



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Simple is sacred. In an over-performance culture, the greatest gift a parent can give is a sense of belonging and acceptance.

In a world full of uncertainties, anxieties and an over-performance culture of never being good enough, the biggest gifts that parents can give to children is a true sense of belonging, hope, courage to dare greatly and the notion that they are ok just the way they are.

It is our responsibility to teach our children the art of resilience and mindfulness. It is parents who can empower children to help them understand their emotions, accept them for who they are, identify their unique strengths, find their potential and purpose in life, nurture their spirituality and cultivate human connection.

Humans are hardwired for connection. The two most powerful forms of connection are unconditional love and a sense of belonging. They are essential to the human experience. It is what makes us 'tick'.

In her bestselling book 'Daring Greatly', social researcher Brené Brown defines connection between people 'when they feel seen, heard and valued; when they can give and receive without judgement.'

True belonging is part of our DNA. We all desire to be part of something bigger than us and to be accepted for who we are despite all our vulnerabilities. We all need to belong to a 'tribe', to a 'cause', to a community that accepts us for who we are, our authentic selves.

The starting point is our family as the learning platform to practise true human connection. School is an extension of family and a catholic school in particular, sees itself in a privileged partnership with our parents.

Congratulations to all our families on the wonderful collaboration in transitioning all the children back to face to face teaching this week. The staff have worked tirelessly to make this as smooth a process as possible and continue to ensure that the children are feeling and safe and happy. Thank you to every parent for managing the changed circumstances regarding access to the school. Our priority is to keep the school community as healthy as possible.

"Together we can do so much"

Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL

Band Classes Recommence in Week 6

Face-to-face band lessons will resume at school on Friday June 5 (week 6) for all band members.

At this point individual and small group tuition only will be resuming (students will have their lessons during school time as usual). Students are asked to please bring their instrument and music to school on Friday June 5. Full band rehearsals before school will not resume until further notice. Any child who has been 'on hold' – will have their enrolment re-activated from **Friday June 5** and term fees will be applied accordingly.

Semester One Learning Report

In response to changes to the learning and teaching environment during COVID-19, schools have needed to adjust their assessment and reporting processes. The Semester One report, which you will receive at the end of the term, will look different whilst still providing you with valuable information about your child's learning, complying with government requirements. The report will recognise and reflect each student's learning in three key areas: English, Mathematics and Religious Education. It will also provide feedback on next steps to support continuity of learning. The 2020 second semester report will return to documenting progress in all key learning areas with comparative data and A-E reporting (Grades 1 - 6).

In acknowledgment of the many ways you have supported your child's continued learning as, together, we have responded to the challenges of COVID-19 parents and students from Years 2 - 6 are invited to contribute to these reports by providing feedback on the student's online and 'at home' learning behaviours. This will take the form of an evaluation sheet, being sent home in the coming week, which will be included in the Semester One report. We value the input of parents and students on their learning and hope that you take the time to complete the parent form and return it to school promptly. The students, families and teachers showed great resilience, creativity and flexibility in an extraordinarily difficult time and created truly remarkable opportunities for learning which will be reflected and acknowledged in the Semester One 2020 Reports.

Some Morning Arrival Reminders

School Gates Open at 8:05am at which time pedestrians enter.

Cars do not enter the Kiss and Drop Zone from Harrington Rd until 8:05am.

Please do not stop your car in the gateway to let your child out as this can be dangerous and holds up the flow of traffic.

All children are to be dropped at school before 8:30am. We understand at the moment this area is very busy so we are monitoring this activity daily and when there is still a lot of traffic dropping off, we are remaining in the area. Parents please remember that the Kiss and Drop area is a drive through area and parents do not get out of the car to help their child with bags or to say goodbye.

Please note: Once the school bell sounds at 8:30am, teachers on duty need to move off to their class duties. The teacher on duty will walk through the gates, closing and locking them as they do. Please just park and escort your child into the school office.

Thank you so much for all that you are doing to assist with the morning drop off and with supporting the hand sanitisation of your children as they enter the school. Everyone is doing such a great job.



Religious Education

Sunday, 31 May 2020: Pentecost
Sunday - Year A

Gospel

[Jn 20:19-23](#)

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.

Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.*

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday this coming week:

June

Mon 1st
Mrs McKinnon

Tues 2nd
Luke Younis
Grace Mares
Oscar Rule

Wed 3rd
Noah Young
Cruz Bercich
Luca Bercich
Noah Bercich
Jesselyn Tedja
Blake D'Silva

Thurs 4th
Mrs Melville

Fri 5th
Danai Muregerera
Ryan McDermott
Zoe Crowley

Sat 6th
Mrs McDonald
Alana Younan

Sun 7th
Mrs Smith
Amalia Moham-Ram
Jett Read

Star Spot

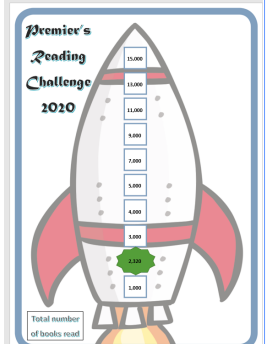
Congratulations to Lilly Green (1G), Maisie Brown (1G) and Charlotte Thompson (4Y) who were part of a fundraising team with Higgins Academy of Irish Dance participating in "Dance for Sick Kids" which raised money for Ronald McDonald House Greater Western Sydney. The kids had to dance every day between 15th-21st May. Higgins academy team has raised so far just shy of \$11500! Well done girls!

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. To make the PRC even more interesting at St Angela's we have decided to **reward the first class to have every student in their class to complete the PRC with a PIZZA PARTY.** Come on St Angela's let's demonstrate our team spirit and see which class it will be to have completed the challenge. Mrs North has made a Rocket display to track class participation in the PRC. Will it be your class that is the winner of the 2020 PRC PIZZA PARTY???

Congratulations to the following students who are new to complete the challenge.

Sebastian Burns (KY), Clarathea Kinsong (KY), Olivia Scanlon (KB), Ariana White (KB), Emmanuel Abu Duhou (KB), Liam Kennedy (KG), Sophia Millalanco (1G), Maximus Orefice (1B), Adam Salib (1Y), Eloise Hoon (1B), Harrison McIntyre (1G), Edward Taylor (1B), Sienna Andrew (2Y), Gabriella Chehade (2Y), Olivia Millalanco (2G), Saskia Wallace (2G), Sophie McIntyre (3Y), Ryan Shepherd (3B), Finn Wheatley (3B), Vaughn Bagus (4B), Ryan Salib (4Y), Jesselyn Tedja (4G), Hannah Lambert (4B), Luke Watson (6G), Jessica Mitchell (6B)



Wk 5 Leading Classes: 2G and 2Y

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Return to School Monday 25th May 2020, Back together at St Angela's, Kindergarten Teacher Thank You,
Hard Copy: N/A

Baby Boy

*Congratulations to the D'Urso family on the arrival of
Noah Matteo, a brother for Luca (KG)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community



Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to Mrs North (librarian) and her family, due to the passing into eternal life of her Father.