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Dear Parents,

As we get ready to celebrate **World Teachers' Day** on Friday 29th October 2021, it is time to thank all the teachers at All Hallows!

In what has been another unprecedented year, our teachers and wider school support staff have all continued to show their professionalism and resilience, striving every day to do their best for our students. In celebrating World Teachers' Day this Friday we have the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful work of all teachers in our school. At All Hallows we are really fortunate to have a hard working team that will do anything to support the students in our school. They continually go above and beyond to provide the best opportunities for your children.



A total of \$725 was raised last Friday. Thank you everyone!



Brad Toole
Principal

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land of the Wiradjuri people. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

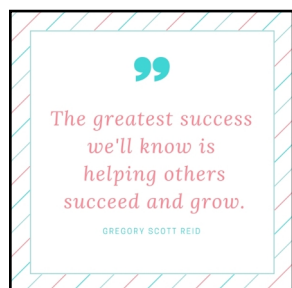
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SCHOOL THEME FOR 2021



FAITH IN THE FUTURE

All Saint's Day - 1st November



Next Monday, All Hallows Catholic School will celebrate our school Feast Day-All Saints Day. All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1.

The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church. The Catholic practice celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

This year it is 138 years since the Sisters of St Joseph first came to Gulgong and started the first Catholic school in Gulgong.

As our 2021 theme suggests this year, we have been focused on having 'Faith in our Future.' In Term 4 we are looking at the SUCCESS we have had during 2021.

We aim to show that we are growing as successful young people and who will become even more successful in the future.

What I Will Be In My Future

For this year, as we are unable to go into the community and SERVE, we will celebrate our school community with activities that serve each other. The day is planned as follows:

10.30am: School Liturgy

11.00am: Morning tea on the front playground

11.30am – 1.00pm Feast Day Festival Fun

1.00pm - Sausage Sizzle lunch provided (free)

(activities provided by each class group for all students).

We look forward to our special Feast Day each year and expect this one to be a fun one.



Swimming For Sport

Swimming for sport will be starting this Wednesday, 3rd of November, in preparation for our Intensive Swimming program later in the term. A reminder that all students must wear appropriate swimwear at school swimming events. Girls should be in one piece costumes or two piece tankini style – no bikinis due to lack of sun protection. Boys need to wear 'speedo' type swimwear and may also wear boardshorts. Rashvests are advised for school sport sessions but not for Intensive Swimming lessons. All students are reminded to pack the following on Wednesdays for the rest of the term.

5 for Swimming

1. Swimmers

2 Towel

3. Sunscreen

4. Hat

5. Bag to carry swim gear in



SWIMSAFE - Intensive Swimming Program

Our Swimsafe – Intensive Swimming Program will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 this term (29th November – 10th December). The All Hallows Swimsafe program aims to improve the standard of swimming in all students Kinder to Year 6. Groups are graded in ability with instruction given to a small group at each level. The students will have a swimming lesson each day for two weeks and this has proven to improve swimming skills, confidence and water safety. Information and permission notes are being sent home with the newsletter today.

Excursions

Unfortunately we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel all excursions for the 2021 school year. Restrictions for schools have not been lifted and there is no guarantee when they will change. We have limited time to plan and prepare for excursions so they have been cancelled. Carolyn and Bec are organising refunds/credits which will be applied to your school fee account. Updated statements will be sent home next week.

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A more comprehensive list of dates for Term 4 will be provided as they are confirmed.

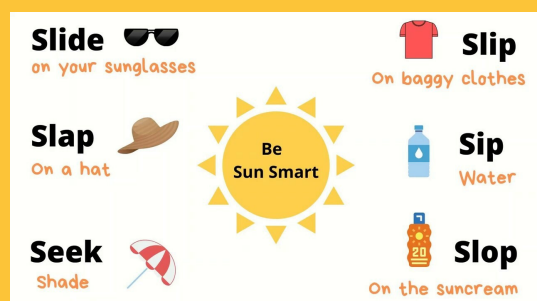
Dates for Term 4

28/10/21	Koala Club #2
1/11/21	All Saints Day
4/11/21	Koala Club #3
11/11/21	Remembrance Day
17/11/21	St Matts Yr 7 Transition
18/11/21	Koala Club #4
29/11/21	Advent Assembly
29/11/21 to	Swimsafe Intensive
10/12/21	swimming
6/12/21	School Captain Voting
7/12/21	Year 6 Farewell Dinner (TBC)
9/12/21	Presentation Night (TBC)
10/12/21	Yr 6 Assembly/Mass (TBC)
13/12/21	Year 6 Day Out (TBC)
15/12/21	Last day of Term

Fortnightly Focus

We are sun-safe when playing

- Wear a hat when outside.
- Apply sunscreen before you leave home and throughout the day.
- If you forget your hat, sit in the shade.
- Please remind your children about packing a drink bottle each day.



Uniforms

Thanks to everyone who is wearing their uniform beautifully every single day. We are proud of you and the pride you are showing in your uniform. I know it has been difficult during lockdown but some students need to start wearing the correct shoes and socks each day. Hairdressers are also open again and available to help people who need to take care of inappropriate haircuts.

Attendance

High attendance rates at school are important and imperative for positive schooling experiences. At All Hallows we aim for all students to have an attendance level of above 90%. We understand that people have valid reasons for their children missing school but this is a reminder that attending school is extremely important. When your child is unable to attend school please email your class teacher and the school office to explain the absence.

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

Koala Club and Transition for 2022

Koala Club continues tomorrow at 9.30am. We are looking forward to welcoming our new kindies for 2022 for the first time. We have some great activities planned for the days and are sure the students will have a great time with Mrs Menchin and Mrs Kelly.





Merit Awards

Week 3



<u>Kinder</u> Iyla F, Reid C, Lincoln D	<u>Year 3/4</u> _Dante W, Lane H, Grace O
<u>Year 1</u> Adalynn H, Charlotte A	<u>Year 5</u> Hunter J
<u>Year 2</u> Grace A, Olivia S, Noah W	<u>Year 6</u> Jackson S, Avalon B

Halo Reward

Olivia, Lexi, Isabelle C, Lane, Flynn, Emily C, Harley, Levi, Pearl, Eleanor

Assembly We will advise when we can begin Assemblies again	Canteen News Canteen open Tuesdays & Thursdays for lunch only
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PARISH NEWS

Follow St **Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church Mudgee** on Facebook to keep up to date with news

Sunday 31st October - Service in the Absence of a Priest @ 10.30am

Gulgong Cemetery Mass - Tuesday 9th November 6.00pm

Kinder 2022

Enrolments for Kinder 2022 are still being taken. We still have some limited availability in some of the other classes. If you know anyone that is interested in enrolling their child for next year please share this information with them and ask them to email b.toole2@bth.catholic.edu.au or call into the office to collect an enrolment pack

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2022?

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

ENROLLING NOW

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GULGONG

Please contact the school to arrange a meeting with the principal and book a school tour.
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