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*Dear Parents*

*I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. Hopefully our students are relaxed and ready to start an exciting new year. It has been a really positive start to the year and the staff welcome and value your positive energy and support in the education of your children.*

*In 2023 we welcomed Laura Clift, Sarah Buckley, Bridie Mulligan and Emily Norris to the staff at All Hallows. We also welcome back Amanda MacLean and Lucinda Stokes from their maternity leave. All six staff have been welcome additions into the school and we look forward to working with them this year.*

*On the first day I explained to the children that I wanted to see three things from them this year:*

- **Be Kind**
- **Try Your Best = Work Hard**
- **Bring a Positive Attitude Each Day**

*If we can ingrain these three qualities into our students, they will thrive as members of our school community.*

*Our past experience tells us that young people receive the most from their education when parents, families and teachers work as a team. To our parents, your enthusiasm, support and involvement are paramount to the success of our school along with the skills and dedication of our staff. Together, we can support one another to provide a safe, connected learning environment and celebrate our achievements along the way.*

*Let's make 2023 a great 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 2023 is:

***"One Heart, Many Voices"***

Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Mission Sunday Message reminds us that we are all invited to answer the call to be missionary-



***"Mission is carried out together, not individually"***

We share in the mission by spreading God's word, as well as loving and serving God through the way we live our life.

This year we will be focusing on learning more about Mission and the role that our All Hallow community has in this. We will connect with Catholic Mission, following their model of PRAY, ADVOCATE, ACT as we become better missionaries this year.

*"Being missionary means to give hope to those who have lost hope, and to work together with the community to continue building a better, more just world for everyone"*

### **SCHOOL MASS**



Next Tuesday, 7th February we will celebrate our "Beginning of the School Year" Mass at 11.00am in the church.

As a school community we will begin our year together, welcoming our new students and their families as well as inducting our All Hallows 2023 Leaders.

Following Mass, the staff will be hosting a morning tea on our playground and all families are invited to join us.

### **WELCOME**

We warmly welcome the new students to our school - Nathan (Year 1) and Rory (Year 3) and their families.

I'm extremely excited to welcome 19 new Kinder students to the school tomorrow. There is an air of excitement and anticipation in the hope of what a new year bring. We hope that throughout 2023 we are able to continue to come together more frequently as a school community.

### **CAPTAINS FOR 2023**

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted into leadership positions at All Hallows this year. I thoroughly look forward to working alongside you to keep the great traditions of the school alive this year and into the future.

**School Captains:** Chelsey W & Thomas O

**Liturgy Captain:** Levi R

House Captain voting will happen tomorrow.



### **HOLIDAY WORK**

The children have noticed a large amount of work was completed over the holiday period. We had tree removal and planting, gardens finished, carpets in the primary school, painting in some classrooms, tv's installed in all rooms. My sincere appreciation to all parents and staff that assisted throughout the holidays. I really appreciate your efforts!

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to the Wakeling family of the safe arrival of Pippa during the holidays.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School Fees will be invoiced later this month and will come home via your child. Balances will also be available in the Compass Parent Portal.

Your invoice will show the full year but can be paid in instalments either by the term or by making regular weekly or fortnightly payments via direct debit. Direct Debit forms are available at the office.

We would like to remind families on direct debit to please ensure enough funds are held in your account to cover the direct debit as we have had a lot of payments reject in recent months. The school is charged a fee from the bank each time this happens.

And the news this week is...

## TERM 1

1/2/23	Kinder Best Start Assess
2/2/23	Kindergarten First Day House Captain Voting
7/2/23	Opening School Mass 11am
8/2/23	School Swimming Carnival
14/2/23	Parent Info Sessions
18/2/23	Gulgong Show
22/2/23	Ash Wednesday Mass
24/2/23	Northern Region Swimming
27/2-- 2/3	Loreto Visit
2/3/23	Mass - Yrs 3, 5/6
3/3/23	World of Maths
8/3/23	Diocesan Swimming
10/3/23	Primary Winter Trials
16/3/23	Mass - Yr 4
20/3-22/3	Parent/Teacher Meetings
24/3/23	School Cross Country
27/3 - 31/3	Catholic Schools Week
30/3/23	Polding Swimming
3/4 - 7/4/23	Holy Week
6/4/23	Holy Week Liturgy Last Day of Term

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our All Hallows School Swimming Carnival will be held next **Wednesday 8th February 2023 beginning at 9.30am.**

All students and staff will walk to the pool after morning lines. Students will take their recess, lunch and drink bottle to the pool.

We ask that all students wear their swimmers under their sports uniform in the morning with their underwear packed in their swimming bag to change into at the end of the carnival.

Please remember to have the FIVE for SWIMMING

- **Swimmers / Rashie**
- **Towel**
- **Sunscreen**
- **School Hat**
- **Bag to carry swim gear**



The carnival involves ALL students Kinder to Year 6 with a variety of events for all swimming levels. Our school carnival is about inclusivity

Infants students who do not yet swim a lap will be involved in across the pool races (with Year 6/Teacher helpers) and novelty games in the little pool.

Entry to the pool is free for competitors and \$1.00 for spectators unless season ticket holder.

Please join us for this fun whole school event. If you are able to help with timekeeping could you please let us know by the end of this week by phoning the school on 63741582 or emailing [allhallowsgulgong@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:allhallowsgulgong@bth.catholic.edu.au). Thank you.

Hope to see you there!

## NORTHERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

From our school carnival, a team will be selected to represent All Hallows at the Northern Region Swimming Carnival to be held in Mudgee, hosted by St Matthews on Friday 24th February 2023.

We will need to provide a number of officials for this carnival. A note will be sent home closer to the carnival for those students involved and to ask for volunteers. Thank you.

## P & F MEETING - AGM

A P & F Meeting and AGM will be held next Thursday 9th February at 3.45pm in our school hall.

Everyone is welcome to come along. We will be looking for new committee members and parents to assist with the many fundraising and community events we have planned for the year.

## **FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED**

At the beginning of each school year, there is some paperwork that needs to be completed .

The following forms are coming home today and we ask that they be returned by next **Monday 6th Feb.**

**Parent Authority & Consent:** This form gives us permission for various items and also includes permission to take the students on walking excursions around town, including to the pool for sport. Permission for today is presumed but from next week, any student who has not returned their form will need to remain at school while we go swimming.

**Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement:** to be discussed with your child and signed by both parent and student.

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

The new year starting means we need a friendly reminder on the Uniform Policy at All Hallows.

**Boys Summer Uniform:** Grey shorts, Light Blue Shirt, Grey Socks, Black Shoes or Boots (whole shoe must be black and no other colours), School Bucket Hat

**Girls Summer Uniform:** Pink Check Dress, White Socks, Black Shoes, Maroon or White ribbons, School Bucket Hat.

**Sports Uniform** - Royal Blue Polo Shirt , Royal Blue shorts, White Socks, Sports shoes.

All uniform items must be labelled with full name or initials clearly marked on the clothing item.

**Hair:** Hair should be neat and tidy at all times. Shoulder length hair should be tied back and not in the eyes. Radical/Trendy haircuts or cuts which may cause the student to be the object of ridicule are not permitted. If in doubt, the school should be contacted before the child's hair is cut.

**Jewellery:** is not part of the uniform. Students may wear stud or sleeper earrings only and there may be occasions during sport where these must be removed for safety reasons. One bangle or signet ring is permitted. Costume jewellery is not appropriate for wearing at school.

**Makeup and nail polish** are not to be worn at school.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please let the school know if there are any changes to after school arrangements for your children. Please ensure we are notified what days your children will catch the bus, walk or ride. This allows us to ensure that children are getting home safely.

We also ask that any one-off changes to your child's routine are advised to the school office by **2.45pm**.

## **CANTEEN**

Canteen resumes tomorrow and will be open each **Tuesday** and **Thursday** for lunch.

Please ensure lunch orders are placed in the boxes provided on the playground before 9.00am. When making an order, please include the following:

*Name*

*Class*

*Order Details*

*Amount enclosed*



Re-usable lunch bags are available from the office \$10.00 each. A copy of the menu will come home today also.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen on a Tuesday or Thursday between 10.00am and 1.30pm, please contact Bec or Carolyn in the office on 63741582. A roster will be arranged in the next few weeks.

## **SCHOOL HOURS AND ABSENCES**

Lessons commence at 9.00am and conclude at 3.20pm each day. This is our teaching and learning time and our students full attendance is important between these times.

If you have any questions in relation to fees or would like to discuss payment plans, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All absences from the roll are recorded in either 'full' or 'partial' absences. This includes students that arrive after 9.00am or leave before 3.20pm.

Students who are 'late arrivals' or 'early departures' must report to the office. A full explanation of the late arrival/early departure must be entered in the Kiosk machine in the school foyer. Regulations mean that students who arrive late or leave early will be marked as a partial absence for that day. All absences are recorded in our digital file.

Full absences due to sickness, holiday etc need to be fully explained. Communication can be done via several methods.

- Email class teacher or school office [allhallowsgulgong@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:allhallowsgulgong@bth.catholic.edu.au)
- Compass Parent Portal
- Written note to class teacher

Phone call to office where it will be recorded in our school register.

## **PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Parent Information Sessions will be held on after school on Tuesday 14th February. Times for each class will be advised next week.

## **MOBILE PHONES/DEVICES AT SCHOOL**



We would like to remind all students that mobile phones, iPads etc that are brought to school must be handed in to the school office on arrival and picked up at the end of the day.

## **BE CONNECTED**

Please keep in mind our digital communications. You can access all the school news and happenings via our digital connections. These include:

- School Website - [www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au)
- All Hallows Facebook page - like and follow our page - All Hallows Catholic Primary School

