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Dear Parents

What a wonderful morning we celebrated last Friday honouring all the wonderful women in our school community.

We were blown away by the amount of people who came to celebrate with us. Special thanks to Mrs Menchin and Kindergarten for coordinating the Liturgy. Also to our Kinder parents for preparing the High Tea. We would like to thank all the parents for the delicious treats to share with everyone.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

1st Amanda Searle

2nd Roley Anderson

3rd Brooke Lines

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

This Friday, 19th May, is National Walk Safely to School Day. Now in its 24th year, the annual campaign encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school. The event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Australian children are becoming less active and the decline in children walking to school is seen as one of the factors.

Our teachers will be meeting students and walking from the following locations at 8.40am on Friday:

Henry Lawson Statue

Adventure Park

Tennis Courts

Outside IGA

Mrs Buckley & Mrs Hensley

Mr Rogers & Mrs Menchin

Ms Stokes

Mrs Kelly

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"



"The joy that you have freely received from God, please freely give it away: so many people are waiting for it! So many people are waiting for it from you!" - Pope Francis

ASCENSION OF JESUS

This week we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection (Easter Sunday) to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives where they watched as he ascended to heaven. Ascension Thursday marks the end of the Easter season and occurs 10 days before Pentecost, when the disciples received the Holy Spirit. We might compare the Ascension to the passing of a baton from one runner to another in a relay race. One this day, just over 2000 years ago Jesus passed the baton of his work to Peter, James and John. They, in turn, passed it on to the people who came after them. And now it is our turn to pass it on to others. This week, let us all try to show our beauty and harmony.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Patron Saint of Australia



May is the Month of Mary.

Mary has a unique and privileged place in the Church because she responded 'yes' to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship

and our model of grace and trust in God.

The Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians is celebrated on 24th May each year. Catholics have always had strong devotion to Mary. It is recorded that when there were no priests in colonial Australia, Catholics prayed to Mary to nurture their faith. One of the first priests, Fr Therry, dedicated the Australian Church to Mary under the title "Help of Christians".

On 24th May 1844 'Mary Help of Christians' became a special patron of our country under this title.

Please join us for Mass next Wednesday 24th May at 10.30am as we celebrate our Patroness.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



Our annual "Teddy Bears Picnic" will be held next Tuesday 23rd May. Gulgong Preschool and Happy Days will bring their students at 10.00am on Tuesday to join with our Kinder students and their staff will accompany them like a normal excursion. Mrs Menchin and Kinder will organise games and activities for the students during their time at All Hallows.

A brief information session regarding our Kinder transition program will take place prior to the picnic at 9.30am. Anyone with a child ready for school in 2024 is most welcome to come along.

KINDER 2024

We are now starting to take enrolments for Kinder 2024. We are looking forward to inviting new families and students into our All Hallows community next year. If you know anyone that is 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 or call into the office to collect an enrolment pack. We also have limited 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

16/5-19/5	Principals Conference
18/5/23	Mass 12.30pm Yr 3,5,6
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
30/5/23	P&F Pie Drive delivery day
31/5/23	Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat
31/5/23	P & F Meeting 3.45pm
1/6/23	Mass - Kinder & Yr 5/6
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
28/6/23	NAIDOC Week celebration
30/6/23	Term 2 ends

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will take place next **Thursday 25th May**. Please return all photo envelopes to school. Payment may be made online or by enclosing the correct cash in the envelope provided.

Family Photo order forms are available at the office. Just let us know and we can send one home.



CONFIRMATION



Our Year 5/6 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 4th June.

Like the disciples, they are learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how these can help them to live their best life, sharing the faith by word and action.

Please keep Chelsey, Lilah, Arabella, Henry and Sophia in your prayers as they continue their preparation.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held on **Thursday 8th June at Victoria Park, Gulgong**.

Students from Yrs 2 - 6 will go to the oval after recess and participate in track and field events.

K/1 students will go to the oval after recess and participate in ball games, running and field events.

We are in need of parents to help with field events, timekeeping and judging and we would be very grateful for your help. Please call or email the office if you can assist.

We have been training looking forward to this event. Come and cheer on our budding Olympians next Tuesday.

DIOCESAN RUGBY UNION TRIALS

The Diocesan Trials for Rugby Union will be held in Bathurst on Friday to select the Diocesan team for Polding Trials. Good luck to Will Drury who will be attending.

HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL

We are looking forward to participating in the upcoming Henry Lawson Festival. As a school, we will be joining the Parade at 12 noon on Saturday 10th June. We are asking all students and staff that are present in town to come and join us in the Parade. We will be dressing as drovers and marching as a school group. Students are asked to wear jeans, checked shirts and olden style hats/cowboy hats or colonial clothes and meet at 11.40am at the Bowling Club car park. These details will be confirmed in the week prior to the long weekend.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

A reminder that completion of the School Improvement Survey is due by this Friday. Thank you to everyone who has already responded.

Merit Awards

Week 3

<u>Kinder</u> <i>Cooper W, Connor C</i>	<u>Year 3</u> <i>Anna T, Braxton B, Ivy G</i>
<u>Year 1</u> <i>Adeline O, Audrey B</i>	<u>Year 4</u> <i>Olivia S, Pippa L, Braxton B</i>
<u>Year 2</u> <i>Aiden F, Lincoln D, Amalea M-B</i>	<u>Year 5/6</u> <i>Tommy O, Arabella D, Chelsey W</i>

Halos: *Aiden F, Cambell F, Bonnie-Blue O, Claire F, Dakota W, Georgia T, Rory K, Cooper H, Charlotte A, Jett R*

<u>CANTEEN NEWS</u> Canteen open each Tues & Thurs for lunch 23/5/23 - Emma A & Amanda R 25/5/23 - Emma A, Cherie M & Jill D	<u>PARISH NEWS</u> Sunday 21st May Service in the Absence of a Priest @ 10.30am
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On the **Saturday of the June Long weekend**, our P & F will be running a **BBQ/Street Stall** outside IGA. This is their major fundraising event for the year. All the information was in the note that went home last week.

If you're in town on the day and if you're able to help for an hour or two, we would be very grateful. You just need to send your form back or let Carolyn or Bec know in the office.

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.