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Dear Parents

We have been made aware of some child safety concerns in the past week in Gulgong.

At this stage we have had no official communication from police and are awaiting advice from them on how we should proceed.

We are aware of some allegations that have been made to police which they are investigating at the moment.

At them moment we have:

- *Spoken about stranger danger at Tuesday's assembly.*
- *Teachers have followed this up in the classroom with a discussion.*
- *Been in contact with other schools in Gulgong.*
- *Staff are closely monitoring the playground and access points to the school.*

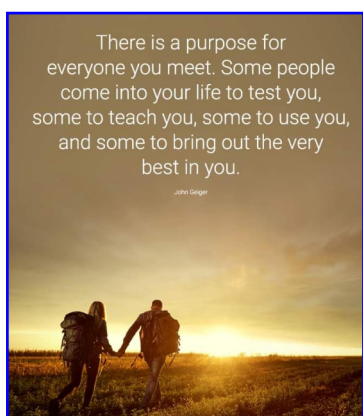
I understand this can be a stressful situation for a small town but I urge you to remain calm when talking with your children. I would suggest it would be a good time to have a stranger danger chat in your house.

*A great website resource is: **safety4kids.com.au***

*We would like to remind all parents and visitors to the school that they **MUST** present to the office on arrival and sign in so we are aware of who is on site. This includes parents helping with canteen and reading groups. I will be in touch when we receive any further information or advice from the local police.*

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

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: RESPONSIBILITY

When we think about our children taking responsibility for their choices and their impact on the world, we can begin by seeing responsibility as something joyful for each child.

All children want to see themselves as response-able, powerful and able to respond to what needs to be done. They need this for their self-esteem and for their lives to have meaning. Children don't want just to be doted on. They need, like the rest of us, to feel like they matter to the world, like their lives make a positive contribution. We don't really need to teach children to handle themselves responsibly in the world, we just need to teach them that they have the power to contribute positively, and to relate to them so they want to do so.

Responsibility

We can show that we are responsible by

- ✓ setting a good example to others
- ✓ solving our problems appropriately
- ✓ discussing our problems
- ✓ accepting blame if we do something wrong
- ✓ letting a teacher know when we see someone who needs help or is hurt
- ✓ owning our behaviour and the effect we have on others



Lord,

You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others.

May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities. Guide us as we build a community that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord

Amen

School Attendance

Our school attendance date is quite alarming for our school this year. Currently we have 38% of students with a <90% attendance. Obviously Covid and illness has had an impact on these figures.

Wherever possible, please endeavour to get your child/children to school daily as absenteeism has a big impact on student achievement. Missing just one day a fortnight equates to missing four weeks per year. Every day matters!

Book Week 2022



Our Book Week 2022 celebrations will take place this Friday 26th August.

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and will take part in a parade showing off their beloved literary characters. Parents, carers and family members are invited to join us at 9.00am on the school playground.

This year's CBCA Book Week theme is "Dreaming with eyes open..." It speaks to children's sense of curiosity and imagination and aligns with our schools aim to encourage a love of learning throughout your child's education.

If you have any questions regarding Book Week, please don't hesitate to contact our library teacher, Mrs Russell on g.donohue@bth.catholic.edu.au

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our team of athletes who represented us so well at the Diocesan carnival last Friday.

Special congratulations to Jake, Arabella, Ambrose and Nikko who have qualified to represent the Bathurst Diocese at the Polding Carnival later this term.

Thank you to Mrs Kelly for supervising the students and to their parents for transporting and cheering them on.

And the news this week is...

TERM 3

26/8/22	Infants Assembly 2.45pm
26/8/22	Book Week Parade
29/8 - 30/8	Dental Van Visit
1/9/22	Mass 12.30pm - Yr 2 KOALA Club 9.30 -12.30 Netball Gala Day
2/9/22	Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy
8/9/22	RU OK Day / Green Day 5/6
9/9/22	Infants Assembly
11/9/22	First Holy Communion
13/9/22	Touch Footy Gala Day
15/9/22	KOALA Club 9.30-12.30 Mass Yr 2 & Yrs 4 First Reconciliation Commitment
16/9/22	K/1 Zoo Excursion
21/9/22	Blast Cricket Yrs 5 & 6
22/9/22	Blast Cricket Yrs 3 & 4 KOALA Club 9.30-12.30
23/9/22	Term 3 ends - PUPIL FREE DAY

Pupil Free Day

Friday 23rd September

(last day of Term)

Staff will be working with Jan Mendham from the Bathurst CEDB on practicable ways to teach Science. Staff will be involved in numerous activities as we look to advance our teaching skills.

Scholastic Book Club

Brochures came home this week for Term 3 Book Club. Orders can be made on-line through the Scholastic LOOP system or handed in to the school office by Friday 2nd September.

Compass Parent Portal

In the next few weeks we will be opening up our Parent Portal in the school Compass Administration System. We will send home an information pack with log-in details and you will have access to certain parts of Compass including:

- View your child's attendance and provide reasons why your child is absent or late.
- Make payments for school fees and school events such as excursions.
- View and download semester reports.
- View news items and school calendar.

Keep your eye out for more information next week.

Dental Van Visit



Next week we will have the Dental Van visiting our school. They will check the teeth of the students who returned the permission notes earlier this year. They anticipate being at school for a few days.

Finance and Administration Conference

Mrs Holland will be in Bathurst for the annual Finance and Admin Conference next Monday and Tuesday. I will be joining Mrs Holland for the Monday session but will return home Monday afternoon and be back at school on Tuesday. Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Young will be in the office and Mrs Buckle will be in charge on Monday.

Father's Day BBQ and Liturgy

Friday 2nd September.

We will begin with a BBQ breakfast at **8.15am**. This is open to our whole school community and is a wonderful chance for parents to catch up and enjoy each others company.

Please return the note indicating how many people will be attending for catering purposes by next Tuesday.

Our Father's Day Liturgy, led by Year 1, will follow the BBQ and we would love to share this liturgy to honour the wonderful role of fathers in our lives.

Day of Difference



Friday 9th September sees the return of our Day of Difference.

This is a day when each and every member of our school community can celebrate what makes them special and unique. Children are asked to come to school dressed in a way that shows who they are - it may be in team wear, favourite colour or dressed for their favourite activity.

A Talent Quest will be held in the afternoon. In the past, students have shared talents such as singing, dancing, whip cracking, gymnastics, playing musical instruments, magic tricks and more. Now is the time to start thinking and practicing their special talent.

Auditions will be held next week during lunchtime:

Monday 29th for Kinder - Year 2; Tuesday 20th for Yrs 3 - 6 and Wednesday 31st for across stage group acts.

Please ensure that if your child requires a prop or instrument that they bring this along on the day. We look forward to the auditions and will keep you posted on the results.

Kinder 2023

We are still accepting enrolments for our 2023 Kindergarten class. We also have some limited availability in some of our other classes. If you know of 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 for an enrolment pack.

Our KOALA Club Kinder Transition begins next **Thursday 1st September** and will continue on the following dates:

Thursday 15th September	9.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 22nd September	9.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 13th October	9.30am- 2.30pm
Thursday 27th October	9.30am- 2.30pm
Thursday 10th November	9.30am- 2.30pm
Thursday 24th November	9.30am- 2.30pm



Children are to be dropped at the Kinder classroom at **9.30am** and collected again at **12.30pm (2.30pm in Term 4)**. During their time at school, the children will be involved in a variety of activities including: singing, art/craft, games with our current Kinder, story time and will also meet their buddy from Year 5/6 who will assist them as they settle into All Hallows. This relationship will be the start of a special friendship that will continue into 2023. These days encourage children to develop confidence and socialisation skills in their new learning environment.

Changes to After School Arrangements

We would like to ask that, wherever possible, any changes to your child's after school arrangements be made to the office either by phone or email by **2.45pm**. This gives us time to ensure your child receives the information before the afternoon bell so they know what is happening.

P & F News

Motorbike Raffle: Our major raffle for the year is the motorbike and accessories that you received tickets for last term. Thanks to our families who have already returned your sold tickets. Once you have sold your book, please return the tickets and money to the school office. Extra tickets are also available.

Next Meeting: Thursday 8th September in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Merit Awards



Week 5

<u>Kinder</u> Aaron B, Kurt H, Roley A	<u>Year 3</u> Dakota W, Caitlin B, Dylan M
<u>Year 1</u> Brycen B, Madden R, Ruby T	<u>Year 4</u> Sophia W, Logan J
<u>Year 2</u> Charlotte A, Jett R, Cambell F	<u>Year 5/6</u> Patrick F, Nikko A

Halo Reward: Tommy W, Frank K, Pippa L, Kaitlyn H, Georgia T, Jack B, Braxton B, Hamish B, Brooklyn H, Hartley S

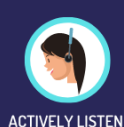
Assembly

Our next Assembly is
Infants - Friday 26th August in the school hall

Canteen News

Canteen open Tuesdays and Thursdays

14 WAYS TO NURTURE A CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH



ACTIVELY LISTEN



OFFER ADVICE



SHARE YOUR FEELINGS



BE PATIENT



TELL THE TRUTH



REACH & HUG THEM



MODEL HEALTHY BEHAVIOUR



MODEL FORGIVENESS



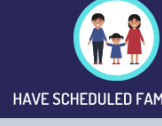
PRACTICE RELAXATION EXERCISES TOGETHER



TEACH THEM HOW TO BE SAFE



RECOGNISE POSITIVE CHANGES



HAVE SCHEDULED FAMILY TIME



USE OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS



SET & RESPECT BOUNDARIES



PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass each Sunday at
10.30am

Please pray for Lexi, Dakota,
David, Noah, Caitlin, Tayla
and Dylan as they prepare
for

First Holy Communion -
Sunday 11th September

