



# ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Four, Term One, 2020  
18 February, 2020

Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



Next Wednesday, 26th February St Gregory's community begins its Lenten Journey with Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Parents and Carers are very welcome to join us. Lent is a time of preparation for the gift of new life that we receive at Easter. During this time, we are called to reflect upon our need for God and to address those things in our lives that distract us from the wholeness that only God can bring.

The theme for Lent 2020 is *"Renewed by the Spirit"* – taken from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* – Rejoice and Exult. This theme reminds us of the call to encounter God and allow him to guide us, giving us the strength to live out our journey of faith and invite others to join us on our way.

We are encouraged to reflect on our lives and take the time to reassess and redirect. Just as we take notice of the "Wrong Way – Go Back" sign on the Highway, during Lent we are called to front up to the shortcuts we take and turn our lives to the only true source of happiness and peace – we are called to turn our lives to God.

As we prepare for this Lenten journey, let us remind ourselves and our children of what they can do during this time. Today I spoke with some students on the playground about their ideas and plans during our Lenten journey. Here are some of the ideas they shared with me:

- Not be silly anymore
- Eat more vegetables
- Go to mass
- Donate toys to the poor
- Give up dessert
- Give up being lazy
- Do one extra chore per day
- Spend extra time reading
- Give a compliment each day
- Donate food
- Wake up five minutes early to pray
- Give up your games
- Give up worrying
- Pray for someone every day
- Be nice every day
- Donate clothes that are too small

God bless,

Erin Marmont  
Principal (Acting)

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### Tuesday 18 February

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

School Council Meeting  
6pm Lowe Street Staffroom

### Thursday 27 February

Kinder Home Learning Info Sessions  
3:30pm & 5:30pm Lowe St Music Room

### Friday 21 February

Reconciliation Teacher Retreat Day

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

### Sunday 23 February

Parish School Mass  
9am St Raphael's Church

### Monday 24 February

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

### Tuesday 25 February

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

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

### Wednesday 26 February

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

### Thursday 27 February

More Water Than Fire: Parent/Carer  
info sessions - managing children's  
reactions after bushfires  
9am-9:30am & 3pm-3:30pm Mac Library

### Monday 2 March

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Year 5 Project Compassion Launch

Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival  
Narooma

### Tuesday 3 March

Uniform Shop Open  
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

### Friday 6 March

Whole School Assembly (4Red & 4White)  
12:30pm St Gregory's Hall

### Saturday 7 March

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



## From the Principal.....

### PRAYERS:

We pray for Claire Frazer and her family after the recent death of her father, Rod Frazer.

We pray for Patrick McGrath from Catholic Education. Paddy's wife, Mary-Anne recently passed away peacefully surrounded by her family.

We pray for Glynnis Moran, former teacher at St Gregory's who passed away.

We pray for the Kirkpatrick family as their Grandfather is very ill.

We continue to pray for Victims of the bushfires and Victims of the Corona virus.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** Parent interviews will take place in Week 5. A note was sent home today explaining log in procedures for PTO to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

**Please note** - Kinder Blue families, Mrs Gibson will be having her interviews in Week 9. See separate note with instructions to book an appointment time with Mrs Gibson.

**SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY - MORE WATER THAN FIRE:** Elizabeth Shen, our student and family counsellor will be running two parent information sessions for managing children's reactions after bushfires:

Title: More Water than Fire

Details: This short information session aims to provide parents and carers with practical ways to support their children following the recent bushfires in our community.

Two information sessions will be held in the MacQuoid Street Library.

Thursday 27/2 - 9:00am-9:30am and repeated again Thursday 27/2 - 3:00pm-3:30pm

**NR SWIMMING CARNIVAL:** My thanks to Jamie Marmont and staff who coordinated the Northern Region Swimming Carnival at Queanbeyan Pool last Friday. It was a very successful carnival. Congratulations to those students who have qualified to represent the Northern Region at the Archdiocesan Carnival to be held in Narooma. Qualifiers are reminded to register online for this event as soon as possible

**YEAR 6 INDUCTION LITURGY:** This Friday, 21st February the 2020 School Captains and all Year 6 will be inducted as leaders of our community. This is a very significant occasion in the school experience of all Year 6 students. Student Leadership is highly valued as an essential element of our school and all Year 6 students are encouraged and recognised as leaders. Our new Kinder students will also be recognised as they will walk in to the hall holding the hand of a Year 6 student. All members of our community are warmly invited to attend our first whole school gathering for 2020. Visitors are reminded to enter the hall from rear doors and to leave the side aisle free for teachers.

**COMMUNICATION POLICY:** St Gregory's Primary School values the partnership that exists between parents/guardians and staff. This partnership aims to foster academic progress, nurture student wellbeing and promote a positive school environment. It is therefore in the interests of the whole school community that communication between parents/guardians and staff is open and respectful. This policy is designed to ensure the most effective and productive communication between staff and parents/guardians.

### PROCEDURE

Appropriate, constructive and timely feedback is valued and encouraged

Parents and guardians should allow between 1-2 school days for a reply during staff working hours (8.00am – 5.00pm) to any communication. Parents/guardians should appreciate sometimes a delay in reply may be experienced due to staff absence or illness. Communication over the weekend and during stand-down times is not to be expected.

In the event of urgent matters parents/guardians should contact the campus office staff, who will ensure that the appropriate staff members are informed.



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It is acknowledged that staff have time constraints during the school day and that issues or concerns are best dealt with when uninterrupted time and attention can be given to them.

Issues or concerns should not be discussed in front of students or other families.

No parent/guardian should approach a child/children from other families or their parents with a school related issue or non-school related issue on school grounds.

All communication must be open and respectful.

**HOME LEARNING:** Last year, many families attended our Parent information session with George Telford. George Telford is a former classroom teacher and Principal in Victorian schools for 35 years. George is now the Senior Consultant and Australian Director for Challenging Learning. Challenging Learning will be working with St Gregory's again in 2020 to support our Vision that **Everyone Will Make Progress**. George has also worked with St Gregory's to support our Home Learning program.

Our Home Learning Program in 2020 across K-6 provides students with an opportunity to become more responsible for their own learning and growth. Students should be in the Practice Zone to provide opportunity for consolidation of learning from school.

Home Learning across K-6 includes:

- Preview of learning for the following week/s
- Reading
- Maths fluency tasks (relevant to year level)
- St Greg's words (where applicable)
- Specific projects aligning with the curriculum (where applicable, eg. expert moments, Key Learning Area tasks/projects relevant to learning in class).

Information about your child's home learning can be found in the weekly correspondence across each year level.

Kinder teachers will be hosting a Home Learning Workshop this Thursday for parents/carers. Come along for around an hour to hear the best ways in which you can support your kindergarten child's learning at home. Topics covered will include - How to read with your child; How to support their writing journey and suggestions of easy activities to encourage number fluency.

Sessions will be held at 3:30pm and repeated at 5:30pm in the Lowe Street Music Room.

### PARISH MASS

#### Mass at St Raphael's Church, Lowe Street

On Sunday 23rd February at 9am Mass we will be Launching our Pastoral events calendar for 2020, *Belong and Believe with Us*.

Don't miss out on grabbing one for your fridge. Please tell your family and friends about the events calendar, come and join us.

Our wonderful school choir and our parish choir will be singing together at this mass. There will be morning tea and activities for the children after mass.

### RECONCILIATION

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2020

PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN FOR THIS SACRAMENT. THE SACRAMENT WILL BE CELEBRATED IN APRIL 2020 FOR YEAR 3 STUDENTS. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM TO THE PARISH BY THE DUE DATE OF 21 FEBRUARY 2020. YOUR CHILD MUST BE A BAPTISED CATHOLIC IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS SACRAMENT. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU RITA PELLE, SACRAMENTAL OFFICER.





## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Teachers will be available for interviews from Monday 2nd March to Thursday 5th March. (Except K Blue - Mrs Gibson will be conducting interviews in Week 9) Interviews are assigned in 15 minute timeslots.

To book an interview time please click the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) link on the Notes/Info tab under the Communication/Newsletter tab of St Gregory's School website. Enter your email address on the login screen and PTO will then send an email to that address containing your login details.  
<https://www.stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/notes-and-info>

**Bookings close at 5pm on Friday, 28th February.**

If you encounter any difficulties accessing the online booking facility, please contact Jane King (6297 2221) or email [office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## SPORT NEWS

### Northern Region Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our students who competed at the Northern Region Swimming Carnival last Friday. Special thanks to our parents and carers for your continued support. Best of luck to the following students who will be competing at the Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival in Narooma on March 2nd: Jessica Bojko, Lily Tilden, Curtneey Mangipay, Charli Ioppi, Isaac Kirkpatrick, Seth Marsden, William Hall, Ryan Ossato, Sienna Hamlin, Naomi McInnes, Phoenix Hamlin, Samantha Shelley, Imogen Gagliardi, Liam Carroll, Cammryn Warke, Brayden Fowler and Rhys Ioppi.

### Canberra/Goulburn Sport Trials

Well done to all the students who have trialled for the Canberra/Goulburn teams over the past few weeks. Special acknowledgement to the following students who have been invited to the Mackillop Trials on Friday 28th February:

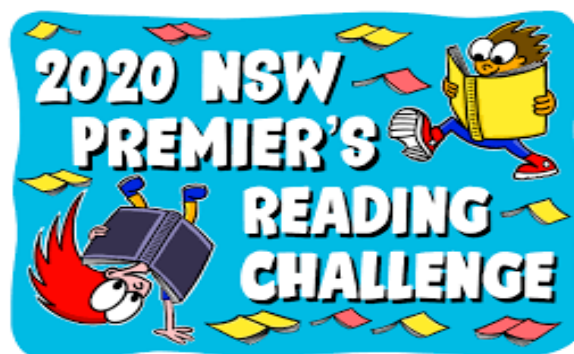
- Alivia Nappo (Basketball)
- Riley Picker (Basketball)
- Kate Kobak (Tennis)

### Canberra Goulburn - Wollongong Combined AFL

Good luck to the students heading to Wollongong to trial for this team - Hamish Reid, Ian-James Bassett and Liam Carroll.

- Mr Jamie Marmont  
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

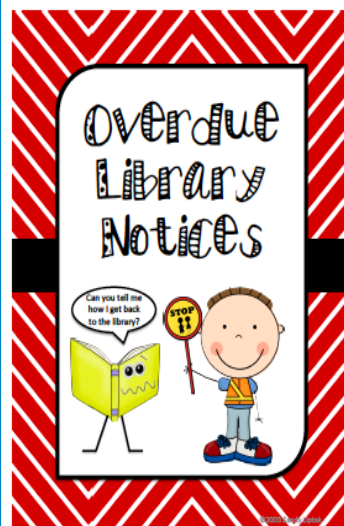


### Premiers Reading Challenge 2020

All students interested in participating in this years challenge need to complete a registration form, attached with the Newsletter and return it to school. The site opens on 2 March 2020, so those clever parents/carers/students who remember their user name and password are able to begin logging their books. We always give a prize to the first child who completes the challenge. I thank in advance, the great parents/carers who have saved their logins - this saves me so much time. Any queries please email - [rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Rosalind Wythes - PRC Co-ordinator

### Overdues from 2019



We have sent home overdue notices to students for books not returned from last year. Please note teachers have returned their classroom libraries and we have scanned every book in the library so therefore we know they have not been returned. Please have a look at home. We ask for a contribution of \$10 per book be paid to the school to help purchase replacements.

## OUR SCHOOL RULES

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



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### GYMNASTICS

Students from Kinder to Year 4 will participate in gymnastics lessons this term in Weeks 4, 5, 6 and 8

**Mondays** - 3Blue, 3Gold, 3Red, KGold & KBlue

**Tuesdays** - 1White, 1Gold, 1Red, 1Blue, KWhite, KGold & KSilver

**Wednesdays** - 4Blue, 4White, 4Gold, 4Red & 3White

**Thursdays** - 2Red, 2White, 2Gold & 2Blue

### PARISH SCHOOL MASS

You and your family are invited to attend the Parish School Mass.

**23RD FEBRUARY, 9 AM  
ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOWE ST.**

We are looking for students to be part of the Mass through the Gospel Procession and Offertory. Students representing St Gregory's are asked to wear their full summer uniform.

Please email Veronica Hall  
veronica.hall@cg.catholic.edu.au if you would like your family to be part of this special event.



### LOST & FOUND

**LOST** - Lucas Bromwich's (K Blue) hat has been lost. His name is clearly written on the inside brim in big white letters. Please check at home.

### 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 this week are:

Thursday 20th February

Friday 21st February

Thursday 27th February

Friday 28th February

Help Needed Please

Melissa Agius

Help Needed Please

Betty Crowe

**Volunteers are required at MacQuoid Street, especially on a Thursday or Friday. If you are available please contact the slip below or email [office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto: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:.....PhoneNumber:.....

Email:.....

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



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PLEASE JOIN

# YEAR 2

FOR A FUN AFTERNOON AT THE POOL

*Lets get together for an afternoon of swimming and slides at Queanbeyan Pool to see old friends and meet new friends.*

*Sunday 15th March 2020  
2pm*

*Children: \$4.50  
Adult: \$6.50  
Spectators: \$2.00  
Family of 4: \$18.00*

*Please note parents/carers must stay and supervise their own children for this event. Siblings welcome*



PARENT  
CONTACT  
ORGANISED  
ACTIVITIES

## YEAR 1 RED FAMILIES

The parent contacts of 1Red have organised an event to start the year.

**Date** - Saturday, 14th March

**Time** - from 10.30am

**Place** - Rodney's Cafe in Pialligo

This is a great opportunity for the children to get to know each other outside of school and for the parents and carers to meet over a coffee.

Please rsvp by the 7th March to Nicole or Sharla

sharlastevens1@gmail.com  
peisleyn@gmail.com

Lets get together

## Kinder

22nd March at 9am

Queen Elizabeth II Park (water play area  
beside the river) Queanbeyan

Bring the whole family and enjoy meeting  
some new families







## NOTICEBOARD

### 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](mailto:sunrisesecretary@outlook.com)

Facebook : [www.facebook.com/SunriseNetball](https://www.facebook.com/SunriseNetball)

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



**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](http://WWW.MONAROPANTHERS.COM.AU/REGISTER)

### AUSTRALIAN ELITE FOOTBALL ACADEMY - AEFA

'Our AEFA Head Coach has a UEFA 'A' Licence and 25 years of experience working with Youth, Professional & International Players'.



### AEFA Little Lions

Term 1 - 8 Week Program

Ages: 5 - 8 years

Saturday mornings, commencing 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

Queanbeyan Indoor Centre

Time: 9am - 10am



FUN small sided games  
Learn the FUNDamentals



For more information contact us at: [information.aefa@gmail.com](mailto:information.aefa@gmail.com)



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### MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW CAMPAIGN

A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more.

We are enrolling now for 2021 and beyond!

Please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for our Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now!

Open Day and Year 7 2021 Information Night: 7 May

Be a Merici Girl Days: 30 Apr, 4, 5, 12 May

Talk and Tours: 22 Feb, 4 Apr, 9 May, 15 Aug, 24 Oct

### An Evening with Dr Justin Coulson Merici College 2 March 6.30pm



MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH  
6.30pm—8.30pm  
Merici College

Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's most respected parenting authors and speakers, will be visiting Merici College on Monday 2 March. As a psychologist, and a father of six girls, he will be sharing his insights into what is really going on in the minds of our teenage daughters, how are they feeling and how we can stay connected with them. He will also be talking about his new book, Miss-Connection. Justin's presentation will be held in the Merici auditorium from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, \$5.00 per person. Please follow the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BINLZ> for bookings. We warmly invite our Merici families, as well as our wider community to come along.



### 2020 JUNIOR HOCKEY COME & TRY DAY

Come along and experience an Olympic sport in your own backyard.

When: Sunday 23/3/20. 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: Tuggeranong Hockey Park. Soward Way, Greenway, ACT.

Cost: Free. Sausage Sizzle supplied.

What to Bring: Smiles. QUHC will supply all sticks, balls etc.

Contact: Shayne Monahan. [shayne@quhc.com.au](mailto:shayne@quhc.com.au) 0417799574

QUHC are affiliated with Hockey ACT and Hockey Australia.

Hockey is a fast paced, fun game for the whole family.

QUHC run programmes for Boys, Girls, Mums & Dads.

QUHC supply training by qualified coaches with years of experience.

Pathways exist in QUHC & Hockey ACT for Boys & Girls to play for hits & giggles or to reach their full potential & participate in National Championships.

The choice is entirely yours. Experience it. Love it.