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Term 1 Week 7

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate and give thanks to God for Catholic Schools, especially our own school, All Hallows.

During this week the students, staff, parents, grandparents and the people of the Parish will show in lots of different ways that they are proud of our school. It is good to celebrate who we are and what we do. The theme of Catholic Schools Week this year is 'Experience the Spirit of Community.' At All Hallows we believe that it is the students that are the heart, inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. In order for a human heart to function effectively all of it's parts need to work together.

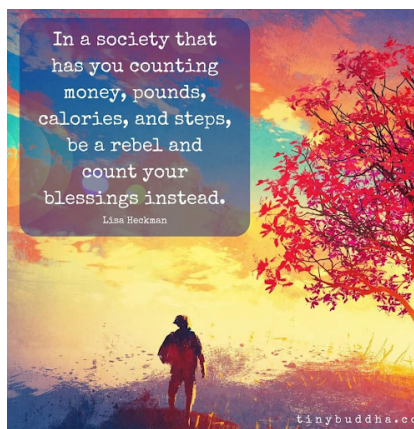
We are so very lucky at our school to have so many people working together, Fr Owen, Fr Thao, our staff, our parents, grandparents and friends in order for the heart of our school, the students to receive the best Catholic education that they can. I'm often asked why do you teach in a Catholic School or what makes a catholic school so great,

The answer is quite easy to explain:

- *Everything we do is Christ-centred*
- *We provide a quality holistic based education that encourages students to live life to the full*
- *Catholic schools emphasise personal and social development to help students thrive in an ever-changing world.*
- *Our school environment is welcoming and inclusive*
- *The relationships and partnership with parents*

As I was preparing for the Catholic Schools Week Liturgy I was thinking about how grateful I am to be able to be a part of the All Hallows community. Please enjoy the rest of Catholic Schools Week and I hope that everyone enjoys coming together on Friday for the 'Lunch on the lawn'.

*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"**

This week our school community celebrates Catholic Schools Week and especially our Catholic School and its 139 year presence in Gulgong.



Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: 'Experience the Spirit of Community'. The MacMillan Dictionary defines school spirit as "the feeling of being proud and enthusiastic about the school that you go to." This is what we are all about this week and what a wonderful opportunity we had on Monday with our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, Morning Tea and Open Classrooms. The enthusiasm, kindness, reverence and generosity were there for all to see. Thankyou to all those who could join us and especially Fr Thao, for his wonderful homily and the enthusiasm he brings to our celebrations.

It has been wonderful to see families embrace this week as an opportunity to also recognise and celebrate the Catholic faith. This can be done in small ways, by asking your child about their involvement in the Catholic Schools Week activities at school, praying before meals or before bed throughout the week or attending Mass on Sunday as a family.

Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion. As an entire school community, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of All Hallows Catholic School.

Dear Lord, we give you thanks and praise for our wonderful school family.

Thank you for my family at home and all of my friends. We ask you to bless us with hope for a bright future. Amen.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Biru 30yrs - lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for

him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way ***For All Future Generations.***

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love.

Pope Francis, 2017 Lenten Message

RUGBY LEAGUE DUNEDOO

Bus Departure - Bus will leave from school at 8.00am and return for end of day pick up. If travelling with parents we need boys in Years 5/6 at the ground by 8.50am and boys in Years 3/4 at the ground by 9.20am. This will allow us time to get organised and hand out footy gear.

Draw - Each team will play four 20min games. It is a Round Robin and there are no winners announced on the day.

Clothes - We will provide a jumper, shorts and socks in Dunedoo. **Please wear sports uniform to the ground.**

Bring - Footy boots, headgear, **mouthguard, water bottles (x2 or 3) and food for the day.** There will

KEY DATES FOR TERM ONE

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

14-18/03/22	Catholic Schools Week
18/3/22	Dio Winter Trials
17/03/22	St Patrick's Day
23/3/22	School Cross Country
24/3/22	School Photos
29-30/3	School Review
29/3	Moorambilla Choir
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

also be a canteen operating on the day.

If you have any further questions please contact Brad or Beau at school. We are looking forward to a great day of footy.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Friday seven of our Primary boys will travel to Bathurst to trial in Rugby League as part of the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials. We wish Cooper, Hunter, Nikko, Harley, Will, Pat and Jake best of luck.

CROSS COUNTRY CHANGE OF DATE

Our school cross country carnival will be **now held on** it's original date of **next Wednesday 23rd March at Red Hill** not the Friday 25th as previously advised in last week's newsletter. The day clashed with some meetings for staff that have been rescheduled. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Key times: (all approximate guidelines)

Students will leave school and walk to Red Hill: 11.30am

Walk the course: 11.45am

Races: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Walk back to school: In time for lunch

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thanks for joining in our activities so far this week. We will conclude with our Lunch on the lawn on **Friday at 1pm**. Please feel free to come along and have lunch with the kids. This will be a great way to finish. Check out our Facebook page for lots of photos on the fun we are having this week.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 4th April will be a Pupil Free Day for our students. This is the last Monday of this term in Week 10. Our staff will be attending a day in Mudgee with Andrew Fuller who is a Behaviour Psychologist. Our staff are looking forward to working with Andrew on the day and continuing our learning.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Just giving you all some advanced warning that we will be having an Easter Hat Parade this year on the last day of Term 1 - 8th April. Time is yet to be confirmed but we will be having a hat parade. Children will make their own hats at home and bring them in on the day to wear. We will keep you updated with details as the end of the term draws closer.





SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be held on **Thursday 24th March in Week 8 this term**. Information on how to order the photos went home last week.

Please contact the school office should you have any questions.

St PATRICK'S DAY

St Patrick's Day is a special time on our Church calendar where we celebrate the Patron Saint of Ireland. I feel like the world could do with some luck and kindness right now so I urge you all to pray to St Patrick this week to send us down some much needed luck for the remainder of 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 it 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. Please email the office if you are able to attend.

ZIPPER TIES

In Term 2 we will move into our Winter uniform including the school tie.

We have received our order of new 'zipper' ties and these are available for purchase from the school office. The old style ties are still able to be purchased and worn, the zipper ties are an alternative, particularly for our infants students.

Zipper Tie \$15.00 (one size fits all)

Junior Tie \$12.00 (on elastic)

Senior Tie \$12.00

Our Kinder students will be given a zipper tie as part of their welcome gift from the P & F. These will come home next week.

READING AT HOME TIPS

There is no magical formula for learning to read. Children learn in their own time according to their own pace. There is no critical age when all children should have mastered reading. When children are learning to walk and talk, we accept different levels of progress – it is the same with learning to read and write. Children need ongoing quality experiences with books. Providing a regular reading routine at home assists children in their quest for reading success.

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PRINCE OF WALES EISTEDDFOD 2022

COMMENCES:

(Subject to Entrant Numbers)

SPEECH: 20th – 22nd MAY 2022

MUSIC: 25th – 27th MAY 2022

DANCE: 27th MAY – 1st JUNE 2022

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The Eisteddfod is **OPEN to ALL** and is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a range of arts alongside others of your same age or ability, **including beginners!**

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Covid sidelined our local Eisteddfod for two years, along with many regular lessons and rehearsals. It will be wonderful for soloists, groups, choirs and bands to have the opportunity to perform once again.

COME AND HAVE A GO!!

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ENTRIES CLOSE

MUSIC: Fri 8th April 2022

SPEECH & DANCE: Fri 22nd April 2022

(NOTE: Late entries will not be accepted unless approved by the convenor. Late fees will apply)

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Further Information:

Like us on Facebook:

- Gulgong Prince of Wales Eisteddfod
- Gulgong Eisteddfod – Music

The **2022 Syllabus** and **Entry Link** are available on Facebook and our website:

www.gulgongeisteddfod.com.

Preferred entry for **Dance** and **Speech** is via:

<http://www.stardom.com.au>

(Where the 2022 Syllabus can also be accessed)

Entry for **Music** is via Comps-Online:

[Gulgong Prince of Wales Eisteddfod Enter Online](http://www.gulgongprinceofwales.com.au)

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MUSIC CONCERT: Friday 27th May 2022 – 7pm

Tickets available at the door

\$10 Adults ~ \$5 Seniors ~ Children Free



Merit Awards

**WELL
DONE**

Week 7

<u>Kinder</u> Aaron B, Adeline O	<u>Year 3</u> Lexi W, Brooklyn H, Dylan M, Grace A
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 4</u> Sophia B, Lane H
<u>Year 2</u> Oliver K, Anna T, Liam J	<u>Year 5/6</u>

Halos : , Henry B, Joe, Brooklyn, Ruby T, Dylan M, Hartley, Sophia B, Tia, Sarah

Assembly

We will advise when we can begin Parent Assemblies again

Canteen News

Canteen open Tuesdays and Thursdays



Parish News

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

Colourful Recovery

In conjunction with Resilience NSW, Mudgee Arts Precinct invites you to join them for a

COMMUNITY DAY TO CREATE, LEARN AND CONNECT

- Exhibition - Linda Jackson: Retreat, Regeneration, Reflection
- Art activities with Linda Jackson (perfect for kids)
- Connect with emergency and recovery services and learn about available resources
- Information and fun bag for kids

WHEN Sat 19 March 2022

TIME 9am – 1pm

WHERE Mudgee Arts Precinct
90 Market St Mudgee

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Mudgee Arts Precinct Cultural team
ph: 02 6378 2850 email: map@midwestern.nsw.gov.au



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Bushfire: it's not all black

