

St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill



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Sending **H**ome **I**nformation and **N**ews about **E**ducation

Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

30th July 2020 Term 3, Week 2

Dear Parents,

What a great second week of Term 3 we are enjoying. We have had the Whole School participating in Dance Fever lessons, Henny Penny Chicks being cared for and observed in our Kindergarten rooms , Year 6 and teachers participating in Day 2 of our Peer Support Leaders Programme, Father Alejandro visiting Year 3 in their classrooms and I have commenced meeting our Kinder 2021 students of new families to the St Angela's community. While we are all still very much restricted we are striving to offer our students the regular high standard of quality learning experiences that St Angela's is so well known for. The staff are doing an absolutely amazing job. Not only are they knowledgeable experts in the field of primary education, they are dedicated and passionate teachers who strive each and every day to build relationships with all the children in their care.

The children are to be congratulated on their application to their learning and to the teachers reminders about our recess, lunchtime and after school routines. Throughout this week the teachers on duty have been taking the time to re establish the school routines and expectations and the girls and boys have responded well - even they are noticing the improvement in which all students are moving around the school and interacting with each other.

Thank you to every parent for the way in which you are working with us to keep the school healthy and safe for our students and staff. The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has requested that a small number of activities remain on hold for the time being and will be reconsidered during Term 3. These include:

- excursions (school incursions can occur)
- parent and carer attendance at assemblies
- community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events.

Further advice will be communicated to schools if restrictions are relaxed later in the term.

We will continue to keep you connected to what is happening at school via this newsletter, the school facebook page and the children's See Saw and google classroom accounts. Thank you for all your emails of appreciation and gestures and words of support.

"Together we can do so much" Leanne Nettleton PRINCIPAL

Zone Athletics Carnival

A decision has been made by the Catholic Education Office to CANCEL all ZONE & DIOCESAN Athletics Carnivals due to the nature of these events and the current Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 4) 2020 (June 30) Division 3 Community Sporting Events - Clause 17 Direction of Minister concerning maximum number of participants: The Minister directs that the organiser of a community sporting activity must ensure that a gathering for the activity involves no more than 500 participants. This is of course disappointing that another event has had to be cancelled, however I am sure that you will agree that this decision is in the best interests of all students, staff, and officials concerned.

At St Angela's we will be looking at having an onsite Athletics Fun Day for K-2 and another Athletics Fun Day for Years 3 - 6 later in the term. Details will be provided in the following weeks. These events will be student only events.

Fathers Day Stall

On a brighter note thank you to Maria Fernandes and Belinda Muscat who have been working away preparing for our Fathers Day Stall which, at this stage we will be able to hold at the school on Wednesday 2nd September. As we are trying to minimise the handling of cash we have been able to set up the QKR App to facilitate the payment for the gifts at the Fathers Day Stall. Children will not need to bring \$5 on the day, you will be able to make payment for your child's gift via the QKR app. We will be providing you with more information about this over the next weeks.



Each year across the Parramatta Diocese, schools are invited to engage their communities in the;

Tell Them From Me - Survey

In Week 4,5 & 6 of this term we are inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of St Angela's using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process and are administered throughout the diocese in all schools.

We would like to invite parents to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Angela's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. We will send out a link to the survey via email in Week 4 of this term.





Religious Education



Sunday, 26 July 2020: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus describes the kingdom through images. Gospel Reflection

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch — those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another — are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

Draft New RE Curriculum for Stage 5 and 6 approved by NESA

We wish to share exciting news in the development of the New RE Curriculum.

Our Draft New Curriculum for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been approved by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). This is a great outcome and supports the important work that is already underway with schools such as ours as we trial the new approach from Kindergarten to Year 6.

With a strong focus on connecting students' faith through a framework we call 'Head, Heart and Hands', the new approach is about all aspects of school and parish life here in Parramatta.

We will endeavour to share some of our learning experiences with you as we explore our new topics in Religious Education over the next coming weeks.

Thank you and God Bless,

Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

School Census Day - Friday 7th August

Friday 7th August is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary, (Please do not send your child if they are unwell).

If you know your child will be away on Friday 7th August, please email;

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 at 11.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school through the parent portal.

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.

Peer Support

Week 2 - Being Friendly

Our first Peer Support session will be held tomorrow, Friday 31st July. This session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Jeans for Genes

Denim Mufti

Friday 7th August, St Angela's as part of its social justice outreach program, will be supporting the Jeans for Genes Day appeal. Children are invited to wear their jeans/denim mufti on the day. Children will still need a hat. We ask that each child brings in a donation of gold or fold in support of this worthwhile cause. Thank you.



Parents are reminded to be courteous and respectful to neighbours in the our surrounding streets when your vehicles. parking Please do not park across driveways or on footpaths. Many of our neighbours have young families and also need to be collecting their children from local schools preschools at the school drop off and pick up times. There would be nothing more frustrating or stressful than not being able to drive

out of your own driveway at these very busy times. Thank you for all that you do to keep our children and our neighbours safe before and after school.

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 24/07/2020)

Academíc Excellence

St Angela's Award

Abbey Vengoa KB Keira Vavasour KG Catalina Fam KY Phoenix Fisher 1G Dean Alcock 1Y Amelia Baylis 2B Saskia Wallace 2G

James Rimando 1Y Grace Despoges 2G Levi Liu 2Y

Zachary Worsman 1B Ray Khodeir 3B Massimo Muscardo 3G Zachary Lane 3Y Joseph Brouillard 4B Aiden Cabezas 4G Brendan Khoudair 4Y Jared Suarez 5B Gabriella Fernandes 5G Carlo Scida 5Y Liam Norris 6B Ella Manning 6G Hailey Cassettari 6Y

Michael Tyler-Ottolino KB Xavier Zullo KG Harvey Lukas KY

Nicholas Costa 1B Ruby Pace 1G

Adriana Tikellis 2B

Anthony Mittiga 2Y

Mateja Knevitt 3B

Phoebe Scida 3G Oliver Hewlett 3Y

Aliyah Henwood 4B

Zoe Davie 4G

Owen Van Egdom 4Y

Grace Mares 5B

Courtney Azzopardi 5G Holly Mulheron 5Y

Aiden Petersen 6B Emma Lang 6G

Alec Austen 6Y

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA).

CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and carers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 28 August 2020. Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Attendance Reminder

Please remember to always select "Add Attendance Note" when completing the SMS portal link.

Add Attendance Note



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

<u>August</u> Monday 3rd Joshua Moses Alice Nugent William Ö'Neill Aria Martyn

Tuesday 4th Harper Eastwood Grace Diaz

Thursday 6th Patrick Ábdow Evelyn Vallejo Alannah Lane

Friday 7th Alvarez Alberti David Gigliucci Amelie Sprem Matthew Despoges

Sunday 9th Jaxon Hogan Ryan Shepherd Grace Lim



Premier's Reading Challen

Will it be your class that is the winner of the 2020 PRC PIZZA PARTY??

Week 2 Leading Class: 2B & 2Y

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

Archy Callan-Kerkenezov (KG), Emma Zhang (KG), Ava Buckley (1Y), Oliver Newbury (1Y), Alana Laird (2Y), Ray Zhang (2G), Oscar Callan-Kerkenezov (3Y), Matthew Karam (4G), Cayleigh Mantua (4G), William O'Neill (4G), William Taylor (5Y)



TERM 3	Number of students who have completed the challenge	Total Number of books read
T2 Week 10	157	5583
Week 1	181	6229
Week 2	193	6384
Week 3		
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6		
Week 7		

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Year 3 - First Holy Communion Information from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kindergarten to Year 6 - Grade Overview Term 3, Year 5 - Head Lice Information, Year 6 - Rabbit Proof Fence, ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice Hard Copy: Book Club Brochure