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Catholic Schools Week 2022

"Experience the Spirit of Community"

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What a wonderful week we had to celebrate our Catholic School. Our students certainly brought to life our AHS Value of being "Enthusiastic". The celebration of Catholic Schools Week has been a great opportunity to acknowledge the role our school has in challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. The activities of the week allowed the community to come together in this common goal. Time was also taken to ensure all members of the school community recognised the great things our school does every day.

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our Liturgy, CSW Morning Tea, Open Classrooms, STEM afternoon, Rugby League and Lunch on the Lawn during CSW.

We are very proud of the way our students represented us with pride over the week and look forward to our next one in 2023 when our school celebrates 140 years of Catholic Education in Gulgong. There are some great photos of our week on our Facebook page - All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong

Some tips to help your child succeed at school:

- Read books everyday! You can read to your child or have your child read to you. This fosters a love of reading for your kids.
- Create a positive and consistent after school routine.
- Encouragement! Give your child the opportunity to excel in all areas of their school life.
- Be positive about all aspects of the school. Even if you don't always agree with certain decisions the school makes, it is important to speak positively about school, learning, and your child's work. Parents and teachers must present a united front to the kids at all times.
- Enforce healthy habits. You can't perform well when you don't feel good. Appropriate bedtime, plenty of sleep, healthy breakfast, healthy lunchbox, encourage exercise and limit screen time.
- Teach your child to be responsible for their actions and take pride in all they do.
- Be involved. Ask your child about their day.
- Communication with the school and class teachers is paramount to improving the learning outcomes of the students of All Hallows.



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"

RESPECTFUL: The VALUE we are focusing on for the next two weeks is being *Respectful*.

Being respected by important people in our lives growing up, teaches us how to be respectful toward others. Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them. Respect in your relationships builds feelings of trust, safety and wellbeing. This week we learnt about the importance of Harmony Day and this fits in very well with our value of being Respectful. Harmony Day, which is observed each year on March 21, celebrates diversity, aiming to foster inclusiveness, respect and the idea that people of all cultures can make a valuable contribution to society. We all have something interesting and authentic to bring to the table. This week we encourage everyone to value the importance of being respectful in our thoughts, words and actions.



Third Sunday of Lent

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.



With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.



SCHOOL REVIEW

Next Tuesday we will be joined by Janine Kearney, Pauline Walkom, Diana Scullard and Tracey Gunning from the Bathurst Catholic Education Office as they come to school to complete our five year review process.

At **2.45pm** on **Tuesday**, there will be a session in our school hall for parents/carers to have a discussion with the CEDB team about certain areas of the school. We would love to be represented by a broad range of parents from Kinder to Year 6. Please email Brad or the office if you're able to attend.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A remind that Monday 4th April is 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, a Behaviour Psychologist. Our staff are looking forward to working with Andrew on the day and continuing our learning. Please note that there will be no supervision at school on this day.

EASTER HAT PARADE



Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on the last day of the Term, **Friday 8th April at 9.10am** on the basketball court. Parents and friends are welcome to come and join us as we celebrate the end of Term 1. Children can make their own hats at home and bring them on the day to wear.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be held tomorrow, Thursday 24th March. Information on how to order photos went home last week. Please contact the school office should you have any questions. Family photo order forms are also available at the office.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Today we held our school Cross Country at Red Hill. After all the training and preparation, the students were full of running as they tackled their 1 lap, 2 lap or 3 lap course with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. We are very proud of all those who participated. Thank you to Red Hill and Mark Holland for preparing the course and accommodating us again this year.

And the news this week is...

KEY DATES FOR TERM ONE

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

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| 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

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| 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 |

P & F Easter Raffle
Tix \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
Drawn 8/4/22.



CHRISTIAN LIVING CAMP

Our Year 6 students will take part in a Christian Living Camp in Week 2 next term with students from Sacred Heart Coolah, St Michaels Dunedoo and Assumption Bathurst. This camp aims to help our students *develop sound christian attitudes and values, * mix and share with others of the same age group, *grow in their own self-awareness and sensitivity to others.

Information notes came home last week and Yr 6 parents are asked to complete the on-line registration asap and return the permission and medical note by Friday this week. Please contact us if you need any help with this. The Camp is a highlight for our Yr 6 students each year and they are very excited that it is nearly here.

NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST

Catholic schools will participate in practice tests using the online assessment platform during a co-ordinated national proactice test on March 24.

The limited testing window will provide:

- An opportunity to Dioceses/School Authorities to test local IT and support structures ie. a dress rehearsal for the real event.
- An opportunity for a national platform resilience test.
- Scope for schools to complete the writing and omnibus test on one day so that there is less disruption to the school routine.
- An opportunity for students to experience a mini version of a real test schedule and have the opportunity to engage with the test platform (noting that schools should also direct students and parents to the public demonstration site).

COVID-19 TESTING

We would remind families that Covid-19 is still very present in our school community and we ask that you remain vigilant and continue testing if your child displays any symptoms of the virus.

While we do realise that with the change of seasons the instance of coughs and colds increase, our guidelines require any child coming to school with symptoms be sent home until symptoms ease and a negative covid test is obtained.

We have been sent one last shipment of testing kits and these will be sent home today with your child. The tests we have received are the saliva 'lollypop' style tests. Each child will receive a package of 5 tests.

ZIPPER TIES

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



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| Zipper Tie | \$15.00 |
| Junior Tie | \$12.00 (on elastic) |
| Senior Tie | \$12.00 |

Our Kinder students will receive their zipper tie as a gift from the P & F today.

P & F MEETING

The next P & F Meeting will be held next Thursday afternoon at 3.45pm in the school library. I look forward to meeting with everyone to discuss several important items on the agenda.

RUGBY LEAGUE DUNEDOO

Congratulations to our students who represented our school so well in Dunedoo last week. It was a great day with our students playing well and showing great sportsmanship. Special thanks to our parents who came along for the day and were great supporters for the boys. I know the kids are looking forward to a great day again next year.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIAL

Last Friday, seven of our Year 5 and 6 students went to Bathurst to represent All Hallows in the Diocesan Rugby League Trials. They had a fantastic time and were great ambassadors for our school. Nikko, Harley, Cooper and Hunter tried out for the opens team while Jake, Will and Pat tried out for the Under 11's. The level of competition was very tough with many quality footy players at the trials.

Congratulations to Cooper who made the Possibles & Probables and to Hunter, Jake and Pat who were selected in the Dio teams to compete in the Polding Trials which will be held in Bathurst in early Term 2.

ROAD SAFETY TIPS

Tips for keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. a 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road. They may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out through your cars 'safety door', away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools, visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Merit Awards

Week 8



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| <u>Kinder</u> Roley A, Indie J | <u>Year 3</u> Pippa L, Noah W |
| <u>Year 1</u> Reid, Amber-Lilly, Charlotte H, Willow W, Michaela, Mitchell O | <u>Year 4</u> |
| <u>Year 2</u> Oliver K, Maddison P-H, Taylah B | <u>Year 5/6</u> Patrick F, Levi R, Nikko A |

Halos: Nikko A, Ruby P-H, Noah T, Isabella C, Grace O, Fletcher H, Lane H, Will D, Sophia B, Emily M

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| <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

Parish Mass each Sunday at 10.30am

Easter 2022 School Holiday
TENNIS CAMPS
With Chris Herden, Tennis Australia Club Professional,
For ages 4-14 at Mudgee District Tennis Club.

Heaps of fun for beginners and experienced players

Camp includes stroke development, drills, point and game play. You will also play a mix of cricket, soccer and t-ball to help develop hand-eye coordination. With prizes and competitions!

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| CAMP 1: April 14 | Ages: 4-5 yrs Ages: 6-14 | Time: 8.30-9.30 Time: 9.30-12.30 | \$20 per day \$30 per day |
| CAMP 2: April 22 | Ages: 4-5 yrs Ages: 6-14 | Time: 8.30-9.30 Time: 9.30-12.30 | \$20 per day \$30 per day |

Call Chris on 0400 331 553 for enquiries
Bookings essential: mudgeetennis.com

After School classes recommencing. Bookings online.

Dento Ryu Karate

Traditional Non-Contact Karate

Gulpong Public School

6.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesdays & Fridays

\$3.50 per lesson

Ph 0427 435 930

for more information