



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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**We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we educate our students.**

Dear Parents,

Our school has a wonderful, supportive community of staff, parents and clergy who work together to focus on giving students the best Catholic education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion. Everything we do in our St Angela's community is underpinned by our Gospel values. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Angela's particularly in this challenging time.

This year, we will once again join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. There is so much faith, fun and learning that takes place at St Angela's that our Catholic Schools Week will be held over a two week period, from 5th March to 19th March.

Additionally, during this time (Week 7 - 8th to 12th March), we will once again have our termly **"Family Week"**. Family Week sees the children have a break from formal home learning (although we ask that every child still reads each night) to spend time with you as a family or helping you for the family. You may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples in the past have included playing a board game, sitting and sharing stories, cooking a meal together, feeding the pet, playing cards, helping put away laundry, setting the table, reading mum or dad a book, washing the car, gardening, writing mum and dad a thank you note, spending time in prayer/saying the Rosary, going for a family walk etc. Family Week is aimed at freeing children up to assist and/or spend time with those who love them most, their greatest heroes, you their parents and family.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week in 2021 is **"200 Years of Catholic Education"**. It is a special time which encourages schools to showcase the many learning opportunities available to students, and celebrate our unique Catholic schools. Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community - by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day. At this stage it seems more than likely that we will be sharing this with families via virtual presentations.

During Catholic Schools Week we will be hosting **3 Open Day Sessions for Kindergarten 2022 Enrolments** :

Fri 5th March  
♦ 9:00am  
♦ 11:15am and  
Friday 12th March  
♦ 9:00am.

Please let family and friends know of these sessions and encourage them to register their attendance by completing the Registration form which can be found on our school website.

*"Together we can achieve so much!"*  
Leanne Nettleton  
PRINCIPAL

## Religious Education



### Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

*Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.*

SUNDAY  
28  
FEB  
2021

### Gospel Reflection

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop – setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mould as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mould and creating a new vision, a new tradition – one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

Source: [GregSunter@LiturgyHelp](mailto:GregSunter@LiturgyHelp)

Fr Alejandro invites us to view our parish bulletin for the week.  
[OLOR Parish Bulletin](#)

God Bless  
Jocelyn Williams  
Religious Education Coordinator



# Sports News

## Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, 19th February, St. Angela's Zone Swim Team competed at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival held at Mt. Druitt Pool. The team of swimmers represented our school proudly and demonstrated wonderful school spirit and determination.

All of our swimmers did extremely well at the carnival. In particular Finn Wheatley, who took home the Junior Boys Runner Up Trophy this year. Finn also placed 2nd in the 50m backstroke on the day. Congratulations to Ciara Crowley who placed 4th in the 50m backstroke on the day. Both have made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival.

Our Senior Girls Relay Team, Angelina Tallaridi, Ciara Crowley, Tahlia Mearns and Mia Khoudair came 2nd on the day and will also be joining them at The Diocesan Carnival this year!

Congratulations must go to our entire Zone team, Mrs Chatten, Mrs Mazza and Mrs Hynes who organised and supported the students on the day. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the students and managed the COVID procedures put in place.



## Star Spot

Congratulations to all our sport stars!

Courtney Azzopardi, Tahlia Mearns and Yasemin Vancuylenberg who will represent the Parramatta Diocese Football Team in Goulburn.

Dominic Laird who will represent the Parramatta Diocese AFL Team.

Rhys Wilson who will represent the Parramatta Diocese Soccer Team.

Gabriella Fernandes who will be competing in the U12 girls Junior State Cup tournament in Wagga Wagga for Hills Hornets.

Well done everyone!



## School Fees

The School Fee Statements have been posted to your home address. If you have not, as yet, received your statement, please contact the office on 94076400 or email the school so a copy can be sent to you. Please note that the first instalment is due by 17th March 2021. If you wish to set up a flexible payment plan, please complete the eform using the instructions which the Catholic Education Office has given you. The arrangement needs to be set up by 16th March 2021.

## Drop off at the front gate in the mornings

Parents are reminded to move off from the front gate area as soon as you have dropped off your children. This area can become quite congested and unsafe for those crossing the driveway or trying to use the pedestrian gate if you gather in there.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our students safe at drop off and pick up times.

## Upcoming Dates



### TERM 1

#### Week 6

#### Catholic Schools Week

Friday 5th March

Kinder 2022 Open Day

Session 1 9:00- 10:00am

Session 2 11.15 -12:15pm

Friday 12th March (Wk 7)

Session 3 9:00-10:00am

#### Week 7

#### Family Week

Monday 8th March

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy - Students Only

Tuesday 9th March

Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Pool

Thursday 11th March

Year 5 Surf Education

Friday 12th March

Year 6 Surf education

## Email Procedures

As a school we recognise that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher. The St Angela's staff is highly professional and extremely dedicated to communicating with parents.

We wish to remind you though that the teachers main focus within a school day is the face to face teaching and supervision of the students and that while they may read their emails at various times throughout the school day, sometimes they do not read them until the end of the school day due to their teaching, supervision and meeting responsibilities. Further, teachers are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. In the case of an emergency please contact the school office during business hours on [stangelaschill@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelaschill@parra.catholic.edu.au) or phone 94076400.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to [stangelaschill@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelaschill@parra.catholic.edu.au) and these will then be triaged, as per our usual practice.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding.

## Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2022

Thank you to those families who have advised (via our Google Form emailed on 19th February) that they are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings at St Angela's for Kindergarten 2022.

Enrolment Application forms will be sent home with your eldest child early next week Please complete both Form A and B and supply required supporting documentation (birth certificate, baptism certificate, immunisation summary, proof of address, as well as any visa or citizenship papers if applicable) and return to the school office.

Please phone or email the office if you have any enquiries. Thank you

## Use of the Kiss and Drop in the morning and Car Pick Up in the afternoon

Please be reminded that when using Kiss and Drop and Car Pick Up, students must have their bags with them in the car. For safety reasons **no child or adult is to go to the boot of the car**. There can be no exceptions to this procedure - it is very dangerous for students to be at the back of vehicles and parents must remain in vehicles when using this area.

## ***Celebrating Our Gifts***

*(Awards presented on Friday 19/02/2021)*

### ***Academic Excellence***

Charlie Vassallo KB  
Sara Crisafulli KG  
Liamm Perera KY  
Sienna Wise 1B  
Jaxon Hogan 1G  
Lucas Tassone 1Y  
Harrison McIntyre 2B  
Isla Paulynn Colet 2G  
Noah Young 2Y  
Tanyaradzwā Murgerera 3B  
Daniel Bell 3G  
Zara Shorten 3Y  
Harper Eastwood 4B  
Jai Powell 4G  
Sophie Pickles 4Y  
Jada Nuevo 5B  
Evangelos Tikellis 5G  
Cayleigh Mantua 5Y  
Amelia Blackwell 6B  
Brayden Geraghty 6G  
Keeran Mazuvancheri-Perera 6Y

### ***St Angela's Award***

Charlotte Sam KB  
Daxon Lui KG  
Charles Jokic KY  
Ariana White 1B  
Olivia Gale Abesamis 1G  
Siena Boumelhem 1Y  
Harper Pickles 2B  
Alexander Bruegger 2G  
Chloe Barbara 2Y  
Mary Raad 3B  
Patrick Crowley 3G  
Angelique Bonason 3Y  
Christian Nasr 4B  
Finn Wheatley 4G  
Phoebe Scida 4Y  
Myah Ciccio 5B  
Joshua Van Egdome 5G  
Orlando Ruiz-Martinez 5Y  
Luca Bercich 6B  
Christian Mendoza 6G  
Lyla Reyes 6Y



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

#### **March**

##### **Mon 1st**

Amelia Rowlandson  
Charlotte Rowlandson  
Liam Evans

##### **Wed 3rd**

Theodoros Kinsong  
Emeline Fitzsimon  
Alannah Zaidan  
Moses Estera

##### **Thurs 4th**

Savannah Morsillo  
Jude Moller  
Luca D'Urso  
Mr Laird

##### **Fri 5th**

Lorenzo Sarmiento  
Sophia Arreza  
Zane Benning  
Maisie Brown

## **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.

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

**Emailled:** Kindergarten 2022 Sibling Enrolment Intention, General Parent Welcome Meeting Minutes, 2021 Annual Diocesan Fee Schedule

**Hard Copy:** Letter to 3 Blue Parents, Letter to 4 Blue Parents

## **Student Representative Council Years 2 - 6**

Congratulations to our 2021 Class SRC members

2B	Harry McIntyre	4G	Mikayla Martin
2G	Mila Abeyaratne	4Y	Kaeden Hochstetter
2Y	Annabelle Sprem	5B	David Gigliucci
3B	Holly McGaulley	5G	Annabelle Reisin
3G	Olivia Millalongo	5Y	Kem Young
3Y	Sienna Bressi	6B	Lilliana Sacco
4B	Monte Piotto	6G	Connor Paton
		6Y	Isaac Gunasekera

### **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