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**BLUE Fundraising Day**  
**for Mia**

**This Friday**

**17th February 2023**

**(Details on back page)**

*Dear Parents*

*Welcome to Week 3 at All Hallows. We have a busy week with Parent Information Meetings being held yesterday and our 'Mia Fundraising Day' being held on Friday afternoon. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us at the parent meetings yesterday. Both events allow us to come together as a school community.*

*The Parent Information Meetings gave you an outline of what will be happening in your child's class, routine, structures and expectations. Teachers also may have outlined how you might be able to be involved in your child's education. If you were unable to attend or have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.*

*The relationship between the teacher and parent is vital to improving the learning outcomes and school experience of your children. The role of schools is to work in partnership with parents to provide an environment that encourages students to connect with each other and their community, so they can succeed and thrive.*

*At All Hallows we pride ourselves on having a strong parent community that is very active at the school. Our parents have always been very generous with their time given throughout the year. I thoroughly look forward to working alongside you at various carnivals, canteens, BBQ's and morning teas this year.*

*If you would like to be involved in any aspect of the school community, please let the class teacher, school office or myself know.*

*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"**



**God of love,**

**We ask you to bless our community of All  
Hallows,**

**Through the example of your son, Jesus,  
may we **Know - Love - Serve** through our words  
and actions.**

**Help us to live as our mission, as the Saints did.  
May we see your face in everyone and serve one  
another with love.**

**AMEN**



### **LENT**

Lent is the period of six weeks, leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Lent begins next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday).

On Ash Wednesday we go to mass to receive 'ashes'. This means that we are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrong doing (penitence). The ashes come from burning the palm crosses from Palm Sunday of the previous year.

Lent is a time of preparation for **Easter**, ending in Holy Week. It is a wonderful season during our liturgical year to share the concepts of **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving** with our children. Consider as a family how you might help others in need by giving of your time or resources during the six weeks before Easter.

**MASS:** Please join us at our Ash Wednesday Mass next Wednesday at **9.15am**

### **HOME PICK UP PROCEDURES**

Reminder about parent pickup procedures: When the bell goes, children wait on the basketball court near the gate. A teacher will open the gate. **A parent must come and collect the students from our gate.** It is important that the kids say goodbye to the teacher at the gate and let them know who they are leaving the school grounds with. If crossing the roads, please use the crossing to ensure safety for all pedestrians. The roads around the school are

very congested at pickup time and we need everyone to be vigilant and follow these procedures carefully. It is a school rule that students leave in their full school uniform including their hat and have their shirts tucked in.

Parents are also invited to wait in the seating area to collect your children.

### **SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Thankyou, to all the families who gathered to cheer on our students at the School Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. Our students competed in a spirit of sportsmanship, fun and friendship. We can be very proud of each and every child who swam in a race – no matter the distance. Many students swam in events for the first time and the enthusiasm throughout the day was terrific to see. Well done to the parents who jumped in the Parent /Student races – A fun way to end a wonderful school event.

Many THANKS to Mary Freestone, and those who work at the Gulgong Pool, for their help in running the carnival. Their support is appreciated.

Congratulations to Clare House who won the carnival. Age Champion medals will be presented at assembly in the coming weeks.

### **AGE DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

#### **Junior Girls**

1st - Ruby Toole/Ivy Gray

2nd - Sarah Wright/Dakota Watts

#### **Junior Boys**

1st - Noah Thompson

2nd - Ethan Dover

3rd - Jett Ryan/Dylan McKeown

#### **11 years**

##### **Girls**

1st - Lilah Gray

2nd - Sophia Burke

3rd - Arabella Davis

##### **Boys**

1st - Tommy Wisbey

#### **Senior Boys**

1st - Pat Flower

2nd - Will Drury

3rd - Bailey Tumeth

And the news this week is...

## TERM 1

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

## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to send our congratulations to Teagan and Anthony Large on the birth of **Clancy**. We are sure that he will settle in nicely at home and be well looked after by his four big siblings. We are also very pleased that he waited until the swimming carnival was finished before he made his grand entrance.



## NORTHERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

From our school carnival, a team has been selected to represent All Hallows at the Northern Region Swimming Carnival to be held in Mudgee next week. We will need to provide a timekeepers on the day. If you are able to help please let Mrs Kelly or Mr Toole know this week.

## DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

The Diocese of Bathurst will be conducting Winter Sport selection trials in Bathurst on Friday 10th of March, 2023 .

Students from Years 5 and Year 6 are eligible to trial. The exception is students in Yr 4 who are U/11 and wish to trial in Rugby League.

Students interested in trialing MUST display a HIGH standard of ABILITY in these sports to warrant being sent to the trials. They should be involved in REGULAR COMPETITION and have a SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE RULES of the game.

The Sports are:

Boys: Soccer, RL under 11, RL Open, Hockey

Girls: Soccer, Netball, Hockey

If students wish to attend the trial, parents are asked to send in a note to Ms Statham by Friday 24th February, 2023.

## VOLUNTEER DECLARATION FORMS

This week we will be sending home Volunteer Declaration forms to all new families.

If you completed a form last year you will not be required to complete another.

If you are new to our school community or haven't returned a form and you wish to volunteer at different events or programs the school may be running you will need to complete a Declaration form. As a parent in the school, you do not need to provide a Working with Children Check number.

Please return the completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. Proof of Identity may be required so please bring your drivers license or similar with you.

## WELCOME

This week we welcome Jake (Yr 6) and his family to All Hallows. We hope you enjoy being part of our Gulgong community.

And the news this week is...

### **P&F MEETING**

Our P&F AGM and first meeting for the year was held last Thursday afternoon in the Hall.

I'm pleased to announce that the 2023 P&F Executive will be:

President: Dave O'Rourke

Secretary: Emma Adams

Treasurer: Kay Wisbey

Uniform Shop: Michelle Coe & Reanne O'Rourke

Henry Lawson Coordinator: Megan Lugg

I would like to thank Teagan Large for her work as secretary in 2022. Teagan will still be an active member of the P&F but has stood down from her role as Secretary. Thanks Teagan for your support of the P&F.

### **LORETO NORMANHURST VISIT WEEK 5**

During Week 5 we will be joined here at All Hallows by nine Year 10 students and one teacher from Loreto Normanhurst from Monday to Thursday.

As a boarding school with many students from rural communities in NSW, Loreto Normanhurst is committed to fostering a sense of community between rural and metro communities. The primary aim is to do this through developing the understanding of students from all schools involved in the partnership through an exposure to differing lifestyles. Loreto Normanhurst is a Catholic school and has looked to partner with other Catholic primary schools in rural NSW as the shared faith provides a common connection between our communities. Loreto has been in partnership with Dunedoo and Coolah stretching back nine years and we are excited to be invited into the partnership again this year for our second year. The Year 10 students will be helping with classes and around the schools, as well as teaching lessons in the afternoon. After school we will be providing them with some opportunities to explore rural life. We look forward to welcoming the Loreto staff and students to our community in Week 5.

### **OPENING MASS**

I'd like to thank Kylie Statham for her organisation of our 'Opening Mass' last Tuesday. It was a beautiful Mass that was well supported by parents and students. It was a fantastic privilege to assist Father Owen in presenting our Year 6 students with their 'Leadership Badges'. I've been very impressed with the leadership qualities that Year 6 have shown in the first few weeks of school and look forward to working with them throughout 2023. In particular, the care they have shown their Kinder 'Buddies' has been amazing and the relationship they are developing with one another is really special to see.





## Merit Awards

### Week 2

<u><b>Kinder</b></u> <b>Claire F, Harriet B, Oscar N</b>	<u><b>Year 3</b></u> <b>Isabelle C. Charlotte A</b>
<u><b>Year 1</b></u> <b>Alexis S, Ruby P-H</b>	<u><b>Year 4</b></u> <b>Olivia S, Noah T</b>
<u><b>Year 2</b></u> <b>Hamish B, Lincoln D, Iyla F</b>	<u><b>Year 5/6</b></u> <b>Ambrose C, Pearl O, Henry B</b>
<b>Halos</b> <b>Oliver, Ivy, Cambell, Adalyn, Willow, Olivia Liam, Hartley, Charlotte, Brooklyn</b>	

### **BLUE FUNDRAISING DAY FOR MIA**

**Friday 17th February**

This Friday, 17th February we will be holding a  
**"Blue Fundraising Day for Mia".**

Students are invited to dress in blue for the day  
and bring a gold coin donation.

#### **Baked Goodies Stall:**

Front playground at recess.

Students of Yr 5/6 will be bringing goods for sale  
(Parents welcome to join us)

#### **Lunch Meal Deal:**

Sausage Sandwich, Popper & Zooper Dooper  
**\$5.00.**

(Extra sausage sand \$2.00)





## **BAGGY BLUES AND PAST PLAYERS FREE JUNIOR CRICKET CLINIC**

The Cricket NSW Foundation along with the NSW Baggy Blues & Past Players will be putting on a FREE Junior Cricket Clinic for boys and girls aged 5-15 followed by a T20 Exhibition match featuring some of the best players from the region and some very special guests!

**THURS 23rd FEBRUARY, 2023**  
5pm - 6pm  
Victoria Park  
Cnr Denison & Horatio St, Mudgee

If you would like to register for this event, please fill out your details via the button below

**REGISTER**




