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Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 5!!



All Hallows continues to be a hive of activity with a number of events taking place both in and out of the classroom in the coming weeks. I was very proud to see so many students representing our school with such enthusiasm at the Northern Region Swimming Carnival in Mudgee last week. Our school spirit was definitely evident as students cheered on their friends in every event.

This week we celebrate a number of events in the Religious life of our school. We had a range of activities for Shrove Tuesday yesterday, Ash Wednesday Mass today and we are very pleased that parents are able to join us at these events again.

Last week you received a memo notifying you that most Covid restrictions are easing. Most importantly parents are able to join us inside the school gates again. We would love to see the parents inside the school gates at the end of the day waiting to collect your children. Parents are more than welcome to come and sit on the seats on the front playground from 3.00 o'clock onwards to wait for their children.

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"

Value – Enthusiasm

To be enthusiastic is to show eager enjoyment, interest, or approval in what we are doing. When we live the enthusiastic value we see opportunities not barriers. We feel like we can achieve anything and have fun in the process. What's more, enthusiasm is infectious. It's our gift to others to motivate them and lift their spirits.



This week we have had the added enthusiasm of our Loreto visitors as they join us in our work, play and prayer. We are grateful for their interest in visiting us and proud to share our All Hallows Spirit with them. To be enthusiastic is such an important value to uphold because of its impact on the wellbeing of the individual and everyone around them. This week, may we bring the enthusiasm for each other.

Lent



Today our school community gathered at mass for Ash Wednesday – the beginning of **Lent**. **Lent** is a six week period of preparation for **Easter**, ending in Holy

Week. This season of Lent we are asked to **FAST, PRAY** and **GIVE** to others.

Project Compassion boxes went home today to each family. We are hoping to fill the large Project Compassion box at the front office by the end of Lent.

Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "For all future generations". You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable

communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2022 will be held from 14th to 18th March (Week 7, Term 1 in NSW). The main aim of CSW is to raise public awareness of the wonderful opportunities that Catholic schools provide, and to celebrate our history, our distinctiveness and our many achievements. The theme for CSW 2022 will be '**Experience the Spirit of Community**'. This theme will allow us to continue to incorporate our school theme this year – "**Share the Spirit of All Hallows**". CSW is also about strengthening relationships among all who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community. We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage from its early Josephite beginnings 139 years ago, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school.

This is what the week looks like:

- Mon 14/3-** Liturgy 10.00am
Morning Tea
Open Classrooms
- Tue 15/3** Enrichment Day
Mufti Day
- Wed 16/3** STEM afternoon
- Thur 17/3** St Patricks Day
Lunchtime Disco
Rugby League David Peachey /
Russell Richardson Cup
- Fri 18/3** Lunch on the Lawn
Dio Winter Sports Trials

Northern Region Swimming

Congratulations to Nikko Anderson who will represent Northern Region at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival next Wednesday 9th March, 2022. We wish Nikko all the best and look forward to hearing about his day.

Dio Winter Sports Trials

Notes have been given out this week for those students interested in attending Winter Sport selection trials in Bathurst on Friday 18h March for

KEY DATES FOR TERM ONE

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

9/03/22	Dio Swim Carnival
10/03/22	Dio Softball & Cricket Summer Trials
10 & 11/3	Principals Meeting
14-18/03/22	Catholic Schools Week
18/3/22	Dio Winter Trials
17/03/22	St Patrick's Day
24/3/22	School Photos
25/3/22	School Cross Country
29-30/3	School Review
29/3	Moorambilla Choir
31/3	P & F Meeting 3.30pm
4/4/22	Staff Inservice - PUPIL FREE
6/04/22	Holy Week Liturgy
8/4/22	Easter Hat Parade
8/04/22	Last day of Term 1
Term 2	
25/4/22	ANZAC Day
26/4/22	Term 2 Begins
26/4/22	ANZAC Liturgy
27/4/22	Yr 6 Leaders Day Dubbo
29/4/22	Polding Winter Trials
3/5/22	Dio Cross Country Coolah
4-6/5	Christian Living Camp Yr 6
6/5/22	Mothers Day Liturgy & High Tea

Soccer, Rugby League (Open & U11) and Netball Students are to **register on the CSNSW Sport website** and **return the permission slip** to Ms Statham by **Friday 11th March**.

Other Trials this year are in Cricket and Rugby Union.

These Trials are for students in Years 5 and 6 who play the sport competitively and to a very high standard. **Cricket** selection trials in Dubbo on Thursday, 10th March 2022 **Rugby Union** in Bathurst on Friday, 27th May 2022.

Rapid Antigen Tests

This afternoon your child will come home with their last allocation of RAT Tests. These are to be used if your child starts to develop symptoms. Once your tests have been used it will be the parent's responsibility to source any extra tests that are needed.

Volunteer Declaration Forms

Two weeks ago we sent home some Volunteer Declaration Forms. We are asking all parents to fill these out in case there are any events you volunteer to help out throughout 2022. Even if you have a WWCC we are asking you to complete the form and send it back as soon as possible. Thanks for your assistance with this task.

P&F Meeting

Our first P&F Meeting was held on Monday. There was a fantastic roll up of parents and plenty of great ideas were discussed. I'm pleased to announce our P&F Executive for 2022 will be:

President: Dave O'Rourke

Secretary: Tegan Large

Treasurer: Kaylene Wisby

I have full confidence that the executive team along with the support of the staff and parent body are in for an amazing year full of fundraising and great school events.

Next Meeting: Thursday 31st March 3.30pm.

Our key events that will be organised this year include:

- Henry Lawson Festival (11th June)
- Trivia Night (Term 3)
- 2 Street Stalls
- Raffles - Easter Raffle (1 more TBC)
- Pie Drive (Term 2)

There will be other things coordinated at other times.

Loretto Normanhurst Visit Week 5

This week we have been joined here at All Hallows by nine Year 10 students and one teacher from Loreto Normanhurst in Sydney.

As a boarding school with many students from rural communities in NSW, Loreto Normanhurst is committed to fostering a sense of community between rural and metro communities. The primary aim is to do this through developing the understanding of students from all schools involved in the partnership through an exposure to differing lifestyles. Our students thoroughly enjoy the visit and enjoy having the opportunity to talk to the girls from Sydney. They will have their final day with us tomorrow. We thank the girls for their contribution for our school and look forward to the visit again next year.

Rugby League

This Year All Hallows will be entering the Russell Richardson (yr 3/4) and David Peachey Sheild (yr5/6). We will be taking teams to Dunedoo. Mr Rogers and Mr Toole will be taking the Rugby League teams and will begin training them in teamwork and skills next week. All training is teaching the "Playsafe" code of play. An information note will come home this week. As this training will involve tackling, it would be advisable for any child planning to play Rugby League for the school to **organise their mouthguard now**. No mouthguards means they cannot practice tackles - major component. The carnival is set for Thursday 17th March 2022.

School Review

In Week 9 a team from the Bathurst CEDB will be onsite completing our 5 Year Review process. On Tuesday 29th March there will be a parent focus group meeting in the school hall or library (depending on numbers). This will be conducted at 2.45pm and would be great if you could come along. It will be a chance for you to share with the Diocesan Office the strengths of our school but also any areas you feel that we could strengthen in the future. We would love to have a strong roll up of parents for this meeting.

Student Late Arrivals/Early Pick-ups

Our school day **begins at 9.00am** and **finishes at 3.20pm** and all students are expected to be at school 4

during these hours.

Our Compass Kiosk is available in the office and parents must sign in late arrivals or sign out for early pick-ups.

We remind parents that a **valid reason** must be entered. Eg Doctor/Dentist appointment.

Unfortunately we cannot accept 'leave early' 'going home' 'slept in' etc. These reasons will be entered as unjustified absences.

If your child is away from school for any reason, a note explaining their absence must be emailed or sent in to the class teacher within 5 days.

Bookclub

Scholastic Book Club brochures are coming home today. Orders are due in by Friday 11th March. You can order online through the Scholastic LOOP system or send in order form and cash payment to the school office.

Swimming Age Champions

Junior Age Champions:

Grace A & Noah T / Tommy W

11 Years Champion:

Will D

Senior Age Champions:

Emily M & Nikko A

Student Wellbeing Tips

It is important that we give our kids the tools to have good mental health, be happy and ready to learn. Ultimately it is just as important to look after our minds as it is our body.





Merit Awards



Week 5

<u>Kinder</u> Angus A, Ruby P-H	<u>Year 3</u> Frank K, Olivia S, Pippa L
<u>Year 1</u> Hamish B, Jack B, Amelia S	<u>Year 4</u> Henry B, Pearl O
<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 5/6</u> Harley P, Will D, Conner J

<u>Assembly</u> We will advise when Parent Assemblies will begin again	<u>Canteen News</u> Canteen open Tuesdays and Thursdays
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PARISH NEWS

We Welcome Fr Thao to the Parish communities of Gulgong, Mudgee & Kandos/Rylstone
 Parish Mass each Sunday at 10.30am



Love horses?

Why not come along and learn how to ride and enjoy all kinds of sports connected with horses and riding.

Gulgong and Districts Pony Club meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at Gulgong Pony Club, Barney's Reef Road.

All welcome and you can use your active kids voucher towards the fees. Join at <https://pca.justgo.com>

