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### REMINDERS

#### PIE DRIVE ORDERS

due this **Friday 12th May**

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Thurs 25th May**

Please return all envelopes to school.

Family Photo info available at the office

Dear Parents

As we approach **Mother's Day** this Sunday, I want to take a moment to express our appreciation and gratitude to all the amazing mother and special women in our school community.

To all our mothers, grandmothers and stepmothers, we recognise and thank you for the unconditional love, care and support you provide to your children and families. Your dedication and sacrifice do not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for all that you do.

We also want to extend our thanks to the special women who play a significant role in the lives of our students, whether as aunties, sisters, cousins or family friends. Your guidance, kindness and positive influence are truly appreciated and valued.

As a Catholic community, we also acknowledge and celebrate the role of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is a symbol of maternal love, compassion and strength. Her example reminds us of the importance of nurturing, protecting and guiding our children with love, patience and wisdom.

On this special day, let us all take a moment to reflect on the gift of motherhood and the significant impact that mothers and special women have in our lives. We wish all mothers and special women in our school community a happy and blessed Mother's Day, filled with love, joy and appreciation.

We look forward to seeing you at school on Friday for our Mother's Day Liturgy and High Tea. Our appreciation goes to all the parents of Kindergarten who are preparing the High Tea.

**Mother's Day Liturgy 10.30am**

**High Tea**

**11.00am**



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"**



This week Josephite sisters, Sr Alice and Sr Maureen visited our school to talk about St Mary MacKillop and the Josephite charism that leads to ways to being and acting. The All Hallows School Motto - "Know-Love-Serve" works with the charism of the Sisters of St Joseph, helping us work together for others each day.

### CHRISTIAN LIVING CAMP

*"So great is the strength we possess in our unity" (Mary MacKillop 1874)*



Last week our Year 6 students had such a fun time at their Christian Living Camp at Lake Burrendong. These school leaders were a pleasure to spend time with as they reflected on 'Living an Authentic Christian Life' now and

in their future as well as the fun involved with the outdoor activities. The whole group from All Hallows, St Johns, Sacred Heart, St Michaels and Assumption combined beautifully throughout the three days and impressed all the adults involved.

Their good manners, positive effort in activities and sense of fun were all commented on by the staff, Chris Doyle and their teachers. Special thanks to Mr Toole who drove the bus to and from Lake Burrendong.



## MOTHERS DAY LITURGY & HIGH TEA

The Mother's Day Liturgy will be held in the school hall on Friday at 10.30am.

This year Kindergarten will be leading the Liturgy and we encourage all mothers, grandmothers, aunties and female family friends to come along as we celebrate and remember the women in our lives who fill the role of "Mother" - nurturing us as Mary did for her son Jesus.

Kindergarten have organised the Liturgy & High Tea. Thank you to Mrs Menchin, Mrs Leotta and our Kindergarten parents. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday

**Mother's Day Raffle:** Our SRC have organised a raffle for Mothers Day. Tickets were sent home yesterday and will be drawn at our Mothers Day Liturgy on Friday. \$1.00 ticket.

### KINDERGARTEN 2024

We are now starting to take enrolments for Kindergarten 2024. We are looking forward to inviting new students and their families into our All Hallows community next year. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child for next year, please share this information with them and ask them to email [b.toole2@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:b.toole2@bth.catholic.edu.au) or call into the school office to collect an enrolment pack. Packs are also available at Gulgong Preschool and Happy Days. We also have availability in other classes at the moment.

### **Kinder 2024 Transition Dates:**

**23/5/23**      **Teddy Bear's Picnic'**  
9.30am      Parent Information & Q&A Session  
10am-12pm      Teddy Bears Picnic

### TERM 3

**7/9/23**      **KOALA Club** - 9.30am - 12.30pm  
**14/9/23**      **KOALA Club** - 9.30am - 12.30pm  
**21/9/23**      **KOALA Club** - 9.30am - 12.30pm

### TERM 4

**12/10/23**      **KOALA Club** - 9.30am - 2.30pm  
**26/10/23**      **KOALA Club** - 9.30am - 2.30pm  
**9/11/23**      **KOALA Club** - 9.30am - 2.30pm  
**23/11/23**      **KOALA Club** - 9.30am - 2.30pm

And the news this week is...

## TERM 2

3-5/5	Yr 6 Christian Living Camp
4/5/23	Mass 12.30pm Yr1 & Yr2
7/5/23	Confirmation Commitment
12/5/23	Mothers Day Liturgy & High Tea
16/5-19/5	Principals Conference
18/5/23	Mass 12.30pm Yr2 & 3
19/5/23	Walk Safely to School Day
23/5/23	Teddy Bears Picnic & Kinder 2024 Information Session
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 Excursion
8/6/23	School Athletics Carnival
9/6/23	Rugby Gala Day
12/6/23	Public Holiday
14/6/23	Yr 6 RE Test First Eucharist Parent Meet
15/6/23	Mass 12.30pm Yr1 & 4
16/6/23	Stage 2 Red Hill Excursion

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 statements will be emailed out this week so please keep an eye on your inboxes. Payment is due Friday 19th May unless you are on a payment plan.

If you have overlooked your Term 1 payment, we ask that you make a payment as soon as possible. Please contact us if you are experiencing financial difficulty so suitable payment arrangements and fee relief options can be discussed.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Once again our school will be conducting surveys to gather your knowledge, beliefs and experiences regarding our school. This survey is part of a suite of annual surveys we are conducting with staff, parents and students. We are collecting this data to capture the experiences of all key stakeholders in our school. The results and analysis of the data will assist our school leaders to drive school improvement.

Last week you were sent an email from our Bathurst CEDB with a direct link to the survey. Your participation in this questionnaire is voluntary and confidential. All analysis of data will be done in such a way that your identity will remain anonymous. We would greatly value your participation and input.

**\*\* Please note that the cut off date for these surveys is this Friday 12th May.**

## P & F UPDATE

**PIE DRIVE** The P & F are holding a PIE DRIVE. Order forms came home last week and we ask that all orders and cash payment is returned to the school office by this **Friday 12th May** - the order must be sent off on Monday to ensure delivery on Tuesday 30th May.

**HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL:** We are again running a BBQ/Street Stall on the June Long Weekend and will need parents to help. A separate note will come home today calling for helpers on the day. There are many ways that you can help out.

We will also be joining the parade this year at 12.00pm (tbc) as a school. More information next week - We would love to see as many All Hallows students as possible join us in representing the school.

## Save the dates:

**P & F Trivia Night** - Saturday 2nd Sept @ Gulgong RSL Club

**Back to All Hallows Weekend** - Fri 20th - Sun 22nd October. Celebrating 140 Years of Catholic Education in Gulgong.

The weekend will include:

Friday 20th Oct:	Celebration Day at School P & F Grand Bazaar Market Night
Saturday 21st Oct:	140 year Celebration Dinner at Gulgong RSL Club
Sunday 22nd Oct:	Mass to be followed by BBQ lunch at All Hallows on the front playground.

## Merit Awards

### Week 2

<u>Kinder</u> Albert T, Claire F	<u>Year 3</u> Elsie B, Oliver K
<u>Year 1</u> Ruby P-H, Jack H	<u>Year 4</u> Tita T, Olivia S
<u>Year 2</u> Mitchell O, Michaela W, Hamish B	<u>Year 5/6</u>

Halos: Cooper H, Aubrey L, Hope S, Noah W, Elsie B, Cambell F, Tia T, Pearl O, Taylah M, Sarah W



**RISE**  
YOUTH FESTIVAL

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST  
INVITES YEARS 6 TO 9 STUDENTS

**2023**

**THURSDAY 6 & FRIDAY 7 JULY**  
**ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL**  
**65 LLOYDS RD, SOUTH BATHURST**

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RISE is a festival full of fun, friendship, small group challenges, workshops, games, music and lots of opportunities to encounter Jesus. Hosted by St Phil's and Cathedral School.

Register here



### 'RISE' YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Rise Youth Festival is a Catholic youth festival run by the Bathurst Diocese aimed at Year 6 to 12 students from any school.

Here, the students get to explore their faith, get to form new friendships and have a good time.

Registrations for RISE 2023 have opened. The flyer has been handed out to all Year 6 students and they are encouraged to attend.

The organisers would like people to register as soon as possible so that they can finalise the venue and some other details.