We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of Geoff and Kim Hunt and their children Fletcher, Mia and Phoebe at Boree Creek, near Lockhart yesterday. We pray for the family, friends, and the whole of St Joseph’s Primary school and the Lockhart community.

The School staff have implemented the following supports for both the parents and children:

- Counsellors from Centacare will be available on site to support the children through this difficult time
- The Parish Priest Father Tony Schipp led a 10am Mass service and the church will continue to be open to parents and community members
- The school will attend a community meeting this afternoon to discuss ongoing community based supports
- We ask that in supporting one another and in helping children process their emotions and respond to this tragedy that information is shared in a factual and age appropriate manner
- We appreciate the Media’s support of the Lockhart community during this time and ask that further media inquiries be directed to David Collie, Schools Consultant with the Catholic Schools Office, Wagga Wagga.

The Lockhart community is a very strong and resilient one and we know that they will bond together and support one another in working through this difficult time.

The following services are available for additional support:

- Murrumbidgee Medicare Local at General Practice with Dr Ken MacKey  6920 5249
- Headspace Wagga Wagga  6923 3170 online at eheadspace.org.au
- Centacare South-West NSW  6923 3888
- LifeLine  131114
- MensLine Australia  1300 789 978
- Kids Help Line  1800 55 1800

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