



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week One, Term Four, 2018
16 October, 2018

Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope that all families had a restful break. I have been hearing about holidays in Fiji, America, Queensland, the South Coast, at Grandparents and some chilled out at home.

Yesterday the staff had a busy day participating in a process of review. All schools of the Archdiocese use the National School Improvement Tool. Comprised of nine domains, the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) assists schools to review and reflect on their efforts to improve the quality of teaching and learning. Using an evidence-based framework, the NSIT supports school-wide conversations about aspects of current practice, areas for improvement and evidence that progress is being made. When used as an ongoing reference point over a period of time, the NSIT also provides a basis for monitoring long-term improvements in practice.

Research is revealing the powerful impact that school leadership teams can have in improving the quality of teaching and learning. The NSIT synthesises findings from international research into a practical framework that can be used to investigate and evaluate current practices in any Australian school. By using the NSIT in the process of developing a School Improvement plan, schools can ensure they are adopting the practices displayed by highly effective schools and school leaders, and are supporting the development of their school improvement objectives with a solid base of evidence and research.

The process involves all staff completing surveys about the particular domains. This year we focussed on 4 Domains: An Explicit Improvement Agenda, Targeted Use of School Resources, Systematic Curriculum Delivery and Differentiated Teaching and Learning. In teams the teachers collated the surveys and determined areas where there is obvious progress being made and the evidence that supports this determination. The teams then identify main concerns and the evidence. The school's response to these concerns are then identified and actions required to address concerns. This process informs the 2019 Annual Improvement Plan.

The staff will continue to work on the Annual Improvement Plan during the TLC (Teaching and Learning Communities) workshops that will be held next week. A draft of the Annual Improvement Plan will then be tabled at the School Community Council meeting in Week 5.

One very important source of evidence for our review process are the responses to the My School Surveys completed in September. 299 parents responded to the survey representing a completion rate of 57% which is considered excellent. Parents were asked to respond to statements with the following which were allocated a score. Strongly Disagree 0, Disagree 1, Agree 2, and Strongly Disagree 3. The average score for each statement is colour coded in order to provide a quick reference. 0 to 1 Red, 1.1 to 2 Yellow and 2.1 to 3 Green. Please find a copy of the Executive Summary of the Parent Satisfaction Survey at the end of this newsletter. My thanks to the parents who provided feedback to the school.

All things are possible,

**Claire Frazer
Principal**

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday 16 October
Students return for Term 4

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

Friday 19 October
Reconciliation Teacher Retreat Day

Saturday 20 October
Catholic Primary Schools Netball Carnival
Calwell Netball Courts

Sunday 21 October
Disco - St Gregory's Hall
Kinder - Year 2 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Year 3 - Year 6 from 6:45pm to 8pm

Monday 22 October
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Kinder 2019 Parent Information Night
7pm St Gregory's Hall

Tuesday 23 October
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR
K White/K Red Farm Excursion
Reconciliation Parent Information Night
7pm St Gregory's Hall

Wednesday 24 October
K Blue/K Gold Farm Excursion

Friday 26 October
Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival
Kinder Prayer Celebration - 9:30am

Monday 29 October
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Music Soiree
7pm St Gregory's Hall

Tuesday 30 October
Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
9am to 10am Lowe Street MPR

Wednesday 31 October
Mission Month Fundraiser - mini fete

Year 5/6 girls league tag
Phillip District Oval

Friday 2 November
Whole School Assembly (K Gold & K Red)
12:30pm St Gregory's Hall



Focus Value for October: "Creativity - I can make it better!"

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Kristi Lloyd and her family. Tragically Kristi's brother Darren Wheatley died suddenly on the 5th October. Darren is the much loved son of Robynne and David. Beloved brother of Kristi and Josh, Brendon and Christie and a cherished grandson, uncle, cousin, nephew and friend. A number of staff will be attending Darren's funeral on Wednesday morning. Please also remember in your prayers Tommy Smith-Roberts (3 Red) and family following the death of his grandfather, Peter McSpadden. We also hold in our thoughts and prayers Taylah Ross (6 White) and Mitchell Taylor (K Blue) following the death of their great-grandfather, John Shaw.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Mankaran Singh (2 Gold) on the birth of a baby brother, Viraaj.

CPS NETBALL: THE Catholic Primary School Netball Carnival will be held this Saturday 20th October at the courts at Calwell. My thanks to all the parents who will be helping out so that their children can participate. I hope everyone has a terrific day.

WALKATHON: Thank you to all families who supported the walkathon fund raising effort. Despite the rain and rescheduling of a somewhat scaled down walk our students managed to raise **\$10,966-05!** Simply wonderful and another example of the incredibly supportive community we have at St Gregory's.

MUSIC SOIREE: Our school choir and members of the MusicCorp Program will be showcasing their talents at a Soiree to be held on Monday, 29th October from 7pm in the School Hall at MacQuoid Street. This will be wonderful opportunity for all families to appreciate the talents and much hard work of our students. This concert is open to all, not just parents of participants.

CLASS ALLOCATIONS: Soon the teaching and executive staff will begin the process of creating the class groups for next year. Please note the following point in the Class Allocation policy:

Parents who wish to discuss particular concerns regarding class placement should make an appointment to meet with the principal. All meetings must be held by Friday of Week 4 in Term 4. (2018 date will be by Friday, 9th November)

If you have a specific request in regards to class placement that you would like to discuss with me please contact Jane King to make an appointment. I do not take requests for specific teachers.

MASKED LAPWINGS: During the very quiet break a pair of Lapwings decided that the oval at MacQuoid Street would be the ideal nesting area. Imagine their surprise when over 400 students turned up this morning. The Masked Lapwing is notorious for its defence of its nesting site. This is particularly the case after the chicks have hatched. Adults will dive on intruders, or act as though they have a broken wing in an attempt to lure the intruder away from the nest. The students have been advised to stay away from our newest family. Whilst the birds appear aggressive in the defence of their young and dive towards people they are not known to strike.

KINDER 2019 INFORMATION EVENING: A reminder to parents of students starting Kindergarten next year that the Parent Information evening will be held on Monday, 22nd October from 7pm in the School Hall at MacQuoid Street.

YEAR 6 COOK BOOK: Thank you to the Year 6 parent contact, Fiona Matthews and Justin May for their work in collecting the recipes and publishing the Year 6 cook book. It looks great and I can't wait to try out some of the family recipes. The cook book is for sale from the MacQuoid office for \$11.

HATS: All students must have a school hat. Please ensure that the hat is clearly labelled. We have had cases where labels with names may have been removed marking the brim clearly will work best. We have also encouraged students to be more responsible for their hats by ensuring they are put into school bags that are then zipped shut. Hats are available for purchase for \$15 at the front office.

MORNING DROP OFF: If you are bringing your children to school please ensure that they arrive at school after 8.30am. Teacher supervision begins at 8:30am. I am aware that there are buses that arrive prior to 8:30am. These students know what they need to do on arrival at school. At Lowe Street they are inside the foyer. At MacQuoid Street they sit in the Amphitheatre which is located immediately outside the staffroom.



TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday 3 November
St Gregory's Hall**

Purchase your tickets now!

**Contact Jane King (62972221) to book
\$25 per person or organise a table of 10
Payments can be made via cash or Qkr!**

*St Gregory's
Trivia Night*

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 3 November
St Greg's Hall.
Time to find a table of ten!
\$25 per person
Adult only event
BYO Drinks and Nibbles
Auctions, games, horse
racing and fun!**

SPORT NEWS

Canberra Goulburn CPS Netball

Will be held this Saturday, 20th October at Calwell Netball Courts. Students will be notified of their teams during the week and will be given their playing dresses on Friday. As yet we have not received the draw, but it will be passed on when available.

Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival

We are still looking for 2 parent volunteers to coach our Year 5 Touch Football teams at the carnival on Friday, 26th October. If you are interested or available please let me know. Thank you.

CPS Basketball Challenge

We still require coaches for a Junior Boys team and a Senior Girls team for the Basketball Championships on the 27th & 28th of October. Please note that the teams will not be able to compete without a coach. If you are interested or available please let me know. Thank you.

- Matthew Maloney, PE Teacher/Sport Coordinator.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

K Blue	Gracie Rhule
K Gold	Macy Chacos
K Red	Hugh Gibson
K White	Henry Quade
1 Blue	Emily Langeveld
1 Gold	Samuel Jefferies
1 Red	Juliette Bibic
1 White	Os Munro
2 Blue	Kiara Webb-Menzies
	Bianca Chase
2 Gold	Mankaran Singh
	Kadin Forbes
2 Red	Thomas Carkagis
	Zoe Adkins
2 White	William Sergi
3 Blue	Ruby Parady
3 White	Jenna Borg
	Kathleen Connelly
4 Blue	Isaac Kirkpatrick
5 Gold	Charlotte Murphy
5 Red	Cameron McInnes
6 Blue	Finn Beasley
6 Gold	Chloe Mansell
6 White	Alex May

Music:

Jennifer Noveski

AR Millionaires:

Jackson Hall
Matthew Henderson
Lucy O'Neill
Yashmeen Dandiwal

Gold Bands:

Zoe Whitfield
William Buckley
Lidia Celeska
Jack Hoskin
Shaun Slade
Victoria MacDonald
Rhys Ioppi
Thomas Hill
Hannah Bentham
Sophie Mifsud
Samuel Foster
Dimitri Manikis
Patrick Wallace
Domenico Staltari
Matthew Taiseni
Liam Nicolson
Angus Dale
Billy Greentree
Olivia Staltari
Elijah Brown
Huntah Watson
Ellie Sweet
Josh Ireland
Max Wurzer



DISCO

When: Sunday 21st October, 2018
Where: St Gregory's Hall, MacQuoid Street Campus
Time: Kinder to Year 2 – 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Year 3 to Year 6 – 6:45pm to 8:00pm
Cost: \$5.00 per child (includes entry, drink & snack)
It's not too late to order your tickets through either office. If you have already ordered tickets, then these will be sent home on Thursday.



As Halloween is almost upon us and most of our children like to dress up, we have made a late decision to make it optional dress-up... sorry for the late notice, but please remember that it does NOT have to be a scary costume (you can always re-use the book week outfit!). We will be offering a small prize for the best dressed child for each disco.

Unlike previous discos, this disco (and any future discos) will be parent run - which means that we need volunteers to help with the running and supervision on the night. If you have already nominated yourself, an email will be sent to you in the next few days letting you know what time you are required. We will need as many parents as possible to assist with packing up the hall at the end of the second disco. If you did volunteer but do not get an email this means the jobs have been assigned to other parents and you get to enjoy the dancing and mingling.

Also remember that we will have a sausage sizzle available (gold coin donation) as well as an ice-cream and coffee van (cash sales only). You are more than welcome to bring along a picnic if you're not into sausages! We truly hope that you all enjoy this family event and look forward to seeing you there.

- St Greg's School Community Council

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Year 3 children

Parents are reminded to register their child by tomorrow Wednesday, 17th October 2018 for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

<https://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/first-reconciliation/>

Please call Rita Pelle (6299 4611) if you have any questions regarding this Sacrament.

CANTEEN

Canteen Helpers at Lowe St this week are:

Thursday 18th October
Friday 19th October

Daphne Gagliardi
Tanya Sanddner

LIBRARY NEWS

The fantastic Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MacQuoid Street!!



When: Thursday
1st November
8:30am-5:30pm

Room: MacQuoid
St Library
- Reading Lounge

Please come and purchase books for your children and view some great artwork created by students. Money raised will go towards our World Book Web subscription.



Create your own rocket ship to be put on display at our space themed Book Fair!

On the Thursday we'll have a 'Guess how many Stars are in the jar?' and a 'Lucky door prize!' We will also have a

'Rocket Ship competition'. Rocket Ship entries must be submitted to the classroom teachers by Monday 29th October 2018 and include the student's name and class. Prizes will be Book Fair vouchers to spend at Book Fair. Good Luck!

Library Overdues

We are sending out Library overdue notices in Week 2. These are a friendly reminder and we ask that you have a look around at home for library books. If your child has finished reading it, please send it back. Later in the Term, we start getting serious, teachers bring back their classroom materials and we stocktake our shelves which often will turn up many items marked out to students. However, for now please just return any books your child has finished reading.

Thank you

- Melissa Greentree, Helen Carroll and Rosalind Wythes

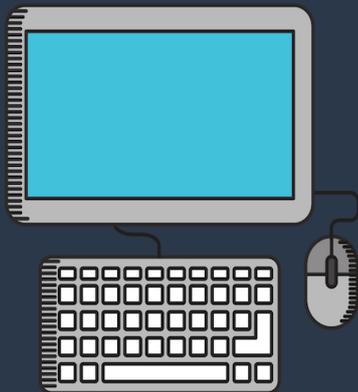
KEEP CALM AND DONATE TO OUR MINI FETE

Bring them into Miss Blakers [year 4] or the front office as soon as you can. Thank you for your help.

- Lollies and Prizes
- Nail Polish
- Lego
- 2nd Hand Books
- Nail Polish Remover
- Ring Toss
- Face Paint
- Empty Soft Drink Cans
- Cotton Buds
- Face Paint Brushes



eWaste Recycling



Have you (or a business or company you work for) got old desktop computers, laptops, Apple equipment, smartphones, LCD screens or similar equipment that you no longer need or use?

Beginning Week 1 of this term, the school will be offering collection and recycling of such items through WV Technologies, a social enterprise that provides IT Data Sanitisation and eWaste Recycling services nationally. The benefits of this initiative include guaranteed data destruction, convenient disposal and supporting the environment. **This is also an exciting chance to easily raise funds for our school, as certain equipment may be worthy of a rebate!**

Equipment NOT accepted includes Old CRT screens, consumer electronics i.e. DVD player and appliances i.e. Toasters

Contact Gareth Wigg to arrange collection and drop off for any items or related inquiries via garreth.wigg@cg.catholic.edu.au or phone the MacQuoid street campus to make arrangements.



NOVEL PHOTOGRAPHIC

Learning from Lexie Charity Photo Sessions 2018

Do you, your partner, or even your child hate to have their photo taken? When was the last time you had a family photo? Time is short and life is precious so how amazing to have such wonderful memories as well as a great Christmas present for your families.

The cost of the session will be \$75 of which 100% of your fee will be donated to Cerebral Palsy Alliance ACT in our daughter's honour. Your fee includes a 15-minute sitting, complimentary digital image and the opportunity to buy 10 additional images for a reduced rate. Photos will be held at Griffith Neighbourhood Centre Stuart Street (next to Griffith Shops), there will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, bake sale, Learning from Lexie stall and raffle on each day.

Dates of the sessions will be 27 October 2018 9am - 4pm and 10 November 2018 9am - 4pm. For further information or to book your session please follow the link to Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/capture-the-moment-2018-tickets-50385200491>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0407431143 or email blossomsandbling@hotmail.com. We hope you can make it.

Parent Forum & Documentary Screening

on the impact of
online pornography on children and young people.

DATE AND TIME: Thu. 18 October 2018 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm AEDT
LOCATION: Br Wallace Assembly Hall St Edmunds College
ENQUIRIES: lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869
BOOKINGS: <http://bit.ly/over18doco>

This event is free but bookings are essential



NOTICEBOARD



Aussie Hoops Program-Learn To Play Basketball

8 weeks skills session
Friday Afternoons
4.30-5.30pm
Group Ages:

4-5yrs, 5-8yrs and 9-12yrs
Register Now : aussiehoops.com.au

Queanbeyan Social Basketball Competition Kindy - Year 6

Term 4 Enrolment/ Registration Night

Date: Thursday 18th October 2018
Time: 5-7.30pm

Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
2 Southbar Rd

Further Information

Contact: rosieball1@tpg.com.au
Email: queanbeyanbasketball@gmail.com

Queanbeyan District Cricket Club



QDJCC Registrations are now open for the 2018/19 Cricket season

Ages from 5 to 8 for Woolworths Junior Blasters

Ages from 8 to 10 for Woolworths Master Blasters

U13 All Girls team for QDJCC Juniors

Ages from 10 to 18 for QDJCC Juniors

Simply log onto www.playcricket.com.au to register.

Email: juniors@queanbeyanccricket.com

Queanbeyan Little Athletics Centre

Season starts 20 October, 8.30am
Visit QLAC @ Facebook for more info





Parent Satisfaction Survey

School
Average

Executive Summary

2.4	School is a safe place for my child
2.4	The staff at our school take an interest in my child
2.3	Most teachers in our school make learning really satisfying and engaging for my child
2.1	I am happy with my child's learning progress
2.1	I feel my child is being challenged to improve
2.2	The school communicates clearly that it has high expectations for student attendance, engagement and outcomes
2.3	I would recommend our school to others
2.2	I am happy with the school's facilities
2.3	Our school is well maintained e.g. clean, buildings painted etc
2.2	Communication between the home and school is effective
2.4	I can make contact with my child's teacher or other staff easily
2.3	Our school responds quickly to my concerns
2.3	Parent/teacher conferences are helpful at our school
2.1	Our school's reporting processes give me a good understanding of my child's progress and areas for improvement
2.2	Our school celebrates student achievements
1.9	Our school manages behaviour incidents well
2.2	The use of technology (iPads, computers) enhances my child's learning
2.2	I am happy with my child's access to technology in our school
2.1	Change initiatives are well managed at our school
2.0	Our school has explicit, clearly communicated school-wide targets for improvement
2.1	Our school promotes and sets targets for improving student outcomes
2.3	I feel welcome and a part of our school community
2.3	I have opportunities to be involved in the life of our school
2.3	Catholic religious identity is a strong focus in our school
2.3	Staff, students and parents are actively involved in the prayer life of our school
2.3	There is a strong partnership between the parish/Chaplain and our school
2.1	The School Board/Community Council is effective at our school
2.0	The canteen meets our needs
1.9	One parent contact per year level has been successful.