



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations and thank you to the wonderful St Angela's Staff. At St Angela's we are blessed each and every day to have staff that are dedicated to and passionate about their vocation of teaching your children. Tomorrow, Friday 30th October, we will be recognising and celebrating our very talented and professional staff.



Yes teaching is a privileged and rewarding vocation - just ask us!

In what other occupation do you get to influence the future? Or get to build on the foundational years of a child's spiritual, physical, academic and social emotional development? Or build a long lasting partnership with parents? Yes the role of a teacher is significant in the life of a child and of the child's family.

Primary teachers in particular perform a very special role because of the age of the children that they educate. In a catholic school teachers share in the work of Jesus to reach out to others and spread the good news about life and its purpose.

On Friday in recognition of the tremendous care, energy and generosity that the St Angela's staff bring to their roles each day, the staff will be treated to morning tea by our Parents. Many thanks to all those parents who will be contributing towards making this such a treat for the staff.

This week I leave you with a reflection on the role of teachers:

GOD LOVES TEACHERS

On the 6th day, God created men and women.

On the 7th day, he rested.

Not so much to recuperate, but rather to prepare himself for the work he was going to do on the next day. For it was on that day—the 8th day—that God created the FIRST TEACHER.

This TEACHER, though taken from among men and women, had several significant modifications. In general, God made the TEACHER more durable than other men and women. The TEACHER was made to arise at a very early hour and to go to bed no earlier than 11:30 p.m. with no rest in between.

The TEACHER had to be able to withstand being locked up in an air-tight classroom for six hours with thirty "monsters" on a rainy Monday. And the TEACHER had to be fit to correct many assessment tasks over the Easter vacation.

Yes, God made the TEACHER tough...but gentle too. The TEACHER was equipped with soft hands to wipe away the tears of the sad and lonely student...those of the child who did not want to come to school that day.

And into the TEACHER God poured a generous amount of patience. Patience when a student asks to repeat the directions the TEACHER has just repeated for someone else. Patience when the kids forget their lunch for the fourth day in a row. Patience when one-third of the class needs assistance logging onto their device. Patience when the internet crashes, and the lesson that had been planned had to be modified to cater for that.

And God gave the TEACHER a heart slightly bigger than the average human heart. For the TEACHER's heart had to be big enough to love the kid who screams, "I hate this class-it's boring!" and to love the kid who runs out of the classroom at the end of the period without so much as a "goodbye," let alone a "thank you."

And lastly, God gave the TEACHER an abundant supply of Hope. For God knew that the TEACHER would always be hoping. Hoping that the kids would someday learn how to spell...Hoping not to have lunchroom duty...Hoping that Friday would come... Hoping for a free day.... Hoping for deliverance.

When God finished creating the TEACHER, he stepped back and admired the work of his hands. And God saw that the TEACHER was good. Very Good!

And God smiled, for when he looked at the TEACHER, he saw into the future. He knew that the future is in the hands of the TEACHERS. And because God loves Teachers so much, on the 9th day God created "Beach Days."

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL



Religious Education

Sunday, 1 November 2020: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

The Beatitudes.

Gospel Reflection

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate on this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

Have you thought? – Making Saints

Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has 'made' a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is recognise a person as a Saint, not make them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

OLOR Parish - School Mass

Our Year 3 students will attend the live stream mass tomorrow at 9:30am. This will be through the parish Facebook page. The Eucharist will be distributed to the students who have received their First Communion, following the Covid-19 protocol that the church has put in place. All families are invited to join.

Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator

Upcoming Dates



TERM 4

Week 3

Friday 30th October

World Teacher's Day

Sunday 1st November

All Saints Day

Week 4

Monday 2nd November

All Souls Day

Thursday 5th November

9:40 am Year 6 Debate in hall

Friday 6th November

9:30am Live Streamed Parish mass: Year 4

Grandparents Day Liturgy
(Pre recorded)



Friday 13th November

Staff Development Day

Wednesday 16th December

Last day for students

Year 6 Parent Refunds

We have now sent home Parent Refund Request Forms to all Year 6 parents who have a credit balance on their 2020 School Fee account.

Please complete this form and return to the school office for processing. Refunds are only processed once a week by Head Office so please allow 8 to 10 days for the funds to be returned to your account.

REMINDER:-Student and staff testing for COVID-19

Students and staff must not attend school if they are unwell.

This includes even minor flu-like symptoms.

- If students or staff are absent or have been sent home due to flu-like symptoms, they are not to return until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free.
- Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students and staff to return to school i.e. NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre correspondence (SMS or email or hard copy) and/or a medical certificate must be provided to the school and a record of this kept by the school.

Please note that if your child has a diagnosis of croup, allergy or other complex health issue please take your child to the doctor and ask the doctor to provide you with a medical certificate to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in keeping St Angela's a healthy school community.

COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

Stay Safe



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 23/10/2020)

Academic Excellence

Thomas Taylor KB
Siena Boumelhem KG
Madeline Bonasin KY
Arabella Fameron 1B
Elena Mauceri 1G
Chloe Barbara 1Y
Aliana Elizaga 2B
Sienna Fernandes 2G
Sophie Kenny 2Y
Zavier Stornelli 3B
Marcus Khoudair 3G
Sienna Azar 3Y
Sebastian Khoury 4B
Camila Diaz 4G
Bronte Solomon 4Y
Joshua Hall 5B
Shannon Aneksomphan 5G
Romik Gulumian 5Y
Troy Austen 6B
Vanessa Bell 6G
Alec Austen 6Y

St Angela's Award

Emmanuel Abu Duhou KB
Kai Theoharous KG
Catalina Fam KY
Miranda Soliman 1B
Arianna Vallejo 1G
Joshua Losco 1Y
Jacob Fam 2B
Samaan Abu Duhou 2G
Piero Colosimo 2Y
Christian Nasr 3B
Jake Perkins 3G
Sophie McIntyre 3Y
Avindee Jayakody 4B
Ashton Yu 4G
Daniella Zeaiter 4Y
Carissa Lewis 5B
Lyla Reyes 5G
Elishia Singh 5Y
Domenic Stornelli 6B
Mia Young 6G
Olivia Ochudzawa 6Y



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

November

Monday 2nd
Lucas Trimboli
Mila Abeyaratne

Tuesday 3rd
Sophie Collett
Chloe Lukjanenko

Wednesday 4th
Masen De Carlo
Chloe Barbara

Thursday 5th
Christian Scott
Mrs Moller

Friday 6th
Gabriella Way-Moran
Ruby Pace
Aidan Siney

Saturday 7th
Mrs Berg

Sunday 8th
Edward Taylor
Miss Fizely

ST ANGELA'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a **band demonstration** at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green Expression of Interest note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green Expression of Interest and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to**
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

**Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.



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Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Information

As communicated via email to parents, please see the following information regarding our Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Program.

Thursday 12th November

Students with surname A-E and F-J 9.00am-10.30am
Students with surname K-P and R-Z 11.00am-12.30pm

Wednesday 18th November

Students with surname A-E and K-P 9.00am-10.30am
Students with surname F-J and R-Z 11.00am-12.30pm

Friday 27th November

All students
9.00am-10.30am

***Please send your child to each session with a drink bottle clearly labelled with their name.**

For each of these orientation mornings, staff will meet you at the Rose Garden and escort your child to the classroom. At the conclusion of each orientation session, the children will be brought to you back at the Rose Garden.

We look forward to welcoming our 2021 Kindergarten students to St Angela's on these days.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Year 6 Update, Message to Class Reps, Kinder 2021 Information, Email from the Parish, 2020 Grandparents Liturgy, Letter to 2 Blue Parents

Hard Copy: Letter to 2 Blue Parents, Letter to 1 Green Parents

Change of School for 2021

To estimate enrolments for 2021, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Angela's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.
Thank you.

Author Visit – Deborah Abela

Wednesday 21st October



Kindy, Year 2 & Year 3

Deborah trained as a teacher before producing and writing children's TV at Network Ten.

She has written 27 books including Max Remy, Jasper Zammit & Grimsdon.

Deb has won numerous awards including:
2010 Shortlisted Aurealis Awards for Best Children's Book (The Remarkable Secret of Aurelie Bonhoffen)
2005, 2007, 2010 KOALA Awards shortlisted Best Series (Max Remy Superspy)

Deborah brings stories alive with her energetic and fun presentations.

For more information and fun activities:

<https://www.deborahabela.com/>



Kids Comments

"I love her because she told us stories and I like her purple hair" Kai KG

"Her books have good story lines." Neil KG

"I liked it when she read funny books." Elanor KG

"She was really entertaining and a bit weird but in a good way." Abby 2Y

"She was funny and sensitive." Sophie 2Y

"She was funny and a really good writer." Livia 2Y

"She made trouble, she was funny and she has written amazing books." Massimo 3G

"She is crazy, funny & interesting." Monte 3G

"She was a trouble maker. She had a lot of questions starting with I wonder what would happen if...." Phoebe 3G



Author Visit – Mick Elliott

Friday 23rd October



Years 4-6

Mick Elliott is an author, illustrator, children's television producer, scriptwriter and animator.

Mick wrote the Squidge Dibley and The Turner series as well producing many shows for Nickelodeon.

Mick created the poster for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2020 and is a literacy ambassador who is extremely passionate about encouraging kids to read.

Storytelling, writing and illustrating came alive with his dynamic and interactive presentations.



60 second drawing challenge

Kids Comments

"He was amazing. He was very funny. Nobody left bored." Ava Yr4

"I liked the 60sec drawing contest. He is a good drawer." Daniella Yr4

"I liked the most embarrassing moments. I liked Mrs North's most embarrassing moment." Claudia Yr4

"I want him to visit again because he is funny, engaging and interesting. I learnt tips about writing and how to become a better writer." Sienna Yr5

"I liked that he told his experiences and how he involved them into his books to create an amazing story." William Yr5

"I really liked the humour he used while talking to us and how he interacted with us. He did pretty well at controlling us as we were a bit crazy." Lilliana Yr5

"I liked how he let us talk and have our thoughts and share our most embarrassing moments." Arianna Yr6

"He is a cool dude. Love his books and his personality." Oliver Yr6

"I liked how he was funny and told cool stories." Bianca Yr6

