

Dear Parents,

Education is about valuing and nurturing every young person's uniqueness and assisting them to fulfil their capabilities as students and later as adults. Parents and schools have a joint interest to ensure that our school provides an environment that is conducive to successful learning and personal achievement.

When education is valued in the home and seen as lifeenhancing, then children will view their schooling as being positive for them and worth investing their energies in. Parents and teachers working in collaboration can present education as a happy and fulfilling experience for children.

Research, anywhere in the world, confirms that when parents are partners in their children's education, their children improve their achievement levels. So I urge you to keep in touch with your child/children's teachers. Don't leave it always to the teachers to let you know how your child is achieving. Stay aware of what your child is learning, what their assignments are and how they perform in them.

Our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews will give you an opportunity to formally meet your child's teacher and then give them information about your child. Good communication between parents and teacher is vital to create and sustain a climate that is conducive to productive learning for your child/children.

Parents, you are the source of your child's affirmation. Children will believe what the people they love and trust believe including how they feel about school and their own ability to learn. So, after praise and encouragement, encourage perseverance. A warm, supportive home atmosphere will influence your child's confidence and motivation to become a successful learner.

"Together we can do so much" Leanne Nettleton

Kinder Drop off and Pick up from Week up from Week 3

Commencing next week Kindergarten will join the rest of the children in following the school drop off and pick up arrangements. There will be teachers at the Front Gate, Car Drop Off, Back Gate and Paths to ensure that the Kindergarten children get to their classroom safely and easily and in the afternoon for going home arrangements. Monday 10th February (Week 3), Kindergarten will be attending morning assembly at 8.30am with the rest of the school. There will be Year 6 buddies to assist with this transition to the Big Top.

SCHOOL PARKING

The St Angela's school community has a fine reputation in the local neighbourhood for being courteous and mindful road users - always with the safety of children, families and our neighbours as a priority. With the beginning of a new school year, it is timely to remind everyone of important parking information which will be particularly useful for new parents and continuing parents at St Angela's. Please find attached to this newsletter some information regarding the rules for legal parking around the school and the fines and demerit points that apply for illegal parking. Please also note that Council Compliance Officers regularly patrol the school area and enforce the parking rules. Thank you for always keeping our children and families safe.

See attached Parking Rules and Penalties flyer from The Hills Council

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS WHEN DRIVING INTO THE SCHOOL CAR PARK TO DROP OFF FOR COSHC

Parents are requested to drive carefully and at a reduced speed in the carpark. Please DO NOT double park or park anywhere other than in the marked car spaces. This may mean that you need to park in the lower carpark and then walk your child up to COSCH. Please be mindful that staff are entering the carpark from 7:00am and need to be able to access car spaces.

SAFER INTERNET DAY



Tuesday 11th February has been declared **Safer Internet Day**. This a worldwide event that raises awareness about online safety and encourages everyone to help create a better internet. Parents are encouraged to

access the Australian Government's eSafety website <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/</u> to explore the many resources that can be found there to support children's use of the internet at home. At school next week, the teachers will be revisiting the cyberwise messages of **"Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible".**

We look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to our school community next Friday 14th February at 2:20m. All parents are most welcome. We hope you can join us.



Religious Education Sunday, 9 February 2020: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A Gospel

<u>Mt 5:13-16</u>

Salt of the earth, light of the world.

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

'You are the light of the world'

'They put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.'

'Your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

to the point

Jesus uses the images of salt and light to describe the life of a disciple. In this way, Jesus teaches that there is sanctity in ordinary human lives.

Connecting the Gospel

to Christian living

The gospel makes an immediate demand on our commitment to social justice, following on from Jesus' exhortation to engage in good works. These concrete expressions of discipleship, often referred to as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, profoundly demonstrate the sense of mission, to be a "city built on a hill-top".

Understanding Scripture

The analogies of salt and light would have been full of meaning for people in Jesus' time. Salt was universally important for its medicinal and preservative qualities, and for its value as a flavour enhancer. Similarly, the followers of Jesus are to heal divisions, preserve the world from injustice and oppression, and enhance the flavour of life by influencing the world in a positive way. The value of light is perhaps less appreciated in modern times with ready access to electricity, but in the time of Jesus, it was a far more precious commodity. Without a wick in a bowl of oil, there was no light in the darkness. Jesus' followers, likewise, according to the gospel, must illuminate the world through their good deeds which must be visible for all to see. This is not for their own personal esteem, however, but in order that others might give glory to God. Notice that Jesus does not say "You are like the salt of the earth" but rather "You are the salt of the earth." He does not say "You can be the light of the world" but rather "You are the light of the world". Jesus generously declares that all of his followers are in fact salt and light, that there is sanctity in the ordinariness of human life.

Opening School Mass

Our school opening mass will be on Monday 17th February at 9am in the hall. All are warmly invited to attend.

OLOR Kellyville Confirmation Sacramental Dates

For our Year 6 students who are enrolling in the Parish Sacramental Program in Term 2 this year, please note that the parish has assigned the **Wednesday 3rd June 2020** Confirmation celebration for our school.

Mrs Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

St Angela's Opening School Mass in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall Monday 17th February at 9:00am All Welcome

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR Friday 6th March at 9:00am St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.



Week 3

Upcoming Dates

<u>Week 2</u> Friday 7th February

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 20th February

Friday 14th February

Band lessons begin

Year 5 Parks Excursion POSTPONED - New date TBA

5:00 - 7:00pm Kindergarten and new families welcome BBQ

Parent Teacher Interviews

8:45am Fundraising Meeting in the staffroom All welcome

Year 6 Surf Education Excursion

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Hills Zone Swimming Carnival Hawkesbury Pool

2:20pm Kindergarten presented to the school All Welcome

School is Cool - but not if you're late

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child's learning is often disadvantaged if they are late. They also often feel embarrassed arriving after everyone else. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons, in all their learning results can suffer. If on the odd occasion you arrive after 8.30am (you will know it is after 8:30 if the teacher is no longer on duty at the kiss and drop) you, as the parent, must visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class.

Many thanks for your support in this area.

Grade Assemblies

Whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 8 - Friday 20th March at 2:15pm led by Year 3

Week 9 - Friday 27th March at 2:15pm led by Year 2

Week 10 - Friday 3rd April at 2:15pm led by Year 4

All parents are most welcome to join us.



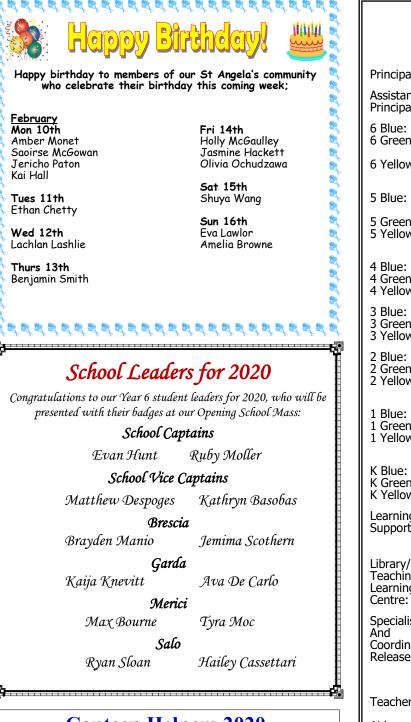
Welcome

We would like to welcome a new family to our school this week:

The Edouard family - Gabriel (KB) and Sebastian (5B)

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.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS THIS WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY DETAILS WERE SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY BOOKINGS OPEN TODAT AT 4:30PM



Canteen Helpers 2020

Our school canteen will open tomorrow, Friday 7th February and then each Tuesday and Friday. It does not open on rainy days.

We require some helpers each Tuesday and Friday from 12:25 to 1:25pm to be put on a 6 month roster.

If you are able to help, please fill out the google form, that will be sent home this week, (no babies or toddlers please). Thank you Canteen Committee

Fundraising Committee

If you would like to be part of our exciting Fundraising committee that organises events for the children and/or parents, please let the office know and/or if available join us for a meeting on **Thursday 20th February at 8:45am** in the staffroom. We have a core group of parents who are more than happy to lead this committee again in 20120 Whether your contribution is big or small, all are most welcome to attend.

St Angela's Staff 2020

Principal:	Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Michelle Yager
6 Blue: 6 Green:	Mr Stephen Lee Mrs Tiffany McPherson (T1)
	Mrs Amanda Ogilvie (T2 - T4)
6 Yellow:	Miss Jana Fizely
5 Blue:	Mrs Theresa Lowden (Coordinator Yrs 5 & 6)
5 Green: 5 Yellow:	Mrs Cathy Bateman/Mrs Kelly Hynes Mrs Tahlee Simpson
4 Blue: 4 Green:	Mrs Simone Di Stefano Mr Lee Hurst
4 Yellow:	Mrs Elizabeth Kelly
3 Blue: 3 Green: 3 Yellow:	Miss Leisa Claxton Mrs Natalie Newbury Mrs Jasna Rubelj (Coordinator Yrs 3 & 4)
2 Blue: 2 Green:	Mrs Rosanne Javidi Mrs Louise Lean/Mrs Jenny Petras
2 Yellow:	Mrs Megan Aberley (Coordinator Kindy,
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1 Blue: 1 Green:	Ms Suzette Lewis-Driver Mrs Kristy Smith
1 Yellow:	Mrs Jocelyn Williams (Religious Education Coordinator)
K Blue:	Mrs Karen Wilson
K Green: K Yellow:	Miss Gemma McRoberts Mr Anthony Stagnitta
Learning	Mrs Brooke McDonald
Support:	Mrs Janine Kiaian Mrs Lynne Sandri
Library/	
Teaching Learning	Mrs Rosanne North (Teacher/Librarian) Mrs Karem Castro (Library Assistant)
Centre:	
Specialists And	Mrs Kathryn Criss (Music) Mrs Andra Hemmings (Physical Education)
Coordinator Release:	Mrs Lucy Kaelin (5B & 5Y) Mrs Lynne Sandri (Learning Support)
Release.	Mrs Julie Grunberg (1Y) Mrs Natalie Moller (3Y)
Teachers'	Mrs Simone Bisson
Aides:	Mrs Karem Castro Mrs Bernadette Melville
Alucs.	Mrs Karen Mirabello
	Mrs Melissa Northwood Mrs Kim Williams
Admin:	Mrs Elizabeth Burke
	Mrs Linda McKinnon Mrs Lisa Martin Mrs Kylie Ross
Maintenance:	,
Cleaning:	Mrs Ana Stuardo
5	Mr Aidan Gierhos
COSHC Coordinator:	Mr Zac Phillips
School Counsellor:	Mrs Karina Greenfield
Band:	Mr Daryl Walton
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Can you Help?

NEW FAMILIES BBQ CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS

As is tradition at St Angela's, we will welcome all the Kinder 2020 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ tomorrow evening Friday the 7th February. We ask that available parents from Year 1 and/or any grade who would be willing to help organise the occasion please email the school office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au.

This event will take place on Friday, 7th February at 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.

Student Information Forms

Thank you for completing the Student Information Forms sent home last week. A reminder if you have not already done so, please return forms tomorrow, Friday 7th February. Thank you.



Band lessons begin tomorrow, Friday 7th February

Gilroy Catholic College Open Evening for Enrolments Year 7 2021 Wednesday 19 February 2020

Tours from 4pm, talk by the Principal 5.15pm in the College Hall, Tours will continue after the talk until 6.50pm For Tour Bookings https://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Open-Days

or phone the College on 8853 8200.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

For men and women who grieve the death of their spouse or partner

Information session and overview of the Program Thursday 6th February 2020 Time: 10am-11am

> Followed By 7 Weekly Sessions Thursday 13th February to 26th March 2020 Time: 10am -12pm

This Program is aimed at those who are widowed, to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives. An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting challenges and difficulties

of the unchartered waters of this long and painful journey.

When we are listened to with empathy, we are consoled in our grief, our loneliness is alleviated and connections are created amongst us.

Topics for each Session

Session 1: Physical Effects of Grief

ession 4: Social Effects of Grief

VENUE:

Session 2: Images and Frameworks for Grief Session 3: Dealing with Intense Emotions Session 5: Tasks of Grieving Session 6: Grief /Anxiety/Depression?

Session 7: Continuing Bonds and Closing Ritual

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Contact-St. Michael's Parish Office

Rita Chater–Solo Parent Services PH: 8843 2575 email: <u>soloparentservices@ccss.org.au</u>

St. Michael's Catholic Church Downey Room 1-3 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills

DATE: Intro and overview - Thursday 6th February 2020 - 10am - 11am Followed by 7 Thursday Sessions - 13th February - 26th March TIME : 10am - 12pm

Submitting an Item for our Newsletter

A reminder to parents that if you would like to submit an item for approval to be printed in Shine, eg. A child's achievement in Star Spot, we ask that you email your item to the school by 12 noon on Tuesday of the week you would like your item printed. As you can appreciate, children often inform us of achievements, however, we ask that achievements be advised in writing by a parent as children often miss important details. We thank you for your assistance.



Mount St Benedict College Open Day Sunday 1st March 10am—2pm

Bookings online www.msb.nsw.edu Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2022. Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues were sent home with your child today. All orders and payments are to be made via the Loop, as outlined in the catalogue.



Canteen starts tomorrow Friday 7th February

Are you receiving emails?

To assist us in ensuring that the primary contacts for emails is correct, please let us know if you do not wish to receive emails to a particular address. If you have received today's email more than once please alert the office. If you know of another parent who has not received this newsletter by email can you let them know that the newsletter can be accessed on the school website and to contact the office next week to provide their updated email address.

Please see coming home today the parent calendar

Please keep in mind every effort is made to have firm dates and publish these as early as possible but changes are sometimes necessary due to circumstances beyond our control.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Kindergarten Equipment List, Updated Coronavirus Information, Yrs 5 & 6 Paul Kelly Cup, Canteen Volunteers, Parent Teacher Interviews, Yrs 2 - 6 General parent Information Session **Hard Copy**: Student Information 2020, Year 5 Excursion - Local Parks Visit, Year 3 Excursion - Brewongle Environmental Education Centre, School Interviews Flyer, Year 1 Literacy Group Helpers

Parking Rules & Penalties

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. **When an offence is detected, you will be fined.**



NO STOPPING You must not STOP at any time. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE Penalty from \$344 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$191 and 2 demerit points



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BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE Penalty from \$344 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE Penalty from \$344 and 2 demerit points

3 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 PO Box 7064, Baulkham Hills BC 2153 Phone 02 9843 0555 Email council@thehills.nsw.gov.au Facsimile 02 9843 0409 www.thehills.nsw.gov.au



There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

	NO PARKING You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups ar must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	nd	Penalty from \$191 and 2 demerit points
NO STOPPING	NO STOPPING Under no cicumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.		Penalty from \$344 and 2 demerit points
	BUS ZONE You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless y driving a public bus.	ou are	Penalty from \$344 and 2 demerit points
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Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing \$457			2 demerit points

Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing\$457 & 2 demerit pointsApproach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely\$572 & 4 demerit pointsIllegal U turns\$457 & 4 demerit pointsStop across driveway\$344 & 2 demerit pointsDrive using a hand held mobile phone\$457 & 5 demerit pointsParallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line\$344 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF JULY 2019 For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

