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*Dear Parents*

*We are closing in on the end of a very busy term. Next week we will be busy preparing for Holy Week activities in the lead up to Easter.*

*We are still working hard and will continue to do so for the remainder of the term.*

*Thank you to everyone who has been involved in our Catholic Schools Week celebrations this week. Special thanks to Ms Statham for organising the week and to Mrs Kelly and the Year 4 parents for their delicious morning tea on Monday.*

*Remaining events this week include:*

- **Thursday 30th March - Rugby League Day Dunedoo**
- **Friday 31st March - Tabloids 12pm - 1pm followed by lunch on the lawn. Assembly @ 2.45pm**



*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"**



Catholic Schools Week began on Monday with our Liturgy to mark this special week in our school calendar. All Hallows has a strong, 140 year history of Catholic Education in Gulgong and this year we are embracing this with our theme "Mission - One Heart, Many Voices" where we will be missionaries to those in need of hope and support. As we are celebrating our 140 year anniversary this year we want to hear the stories of those who have gone before us at All Hallows - students, parents and staff. We would love to know the story of your All Hallows connection, with any interesting facts and memories you can recall.



**Project Compassion** brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This

year we introduced you to the stories of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia - without it, we could not do the vital work we do.

Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

### **Please Support Project Compassion**

Project Compassion boxes came home at the beginning of Lent to each family. We are hoping to fill the large Project Compassion box at the

front office by the end of Lent. As Lent ends next week, we ask that all boxes be returned this week. Thank you for your generous support of Caritas Australia.



Holy Week is a sacred time of the year for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life. "Holy" means 'set apart'.

Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (2nd April) and includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self denial is about to come to an end and we focus on the Passion (suffering) of Jesus and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

### **Special Days in Holy Week**

#### **Palm Sunday**

The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday. It celebrates Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover.

#### **Holy Thursday**

This was the day of the Last Supper and the betrayal by Judas. During the meal Jesus took bread and wine and shared them with his disciples. The Last Supper was probably a Passover meal - the meal which Jewish people share together to celebrate the time when God delivered Moses and the people from slavery in Egypt.

#### **Good Friday**

The arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus Christ. On Good Friday, Christians remember the day when Jesus was crucified on a cross.

#### **Holy Saturday**

The Sabbath on which Jesus rested in the grave.

As school we will be following the events of Holy Week with classes re-enacting scenes from each day. This begins with Kindergarten sharing the Palm Sunday scene with us at assembly on Monday. Throughout the week Year 4 will share scenes of Jesus' final week. In preparation, classes will visit the Stations of the Cross in the Church in the next week.

And the news this week is...

### TERM 1

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 @ 12.30pm
30/3/23	Polding Swimming
31/3/23	CSW Tabloids/ Lawn Lunch
3/4/23	School Cross Country
3/4 - 7/4/23	Holy Week
6/4/23	Holy Week Liturgy 10am
	Last Day of Term

### TERM 2

24/4/23	Pupil Free Day
25/4/23	ANZAC Day
26/4/23	Term 1 begins
	Confirmation Parent Meet
28/4/23	Yr 6 Leadership Day
30/4/23	Confirmation Commitment
2/5/23	Dio Cross Country Coolah
3-5/5	Yr 6 Christian Living Camp
12/5/23	Mothers Day Liturgy & High Tea
24/5/23	Mary Help Christians Mass
25/5/23	Dio Spelling Bee
	School Photos
31/5/23	Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat
4/6/23	Confirmation
6/6/23	Stage 1 Red Hill Exc
8/6/23	School Athletics Carnival
9/6/23	Rugby Gala Day

### HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

On Holy Thursday, 6th April, the school community will gather to "Walk with Jesus" as we follow him from his "Last Supper" to his dying on the Cross. Each class will take part in telling the story and we will all follow as a community.

Please join us for the Liturgy which will begin at **10.00am** outside the school hall.

As each scene is performed, the school community will follow in silence. The Liturgy will end in the church and classes will return to their classroom for a reflective activity.

We encourage our families to attend the Holy Week liturgies in our Gulgong Parish as we celebrate Easter with our families next week.

### Palm Sunday 2/4/23

Service in the Absence of a Priest 10.30am

### Easter Saturday 8/4/23

Easter Vigil @ 5.00pm (please note no Sunday Mass)

### EASTER HAT PARADE



Our Easter Hat Parade will be held next Wednesday 5th April.

It will begin at 9.00am on the basketball court. Families are most welcome to come and join us as we celebrate the end of Term 1. Children will make their own hats at home and bring them in on the day to wear.

### EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

Our SRC are conducting an Easter Egg Guessing Competition to raise money for Project Compassion.

Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation for their chance to guess and win one of three jars of eggs.

### RUGBY LEAGUE DUNEDOO

The David Peachey Rugby League competition will be held in Dunedoo tomorrow.

The bus will be leaving the school at **8.15am** and return at approx **3.00pm**

Ms Statham, Mr Rogers and Mrs Bray will be accompanying the students. Mrs Bray will be driving the bus for the day.

Have a great day everyone!

## ALL HALLOWS CROSS COUNTRY



The students have been training for our school Cross Country and are looking forward to the event next

**Monday 3rd April** at Red Hill.

**The students are asked to wear SPORTS UNIFORM on Monday (instead of Wednesday) and bring an extra drink bottle of water.**

The students and teachers will walk up to Red Hill at 11.30am, with the first race starting at 12.00pm. Before the races, we will all walk the course together. Groups will run in the following order:

**Yr 5 & 6 3 km    K-2 1 km    Yr 3 & 4 2 km**

Helpers are needed to act as marshalls/cheerers around the course. Please let Ms Statham or the office know if you can help or just turn up a little earlier. Thank you in advance.

At the conclusion of events the students and teachers will walk back to school for lunch ... and a rest!

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A meeting for parents/guardians of children making their Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 26th April at 3.30pm in the school library.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday 4th June 2023.

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 do not hesitate to pass this information on. We are happy to assist any child wishing to make their Sacraments.

## CHRISTIAN LIVING CAMP

Our Year 6 students will take part in a Christian Living Camp during Week 2 of next term 3rd - 5th May. Through this camp the students will be given experience and opportunities to:

- help develop sound Christian attitudes and values.
- Mix and share with others of the same age group
- Grow in their own self- awareness and sensitivity to others.

We attend the camp with students from St Michaels Dunedoo, Sacred Heart Coolah, St Johns Baradine and Assumption Bathurst.

Notes have been sent home to our Year 6 parents. If you have not yet returned the completed Medical and Consent form yet, please send in to Ms Statham by the end of this week please. The camp is a highlight for our Year 6 students each year and they are very excited that it is nearly here.

## ALL HALLOWS SPELLING BEE



The All Hallows Spelling Bee will be held at lunchtime on Thursday 27th April in the school hall. The winning students will represent All Hallows at the Diocesan Spelling Bee later in the term. Interested students have taken home lists of words to help them prepare for the Spelling Bee.

## PUPIL FREE DAYS

*\*\*Please note correction of the dates from last week as there was an error.*

The following dates have been set aside for Pupil Free Days for Staff Development this year.

- **Monday 24th April** (first day of Term 2)  
Students will return on Wed 26th April.
- **Monday 17th July** (first day of Term 3)  
Students will return Tues 18th July
- **Monday 31st July** - Week 3 Term 3

## ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is Tuesday 25th April (Week 1 Term 2). This is a Public Holiday and we won't be at school.

We will be marching as a school community with other members of the Gulgong community and the Gulgong RSL sub-branch.

We will meet at 10.15am outside the town library in Herbert St. Students must be in Full Winter Uniform including tie.

\* Please note our first day of Term 2 will be Wednesday 26th April.





## WINTER UNIFORM

We will have a two week transition into Winter uniform at the start of next term. Students need to transition into their winter uniform including tie by Monday 8th May at the latest. We don't want students mixing and matching the summer and winter uniform together. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the uniform changeover.

Regular ties and 'zipper' style ties are available for purchase from the school office.

Senior Tie \$12.00

Zipper Tie \$15.00

The P & F Uniform Shop will be open next Tuesday and Thursday for all your winter uniform needs.

**Tuesday 4th April** 8.30am - 10.00am  
2.00pm - 3.45pm

**Thursday 6th April** 8.30am - 10.00am  
2.00pm - 3.45pm

**Friday 21st April** 9.00am - 3.00pm (school holidays)

If you are unable to get to the shop during these hours, please contact Brad at the school to make other arrangements.

### Thursday 6th April

#### SAUSAGE SIZZLE MEAL DEAL

- **Sausage sandwich**
- **Popper**
- **Cupcake or Zooper Dooper**

**\$5.00**

**(extra sausage sand \$2.00)**



### CANTEEN

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help Emma with Canteen for next term. We will send the Term 2 Roster out next week once it is finalised.

Thursday next week will be a **Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal** (no regular lunch items available)

## STUDENT WELLBEING TIPS

This week's tip is focusing on having a look at our happiness calendar. It gives students (and adults) ways that you can brighten someone else's day. It would be great if we were to see this happening around our school more frequently.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends	5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business	14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you
15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them
22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain

"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february)

# Merit Awards

## Week 8

<b><u>Kinder</u></b> <i>Bella G, Charlie W</i>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b> <i>Hartley S, Charlotte A</i>
<b><u>Year 1</u></b> <i>Harper B, Jacob H, Nathan M</i>	<b><u>Year 4</u></b> <i>Ethan D, Brooklyn H</i>
<b><u>Year 2</u></b> <i>Reid C, Mitchell O, Ned L, Aiden F</i>	<b><u>Year 5/6</u></b> <i>Hope S, Tom O, Chelsey W</i>

**Halos: Albert T, Harriet B, Ivy G, Georgia T, Hunter K, Connor C, Wayne G, Hope S, Charlotte A, Bella G**




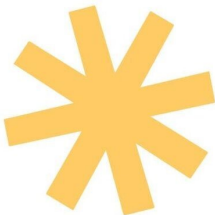


**FAMILY FUN DAY FOR MIA**

**Our very own Emma Adams will be shaving her beautiful locks so come along to show your support and enjoy a fun-filled day with the family this Sunday 2nd April at the Gulgong RSL Club**

**12pm - 6pm**

**Gulgong Family Fun Day**

**April 2nd, 2023**  
Gulgong RSL  
12pm until 6pm



Come join us at a family fun day to THANK the local community who have rallied together for local gal Mia O'Dwyer who is facing her second battle with brain cancer and have generously raised \$108k!!!!

It will be a jam packed day with live music, face painters, games and activities for the kids, a mega raffle, dance performances from Step Up Dance, the beautiful Emma will be shaving all of her locks off - this is a day you won't want to miss.