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*Dear Parents,*

*Please keep all the towns being affected by long lasting flooding in our thoughts and prayers this week.*

*Many towns in our Diocese have been hit hard this week and we keep them in our thoughts.*

### A Prayer for those coping with floods

God of compassion,  
you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;  
accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected  
by storms and flooding:  
strengthen them in their hour of need,  
grant them perseverance and courage to face the  
future  
and be to them a firm foundation on which to build  
their lives;  
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**REMINDER!!**

**Pupil Free  
Day**

**FRIDAY 18TH  
NOVEMBER**

**for  
Staff Retreat**

*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.

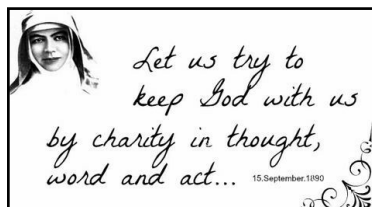
And the news this week is...

## School Theme for 2022 is:



## "SHARE THE SPIRIT OF THE ALL HALLOWS COMMUNITY"

**Value: THOUGHTFUL**



*Let us try to  
keep God with us  
by charity in thought,  
word and act...*

15 September 1890

### **Showing consideration for the needs of other people**

Thoughtfulness is a very positive value to encourage and model with our children. It enables us to strengthen

relationships and live more meaningfully alongside others. Although the act of being thoughtful is rooted in doing things for others, it has the surprising gift of being amazingly good for our own health too. This week we will try to make ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then take action to help them.

### **STAFF RETREAT - PUPIL FREE DAY**

This Friday 18th November, the All Hallows staff will gather for their annual Staff Reflection Day. The theme this year is: 'Be Still' - *"be still and know that I am God"*. Psalm 46:10

These days are an important opportunity for staff to explore through input, prayer and reflection, what it means to be a staff member involved in the ministry of Catholic education at All Hallows Catholic School.

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - JUMP OFF**

### **Thank you to ALL the students who got involved with Jump Rope for Heart!**

A huge thank you to our school community for the effort with skipping and fundraising for the Jump Rope for Heart program. Together we raised an incredible **\$6709.00** and this money will all go towards vital heart research and education programs.

We've loved seeing so many smiling faces skipping on the playground and in sports lessons. Our Jump Off Day was a fun day of colour and movement and a huge success! It started with the energetic Demo Team and continued on through the 'Longest Skipper' competitions, long rope, partner skipping and challenging our mums and dads to show us their skill.

Congratulations to our prize winners:

**Longest Skippers** - Liam J, Arabella D, Harley P

**Best Names:** Jumping Fairies, Shimmery Rainbow Jumpers, Bullet Jumpers, The Beats, Hot Hearts, Boxing Kangaroos.

**Best Dressed:** Skipping Cowboys & Cowgirls, Heart Starters, Moonlights, Super Heart Helpers, Jumping Jellybeans, Red Hot Chilli Steppers.

### **SWIMMING PROGRAM**

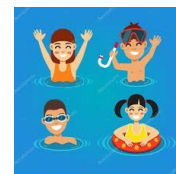
For the rest of the term we will be having Swimming for sport each Wednesday K-6.

A reminder that all students must wear appropriate swimwear at school swimming events. Girls should be in a one-piece costume or two-piece tankini style - no bikinis. Boys need to wear 'speedo' type swimwear and may also wear boardshorts. Rash vests are advised for school sport sessions but not for Intensive Swimming lessons.

All students are reminded to pack the following on Wednesdays for the rest of the term.

5 for Swimming

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Bag to carry it all in



Our Swimsafe Intensive Swimming Program will be held in Weeks 8 & 9 this term - 28th Nov to 9th Dec.

### **CLASS STRUCTURE 2023**

Our staffing will be finalised in the coming weeks once we have filled all staff positions.

Our staffing allocation from the Bathurst CEDB has come through. In 2023 we will have six classes again. Our class structure in 2023 will be: Kinder, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5/6.

Class teachers will be announced before the end of term.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Term 4 brochures are coming home today. Orders are due in by Friday 25th November.

And the news this week is...

#### TERM 4

16/11/22	Yr 7 GHS Transition Swimming for Sport
18/11/22	Pupil Free Day
23/11/22	Yr 7 St Matts Orientation Swimming for Sport
24/11/22	Koala Club 9.30am - 2.30pm Kinder Info Session 4pm Hall
28/11/22	Advent Assembly
28/11 - 9/12	Intensive Swimming
2/12/22	P & F Christmas Function
8/12/22	Presentation Night
12/12/22	Yr 6 Day Out
14/12/22	End Of Year Mass
16/12/22	Term 4 ends

#### KEY END OF YEAR DATES

Key dates for end of year celebrations are:

- 7th December Year 6 Farewell Dinner at school
- 8th December Presentation Night at school 6.30pm
- 12th December Year 6 Day Out
- 14th December Year 6 Mass & Final Assembly
- 16th December Last day of school for 2022

#### SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

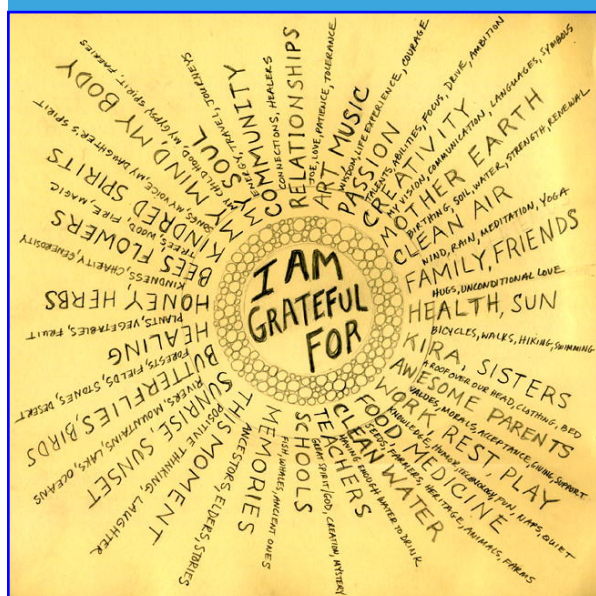
The end of year is fast approaching and we are busy finalising Semester 2 reports. We will be busy and working hard until Friday 16th December. Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Wednesday 14th December. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning.

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

NSW Health recently advised that we are starting to see a rise in COVID-19 transmissions within the community, with a peak expected in early December. COVID-smart measures continue to be in place and are vital in allowing us to keep our schools operational while prioritising student and staff well-being. These measure include:

- Staying home if unwell and/or showing symptoms
- Mask-wearing strongly encouraged, particularly when indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible.
- Continued mandatory mask-wearing for anyone working with students at greater risk of serious illness whether they be in a specialist centre, support unit or mainstream classroom.
- Using Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) when showing symptoms or exposed to COVID-19.
- Encouraging all students, staff and families to keep up to date with their vaccinations including booster shots if eligible.
- NSW Health also encourages everyone in the community to continue to register positive RATs with Service NSW to ensure they receive timely support and advice, including access to antivirals for those eligible.

Today each child will receive a supply of RATs to be used when needed.





## Merit Awards

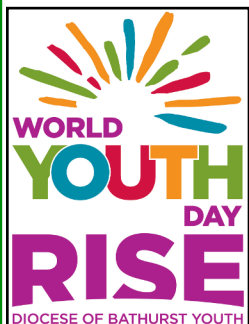


### Week 5

<b><u>Kinder</u></b> Oliver W, Adeline O, Jane T	<b><u>Year 3</u></b> Frank K, Tayla M
<b><u>Year 1</u></b> Aubrey L, Mitchell O, Brycen B	<b><u>Year 4</u></b> Tommy W, Grace O
<b><u>Year 2</u></b> Isabelle C, Ivy G, Hartley S	<b><u>Year 5/6</u></b> Patrick F

**Halo Reward:** Lane H, Arabella D, Jett R, Fletcher H, Sophia B, Jack B, Michaela W, Hunter, Ruby T, Cambell F

### PARISH NEWS



#### Youth Mass - 10.30am

this **Sunday 20th November** to celebrate **World Youth Day**  
Following Mass there will be morning tea and some games to play.  
Please bring a plate of food to share.



**Motorbike Raffle:** Please start returning your tickets to the office for the motorbike raffle. If you're able to sell extra tickets that would be fantastic. The raffle will be drawn at our School Presentation Night on Thursday 8th December.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 1st December @ 3.45pm in the hall.



**P & F End of Year Catch-Up: Friday 2nd December at Gulgong Bowling Club.**

Barefoot Bowls, drinks and nibbles and a chance to celebrate a great year. We have booked the outdoor BBQ area while we play some bowls.

Please return your note if you are able to join us so we can get an idea of numbers for platters and bowlers.