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Castle Hill

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

Dear Parents,

I am so proud of the wonderful effort that all the children are putting into being "back together again". Each and everyday they are coming to school with a positive attitude, keen to learn and to be with their teachers and friends. Some of them have been reflecting that it has taken a bit of getting used to having set times for eating and playing, and to be waiting for their turn to do something. Others have shared that they are learning to get out of bed early enough in the morning to get dressed, have breakfast and then come to school on time and then at the end of the day they are feeling really tired.

The government has again relaxed some of the restrictions related to schools. This is wonderful for our Kindergarten 2022 students who will now be able to attend an orientation session at the school. Our Year 6 students will also be able to enjoy the usual rights of passage afforded to the Year 6 graduating students of St Angela's - Year 6 Assembly, Graduation Evening, Motiv8 Day and Parent organised Dinner Disco. We will also be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 3 and a Whole School Thanksgiving Mass (students only) at the end of the year.

Thank you to the many parents who offer to volunteer in support roles at St Angela's throughout the year - in particular canteen helpers, parent helpers in classrooms and library helpers. These roles will recommence in 2022 when classroom reading helpers and excursion volunteers will be called for. The canteen will reopen in 2022 when it is anticipated that we will no longer need to have staggered lunchtimes. If you need any second hand uniforms please contact the office and we will help you out.

As the term progresses I will keep you informed about any other changes that we are able to manage at school at the same time as making the health and safety of our students and staff the priority. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation, support and understanding that we are doing the best that we can to manage a very different way of being back at school.

Together we can achieve so much
Leanne Nettleton
Principal

Friendships and resolving problems

Over the next weeks as the children are getting more used to being back together again at school - being a part of a class and reconnecting with friends, they will from time to time experience difficulties in their friendships. When the children bring these concerns to the teachers and to their parents they will understandably relay these circumstances from their own perspective. It is important that we take care that we have gathered all the facts concerning any difficulty before we move into developing firm opinions about what has taken place. Supporting the children to see that there can be more than one interpretation for any circumstance is important. It is also important for children to accept their part in any difficulty and with the help of teachers and parents work towards resolving the situation. Parents are encouraged to consult teachers rather than approach students or other parents about school related matters.



Semester 2 Reports

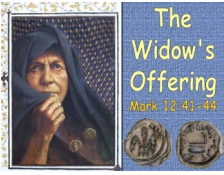
In response to changes to the learning and teaching environment during COVID-19, schools have needed to adjust their assessment and reporting processes. While this report will look different, it will still provide you with valuable information about your child's learning, while complying with government requirements. This 2021 Semester Two report recognises and reflects each student's learning in three key areas: English, Mathematics and Religious Education. These reports will be available on COMPASS In Week 10. Meanwhile, parents are asked to ensure that they have access to the COMPASS portal. In 2022, the Semester One report will return to documenting progress in all key learning areas.

Feedback and Complaints

We always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. Please note that at any time that you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, a form is available on our school website or you may request a copy from the school office. All matters brought to our attention will be attended to under strict confidentiality. Please note: St Angela's Primary School follows the [CEDP Complaints Handling Policy](#).



Religious Education



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B, Sunday 7th November 2021

Gospel

Mk 12:41-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

The Poor Widow's Offering

Have you ever watched how people give their offerings in church? The money may be placed, dropped, plopped, or tossed in the collection plate. How did it happen in Jesus' time? Jesus was sitting with His disciples in the Temple, watching people bringing their offerings. In those days people took their offerings to the Temple court and dropped them into collection boxes. Many rich people lived in Jerusalem. They lived in nice houses. They wore fancy clothes. They had plenty to eat. And after they had paid for their nice houses and fancy clothes and good food, they would take some of the money they had left to the Temple for an offering. Dressed in their finest clothes, they would go to the Temple when they knew a lot of people would be there. After looking around to make sure people were watching, they would pour their money into the collection boxes. *Clatter, tinkle, jingle, jangle.* They liked it when their money made a lot of noise. They liked it when people turned to see who had put so much money into the collection box. They hoped people were whispering, "See how much offering that person brought? He certainly is generous." Jesus knew that those rich people brought only what was left over after they had purchased all the things they wanted. Then Jesus noticed a woman at the collection box. Jesus knew that her husband had died and that she was a widow. Many times she might have gone without food. The woman looked around to see if anyone was watching. She was embarrassed because she could bring only a tiny little offering. When she thought no one would see her, she slipped two tiny coins into the collection box and hurried away. But Jesus had seen her. He had seen the two tiny coins she slipped into the offering box. Jesus said to His disciples, "This poor widow has put in more than all the others." As she heard Jesus' words, "tears of joy filled her eyes." She may have had no money to buy bread for dinner but she was happy to give an offering to God. Even though her offering was tiny, she gave more than all the others because she gave it cheerfully and out of love for God.

Q. What is the message of this passage for us today?

Priest School Visits: Our students and teachers in Kindergarten and Year One wish to thank Fr Alejandro and Fr Leonides for their visit yesterday and supporting us with our lessons in Religion.



Fr Alejandro invites us to check out the [Parish Bulletin](#) to keep up to date with the latest news.

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator

Mission Markets

This term, Year 5 are learning to identify and create practical ways in which they can share Jesus' mission to the poor and oppressed. Their inquiry learning project this term asks them to answer the following driving question: ***When can I use my gifts and talents to enable others to flourish?*** In response to this, the students will be investigating the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in order to create an initiative that will support the work that they do.

The students will prepare a presentation for each class that explains the work of the JRS and how each person at school can help this organisation. Each class will have an activity that you and your family are encouraged to participate in and you will be invited to send in your donation and a photo of what you did. All proceeds raised will go directly to the JRS to support their work with refugees.

Parents are encouraged to ask their children what they learned from Year 5 about the JRS and why we are helping them.

The JRS is in desperate need of money donations and gift cards as a priority. Food donations can include:

- basmati rice
- long life milk
- cooking oil
- snacks for school lunches (biscuits and muesli bars)
- toiletries (e.g. toothbrushes, soap, deodorant)
- nappies (sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6)

They do not require tinned items this year.

Year 5 will have a collection box outside the front gate during Week 6 and would appreciate donations of these items. Money donations and gift cards can be placed in an envelope and given to class teachers to send to the office.

Thank you in advance for your support of our children's initiatives to reach out to others in a very real way.

Year 5 Teachers and Students.

Keeping our St Angela's community well and safe

At St Angela's we have members of our school community with compromised immune systems. This means that these individuals are more susceptible to infections and illness than others. It is therefore extremely important that students do not attend school if they are unwell and that the school is informed if any child contracts Chicken Pox, Measles, or flu so that we can keep everyone and most particularly these individuals healthy and safe. With the current pandemic it is extremely important that no child or staff member attends school feeling unwell.

Should a child become unwell with cold and flu symptoms, you will be asked to collect your child from school.

Thank you for your understanding.



Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 29/10/2021)

Academic Excellence

Ciara Treacy KB	Natasha Clemente KB
Liam Zeaiter KG	Calissa Layoun KG
Ethan Khairy KY	Thomas Livingstone KY
Kai Theoharous 1B	Archy Callan-Kerkenezov 1B
Olivia Gale Abesamis 1G	Georgia Hoare 1G
Marcus Saad 1Y	Sebastian Burns 1Y
Joshua Losco 2B	Beth Kenny 2B
Zac Holeva 2G	Isla Paulynn Colet 2G
Ethan Chetty 2Y	Oliver Newbury 2Y
Piero Colosimo 3B	Jasmine Hackett 3B
Sienna Andrew 3G	Alana Laird 3G
Sienna Bressi 3Y	Joshua Wade 3Y
Abbey Glass 4B	Zavier Stornelli 4B
Madeline Pace 4G	Courtney Lean 4G
Mary Michelle Younes 4Y	Adrian Sacco 4Y
David Gigliucci 5B	Alana Younan 5B
Alicia Dib 5G	Brendan Khoudair 5G
Owen Van Egdom 5Y	Bronte Solomon 5Y
Sophie Wallace 6B	Alexis Tadiaman 6B
Shannon Aneksomphan 6G	Carlo Scida 6G
Domenic Laird 6Y	Joseph Sultana 6Y

St Angela's Award



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

November

Mon 8th

Miss Fizely
Edward Taylor

Thurs 11th

Dominique Gularte
Ivy Khoudair

Tues 9th

Paige Doyle
Olivia Miletic

Fri 12th

Charlotte Green
Isabelle Judd
Stella Powell

Wed 10th

Harrison Gibbons
Isiah Lorenzo
Justine Nuevo
Mrs Kaelin
Mrs Yager

Sat 13th

Joshua Morin

Sun 14th

Aliyah Henwood

St Angela's 2022 Kindergarten Orientation

1:15pm - 2:15pm

Thursday 25th November

Students with the surname A-J

Thursday 2nd December

Students with the surname K-Z

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



We would like to welcome the Stuart family to St Angela's:

Olivia (2Y)
Sienna (4B)

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 keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Chetty family,
Ethan (2Y),
due to the passing into eternal life of his Great Grandmother.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed from Compass Portal:

Kindergarten 2022: Kindergarten 2022 House Colour Flyers, 2022 Kindergarten Orientation Invitation,

Year 5: Year 5 PDHPE Unit Growth and Development

Year 6: Year 6 Student Dinner Dance, Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Events

Push Notifications through Compass:

Whole School: Birthday Celebrations, Front and Back gate Entry to school in the mornings

Competitor Swimming Carnival (Student Only)

We have received information from CEDP that schools can proceed with organising a Swimming Carnival for competitors in preparation for the Zone Swimming Carnival in February 2022. This carnival needs to comply with COVID guidelines established by the NSW Department of Education and CEDP and can only be conducted with staff and fully vaccinated essential helpers in attendance. Competitors will need to be transported by their parents to and from Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Spectators will not be able to attend the carnival.

The Competitors Swimming Carnival (Student Only) has been scheduled for Monday 29th November 2021 to enable students who wish to trial to compete at the Hills District Zone Swimming Carnival in February 2022.

This is for students in Years 2-5. Students who turn 8 in 2022 from Year 1 who are able to competently swim 50m Freestyle and do so within the time criteria of 1 minute 20 seconds, can compete in the carnival. An email and google form will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 5th November for families to complete. Parents are requested to complete the google form by Friday 12th November 2021. Please contact Mrs Jenny Chatten if you have any questions about the Carnival.