



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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## Welcome to 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome all our students and their families back from a well rested holiday to an exciting and fun filled year of learning. I am looking forward to meeting you all and sharing your hopes and dreams for St Angela's - especially in this important 20th Anniversary Year for the school and community. A wonderful year of celebration of faith and learning certainly awaits us as we celebrate the past and look forward to creating the future.

The staff and I have already started to get to know one another and together we will work hard, in partnership with you and your children, to make this year of learning both fulfilling and exciting. The Leadership team began this work last week when we attended the System Leaders' Day with all leaders across the Diocese. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to share the hopes and dreams we have for 2020.

It has been a particularly hot start to the year for the children and I must say that they are all to be congratulated on how well they have managed this - they have had a wonderful start to the school year and have been very keen to meet up with their friends and teachers and have quickly settled into their new class groups. Congratulations too on how proudly the children have returned in their school and sports uniforms.

Over the next few days I will be visiting classrooms to get to know the children. I have heard that they are wonderful learners, display beautiful manners, care about each other and have excellent behaviour. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of them and their gifts and talents. I also look forward to meeting you, the parents as we work in partnership with the very talented St Angela's staff to provide every opportunity for the children to grow in their faith and love of learning.

The teachers have worked hard over the last weeks of the school holidays to ensure that everything is ready and prepared for the children. I would particularly like to thank them all for their enthusiasm, care and professionalism. This year, we welcome a number of new staff members. Welcome to Mrs Karina Greenfield (School Counsellor), Mr Aiden Gierhos (IT Trainee), Mrs Simone Bisson, Mrs Melissa Northwood, (Teachers Aides) and Mrs Helen Griffin (Teacher). We ask for God's blessings over our entire school community - new and existing families, staff and Father Alejandro (Parish Priest) and Father Leonides Mateo (OLOR Assistant Priest) as we embark on our 20th year of providing quality Catholic Education for the children and as we strive to LET OUR LIGHT SHINE each and every day.

I look forward to working with you in partnership to make 2020 a rewarding year. If you are able to, please join me for a Cuppa and Chat next Wednesday 5th February 2020 8:45am in the Hall.

*"Together we can do so much"*  
Leanne Nettleton

## 50 Years as a Parish

2020 is definitely a huge year for our community as it also marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our parish. The parish is readying for more fun/raising in the coming anniversary year. If you would like to be a part of the fun, the first planning meeting takes place on Wednesday February 12th in the Parish Office at 7pm. Anyone with ideas and enthusiasm is invited.

## Kindergarten and New Families BBQ Next Friday 7th February

We look forward to gathering with our new families across Years 1 to 6 and all Kindergarten families next Friday afternoon for a welcoming BBQ, commencing at 5:00pm under the big top. We also look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to the school community on Friday 14th February at 2:20 pm. Please note that this is a change of arrangements from previous years. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us.

## GRADE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next week, we will hold our grade information sessions. We hope that you can attend so as to enhance the learning of your child by being fully informed of the processes, procedures and content for your child's new grade and stage of learning. Your support and partnership is extremely valued and appreciated.

**Year 1- 6:00pm on Wednesday 5th February**  
**Year 2 to 6 (combined) - 8:45am on Thursday 6th February**

## PARENT TEACHER MEETING

**Parent and Teacher meetings - Wednesday 12th February**  
**afternoon/evening (details to be sent home soon).**

Thank you for your support.



## Welcome

We would like to welcome 3 new families to our school this week:

*The Fernandez family - Jasmine (5 Green)*  
*The Fernandez family - Thiago (1 Blue)*  
*The Rowlandson family - Amelia (4Y) and Charlotte (4G)*

*We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.*

**Please see coming home soon the  
parent calendar and grade overviews**



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## Religious Education

**Sunday, 2 February 2020: The Presentation of the Lord - Year A**

### Gospel

[Lk 2:22-40](#)

Jesus is brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph.

### Gospel Reflection

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorates Mary and Joseph's visit to the Temple to present the infant Jesus to the Lord, an event only described in the gospel of Luke. In accordance with Jewish Law this was forty days after his birth. Every character in the gospel story is a devout Jew, humble, trusting and obedient. All are filled with longing for God's promises to be realised.

Luke clearly situates the birth of Jesus in the context of the covenant of old. God's faithful love for his people calls forth their patient trust and bears fruit in Jesus. At the same time, Luke is alerting his readers to the fact that something entirely new is happening. Simeon declares that Jesus will be "a light to enlighten the pagans" and "the glory of your people Israel". The Presentation celebrates the coming of Jesus as the Light of the World; a light in the darkness. Quite early in the Church's history, this feast gave rise to a procession with lights and candles. As we begin a new school year let us take some time to reflect and to name some ways that they could be a light for others. Think about how we can brighten someone's day and spread the love of Jesus in the world.

*Welcome everyone to another exciting year of faith, fun and learning at St Angela's. On Monday 27th January we celebrated the feast day of our school saint, St Angela Merici. I invite you all to start the year with our school prayer.*

### St Angela's School Prayer

St Angela, as I begin a new day,  
help me to act as you did  
while you were on earth.  
Help me to pray as you did,  
thanking God for his many gifts.  
Most of all, help me to use my talents  
To make the world a better place,  
as you did, St Angela.  
May I 'Let My Light Shine' always.  
Amen.

Mrs Jocelyn Williams  
Religious Education Coordinator

## Supporting and Extending Your Child's Learning

Commencing Week 2, all teachers Years 1 - 6 will be administering the Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAI'S), with their children. Our regular casual staff will take classes during these times.

Over the next few weeks, the teachers will also be extensively assessing your child so as to get to know their strengths and areas of need. They will read each child's file and reports so as to get a better perception of their past performance and successes. It is important to have a good understanding of each child's needs before launching into the programming of work, so that it meets these needs.

Please return the Student Information form coming home today no later than **Thursday 6th February**, so that your valuable input can be utilised to assist your child.



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 1

#### Week 2

#### Monday 3rd February

Kindergarten Start School  
Tea and tissues in the hall for parents

#### Tuesday 4th February

11:00am NRL Eels Blitz  
Years 3 - 6 in hall

#### Wednesday 5th February

8:45am Meet and Greet with our new Principal in the hall.  
All welcome

Parent Information Evening  
Year 1 - 6:00pm in 1B & 1G classrooms

#### Thursday 6th February

8:45am Years 2-6 General  
Parent Information Session  
All welcome

#### Friday 7th February

Band lessons begin

Year 5 Parks Excursion

5:00 - 7:00pm Kindergarten  
and new families welcome  
BBQ

## School Census Day Friday 14th February

**Friday 14th February** is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

**If you know your child will be away on Friday 14th February, please email [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) advising the reason for the absence and when they will return, otherwise, simply respond to the text sent from St Angela's on the day by **10.00am** explaining their absence and their date of return to school.**

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## 2020 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2020, were emailed at the end of last year to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. If you have not already done so, please return the completed forms to the office as soon as possible. **Please notify the school via email at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) if your child's medical requirements have changed and they no longer require medication to be permanently stored at school.** We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

## Are you receiving emails?

To assist us in ensuring that the primary contacts for emails is correct, please let us know if you do not wish to receive emails to a particular address. If you have received today's email more than once please alert the office. If you know of another parent who has not received this newsletter by email can you let them know that the newsletter can be accessed on the school website and to contact the office next week to provide their updated email address.

## St Angela's Staff 2020

Principal:	Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Michelle Yager
6 Blue:	Mr Stephen Lee
6 Green:	Mrs Amanda Ogilvie
6 Yellow:	Miss Jana Fizely
5 Blue:	Mrs Theresa Lowden (Coordinator Stage 3 - Yrs 5 & 6)
5 Green:	Mrs Cathy Bateman/Mrs Kelly Hynes
5 Yellow:	Mrs Tahlee Simpson
4 Blue:	Mrs Simone Di Stefano
4 Green:	Mr Lee Hurst
4 Yellow:	Mrs Elizabeth Kelly
3 Blue:	Miss Leisa Claxton
3 Green:	Mrs Natalie Newbury
3 Yellow:	Mrs Jasna Rubelj (Coordinator Stage 2 - Yrs 3 & 4)
2 Blue:	Mrs Rosanne Javidi
2 Green:	Mrs Louise Lean/Mrs Jenny Petras
2 Yellow:	Mrs Megan Aberley (Coordinator Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 - Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2)
1 Blue:	Ms Suzette Lewis-Driver
1 Green:	Mrs Kristy Smith
1 Yellow:	Mrs Jocelyn Williams (Religious Education Coordinator)
K Blue:	Mrs Karen Wilson
K Green:	Miss Gemma McRoberts
K Yellow:	Mr Anthony Stagnitta
Learning Support:	Mrs Brooke McDonald Mrs Janine Kiaian Mrs Lynne Sandri
Library/ Teaching Learning Centre:	Mrs Rosanne North (Teacher/Librarian) Mrs Karem Castro (Library Assistant)
Specialists And Coordinator Release:	Mrs Kathryn Criss (Music) Mrs Andra Hemmings (Physical Education) Mrs Lucy Kaelin (5B & 5Y) Mrs Lynne Sandri (Learning Support) Mrs Julie Grunberg (1Y) Mrs Natalie Moller (3Y)
Teachers'	Mrs Simone Bisson Mrs Karem Castro
Aides:	Mrs Bernadette Melville Mrs Karen Mirabello Mrs Melissa Northwood Mrs Kim Williams
Admin:	Mrs Elizabeth Burke Mrs Linda McKinnon Mrs Lisa Martin Mrs Kylie Ross
Maintenance:	Mr Rick Laird
Cleaning:	Mrs Ana Stuardo
IT Trainee:	Mr Aidan Gierhos
COSHC Coordinator:	Mr Zac Phillips
School Counsellor:	Mrs Karina Greenfield
Band:	Mr Daryl Walton



## Happy Birthday!



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who celebrated their birthday during January and will celebrate this coming week;

### January

**Thurs 2nd**  
Max Lujanenko

**Fri 3rd**  
Jacob Mileto  
Kira Layoun

**Sat 4th**  
Lachlan McDermott  
Dineth Jayakody

**Sun 5th**  
Joseph Brouillard  
Dean Aberley

**Tue 7th**  
Caitlin Bagtas  
Harrison Lee  
Noah Ochudzawa  
Lachlan Hall

**Wed 8th**  
Mikayla Martin  
Elissa Zaidan

**Sun 11th**  
Lilah Tokoly

**Mon 12th**  
Oliver Stornelli

**Tue 14th**  
Lachlan Kelly  
Annelise Guirrerri

**Wed 15th**  
Abbey Glass  
Tanios Assaf  
Roxanne Lowe

**Fri 17th**  
Thiago Fernandez

**Sun 19th**  
Mikayla White

**Mon 20th**  
Ashton Yu  
Zachary Brook  
Elisha Singh  
Olivia Millalongo  
Thomas Taylor

**Tue 21st**  
Kai Theoharous

**Thurs 23rd**  
Tiani Layoun

**Fri 24th**  
Zara Abeyaratne

**Sat 25th**  
Finn Wheatley  
Mrs Simpson

**Mon 27th**  
Bastien Milicevic  
Lilly Green

**Tue 28th**  
Macey Holmes  
Lilah Kenny

**Wed 29th**  
Grace Despoges

**Thurs 30th**  
Mrs Hynes

### February

**Sat 1st**  
Tristen Gunawardhana

**Sun 2nd**  
Holly Mulheron

**Tue 4th**  
Alexander Lane

**Wed 5th**  
Michael Whyte

**Thurs 6th**  
Harriet Kenny  
Alexander Diaz  
Sienna Wise  
William Hall

**Fri 7th**  
Thomas Morin  
Mathis Ma  
Gabriel Younan

**Sat 8th**  
Cristian Frasca  
Sophia Raad  
Sebastian Khoury  
Alexis Foxe



## Going Home Arrangements Google Form

Have you completed your Google form regarding Going Home Arrangements for your child/ren that was emailed yesterday? Please ensure this is completed for every child in your family.

Kindergarten families, please complete the Google Form after your children's first day on Monday.



## ***Please keep in your prayers***

*Our prayers are extended to the Arida family (Joe from Oz Fashions), due to the passing into eternal life of his brother Tony Arida.*

*Our prayers are also extended to the Tallaridi family (Angelina 5G), due to the passing into eternal life of her grandfather.*

## **Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?**

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in areas such as technology. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers also have entitlements such as long service leave, maternity leave, family leave etc., sick leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partner to liaise with the relief teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

## **Class Parent Representatives**

At the grade information sessions for Kindergarten and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. For ease of communication, we will endeavour to have a maximum of 2 parents per class to fulfil this role with one being the main contact person. If interested, please see the teachers at the grade sessions or email the school at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

***Canteen and Band lessons begin  
next Friday 7th February***

## **Important Allergy Information**

At St Angela's we have a number of children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for some people the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods.

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit and Nut chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Breakfast cereals containing nuts eg Crunchy Nut/Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutrigrain
- Muesli Bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionary items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt muesli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at St Angela's.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us cater to the health needs of all of our children.

### **Birthday Treats**

***Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (purely optional), we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes or donuts. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send in lollies, chocolates or candy canes. Please note, although a lovely idea, ice blocks are not practical as we have limited freezer space. If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in a labelled container for your child, which will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary. Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!***

## **NEW FAMILIES BBQ CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS**

As is tradition at St Angela's, we will welcome all the Kinder 2020 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ and drinks early in the new school year. We ask that available parents from this year's Kinder and/or any grade who would be willing to help organise the occasion please email the school office at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au).

This event will take place on **Friday, 7th February at 5:00 - 7:00 pm.**  
***Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.***

### **Sent Home This Week:**

**Emailed:** Email Processes, Meet our New Principal, Advice about coronavirus, Sport Uniform Days, Updated advice regarding coronavirus, Google Form After School Travel Arrangements

**Hard Copy:** N/A