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Term 1 Week 4

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Dear Parents,

This Friday is **National Walk Safely to School Day**.

Now in its 23rd year, the annual campaign encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school. The event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Australian children are becoming less active and the decline in children walking to school is seen as one of the factors.

Our teachers will be walking from the following locations at 8.40am:

Outside IGA - Mrs Kelly

Tennis Courts - Ms Statham

Henry Lawson Statue - Mrs Higgins & Miss Anderson

Adventure Park - Mr Rogers and Mrs Menchin

Yours sincerely,

Brad Toole
Principal



WE ARE NOT
A TEAM
BECAUSE WE
WORK TOGETHER.
WE ARE
a team because
WE RESPECT,
trust, and care
for each other.
...
@ValaAfshar

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: TEAMWORK

Working as a team is central to our daily school life –It puts the 'All' in All Hallows and is an important value we encourage in our students. Teamwork will help kids communicate with others, increase their social skills and self-confidence, and help them to develop into happier adults. Teamwork is necessary between students, between students and teachers, and among parents and educators. The more teamwork fundamentals exhibited, the more opportunity exists for students to learn the vital skills of compromise and collaboration.

Laudato Si' Week (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. The seven *Laudato Si'* goals guide our actions.

1. Response to the cry of the earth

2. Response to the cry of the poor

3. Ecological Economics

4. Adoption of sustainable lifestyles

5. Ecological Education

6. Ecological Spirituality

7. Community resilience and empowerment

You can participate through prayer, action and reflection. More information can be found at <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS -PATRON SAINT OF AUSTRALIA

Mary has a unique and privileged place in the Church because she responded "Yes" to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God.

The Feast day of **Mary Help of Christians** is celebrated on **24th May** each year.

Catholics have always had strong devotion to Mary. It is recorded that when there were no priests in colonial Australia, Catholics prayed to Mary to nurture their faith. One of the first priests, Father Therry, dedicated the Australian Church to Mary under the title 'Mary, Help of Christians'.

On the 24th May 1844 'Mary, Help of Christians' became a special patron of our country under this title. Australia was the first nation to have 'Mary, Help of Christian's as its patroness and to observe the feast on a national scale.

We will celebrate this feast with a whole school mass at **10.00am**, organised by Year 3 and Mrs Buckle. Please join us.

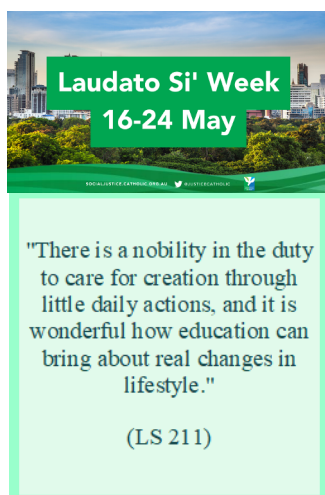
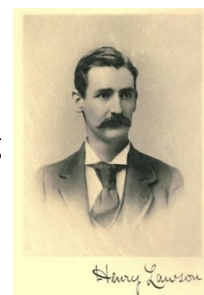


HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL

As a school we are looking forward to participating in the upcoming Henry Lawson Festival. After missing out for two years the excitement is steadily building. **As a school we will be joining in the Parade at 12 noon on Saturday 11th June.** We

are asking all students and staff that are present in town to come and join us in the parade. We will be using the Poem "**The Ballad of the Drover**" as our inspiration for the parade. We will be dressing as drovers and marching as a school group. Students will need to wear **jeans, work shirt/flannelette shirt and hat** if possible. **We will meet at the Bowling Club car park.** These details will be confirmed in the week prior to the long weekend.

On the Saturday our P&F will be running a BBQ/Street stall outside IGA. **This is the major fundraising event for the year.** We are asking for donations and people to help out on the day. All the information was in the note that went home last week. If you're in town on the day and if you're able to help for an hour or two we would be very grateful. You just need to send your form back or let Carolyn or Bec know in the office.



Term 2

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| 17 - 18/5/22 | Optometrist Screening |
| 20/5/22 | Walk Safely to School Day |
| 24/5/22 | Mary Help of Christians Mass |
| 31/5/22 | Teddy Bears Picnic & Kinder 2023 Info Session |
| 2/6/22 | P & F Meeting 3.45pm |
| 3/6/22 | School Athletics Carnival |
| 13/6/22 | Queens Birthday Holiday |
| 16/6/22 | Stage 2 Excursion "Hands on Rock" |
| 21/6/22 | Incursion "Samba Experience" |
| 24/6/22 | Yr 6 RE Test |
| 28/6/22 | NAIDOC Day |
| 30/6/22 | P & F Meeting 3.45pm |
| 1/7/22 | Term 2 Ends |

Is your child preparing to start school next year?

Come along to our

Teddy Bears Picnic

On Tuesday 31st May 2022

10am - 12pm

And see what All Hallows Catholic School
has to offer



Fun activities for our Pre-Schoolers with our Kinder
class and morning tea for parents/carers

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION & SCHOOL TOUR

Tuesday 31st May 2022 9.30am.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact
All Hallows School on 02 63741 582

NETBALL CARNIVAL

All Hallows Netballers will be attending the Netball Schools Cup Carnival in Dubbo on Tuesday, 31st May. Training will begin this week. We ask that the permission slip and bus fare be returned as soon as possible.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - 3rd JUNE



The school Athletics Carnival will be held on **Friday 3rd June, 2022**. Students from Yr 2 – Yr 6 will attend the carnival all day and participate in track and field events. K/1 children will come to the oval after recess and

participate in ballgames, running and field events. We are in need of parents to help with field events, timekeeping and judging and would be very grateful if you could help. Thankyou.

NAPLAN 2022

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students sat four NAPLAN tests. The tests were all completed online with the exception of Year 3 writing which is still completed on paper. We are proud of the effort the teachers and students have put into getting ready for the tests. Results will be sent home as soon they are made available to the school later in the year. We are mindful that this is a snapshot of their learning on one particular day.

COVID UPDATE

Just a reminder that Covid is still very prevalent in our school community. We have had cases amongst both staff and students recently. We are still actively washing hands, sanitising and following appropriate social distancing procedures. Should your child feel unwell or display any cold and flu symptoms please let your class teacher know.

SPELLING BEE



This coming Wednesday, 25th May, four of our Primary students will travel to Wellington to compete in this years Diocesan Spelling Bee. We wish these students the best of luck.



KOALA CLUB AND TRANSITION FOR 2023

We have planned our 'Koala Club' transition dates and parent information sessions for people that have students that will be starting in Kinder in 2023.

Key Dates:

Tuesday 31st May:

- Parent Information Session and School Tour (Kinder 2023) 9.30am -10.30am
- Teddy Bear's Picnic 10.00am - 12.00pm

Term 3:

- Koala Club 1 - 1st Sept 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Koala Club 2 - 15th Sept 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Koala Club 3 - 22nd Sept 9.30am - 12.30pm

Term 4:

- Koala Club 4 - 13th Oct 9.30am - 2.30pm
- Koala Club 5 - 27th Oct 9.30am - 2.30pm
- Koala Club 6 - 10th Nov 9.30am - 2.30pm
- Koala Club 7 - 24th Nov 9.30am - 2.30pm
- Kinder Readiness / Information Meeting 24/11/22 4.00pm (School Hall)

KINDER 2023

We are now starting to take enrolments for Kinder 2023. We look forward to inviting new families and students into the All Hallows community next year. If you know anyone that is interested in enrolling their child for next year please share this information with them and ask them to email

b.toole2@bth.catholic.edu.au or call into the office to collect an enrolment pack. We also have limited availability in other classes at the moment.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are returning at All Hallows!!

We have decided to start returning to the hall from next

Monday morning for our awards assembly. They will continue exactly the same each Monday as they have been on the basketball court for some time.

Friday afternoon assemblies will start in Week 5 at 2.30pm and be on every week.

Week 5: 27/5 @ 2.45pm - Primary Assembly

Week 6: 3/6 - no Assembly - Athletics Carnival

Week 7: 10/6 @ 2.45pm - Infants Assembly

Week 8: 17/6 @ 2.45pm - Primary Assembly

Week 9: 24/6 @ 2.45pm - Infants Assembly

Week 10: No Assembly



They will consist of a prayer (classes to rotate on), national anthem and classes showing 1 small item of work from the previous fortnight.

We look forward to seeing you return to our hall for assemblies soon.

P&F ANNOUNCEMENTS

We had a very successful P&F Meeting recently. There were a number of key fundraising events on the agenda that we will need your help with.

Parents & Friends



Henry Lawson Festival - We are again running a BBQ/Street Stall and will **need parents to help**. A note came home last week asking for helpers on the day and today we will send home the roster. As you will see, there are still quite a few time-slots to fill and there are many ways that you can help out.

We will also be joining the parade this year at 1pm as a school. We would love to have as many All Hallows students as possible join us in representing the school.

Trivia Night - The P&F will be hosting a Trivia Night on **Saturday 6th August at the Gulgong RSL Club**. This is the save the date announcement. This will be a child free event and further information will follow later in the term.

CANTEEN

Emma will be away on holidays this week. Special thanks to all the parents who have volunteered their time to coordinate the canteen while Emma is on leave. Your time that you have given is very much appreciated. Please note that the canteen will be operating under a reduced menu until Emma returns.

SCHOOL FEES

Statements for school fees came home last week. Thank you to our families who have paid their first instalment. The second instalment is due next week.

We have had a few enquiries from families paying regularly by direct debit, who are concerned that their account is overdue. Please be assured that these accounts will work out towards the end of the year when direct debit payments catch up.

Please contact us if you are experiencing financial difficulty as there are various payment options available to assist you.



Merit Awards

Week 3



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| <u>Kinder</u> Oliver W, Harper B, Rosie B | <u>Year 3</u> _Brooklyn H, Tayla M |
| <u>Year 1</u> Ruby T, Joe H, Madden R | <u>Year 4</u> Sophia W, Dante W |
| <u>Year 2</u> Ivy G, Eloise B, Cambell F | <u>Year 5/6</u> Cooper S, Pat F |

Halo Reward

Olivia, Jane, Mitch, Avelyn, Will D, Ambrose, Frank, Tia, Pat, Lexie

Assembly

Friday afternoon assemblies will start in
Week 5 - 27th May at 2.45pm

Canteen News

Canteen open Tuesday and Thursday



PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass each Sunday at 10.30am



All Hallows Catholic School Kindergarten Transition Program

KOALA Club (Kids On A Learning Adventure)



We are excited to announce that Kindergarten 2023 expressions of interest and enrolment applications are now open.

Enrolment packs are available now from the school office and will be available at Gulgon Pre-School and Happy Days early next term.

If you know of anyone with a child ready for school in 2023 and would like to find out more about what All Hallows has to offer, please share this information with them and ask them to email Brad Toole b.toole2@bth.catholic.edu.au.

Key dates for our Kinder Transition Program (KOALA Club) are:

Term 3

Tuesday 31st May Teddy Bears Picnic & Parent Information Session

A Parent Information Session will be held at 9.30am, followed by a tour of the school and Teddy Bear's Picnic from 10.00am - 12.00pm. All children preparing to start school in 2023 and their parents are welcome to attend.

Thurs 1st Sept KOALA Club session 1 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thurs 15th Sept KOALA Club session 2 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thurs 22nd Sept KOALA Club session 3 9.30am - 12.30pm

Term 4

Thurs 13th Oct KOALA Club session 4 9.30am - 2.30pm

Thurs 27th Oct KOALA Club session 5 9.30am - 2.30pm

Thurs 10th Nov KOALA Club session 6 9.30am - 2.30pm

Thurs 24th Nov KOALA Club session 7 9.30am - 2.30pm

Parent Information Session for Kinder 2023 @ 4.00 pm in the hall



MID WEST MUSIC QUEST

We are looking for locals who love music to participate the our regions biggest talent quest.

If you're in a **band**

play an **instrument**

or you're a **solo** artist

in a **choir**

we want **you**

Sign up for your chance to win some great prizes.

Visit **MID WEST MUSIC QUEST** on
Facebook to find out more.

