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Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 5!

All Hallows continues to be a hive of activity with a number of events taking place both in and out of the classroom in coming weeks.



I was very proud to see so many students representing out school with such enthusiasm at the Northern Region Swimming Carnival in Mudgee last week. Our school spirit was definitely evident as students cheered on their friends in every event.

Loreto Normanhurst Visit

This week we have been joined here at All Hallows by eight Year 10 students and two teachers from Loreto Normanhurst in Sydney.

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. Our students thoroughly enjoy the visit and enjoy having the opportunity to talk to the girls from Sydney. They will have their final day with us tomorrow.

We thank the girls for their contribution to our school and look forward to the visit again 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.

And the news this week is...

School Theme for 2023 is:

"One Heart, Many Voices"



In this Lenten season, Loving God, you call us to a time of reflection and contemplation.

A time to ponder where our wandering steps have separated us from you.

A time to consider all of who we are and where you want us to be.

A time to confess our sins and establish a proper relationship with you.

O Lord, we so want to be upright of heart.

May Your comforting spirit allow us to unburden our souls.



First Week of Lent Week beginning 27th Feb



We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Laxmi, a 16 year old girl living in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half the population live below the poverty line.

Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 yrs old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner, Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an adviser and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

*Please support Project Compassion **For All Future Generations** by placing your change into a Project Compassion box at home or at school. Every little bit helps.*

2023 Sacramental Program



Here are the important dates for our Sacramental Program this year. If you know of any family whose children are Catholic and attend another school, who would be interested in having their children receive the Sacraments, please pass this information on.

We are happy to assist any child wishing to make their Sacraments. Please contact your child's teacher or Ms Satham (REC) if you have any questions or want to know more about Catholic Sacraments.

SACRAMENT	Parent Meeting	Date of Sacrament
Confirmation Yr 6 Class Teacher: Ms Satham	Mon 26/4/23 3.30pm	Sunday 4th June 11.00am
First Holy Communion Yr 3 Class Teacher: Sarah Buckle	Mon 14/6/23 3.30pm	Sunday 13th August 10.30am

Diocesan Winter Sports Trials

Notes were given out last week to students interested in attending Winter Sports Trials in Bathurst on Friday 10th March for Soccer, Rugby League (Open & U11) and Netball.

Students are to register on the **CSNSW Sport Website** and **return the permission slip** to Ms Satham by **Friday 3rd March 2023**.

World of Maths - Friday 3rd March



This Friday we will be visited by the World of Maths team who will present to our students. Students will participate in a range of challenges and activities to challenge their problem solving skills.

And the news this week is...

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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
15/3/23	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Writing
16/3/23	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Reading/ language conventions
16/3/23	P & F Meeting 3.45pm
17/3/23	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Numeracy
20/3-22/3	Parent/Teacher Meetings
23/3/23	Mass - Yr 4
24/3/23	School Cross Country
27/3 - 31/3	Catholic Schools Week
27/3/23	CSW Liturgy/Morning Tea Open Classrooms
29/3/23	CSW Enrichment Day
30/3/23	Peachey Shield/Richardson Cup Dunedoo
30/3/23	Mass - yrs 1 & 2
30/3/23	Polding Swimming
31/3/23	CSW Tabloids/ Lawn Lunch
3/4 - 7/4/23	Holy Week
6/4/23	Holy Week Liturgy Last Day of Term



We are currently looking for volunteers to help Emma in the Canteen on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** - approx 10.00am to 1.30pm. Please let us know if you'd like to help.

Rugby League Dunedoo

The David Peachey Rugby League competition will be held in Dunedoo on Thursday 30th March. Notes will come home next week and training will commence in Week 6. This is always a great day. There will be a bus available and Mr Rogers and Mr Toole will accompany the students to Dunedoo for the day.

Volunteer Declaration Forms

A reminder that if you are intending to volunteer at school this year - canteen, reading etc, we require you to complete a Volunteer Declaration Form. Declaration forms were sent home several weeks ago 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 Working with Children Check number, we ask that you complete the form and send back as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance with this task.

School Fees

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

You may also make payments via Direct Debit, BPay or the Compass Parent Portal.

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

Parent /Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held 20th to 22nd March. These meetings are 10 minutes and provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to talk about individual children, their strengths and goals and areas we'd like to see growth and focus on.

Notes are coming home today for you to complete to indicate your preferred meeting time. Can you please return the notes by next Tuesday. Our teaching staff will complete the timetable by the end of next week and will let you know of your meeting time.

Reading



Reading together with your child has many benefits - building a bigger vocabulary, encouraging stronger discussions and developing confidence. Having your child read to you is a safe and nurturing way for children to practice whilst learning themselves.

Each week children will receive a reader in their homework as well as having the opportunity to borrow from the Library fortnightly. When reading these books at home with your child, you can model the reading for them as well as listening to them read independently. By reading for and with your child, you are showing them correct pace, expression and accuracy.

Also discuss the stories by asking questions such as: Who is your favourite character? Describe the setting. What do you think will happen next? Students will receive a bookmark with more questions you can use together in their homework folders.


Reading is important in all forms including on devices. There are some useful links to websites that your child might find interesting to use in addition to their weekly readers: kidsnews.com.au, Reading Eggspress (Yrs K-4 have logins). If you have further questions or want more help on reading at home with your child, please contact the front office or Georgia Anderson on g.anderson1@bth.catholic.edu.au.

Wellbeing Tips

It is important that we give our kids the tools to have good mental health, be happy and ready to learn.

Ultimately it is just as important to look after our minds as it is our body.





Gulpong P&C Association OOSHC

At Gulpong Before and After School Care, we believe that wellbeing and learning is best supported through a responsive and flexible routine; one that accommodates both the individual and group needs. We provide children with the time and space required to engage in meaningful play and experience the joy of 'being' in the moment, fulfilling their learning desires.

We are open for Gulpong Public School and All Hallows

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OPERATING HOURS	VACATION CARE
6.30am-8.55am	6.30am-6.00pm
3.25pm-6.00pm	

Mudgee District Netball Association

NetSetGo



- **Registration 11/2/23 - 4/5/23 Season begins Saturday 6th May**
- **\$105.00 per player**
- **Glen Willow Netball Courts - Saturdays 9.00am - 9.45am**

NetSetGo is Australia's official starter program for girls and boys aged 5 - 7. It's a chance to learn the netball basics, get outside and make some friends. For a lot of kids, this is the first time they'll pick up a netball or throw on a bib. It's a learning experience. And a lot of fun.

NetSetGo is divided up into three tiers: Net, Set and Go.

As you move through the tiers, you'll pick up more advanced netball skills. One week it might be passing drills and ball games, next it could be shooting and practice matches. All NetSetGo sessions are lead by a friendly netball coach using equipment built especially for kids.

To register: <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/4f868a>

For further information contact Marnie O'Brien on 0413 689 146.

Merit Awards

Week 4

<u>Kinder</u> Winifred B, Lukas H, Bligh S	<u>Year 3</u> Hartley S, Adalynn H, Oliver K
<u>Year 1</u> Avelyn M, Hunter L, Marley W	<u>Year 4</u> Dakota W, Brooklyn H
<u>Year 2</u> Willow W, Michaela W, Mackenzie R	<u>Year 5/6</u> Logan J, Grace O, Sophia W

Halos: Georgia T, Bonnie-Blue O, Jack H, Ivy G, Aiden F, Claire F, Kaitlyn H, Will D, Ned L, Jett R



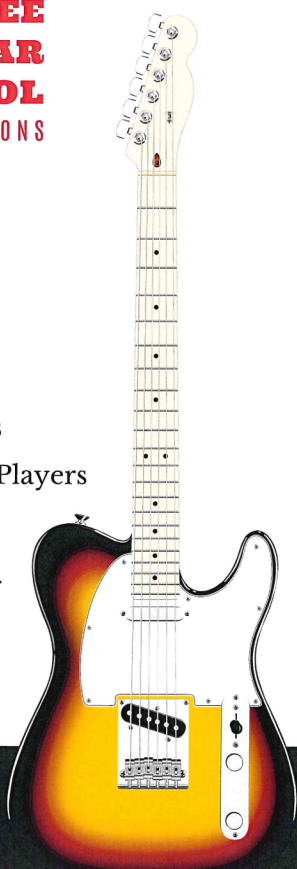
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- Learn Guitar & Bass
- New & Developing Players

Fun and flexible lessons for all ages.
Centrally located.
Contact Patrick on
0413 430 875

Studio 5, 72 Church St, Mudgee

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



Join us at Active Fest 2023



Come join us at Active Fest for fun, fitness and laughter. Bring along your friends to this FREE event and experience a range of sports and activities, and most of all - have fun!

What's on

- Free sports gear for kids
- Multi-Sports activities
- Footy Clinics
- League Tag
- Mental Wellbeing Presentation
- Free Entertainment
- Free Refreshments

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24th MARCH 2023
Billy Dunn Oval
4 PM - 6 PM

For more information: www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activefest

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