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Dear Parents,

It is crazy to think that we are halfway through Term 4. The year has gone very quickly and we have many things to look forward to coming up at the end of the year.

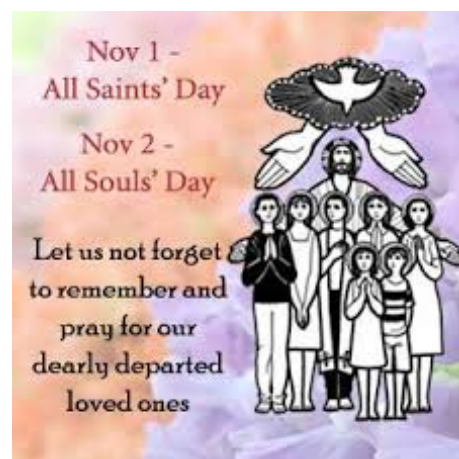
Monday was the Feast of All Saints. We celebrated the feast of All Hallows in our school by holding a liturgy and having a school fun fair. We finished our 'Fun Fair' with a sausage sizzle and an ice block. It was a very special day and the kids loved celebrating all the saints that we look up to and try to live our lives according to their values.

As the weather is warming up, it is important to ensure your child has sunscreen on every day and is wearing their hats both to and from school. Please ensure that they are bringing enough water to get them through the day well hydrated.

I will be away tomorrow and Friday at a Principal's Meeting in Orange. Sarah and Kylie will be running the school in my absence should you need to speak to someone.

Regards,

Brad



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.

And the news this week is...

SCHOOL THEME FOR 2021



FAITH IN THE FUTURE

The theme/focus for 2021 is based on the NCES 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia theme. "Faith in the Future" This term our focus is **SUCCEED**

All Saints' Day

What a wonderful day we had on Monday celebrating our school Feast Day- All Saints Day

It has been 138 years since the Sisters of St Joseph first came to Gulgong and started the first Catholic school in Gulgong.

Students led the Liturgy for All Saints which included each class placing their class canvas representing 'Faith in our Future' at All Hallows School. Following the Liturgy, everyone celebrated with activities at our Feast Day Festival. This was an opportunity to serve each other and have fun. It was a wonderful day.

First Holy Communion

Mass this Sunday 7th November, 2021 - 10.30am

All **candidates** are asked to assemble in the school hall at **10.15am**. Other family members will need to take their seats in the church. Each family has their pew reserved at the front of the church. The candidates



should be dressed in neat clothes and will wear a white gown to represent them receiving the their First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to Henry, Lilah, Sophia and Arabella.

Mass at Cemetery to Pray for Deceased Loved Ones

The month of November is the traditional season for us to prayerfully remember all those who have gone before us 'marked by the sign of faith.'

During November we are asked to especially pray for these people and care for those who are grieving their loss. Once again this year, a Parish Mass will be held at the Gulgong Cemetery on Tuesday 9th November at 6.00pm. Please bring a chair/rug to sit on.

First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated this term for Year 2 students, or older baptised children who have not yet received this sacrament. **A Parent Meeting for all children making their First Reconciliation this year will be held in the church next Tuesday 9th November at 3.30pm.** If you know of any family whose children are Catholic and who would be interested in having their child receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please do not hesitate to pass this information on. We are happy to assist any child wishing to make their Sacraments.

Swimming For Sport

Swimming for sport will be **every Wednesday**, 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. Please return the permission notes by this Friday 5th November.

Dates for Term 4

4/11/21	Koala Club #3
11/11/21	Koala Club #4
11/11/21	Remembrance Day
17/11/21	St Matts Yr 7 Transition
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

Gulgong High School Year 7 Orientation

Our Year 6 students going onto Gulgong High School will continue preparing for their high school futures with a visit to Gulgong High School today. The students will take a tour and participate in some orientation activities between 11.15am – 12.30pm. This will be followed up with a FULL DAY of Orientation on Tuesday 23rd November, 2021 (Wk 8)

Fortnightly Focus

We show respect to our school environment.

Important points for students:

- * Pick up lunch boxes and drink bottles
- * Keep our areas tidy by putting litter in the **CORRECT** bin
- * Treat our flora with respect i.e not pulling branches or playing in gardens.
- * Show initiative, if you see rubbish in the playground, pick it up yourself, don't wait for someone else to do it.



School Fee Refunds

We have completed the refunds for excursions that did not go ahead this year due to Covid restrictions which were included in your school fees. Updated fee statements are coming home today. If your account is now in credit due to these refunds and you would like the excess payment returned to you, please contact the office and speak to Bec or Carolyn.

Summer Sports Trials

The Bathurst Diocesan Summer Sports Trials for 2021 will be held in **Dubbo on **Wednesday 1st December, 2021** and are open to all students in Yr 4 and Yr 5.

These trials are used to select members for the Bathurst Diocesan team to compete at the Polding selection Trials in 2022 for basketball, tennis, touch footy and softball. Students wishing to trial **MUST** display a **HIGH** standard of **ABILITY** in these sports to warrant being sent to the trials. They should be involved in **REGULAR COMPETITION** and have a **SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE RULES** of the game.

Any student wishing to attend the Summer Sports Trials will need to see Ms Statham for a permission note by next Tuesday 9th November, 2021

***As with many events this year it is important to note that this may change if we don't come out of Level 3 restrictions. This event may need to be delayed until we are back to Level 2. Hopefully this is soon!!! Under Level 3 we aren't allowed to run interschool Trials.*

Scholastic Book Club

Term 4 brochures are coming home today. Orders are **due in by next Wednesday 10th November**. There are lots of great ideas for Christmas so please have a look through and get your orders in asap.



If parents/grandparents would like to order for gifts, please make sure you tick the 'Gift Order' box if ordering on-line through the Scholastic LOOP system and let us know at the office and we will make sure we keep them aside for you.

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 4

<u>Kinder</u> Aubrey L, Hunter D, Ruby T	<u>Year 3/4</u> _Patrick F, Tommy W, Sophia B
<u>Year 1</u> Lara P, Eloise B	<u>Year 5</u> Isabella C
<u>Year 2</u> Lexi W, Grace A	<u>Year 6</u> Willow G, Will W

Halo Reward

Pat, Grace O, Frank, Sarah, Pippa, Cooper, Beau, Lani, Lara, Penie

Assembly

We will advise when we can begin Assemblies again

Canteen News

Canteen open Tuesdays & Thursdays for lunch only

PARISH NEWS

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

First Holy cCommunion Mass - Sunday 7th November at 10.30am

Gulgong Cemetery Mass - Tuesday 9th November at 6.00pm

