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*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*This week is Reconciliation Week, and it is a time for us to come together as a Catholic school to reflect, learn, and actively promote healing and unity among all Australians.*

**Reconciliation Week**, observed annually from **May 27th to June 3rd**, holds immense importance for us as a nation as we strive to build respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. This week provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the rich cultures, histories, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It prompts us to reflect on our shared history and work towards a more harmonious and just society.

The theme for Reconciliation Week 2023 is **"Be A voice for Future Generations"**. This theme serves as a powerful reminder that reconciliation is not merely a concept or a sentiment but a call to action. As a Catholic school community, it is incumbent upon us to embrace this theme and recognise that reconciliation requires active participation, understanding and genuine effort.

As a school community, we are committed to fostering a spirit of inclusivity, respect, and understanding. Reconciliation Week provides an ideal platform for us to deepen our understanding of the rich Indigenous cultures that form an integral part of our national identity.

Together, let us recognise the past, acknowledge the present, and work hand in hand to build a future where reconciliation is a lived reality for all Australians.

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"**



Last week we celebrated the **Feast of Mary Help of Christians – Patroness of Australia, Pentecost Sunday**, when the Holy Spirit came to the apostles, helping them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations, and on Monday we started our assembly with a prayer for **Reconciliation Week**. This Sunday our Year 5/6 students will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

All of these are gently reminding us to focus on how we relate to one another and encouraging us to use our faith, and the gifts that come with it, to create a community of love for one another as Jesus did. May we continue this week to be renewed in the Spirit and, in our words and actions, using the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, hope and peace to benefit others in our All Hallows community.

### Sr Carmel Sheridan



Sadly, Sr Carmel passed away on the 17th May and was farewelled by her family and her community of Sisters last Wednesday at St Joseph's Convent, Perthville.

Sr Carmel, along with Sr Clare were the last two Josephite Sisters to live and minister to many in Gulgong. Sr Carmel lived a life of

service in her ministry of education, music and pastoral involvement in the community she lived.

In 2017, when selecting individual House Patrons for our Sports Teams, while Mary MacKillop was an obvious choice, the students suggested 'Carmel' and 'Clare' ensuring that Sr Carmel and Sr Clare will always be remembered at All Hallows School. We are grateful for all Sr Carmel (and Sr Clare) brought to our community. May she rest in peace.

*"Lord may you be blessed for all is well.  
Lord may you be blessed for all is well.  
Lord may you be blessed for all is well.  
All is well forever"*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

A meeting for parents/guardians of children making their First Holy Communion will be held on THURSDAY 15th June, 2023 at 3.30pm in the School Library. The children will receive their First Holy Communion at the Parish mass on Sunday 13th August, 2023.

## CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this **Sunday 4th June, 2023 – 11.00am at St John the Baptist Church, Gulgong.**



This year we have five candidates from the parish and we wish them well. Please pray for *Henry, Chelsey, Arabella, Sophia and Lilah*, as they continue to prepare for their Confirmation.

All **candidates** are asked to assemble in the school hall with their **sponsor** at **10.40am**. Other family members will need to take their seats in the church. Each family has their pew reserved at the front of the church. The candidates should be dressed in neat clothes and will wear a red stole to represent them receiving the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

*Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.*

*Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence.*

*Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.*

## DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to our representatives at the Diocesan Spelling Bee last Thursday. Lilah and made it to the third round, Tia the fifth round and Hartley the sixth round of their competition, just missing out on the Grand Final round. Well Done. We are very proud of you all.

## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This year we will again be supporting Vinnies with a **"Winter Woolies Day" - Friday 23rd June**. On this day, we encourage everyone to come to school dressed in their "Winter Woolies" with a gold coin donation.

And the news this week is...

### TERM 2

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

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club is due in by  
**Wednesday the 7th June.**  
Orders can be placed online or  
by handing order and correct  
money back to the school.

### PRIEST AND PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

Tomorrow and Friday Brad be  
attending the Priests and Principals  
Conference for 2023 in Dubbo.  
He will be attending the two days  
along with Father Owen where  
they will be discussing a number  
of interesting topics.

This year Vinnies have asked for donations of warm winter blankets or cash that they could put towards the purchase, for families in need.

Next week we will place tubs in the hall to start collecting donations leading up to our dress up day on Friday the 23rd of June .



### SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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

Students from Yr 2 – Yr 6 will attend the carnival all day and participate in track and field events. K/1 children will come to the oval after recess and participate in ballgames, running and field events.

**We are in need of parents to help with field events, timekeeping and judging and would be very grateful if you could help.**

Our P&F will be running a BBQ on the day and also will require some volunteers.

Please let the office know if you can volunteer your time.

### KINDER 2024

We are now starting to take enrolments for Kinder 2024. We look forward to inviting new families and students into the 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](mailto: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:**

#### 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





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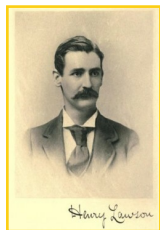
### SCHOOL FEES

We have a few families who have not yet made a payment towards school fees this year. Invoices were emailed to families in early March and again in early May. Please check your inboxes (or spam/junk folders) and let us know asap if you require a copy sent to you.

If payment is causing financial pressure on your family, please contact either Brad or Carolyn as there are various fee relief options available to assist you.

We also ask if you are on direct debit to check that your payments will cover your fees for the year and contact us if you need to increase your direct debit amount.

### HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL



We are again running a **BBQ/Street Stall** and will need parents to help. There are many ways that you can help out. Please return the roster indicating your time and job preference asap if you can assist.

**As a school we will be joining in 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 will need to wear jeans, boots, hats, country style clothing and meet at **11.40am** in the Bowling Club Car park. These details will be confirmed in the week prior to the long weekend.

## P & F NEWS

### P & F UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Our P&F uniform Shop is open on Tuesday mornings  
**8.30am to 9.15am.**

Should you need items outside this time please message the P&F Uniform Facebook page "**All Hallows Gulgong P&F & Uniform Shop**" and someone from the P&F will arrange collection from the office for uniform items.

### SAVE THE DATES

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

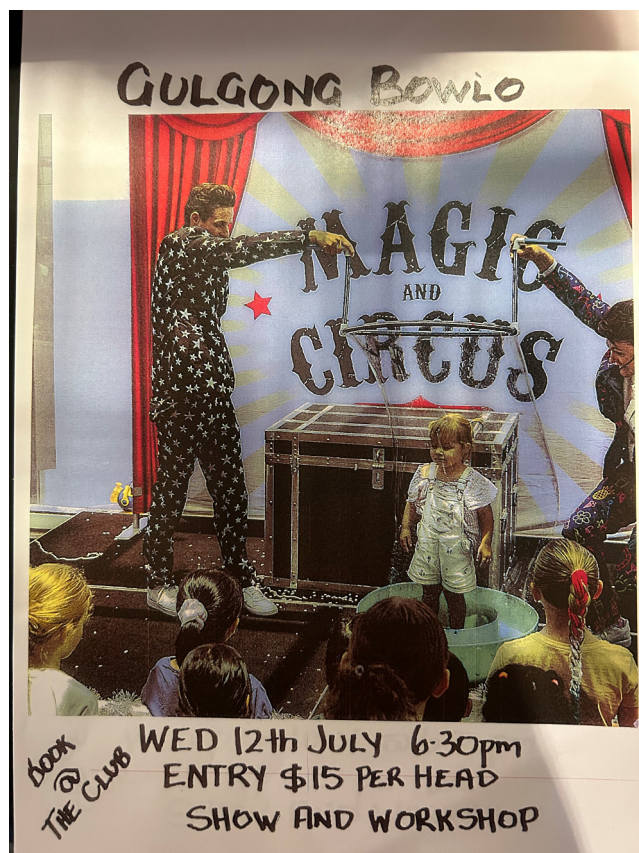
**Back to All Hallows Weekend** - Celebrating 140 Years of Catholic Education in Gulgong  
The weekend will be celebrated 20th - 22nd October and will include:

Friday 20/10	Celebration Day at School P&F Grand Bazaar Market Night
Saturday 21/10	140 Year Celebration Dinner at Gulgong RSL Club
Sunday 22/10	Mass to be followed by BBQ lunch at All Hallows on the front playground.

### PIE DRIVE

Thanks to everyone for your support in purchasing pies for the pie drive. We hope you enjoy. They are delicious!

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## Merit Awards

### Week 5

<b><u>Kinder</u></b> Lukas H, Bligh S	<b><u>Year 3</u></b> Lara P, Isabelle C, Liam J
<b><u>Year 1</u></b> Avelyn M, Alexis S	<b><u>Year 4</u></b> Dakota W, Tia T, Noah W
<b><u>Year 2</u></b> Iyla F, Hunter K, Willow W	<b><u>Year 5/6</u></b> Lilah G, Sarah W

**Halos:** *Bonnie-Blue, Noah T, Liam, Alex, Hartley, anna, Bligh, Issy, Ivy, Pippa*

#### CANTEEN

Canteen open for Tues & Thurs for lunch only

01/6/23 -Emma A. Emma R, Elise W

06/6/23 - Emma A, Rebecca C

#### PARISH NEWS

##### Confirmation



Sunday 04/6/23 @11am

## COMING EVENTS







SUNDAY 4 JUNE  
2023  
11AM ONWARDS

ENTRY:  
ADULTS \$20, KIDS \$10

INCLUDES SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
BAREFOOT BOWLS, SILENT  
AUCTIONS AND OTHER  
FUNDRAISING FUN!!!

Family Fun Day  
Fundraiser

GULGONG BOWLING  
& SPORTING CLUB  
1 TALLAWANG ROAD  
GULGONG





Trivia Table of 8 people \$80  
or \$10 per person

Lucky door prizes, raffles and silent auctions

SATURDAY 24 JUNE  
FROM 6 PM | 24 JUNE, 2023

Gulgong Bowling & Sporting Club  
Tallawang Road, Gulgong NSW 2852

TRIVIA  
NIGHT  
Fundraiser

2023

Ring Mel on 0418204463 for enquiries or tickets.