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At All Hallows we believe that we work in partnership with parents, to ensure a positive and productive learning journey for every student. One part of this community partnership is working together to create a positive school culture. In a positive school community, every student has a right to have their voice heard and needs met.

All students need to feel that the school is a safe place where;

- They are engaged in lessons and enthusiastic about learning
- People care for them and prioritise their individual needs
- They are encouraged to think creatively, communicate and collaborate with their peers.

Classrooms are really starting to develop an exciting buzz around the school. The teachers are building strong learning routines and developing behaviours that will carry them through the year. Our teachers, aides and most importantly the students should be commended on the way they have approached the start of the school year. I'd like to give a special mention to our new Kinders who have settled into life at All Hallows beautifully and have added a special spark to the playground. Thanks Mrs Menchin for the way you have beautifully cared for the Kinder students in the first month of their school journey.



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"



As a boy, Jesus understood that prayer united him with God, his Father. Jesus also understood that prayer united him with other people too. It did not matter where the other people were. They could be praying together with Jesus in the same place, or praying together but in different towns, or praying together but in different parts of the world! When we all pray to God the Father, we are all united. Like one huge family, praying together as God's children – 'One heart – many voices'.



Ash Wednesday 22 Feb 2023



This week, **the season of Lent begins** with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual **Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal**. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is **'For All Future Generations'** and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in support of Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box

Lent is a time to remember those we support through Project Compassion. Classes will be learning about the work of Caritas Australia in their R.E lessons throughout Lent. May our support of 'Caritas' help our sisters and brothers around the world who are in need. May we strive to help 'For All Future Generations' by being generous during this Lenten season.



Northern Region Swimming Carnival

The All Hallows Swimming Team will represent the school at the Northern Region Swimming Carnival to be held in Mudgee on this Friday. Mrs Kelly and Mr Toole will be with the team and have been training hard. We wish all our swimmers good luck and are proud of you all. A note with reminders will be sent home today.

Dio Winter Sports Trials

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

Students from Year 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 **THIS Friday 24th February, 2023.**

Loreto Normanhurst Visit Week 5



Next Week, 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

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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

SCHOOL FEES

2023 School Fee invoices will come home next week. Your invoice shows the whole year however payments can be made in instalments with the first instalment only due this term.

You may make payments via **Direct Debit**, **BPay** or by using **Compass Pay** (available through the Compass Parent Portal).

Please contact us if you are experiencing financial difficulty as there are various fee payment and fee relief options available to help you.

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 next week.

P&F Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop has hit the ground running and all the feedback has been really positive. Special thanks to Reanne and Michelle for their work in setting up the shop and to Amanda and Alex for assisting by doing some shifts in the shop.

We would love three or more helpers to do a shift once a month to share the workload around.

Opening Hours for the remainder of the term:

Tuesday 21st Feb - 8.30 - 9.15am

Tuesday 28th Feb - 8.30 - 9.15am

Tuesday 7th Mar - 8.30 - 9.15am

Tuesday 14th Mar - 8.30 - 9.15am

Tuesday 21st Mar - 8.30 - 9.15am

Tuesday 28th Mar - 8.30 - 9.15am

Tuesday 4th Apr - 8.30 - 9.15am & 2.00 - 3.45pm
(last week of Term 1)

Thursday 6th Apr - 8.30 - 9.15am & 2.00 - 3.45pm (last week of Term 1)

Holidays - Friday 21st Apr - 9.00 - 3.00pm

Volunteer Declaration Forms

A reminder that if you are intending to volunteer at school this year - canteen, reading etc, we will require you to complete a **Volunteer Declaration form**. Declaration forms were sent home last week to all new families and if you are unsure of whether we already hold one for you, please give the office a call. Even if you have a WWCC we are ask you to complete the form and send it back as soon as possible. Thanks for your assistance with this task.

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Supporting Writing at Home

Supporting early stage writing at home is an important part of a child's development, as it helps them to develop their communication skills and lays the foundation for future academic success. Here are some tips for supporting early stage writing at home:

1. Encourage scribbling: Give your child crayons, markers, and paper and encourage them to make marks and scribble. Even though it may not look like writing to you, this is an important stage in developing their writing skills.
2. Read together: Reading with your child is a great way to help them develop their language and writing skills. Encourage your child to ask questions about the story, predict what might happen next, and make connections to their own experiences.
3. Provide writing materials: Make sure your child has access to a variety of writing materials, such as pencils, pens, crayons, markers, and paper. You can also provide writing materials that are fun and engaging, such as stickers or special notebooks.
4. Model writing: Let your child see you writing, whether it's making a grocery list or writing a letter to a friend. This helps them to see the value of writing and understand that it is a part of everyday life.
5. Practice writing letters and numbers: Help your child practice writing letters and numbers by drawing them on paper or using tactile materials, such as sand or clay.
6. Play word games: Playing simple word games, such as "I Spy" or rhyming games, can help your child develop their language skills and become more comfortable with writing.
7. Praise effort, not just results: When your child shows an interest in writing, praise their effort and encourage them to keep practising. Focus on the process of writing and the effort they put into it, rather than just the end result.

Remember that every child develops at their own pace, so be patient and encourage your child to keep practising and exploring their writing skills. By providing a supportive and encouraging environment, you can help your child develop the skills they need for success in school and beyond.

Merit Awards

Week 3

<u>Kinder</u> Maisy S, Hunter B, Zac K	<u>Year 3</u> Maddison P-H, Lara P, Ivy G, Cambell F
<u>Year 1</u> Kurt H, Indie J, Harper B	<u>Year 4</u> Frank K, Tia T
<u>Year 2</u> Brycen B, Amalea M-B, Jack B	<u>Year 5/6</u> Jake F, Chelsey W, Tom O
Halos Audrey, Georgia, Jett, Isla, Ruby, Cooper, Cambell, Olivia, Issy, Dylan	



ATTENTION: Girls & Boys, Men & Women

Mudgee Wombats Rugby Union Club registrations are
OPEN for the 2023 season!

Age groups: U6s, U8s, U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s
U18s/Colts

Men's and Women's

Please register by the end of February.

Register at rugbyexplorer.com.au or Rugby Xplorer app.

Go to www.mudgeerugby.com for additional information or look for us on Facebook or Instagram.

COME AND TRY GUIDES!

In 5 easy steps

PRE JUNIOR GUIDES
(5-7 years)



Have fun, make new friends and try new things

JUNIOR GUIDES
(7-10 years)



Grow in confidence, be yourself and have awesome adventures

GUIDES
(10-14 years)



Have fun, make friends and find your voice

SENIOR GUIDES
(14-17 years)



Develop leadership skills, prepare for the future and be part of a global community

Mudgee Girl Guides

Uniting Church Hall
Mortimer Street
Mudgee

Thursdays from 4pm until 6pm

Contact Dianne
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