and help students but please note, **recording is done at home, so unless you are prepared to help your child please don't enrol them.** Administration and creating logons is time consuming. Last year there were 50 enrolled students who never attempted to log books online. Please look at the PRC website (online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) and decide if this is something you and your child would like to participate in. We help students achieve their goal to complete by having eligible books marked and displayed prominently in the library. Students participating in the Challenge are highlighted in our loans system and we encourage them to borrow eligible books for their level. **However, parents must communicate to their child that they are participating and be prepared to help them log the books online.** Encouragement is given to students in Library lessons and older students are shown how to record their own reading online. Books read to children in class (K-Yr2 only) are also eligible and we automatically add these books to student records. The Challenge allows books read from 1 September 2019 to be included and we have a borrowing history which can be accessed to help out. Recognition is given to students during the Challenge with prizes given for first completed, most completed students in a class, a lucky draw with all completed students having a chance to win. The newsletter and our library page publish a list of students who have completed the Challenge. Last year all Gold and Platinum Certificate students attended a special celebration party. All students participating will need to return the registration form which will be sent out next week. Thank you in advance to those parents who have safely saved their child's user name and password from last year this helps so much with administration.

Any questions can be directed to the Co-ordinator - Rosalind Wythes at rosalind.wythes@cq.catholic.edu.au



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

St Greg's Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday, 7th February at Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre for all students in Years 3- 6.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help on the day. Please be there, no later than 9:15am, to receive instructions about your role.

We anticipate starting at 9:45 am and should conclude no later than 2:30 pm. All children need to come to school in the morning and will be walked to the pool by their teacher. Your child may leave with you from the pool in the afternoon after you have informed his/her teacher. If you are not at the pool, then your child will return to St Gregory's and will be dismissed from school at 3:00 pm.

Students must remember to bring the following:

- Sunscreen
- Swimmers (under clothes, if possible)
- Two bottles of water (recommended)
- Towel
- Lunch

*There will be canteen facilities available during a designated period, should any child wish to purchase additional food or drinks.

Students should not bring the following:

- Zinc
- Thongs
- Any sugary food/drinks
- Any valuable items (e.g. mobile phones, jewellery, iPods etc.)

Looking forward to an enjoyable day!

- Mr Jamie Marmont/PE Teacher & Sport Coord

HOMEWORK CLUB

Barnardos Queanbeyan Homework Club will be held each Thursday after school 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 in cultural 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.

CANTEEN

Canteen Helpers at Lowe St are:

Thursday 6th February	Daniela Magno
Friday 7th February	Michelle Jones
Thursday 13th February	Help Needed Please
Friday 14th February	Kerrie Hill

Volunteers are required at MacQuoid Street, especially on a Thursday or Friday. If you are available please complete the slip below or email office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au – Thank you

MACQUOID STREET CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

(Please complete this slip and return to MacQuoid Street office or email office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au - thank you)

I am available to help in the MacQuoid Street canteen on the following day once per month.

(please circle day of choice) TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

My contact details are:

Name:.....Telephone No:.....

Eldest Child's Name:.....Class:.....

COMMUNICATION

St Gregory's School communicates with parents by many varied means.

The Newsletter is uploaded to the school website on Tuesday of each even week each school term (<https://www.stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/communication/newsletter>)

Copies of notes sent home are also provided on the school website (<https://www.stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/notes-and-info>)



The St Gregory's **SkoolBag App** is a smart phone mobile app through which the school can communicate directly with iPhone and Android devices. SkoolBag offers the newsletter, notes, alerts, information, instant messages, reminders and also parent eForms for sick/absent notes and change of details form. We encourage all families to download the App. To install, search for our school name "St Gregory's School Queanbeyan" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

facebook

Facebook @StGregorysPrimarySchool for updates, information, events and photos of school life as it happens.

An online **school calendar**, listing all school activities and special Events is available on the school website

(<https://www.stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/calendar>).

Calendar dates are also listed in the Important Events section on the front page of the newsletter each fortnight.



Twitter @stgregsqbn enables the school to broadcast short messages about Events happening during the day, updates on school excursions, camps and sporting events.

St Gregory's School has **Qkr!** Parents can pay school fees, pay for items purchased from the uniform shop and order lunches from the canteens using their mobile phone. Download Qkr! from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



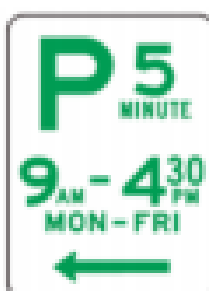
Parent/Teacher interviews are held twice during the year. They will take place this term from Monday, 2nd March to Thursday, 5th March. St Gregory's uses the online booking system PTO. During the next few weeks you will receive your individual login to be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

School Zone Changes For Term 1 2020

To improve safety and congestion there are new parking changes on Lowe Street

- Mobility parking has relocated to a designated bay near the church, has increased to 2 parking bays and features an access area and kerb ramp
- New line-marking for 10 minute parking bays
- New line-marking for non-parking zone at the school gate
- Removal of 2 hour parking for bays on school side
- New 'No Stopping' zones north of the pedestrian crossing
- New bollards to prevent parking on kerb ramps

Be aware of the new changes as parking offences apply if they are used incorrectly including:



PARKING SIGNS

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicles for a certain period of time e.g. 5 minute parking. Parking for longer can result in a fine.

Penalty is \$114*.



MOBILITY PARKING SIGNS

This sign means that only vehicles displaying a valid Mobility Parking Scheme Authority issued by the RMS may park on that length of road or space. Failure to comply may result in a fine.

Penalty is \$572 and 1 demerit point*.

This is a road safety initiative as part of the local government road safety program





MONARO PANTHERS FOOTBALL JUNIOR LEAGUE TRIALS COMMENCE 10 FEBRUARY

Under 10 - 10, 12, 17 February 5-6pm

Under 11 - 11, 13, 18 February 5-6pm

Under 12 - 10, 12, 17 February 6.15-7.15pm

Under 13+ - 11, 13, 18 February 6.15-7.15pm



UPPER WRIGHT PARK QUEANBEYAN REGISTER NOW

WWW.MONAROPANTHERS.COM.AU/REGISTER

Juniors Social Basketball Competition



Term 1 Enrolment/Information Night
Grades: Kinder-Y2, Yrs 3-4 and Yrs 5-6
Date: Thursday 6th February 2020
Time: 5-7pm
Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER may be used or
contact Rosie Buchanec
E: rosiebball1@tpg.com.au

Term 1 Aussie Hoops- Queanbeyan



Learn to play Basketball...
Days: Fridays
Times: Program 1 @ 4-5pm or Program 2 @ 5-6pm
Ages: 4-12yrs @ Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
Commences: 7th February
Cost: \$100 includes Backpack, Singlet with name, basketball, sticker sheet and 8 week skills sessions
NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER may be used
Register now: aussiehoops.com.au

Sunrise Netball Club Registration 2020

Online Registrations now open.

Netsetgo players 5 – 9 years = \$110

Netsetgo rego includes skill session , Netsetgo t-shirt & ball.

Juniors 10–17 years = \$145

Seniors = \$180



To register follow instructions on the Sunrise website or email for further details.

Email : sunrisesecretary@outlook.com

Facebook : www.facebook.com/SunriseNetball

Website: <http://sunrise.nsw.netball.com.au/>



Festival ne

Special Guest

Shannon Noll

tasty food

entertainment

special guests

lucky door prizes

all welcome

**a free
inclusive
community
festival**

4pm – 8pm Friday 7 Feb 2020

Queanbeyan Town Park

Lowe Street Campus
Ph: (02) 6297 1396

MacQuoid Street Campus
Ph: (02) 6297 2221

Queanbeyan Markets

The Queanbeyan Markets are looking for stall holders. We are a community run market, focusing on helping all we can. Located at the Park, Lowe Street behind Queanbeyan Court House.

Last month's market donated all of the proceeds to NSW RFS, with a total of \$1960.00. We will also have a drop off point for medical supplies to help our injured wildlife. The markets are run on the 3rd Sunday of each month with the next one being on the 16th February.

We encourage anyone with home made goods to come along and join in on the fun and make new friends. Stalls cost \$30 paid on the day, setup is from 7am, take down from 1pm. Markets start at 9am til 1pm

Any questions can be answered through this email address.

thequeanbeyanmarket@gmail.com

We can email through application forms or they can be filled out on the day.

Queanbeyan Junior Brass



Calling all school children 9 years and upwards! Do you want to play an instrument and join a band? YOU CAN! Free instrument rental...free music tuition!

When and where? Tuesdays after school from 4 to 5pm at St Stephens Hall, 2 Morisset Street in Queanbeyan.

Come to an INFORMATION SESSION there at 10am on Saturday 8th February to find out all about it.

Music is great. It is challenging and fun. It also helps you to do better in just about everything you do. We aim to improve and encourage young lives through the enjoyment of music.

Starting Tuesday 11th February. Call 0415 526 572 for more information or email us at gjbrass@outlook.com



Hi everyone, my name is Kathleen and I have been the Saver Plus Coordinator in your community for the last 3 years.

Saver Plus is a free program that helps people with a Centrelink concession card pay for education costs. We have provided almost \$100k toward school costs in ACT since 2017.

Participants save \$25/fortnight for 10 months and attend 4 financial skills workshops. At the end of the program, we will match your savings with up to \$500 that can be used towards uniforms and shoes, extra-curricular sports, camps and excursions and other school supplies.

Eligibility criteria applies.

Visit saverplus.org.au or contact me on 0448 730 305 to find out more!

