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Term 4 Week 8 30th November

Dear Parents

STAFFING 2023

Several weeks ago I announced that in 2023 we would have some staffing changes.

Maree Higgins will be taking leave for the first six months of the year before returning in a casual capacity for the second half of the school year.

Georgia Anderson is finishing up and will be returning to Queensland to be closer to family in 2023. Georgia will be working in a casual capacity in Term 1 next year before she relocates to Queensland.

I'm very please to announce that the following teaching staff will be joining our team next year:

Meg Kelly: Meg has worked at All Hallows for approx 3 1/2 years and has been appointed as a permanent teacher starting in 2023. I'm sure many families are familiar with Meg and her enthusiastic energy and positive 'can do' attitude she brings to our school. Meg will be teaching full time next year.

Laura Clift: Laura is a local Gulgong girl and will be teaching 4 days a week at All Hallows in 2023. Laura has completed a prac at All Hallows and is really enthusiastic to be returning to our school. Laura brings a broad range of experiences with her and will be an asset to our team.

Sarah Buckley: Sarah will be joining our teaching team two days per week next year. She is currently on maternity leave but has lots of experience teaching most recently at Gulgong Public and High Schools. She brings a passion for Literacy and a love of teaching reading and writing.

Amanda MacLean: Amanda will return to All Hallows two days a week in 2023. She has been on maternity leave this year. Amanda brings a very caring and nurturing feeling to all the students in our school and we look forward to welcoming Amanda back to the team next year.

Bec O'Connell: Bec will be teaching 1 day a week in 2023. She will continue in the office three days per week and work an extra day in the classroom. It is great to have someone with so many skills and flexibility available on our staff.

Lucinda Stokes: Lucinda will be returning to the teaching team for 1 day a week in 2023. Lucinda has been on maternity leave in 2021 and 2022 and has been working casually at our school during that time. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the team.

We congratulate all our new and returning staff and look forward to them being a part of the team next year. At this point I would again like to thank Maree and Georgia for their hard work, care and willingness to go above and beyond for the students of All Hallows. Your contributions to the school are greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you in a different capacity next year.

Class teachers for 2023 will be finalised this week and will be published in next week's newsletter. Our Teachers Aide positions will remain consistent with our staffing line up from this year.

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: CHARITY

The voluntary giving of help

Philanthropy may seem like a big word for little kids but teaching children about why they should take part in charity can be as easy as getting them to:

- donate a portion of their pocket money
- join a fundraising event
- or do volunteer work

As a Value important to the Spirit of All Hallows School, we see this in action often. Whether it is raising money for those in need, as we have in the last weeks, or being a buddy for our new Kinder students as our Year 4 & 5 students have volunteered to do, our students display this value daily. They excel at this because of the role modelling they see from their parents, grandparents and school community. As we journey through Advent, please encourage your child to 'give of help' and be as charitable as they can.



St Vincent de Paul are holding their Annual Christmas Appeal and are looking for donations of non-perishable goods for Christmas Hampers for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please send in any donations to school by Friday 9th December and we will get them to Vinnies ready for Christmas.

Kinder	Sweet biscuits, lollies, muesli bars
Year 1	Tinned goods
Year 2	Savoury biscuits (jatz, rice crackers etc)
Year 3	Pasta, rice, noodles etc
Year 4	Long life milk or fruit juices
Year 5/6	Breakfast cereals

ADVENT

On Monday we began our Advent season with a School Liturgy. We introduced the Advent Wreath, praying and lighting the first candle.

Advent is the beginning of the Church year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day.

As we prepare our house for Christmas by putting up the tree, decorating our homes, sending cards and wrapping presents, we keep focused on what is at the heart of our preparations. We make time during Advent to prepare not only our homes, but our hearts and minds through prayer. We prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

As we light our Advent Candles each week, we pray that as the community of All Hallows we are preparing spiritually for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

*May Christ the light go with you,
May He go behind you, to encourage you,
Beside you to watch over you,
Beneath you to lift you from your sorrows,
Within you to give you the gifts of peace, hope and love,
And always before you to light your way.
Amen*



SWIMSAFE - INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our Swimsafe Intensive Swimming Program has begun well this week. The children are doing really well being organised for swimming and participating in the variety of activities the teachers have organised at school.

Each day the children will need:

1. **Swimmers**
2. **Towel**
3. **Sunscreen**
4. **School hat and**
5. **A bag to carry it in**



Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch and a water bottle for these weeks as swimming makes us hungry!

And the news this week is...

TERM 4

28/11-9/12	Intensive Swimming
2/12/22	P & F Christmas Function
7/12/22	Year 6 Dinner
8/12/22	Presentation Night
9/12/22	Vinnies Christmas Appeal
12/12/22	Yr 6 Day Out
14/12/22	End Of Year Mass & final Yr 6 assembly
16/12/22	Term 4 ends

REPORTS

The end of year is fast approaching and we are busy finalising Semester 2 reports. We will be busy working hard until Friday 16th December.

Semester 2 Reports will come 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.



Motorbike Raffle: Please continue returning your tickets to the office. The raffle will be drawn Thursday next week, 8th December at our Presentation Night.

Next Meeting: Thurs 1st December @3.45pm in the school hall.

End of Year Twilight Bowls: This Friday 5pm at the Gulgong Bowling Club - all welcome. Please let us know asap if you would like to join us.



PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

For Year 6 Farewell Dinner. We are in need of two or three more parent helpers to assist at the Year 6 Farewell Dinner in the school hall. This dinner will take place on Wednesday 7th December commencing at 6.00pm. We will need helpers from 5.30pm to start preparing the food with the P & F.

If you are able to assist, please email Brad on b.toole2@bth.catholic.edu.au preferably by the end of this week.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS VOTING

On Monday 5th December at 2pm in our school hall, our year 5 students will present their 'School Captain' speeches for next year. After the students present their speeches, students from Kinder to Year 5 will vote for our School Captains 2023. Students will be voting for two school captains and the two students with the highest number of votes will be announced School Captains.

We look forward to announcing our School Captains at Presentation Night on Thursday 8th December.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

Year 6 Farewell Dinner: Wed 7th December @ 6.00pm in our school hall. If there are any Yr 6 parents who would like to help decorate the hall, that would be very much appreciated. This is a great night for our Year 6 students and their parents to attend.

Presentation Night: Thursday 8th December 6.30pm on the back playground (weather permitting). Should the weather forecast predict rain or extremely hot or windy weather, we will host the Presentation Night in the High School Gym. We are praying that we will be able to finish off the year with some lovely warm, dry weather.

Year 6 Day Out: Monday 12th December.

End of Year Mass & Year 6 Assembly: Wed 14th December @ 10.30am. All students will attend the Mass and parents of Year 6 students are invited to attend. Year 6 Final Assembly will be held in the school hall at 2.30pm.

Mufti Day: Friday 16th December (last day of school). Students are invited to wear Christmas colours on the last day to celebrate the end of the school year. Students need to ensure they wear enclosed shoes, their shoulders are covered (no singlets) and they're wearing a hat.





Merit Awards



Week 7

<u>Kinder</u> Avelyn M, Jack H, Hunter L	<u>Year 3</u> Dakota W, Braxton B
<u>Year 1</u> Alex D, Reid C, Madden R	<u>Year 4</u> Pearl O, Sophia B
<u>Year 2</u> Taylah B, Oliver K, Cambell F	<u>Year 5/6</u> Conner J, Isabella C, Nikko A

Halo Reward: Ruby P-H, Lexi W, Ivy g, Henry B, Braxton B, Lola P, Dakota W, Mackenzie R, Lilah G

PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass each Sunday at 10.30am

Christmas Mass Times

Gulgong Christmas Eve @ 6.30pm

Mudgee Christmas Eve 6pm @ St Matts & 9pm @ St Marys Church

Christmas Day 7.30am & 9.00am @ St Marys



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Summer READING CHALLENGE

ENTRIES
CLOSE
6 FEBRUARY

READ 10 OR MORE BOOKS
TO GO INTO THE DRAW TO
WIN ONE OF FOUR IPAD MINIS!

Let Your Imagination Explore- Read More!

The Summer Reading Challenge will begin on November 14th and we are encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, book, e-book or graphic novel.

READ TO LEARN... READ FOR FUN... READ TO WIN

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our systemic Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books (5 full length novels for secondary) during the summer holidays to go into the draw to **win one of four iPads**.

HOW TO ENTER

If you would like to keep an informal record of the books you have read over summer, then download and complete the [personal reading log](#) (or print the page). Once your challenge is complete, [enter your list of read books online](#) to go into the draw for a prize (the link to the entry form is also available on the Catholic Education Office website) . A parent or guardian must confirm books read prior to entry. **Entries must be received by 5pm, 6th February 2023.** The winners will be announced on Friday 10th February 2023 and published on Monday 13th February 2023, on the [Catholic Education Website](#).



Girls just want to
**HAVE
A BLAST**

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast
It's a fun active program for girls, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

Sydney Thunder Holiday Program - Central West
Mudjee: 9:00am to 3:00pm @ Victoria Park 17/01/23
Cost: \$60 Contact: Angus Norton
P:0473 053 551 E:angus.norton@cricketnsw.com.au



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PARENTING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD

Is your child a persistent worrier, or excessively scared of some things? Do they seem overly shy and too anxious to interact with others? Do they avoid new challenges, hate making mistakes or fight you when things don't go to plan?

Anxiety is one of the biggest mental health challenges in young children. Fortunately, parenting techniques can be highly effective in building skills for emotion regulation and cutting through the complexity of anxiety to develop more confident kids and calmer families.

This course is based on the most recent clinical research and is aimed at parents of children 4-12 years old who experience regular anxiety and are our big worriers. Parents will learn the skills to help their children overcome anxiety, regulate their emotions better and step forward with more confidence.

Register



Contact us to register for this program (or seek future dates)

admin@mudgeepsychology.com.au

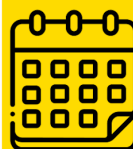


This course will be run by
Clinical Psychologist, Alison
Nipperess.

The program will cover:

- What anxiety looks like in children
- The brain science of anxiety
- When anxiety takes over the family and what to do about it
- Helpful parenting responses to anxiety
- Building your child's anxiety busting tool kit
- Facing the fears: creating step-ladders for kicking anxiety
- Taking stock & future planning

Dates: The course will run 6pm-8pm, over 4 evenings:



Wed, 8 Feb, 2023
Wed, 15 Feb, 2023
Wed, 22 Feb, 2023
Wed, 1 Mar, 2023

Fee: \$460 per person