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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 2 at All Hallows. We have a busy week this week with our Swimming Carnival being held today and the Opening Liturgy tomorrow. I am very grateful that we were able to come together as a school community today (in a socially distanced manner). My appreciation to Kylie Statham for all her hard work in putting together the swimming carnival today.

Our parent meetings that were scheduled for next week have unfortunately been postponed. Teachers will be putting together Parent Information booklets that will come home next week. It will give you an outline of what will be happening in your child's class, routine, structures and expectations. Teachers will also outline how you might be able to be involved in your child's education and support from home. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher via email.

The relationship between the teacher and parent is vital to improving the learning outcomes and school experience of your children. The role of schools is to work in partnership with parents to provide an environment that encourages students to connect with each other and their community, so they can succeed and thrive.

We will hopefully be able to have parents involved in every aspect of the school community again soon. We will be organising our P&F AGM as soon as restrictions allow meetings to take place on school grounds.

Brad Toole, Principal

Be at the heart of your child's learning.



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 2022 is:



SHARE THE SPIRIT OF THE ALL HALLOWS COMMUNITY

The VALUE we are focusing on for the next two weeks is *Belonging*.

Belonging is a sense of fitting in or feeling like you are an important member of a group. A close school community can give its members a strong sense of belonging. A feeling of belonging describes the sense of truly fitting in and being accepted for who you are.

It is a sense of acceptance, inclusion, and place in the group.

We pray this week that we will all make each other feel that they BELONG here at All Hallows Catholic School.

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of our school community.

Thank you for the teachers who care for us and help us learn.

Thank you for the friends who help us to know that we belong.

By our words and actions may we show each other that they belong in the All Hallows family.

Amen

DIOCESAN CRICKET AND SOFTBALL TRIALS

The Diocese of Bathurst will be conducting Cricket & Softball selection trials in Dubbo on Thursday, 10th March 2022 (backup Thursday, 24th March). These Trials are for students in Years 5/6.

As this is a representative pathway trial, the students must display a high standard of ability in their chosen sport 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. The girls will be playing with a normal cricket ball and thus should be used to this form of competition.

If you would like your child to attend this trial please send a note to Ms Statham to receive an information package. Students attending these trials will travel with their parents.

OPENING LITURGY

I'd like to thank Kylie Statham for her organisation of our 'Opening Liturgy' tomorrow. Year 6 students will be presented with their 'Leadership Badges'. Year 6 parents are invited to join for the liturgy. Please sign in, sanitise, sit in the designated area and socially distance yourself from one another. I've been very impressed with the leadership qualities that Year 6 have shown in the first few weeks of school and look forward to working with them throughout 2022. In particular, the care they have shown their Kinder 'Buddies' has been amazing and the relationship they are developing with one another is really special to see.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees will be invoiced later this month and will come home via your child. Your invoice will show the full year, but can be paid by installments either by the term (Bpay) or by making regular weekly or fortnightly payments via direct debit. Direct debit forms are available at the office. Families already on direct debit will find their payments resume this month. We will contact families who need to increase/decrease their payments to cover 2022 fees. If you have any questions in relation to fees or would like to discuss payment plans, please do not hesitate to contact us. Families on direct debit will find their payments resume this month. We will contact families who need to increase/decrease their payments to cover 2022 fees.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Sarah and Mark Buckle and their family on the passing of Sarah's mum Robin Roberts on Sunday night. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

WELCOME

The beginning of a school year always brings a sense of excitement as we welcome new students and families into our school. Along with all our new Kinder students/families we would like to welcome the Forrester family. Welcome to the All Hallows and Gulgong community Tiffinie, Christopher, Aiden (Yr1) and Mitchell (Yr 6).

KEY DATES FOR TERM ONE

Key dates for events that we have planned on the calendar.

31/01/22	Years 1-6 Return and Kinder Best Start
1/02/22	Kinder Best Start
2/02/22	Kinder First Day
3/02/22	Dio Touch Summer Trials
4/02/22	Dio Tennis Summer Trials
9/02/22	Swimming Carnival (Daytime Carnival)
10/02/22	Beginning of School Liturgy
23/02/22	Northern Region Swimming Carnival
2/03/22	Ash Wednesday Mass
9/03/22	Dio Swim Carnival
10/03/22	Dio Softball & Cricket Summer Trials
14-18/03/22	Catholic Schools Week
17/03/22	St Patrick's Day
23/3/22	School Cross Country
24/3/22	School Photos
6/04/22	Holy Week Liturgy
8/04/22	Last day of term

ROUND 2 RAT TEST COLLECTION

We have received our next allocation of RAT Tests. This time they will come in a box of seven tests per student. This will cover us for three and a half weeks should the guidelines remain the same and that we need to continue testing.

We will send the box of seven tests home with your child on Thursday afternoon. Should you prefer to collect the test in person please come to the office on Thursday or email Bec in the office.

UNIFORM

Congratulations to all our students who have been looking amazing in their uniform to start the year. I've had numerous qualities about how great the students are looking at the moment. Keep up the great work!

SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE

We are pleased to let you know that we will again have a school counsellor available every second Thursday during 2022. If you wish for your child to engage in these services this year please contact your child's teacher and Rebecca Stubbs to organise a referral form to be filled out. Forms will be available in the office.

DECLARATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

A form will go home today with your child regarding Declaration for Volunteers Exempt From Working With Children's Check Numbers. This form is a Diocese requirement for all parents and family relatives ie Grandparents, who wish to assist at the school in any form e.g. Sports Carnivals, Travel to events, Reading etc. We request that all care givers fill out this form and return it to school.

Welcome Kinder 2022





Merit Awards



Week 2

<u>Kinder</u> Rosie B, Oliver W	<u>Year 3</u> Noah W, Dylan M
<u>Year 1</u> Ruby T, Joe H, Aiden F	<u>Year 4</u> Sophia W, Ambrose C
<u>Year 2</u> Charlotte A, Hartley S, Maddison P-H	<u>Year 5/6</u> Conner J, Mitchell F

<u>Assembly</u> We will advise when we can begin Parent Assemblies again	<u>Canteen News</u> Canteen open Tuesdays and Thursdays Volunteers needed! - Please let us know if you would like to help out in Canteen this year.
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	<u>PARISH NEWS</u> Parish Mass each Sunday at 10.30am
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***How Many
Muscles In The Human Body ??***

**Book A Table For The
HEART  GULGONG
of**

***Fun Trivia Night
Sat 26th February 2022
At Gulgong Bowling Club
6.30pm Start
Supporting
Heart of Gulgong***

- Tables of 8
- Quizmaster Alan Walker
- Lots of fun ... Prizes
- Raffles and auction.

***Get A Table Of Heartbeaters ... Together and Book
At Gulgong Bowling Club***

Or contact McGregor Real Estate for more Info!

Answer ... Over 600 muscles and the Heart muscles are so important