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"Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity. To every
child, a good example.
To yourself, respect."

—OREN ARNOLD

Dear Parents

Christmas holidays are closing in and this will be our last newsletter of the year. My thanks to all the staff, parents and students of All Hallows for your support throughout the year.

To the amazing parents of All Hallows, thank you for your continued support of the school in 2022. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated P & F and parent community who have the best interest of the school at heart in the decisions you make. The staff have always felt well supported and appreciated all year.

Soon we say farewell to our Year 6 students. You have all been amazing this year and role models for the other students in how to be resilient, patient and take the positive out of every situation.

I'd like to thank the families that are departing All Hallows at the end of next week. To the Morrissey, Peninton, Smith and Brown families, we thank you for your contribution to All Hallows and allowing us the privilege of educating your children. We wish you and your family all the best in your future endeavours.

Our students last day for 2022 is next Friday, 16th December.

The 2023 school year will commence on Tuesday 31st January at 9.00am for Years 1 - 6.

Kinder will commence on Thursday 2nd February at 9.00am.

Kinder will be completing Best Start Assessments on the first two days back next 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.

School Theme for 2022 is:



"SHARE THE SPIRIT OF THE ALL HALLOWS COMMUNITY" Value: CHARITY

This week we are focusing on our collection for Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Please give generously to help those in our community in need this Christmas. We will be accepting donations until Friday 9th December.

Kinder	Sweet biscuits, lollies, muesli bars
Yr 1	Tinned goods
Yr 2	Savoury biscuits
Yr 3	Pasta, rice, noodles
Yr 4	Long life milk or juice
Yr 5/6	Breakfast cereals



ADVENT We are now in the 2nd week of Advent

The second Sunday of Advent symbolises Faith with the Bethlehem Candle reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To be chosen by God for a particular task is an awesome thing. That is why we honour Mary, the one chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. Yet we believe that each of us is chosen by God in particular and important ways, and each of us is given gifts and talents by God to share with the world. One of the tremendous responsibilities of parenting is helping our children determine the gifts and talents they have to share with others to serve the reign of God.

As a family this week, identify some of the gifts and talents that God has given each person in the family. Talk about the ways in which these gifts might be used in the service of others.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us be people who 'Never see a need without doing something about it'

STAFFING 2023

As this year begins to draw to a close, we are turning our attention to organisation for our 2023 school year. We have a very dedicated and hard working staff that will continue to work diligently to improve the learning outcomes and co-curricular experiences of the students that attend our school.

At the end of next week we will farewell Gabi Russell who is moving to Sydney in 2023. Gabi has been an amazing librarian and teacher at All Hallows this year and we wish her all the best for next year and beyond.

I am pleased to announce that our class teachers for next year will be:

Kinder	Alicia Menchin
Year 1	Beau Rogers
Year 2	Laura Clift (Mon-Thurs) Lucinda Stokes (Fri)
Year 3	Sarah Buckle (Mon-Wed) Amanda MacLean (Thu-Fri)
Year 4	Meg Kelly
Year 5/6	Kylie Statham & Brad Toole (Thu)

RFF Teacher Sarah Buckley (Primary)
Bec O'Connell (Infants)

Library: Sarah Buckley

Support: Rebecca Stubbs

Intervention & Strategic Funding:
Georgia Anderson (Term 1)

Admin

Carolyn Holland	(Mon-Thur)
Bec O'Connell	(Tue-Thu until lunch & Friday)
Emma Adams	Cleaning & Canteen
Mark Holland	Groundsman

Support Staff

Kate Robinson	(5 days)
Carmelina Leotta	(4 days)
Glynis Hensley	(4 days)
Amanda Watts	(2 days)
Danielle Marsh	(2 days)

And the news this week is...

TERM 4

28/11-9/12	Intensive Swimming
7/12/22	Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
8/12/22	Presentation Night
12/12/22	Yr 6 Day Out
14/12/22	End Of Year Mass & final Year 6 Assembly
16/12/22	Term 4 ends

2023

27/1	Staff Return
30/1	Pupil Free Day
31/1	Students Return Yrs 1-6
31/1 & 1/2	Kinder Best Start Assess
2/2	Kinder commence
8/2/22	AHS Swimming Carnival

KEY END OF YEAR DATES

7th Dec	Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
8th Dec	Presentation Night
12th Dec	Yr 6 Day Out
14th Dec	Yr 6 Mass & Final Assembly
16th Dec	Last Day of School for 2022!



The **P & F Bike Raffle** will be drawn **THIS THURSDAY** at our Presentation Night. Please ensure all sold tickets and payments are returned to school ready to go in the draw



END OF YEAR EVENTS

Year 6 Farewell Dinner: Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held tonight at 6pm in our school hall. It will be a great night for our Year 6 students and their parents to attend.

Presentation Night: Presentation Night will be held tomorrow night at 6.30pm on the back playground. The weather forecast is looking good at this stage. Should the weather change, we will host the Presentation evening in the Gulgong High School gym at the same time.

Year 6 Day Out: Next Monday our Year 6 will head off on their big Day Out. Details have come home to parents detailing the day with a permission note to be returned by today please.

End of Year Mass & Year 6 Assembly: Year 6 End of Year Mass will be held next Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am. All students will attend the Mass and parents of our Year 6 students are invited to come along. Year 6 Final Assembly will be held at 2.30pm on the same afternoon in our school hall.

Mufti Day: On Friday 16th December (our last day of the year) we will be having a mufti day. 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.

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.

UNIFORMS 2023

All students are expected to return in full Summer Uniform on the first day back next year. Please ensure that your child has the correct school shoes, correct coloured socks and all holiday haircuts have been taken care of.

Our Uniform Shop will be open on set days during the holiday period towards the end of January. We will email and post on Facebook for opening days and times. The shop may be open for some items at the end of Week 10 before we break up for holidays.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

As we are nearly to the end of our Intensive Swimming weeks, we wish to say a BIG Thank You to all the parents and grandparents for helping their children be organised and enthusiastic for their swimming lessons this year.

It has been very wonderful that the children are enjoying their trip to the pool each day and the improvement in their swimming and water safety skills has been obvious this week. We hope they can continue to visit the pool and further develop their swimming throughout the summer.

A very big THANK YOU goes to Mrs Kelly and Nina for being our Austswim teachers this year and for to all the All Hallows staff who provided the activities, supervision and support necessary at school to ensure the program works.

Also to the staff at Gulgong Pool for their supervision and support. We are blessed to have such a great facility to enable these lessons.

We are very proud of all our swimmers and very happy that we were able to make the most of this opportunity this year.



CANTEEN SPECIAL

Our final Canteen for 2022 is

Thursday 15th December.

We will be celebrating the end of the year with a special meal deal.

BBQ Sausage on a Bun with sauce and/or cheese

Popper - Zooper Dooper - Cookie

\$5.50

* other menu items are available but may be in limited supply





Merit Awards



Week 8

<u>Kinder</u> Jack H, Marley W.	<u>Year 3</u> Brooklyn H, Caitlin B, Dylan M
<u>Year 1</u> Mitchell O, Willow W, Miller P, Ned L	<u>Year 4</u> Ambrose C, Logan J, Pearl O
<u>Year 2</u> Ivy G, Cooper H	<u>Year 5/6</u> Conner J, Tommy O, Isabella C, Emily, Beau R, Pat F, Levi R
Halo Reward: Avelyn M, Charlotte A, Charlotte H, Ned L, Harper B, Iyla F, Roley A, Reid C, Chelsea W, Kurt H, Lennon O	

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



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Nov 14th - 6th Feb



Take part for your chance to go in the draw to win one of four iPads!

Details in last weeks newsletter

28 Fun School Holiday activities

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Visit the library	Play board games
Make an artwork for wall	Make play dough
Write someone a letter	Play hopscotch
Plant a plant	Invite a friend over
FLy a kite	Read book to someone special
Do a science experiment	Make cupcakes
Make a thank you card	Go to the beach
Make a homemade pizza	Help cook dinner
Blow bubbles	Look at the stars at night
Go for a bike ride	Dance to music
Have a picnic	Colour in
??? Solve puzzles	Make sock puppets
Visit a museum	Visit a park
Ride on a bus or train	Feed the ducks at a pond
Learn to knit	Kick a ball around
Make an imaginary game	Create a sports tournament