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Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 3!

By now you are probably well aware that we have now well and truly seen the impact of the Covid virus on our school in the past week. Our infants classes in particular have been seriously affected in the course of the last few days.

Our school currently has Covid adjustments in place to protect students while learning, which include:

- *Ensuring all staff are vaccinated*
- *Regular testing of both students and staff*
- *Arrangements of students in cohort groups*
- *The use of masks*
- *Maximising the use of ventilation in rooms*
- *Increased hand washing, sanitising and cleaning*
- *Restrictions relating to visitors to All Hallows*
- *Risk assessment for specific activities*

Should your child or family become affected by Covid, we have plans in place and our staff have been really flexible in adjusting plans on the run. We are more than happy to help families affected by Covid in any possible. If you are in isolation and need supplies, groceries or RAT tests, please contact the school and we will organise to get them to you.

Due to Covid restrictions, our Parent Information Sessions have been cancelled. Class teachers will be sending home the information in booklet form on Friday.



*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.

And the news this week is...

School Theme for 2022 is:



**"SHARE THE SPIRIT
OF THE
ALL HALLOWS COMMUNITY"**

These words were said as we received our class candle at our first All Hallows School Community Liturgy for 2022.

We welcomed for the first time, our new kinders, our new students in other grades and our new staff, Georgia Anderson, Gabi Russell, Glynis Hensley and Tamara Morrison.

It was lovely to have all our students, teachers and Year 6 parents returning for another year of learning and growing together. Father Owen was able to join us and bless our leaders, their badges and class candles.

This year we will be focusing on learning and living the values of .. *Belonging - Enthusiasm - Respect - Communication - Friendliness - Teamwork - Faith - Care - Generosity - Responsibility - Honesty - Being Inclusive - Forgiveness - Charity - Inspiring Others and Thoughtfulness.*

We look forward in anticipation of what, with God's grace, we can achieve this year.

By our words and actions - we will **"Share the Spirit"**



School Review

This term our school will be having a School Review. This occurs every five years and will be conducted by the Catholic Education Office in Bathurst. They then report to NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) as part of our registration process.

Review elements include: curriculum provisions, grounds, students, safety and staff, student and parent satisfaction. While the preparation can be somewhat daunting, it is a great opportunity to showcase our school and what we have to offer. We will keep you informed of the process in the coming weeks.

Home Pickup Procedures

A reminder about parent pickup procedures:

When the bell goes, children wait on the basketball court near the gate. **A parent must come and collect the students from our gate.** It is important that the students say goodbye to the teacher at the gate and let them know who they are leaving the school grounds with.

If crossing the roads, please use the crossing to ensure safety for all pedestrians. The roads around the school are very congested at pickup time and we need everyone to be vigilant and follow these procedures carefully.

It is a school rule that students leave in their full school uniform including their hat and have their shirts tucked in.

Swimming Carnival

A huge thank you to all the families who gathered to cheer on our students at the School Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. It was a warm start, but a perfect day for our students who competed in a spirit of sportsmanship, fun and friendship. We can be very proud of each and every child who swam in a race, no matter the distance. Many students swam in events for the first time with a number of PB's during the day.

An event like this can only happen with the support and effort of the whole school community who work together to do their part - students, parents and staff. We are grateful for your involvement.

KEY DATES FOR TERM ONE

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



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

Many thanks to Mary Freestone and the staff at Gulgong Pool for their help in running the carnival. Their support is appreciated.

The results from the carnival show just how close the competition was between the Houses again this year. Congratulations to CARMEL House - winners of the carnival this year.

Age champion medals will be presented at assembly in the coming weeks.

Northern Region Swimming Carnival

From our carnival, a team has been selected to represent All Hallows at the Northern Region Swimming Carnival to be held in Mudgee next Wednesday. Information notes went home yesterday and we ask that the permission/travel slips be filled in and sent back with the levy by this Friday.

We wish our swimmers well and thank them for representing our school so proudly. Mr Toole and Mrs Kelly will accompany the team to Mudgee. We look forward to hearing your results.

Good luck - Nikko, Harley, Hunter J, Bailey, Cooper S, Will D, Emily M, Emily C, Isabella, Grace A, Arabella, Sophia B, Pat, Noah T, Jake, Tommy W, Sophia W, Anna and Lilah.

Volunteer Declaration Forms

Last week we sent home some Volunteer Declaration Forms.

We are asking all parents to fill these out in case there are any events you wish to volunteer to help out with in 2022. Even if you have a WWCC, we are asking you to complete this form and send it back as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance with this task.

Students Arriving Late

Just a friendly reminder that if your child arrives for school after the bell at 9.00am, you must sign them in at the front office.



Merit Awards



Week 3

<u>Kinder</u> Oliver W, Rosie B	<u>Year 3</u> Grace A, Noah T, Pippa L
<u>Year 1</u> Wayne G, Brycen B, Lincoln D	<u>Year 4</u> Sophia B, Grace O
<u>Year 2</u> Taylah B, Ivy G, Eloise B	<u>Year 5/6</u> Emily M, Cooper S

Assembly

We will advise when we can begin Parent Assemblies again

Canteen News

Canteen open Tuesdays and Thursdays
Volunteers needed! - Please let us know if you would like to help out in Canteen this year.



PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass each Sunday at 10.30am

Sunday 20th Feb - Service in the Absence of a Priest @ 10.30am

Gulgong JRL are holding a meet and greet for those interested in playing Junior Rugby League. Held at Billy Dunn Oval at **4pm Thursday the 17th**. Training will commence for those registered players.

