



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Sending Home Information and News about Education  
Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

**Newsletter**  
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Term 1, Week 4

Dear Parents,

## A Year of Celebrations...

As you are aware this year is a very special year for our learning community as we will celebrate 20 years of education. In the very same year our parish Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville will celebrate its 50th anniversary and the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. What a year! A year in which we can proudly celebrate who we are as a school community, parish community and as a catholic education community across Australia and at the same time recognise and acknowledge the founding communities of our school, St Angela's, the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and the early Australian Catholic Church. At St Angela's, throughout the year we will be taking time to reflect and celebrate all that has been achieved. Make sure that you have 19th September 2020 set aside in your diaries for our St Angela's 20 Year Anniversary Celebration Gala Evening at Castle Hill RSL.

*"Together we can do so much"*

Leanne Nettleton  
PRINCIPAL

## Fund Raising Meeting

Thank you to the group of parents who met this morning to commence planning for our fundraising events for 2020. If you would like to be a part of the excitement of planning for the Gala Evening Celebrations please send an email to the school so that your details can be passed onto Wayne Davie.

## Year 5 Parks Excursion

Year 5 experienced a wonderful Parks excursion on Wednesday investigating and observing different materials used in order to design their own local park community.

On Thursday the students then gathered with teachers and Michael McDowell, our guest educator to reveal their knows and need to knows related to their science project.



## Welcome to St Angela's Kindergarten 2020



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## Religious Education

**Sunday, 23 February 2020: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

### Gospel

[Mt 5:38-48](#)

Turn the other cheek.

### Living the Gospel – Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

### School Parish Mass - Sunday 23rd February 9am

We invite all members of our school and their families to celebrate the Eucharist with Our Lady of the Rosary parish community on Sunday 23rd February at 9am. This mass will be led by our Year 2 students. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. A time when we remember and reflect on the passion and death of Jesus. On Wednesday 26th February we will have our Ash Wednesday Mass in the hall at 11:15am. Everyone is welcome.

*Mrs Jocelyn Williams*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

## Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2021

Thank you to those families who have advised (via our Google Form emailed on 18th February) that they are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings at St Angela's for Kindergarten 2021. Please phone or email the office if you have any enquiries. Thank you

## 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 wonderful school.*



### TERM 1

## Upcoming Dates

### Week 4

**Friday 21st February**

Year 3 Excursion to Brewongle

**5:00-7:00pm Rescheduled Kinder and new families welcome BBQ**

**Sunday 23rd February**

9:00am OLOR Parish Mass Led by Yr 2 Families

### Week 5

**Wednesday 26th February**

11:15am Ash Wednesday Mass. All welcome.

**Friday 28th February**

Wacky Hair Day Fundraising for Fire Relief

### Week 6

**Tuesday 3rd March**

8:45am Class Parent Rep Meeting in the staffroom

**Friday 6th March**

**9:00am Open Day and School Tour Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments**

**"Bop till you drop" School Disco  
4:30 - 6:00pm K - Year 2  
6:30 - 8:00pm Years 3 - 6**

## Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at The Hills Zone swimming carnival. A perfect day for a swimming carnival. All of our swimmers did extremely well in particular Zalia Ritchie who broke the Hills Zone Breaststroke and Butterfly records and was 11yrs Girl Age Champion and Mia Young who was 12yrs Girl Age Champion. Congratulations to the following children who made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival which was held today at Blacktown Pool. More news in next weeks newsletter.

For individual events Sophie McIntyre, Finn Wheatley, Ryan Shepherd, Zalia Ritchie, Ciara Crowley, Mia Khoudair, Jackson Bercich, Stefan Geoghegan, and Mia Young.

For Relays Junior Boys- Ryan Shepherd, Hamish Geoghegan, Stirling Post and Finn Wheatley finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Senior Boys- Stefan Geoghegan, Brayden Manio, Luca Bercich and Jackson Bercich finished 2nd.

Special thanks to Mr Laird who did an amazing job in the very serious job of place judging.

To the parents, I truly am blessed to have such awesome parents. Special thank you to Jo Wheatley, Leesa Pickles, Manie McIntyre, Michelle Rambow and Monica Crowley for volunteering to help with timekeeping.

To our parents and Grandparents, thank you for your cheering and support of the children

Well Done!

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sports Coordinator





## ***Celebrating Our Gifts***


*(Awards presented on Friday 14/02/2020)*

### ***Academic Excellence***

Lachlan Lashlie KB  
Henry Brooker KG  
Harriet Kenny KY  
Noah Young 1B  
Arianna Vallejo 1G  
Oliver Dinsdale 1Y  
Mason Stopps 2B  
Patrick Crowley 2G  
Angelique Bonasin 2Y  
Harper Eastwood 3B  
Kaeden Hochstetter 3G  
Liam Nicholls 3Y  
Gia Lorelle Anonical 4B  
Matilda Scothern 4G  
Ava Russo 4Y  
Miha Knevit 5B  
Sean Phung 5G  
Kai Hall 5Y  
Madison Tedros 6B  
Sean Salib 6G  
Kathryn Basobas 6Y

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

Lilah Kenny KB  
Elanor Gandajana KG  
Madeleine Bonasin KY  
Ivy Kastoun 1B  
Lewis Norrish 1G  
Mila Abeyaratne 1Y  
Alexis Foxe 2B  
Sienna Fernandes 2G  
Sophie Kenny 2Y  
Mikayla Zlomislic 3B  
Finn Sweeney 3G  
Sienna Azar 3Y  
Sebastian Khoury 4B  
Jesselyn Tedja 4G  
Grace Diaz 4Y  
Tahlia Mearns 5B  
Zoe Crowley 5G  
Isabella Sultana 5Y  
Jack O'Neill 6B  
Jada Yu 6G  
Oliver Gerrettson-Cornell 6Y



## **Happy Birthday!**

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

<b>February</b> <b>Mon 24th</b> Oliver Milicevic Isaac Cassab	<b>Wed 26th</b> Nicholas Costa Jacob Fam
<b>Tues 25th</b> Sienna Fernandes Bronte Woodhead	<b>Fri 28th</b> Louis Caparros
<b>Sun 1st March</b> Amelia Rowlandson Charlotte Rowlandson Liam Evans	

## **School Fees**

School fee accounts for 2020 will be mailed out by the Catholic Education Office by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February. As in the past, families will be given a choice to either pay their account under the current school fee payment terms of 30 days or by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments over a 6 month period from March to August. This payment arrangement is known as a flexible payment plan (FPP). To make FPP payments families will complete and lodge a direct debit authority with the Catholic Education Office. There is no additional administration fees to families accepting the FPP offer, however if a payment rejects fees may be incurred and if a payment rejects twice it is automatically cancelled. Alternatively, accounts may also be paid via BPay allowing parents to set up their own periodic payment and select a period (eg. Monthly) to pay their fees by instalments. There is no cost to parents using BPay. At the school office, accounts can be paid by cheque and Eftpos. **Detailed information regarding FPP along with the appropriate application forms will be included with your school fee account.** As per last year we have also included the majority of school based fees for 2020 into the annual account so that these costs are incorporated into FPP arrangements. Term 1 fees, unless undertaking a FPP arrangement, are due on 18th March 2020. Please refer to the 2020 School Fees information emailed today.

If you have any further enquiries please contact the school office on 9407 6400.

Leukaemia Foundation

## **WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**

Congratulations to Zane Benning (5Y) and Cruz (5Y), Noah (5B) & Luca (5G) Bercich, "Team Triplets", who, on March 14, will shave their heads to raise much needed funds to assist in supporting families facing Blood Cancer.

All donations will go towards helping the Leukaemia Foundation offer emotional and practical support to the 35 Aussies every day diagnosed with Blood cancer.

Thank you to all of those families and friends that have already so generously donated.

If you can sponsor these students on a mission to find a cure for Blood Cancer, any donation is much appreciated.

To sponsor Zane;

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/zanebenning>

To sponsor "Team Triplets"

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=777651>

## **Student After-School Travel Arrangements**



Parents thank you for responding to the Google Form regarding Student After-School Travel Arrangements. This has now been finalised.

If you wish to **change or update** your child's travel arrangements please email St Angela's at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au)

A reminder that, if you need to collect your child early please email the office with your **child's name, class and changed arrangement before 2pm.**

## **Please keep in your prayers**

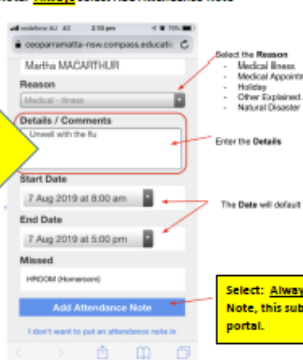
Our prayers are extended to the Hall family, William (1G), Lachlan (4G) and Jack (6Y), due to the passing into eternal life of their Grandfather.

### How do I update my child's absence on the Parent Portal?

To our new families and as a reminder to our current families, listed below is a brief outline of how to use our Parent Portal to update your child's absence from school.

If your child is absent:

1. Parents will receive an SMS with a portal link in it
2. Click on the portal link
3. Your child's name will appear at the top of the app
4. Reason: Use the drop down arrow to select a category eg Medical Illness
5. Details / Comments: **Always** add further details eg. Susie is unwell with a fever
6. Start Date: Select the start date
7. End Date: Select the end date
8. Add Attendance Note: **Always** select Add Attendance Note



Families who were here in 2019 will also have access to the Parent Portal using a login. New families will receive their login information from the Catholic Education Department Parramatta later this term.


Please ensure you complete all of the details mentioned above, monitoring student absence is a mandatory requirement for all schools and allows us support our St Angela's Community.

Additionally, school requires an Application for Extended Leave - Travel (3 or more days) if your family has no alternative but to travel throughout the school term.


If a student is absent from school for an extended or regular period of time an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School is required. Some examples of this include if your child participates in: elite arts/sporting events (eg National or State level), is employed in the entertainment industry or is absent for exceptional circumstances (eg medical condition that requires ongoing treatment). If you need further clarification please email or phone the office on 9407 6400.

These applications need to be submitted to the Principal well in advance of their starting date. Applications are reviewed by the Principal and if granted, a Certificate of Exemption or a Certificate of Extended Leave Travel - 3 or more days will be issued.

Thank you for your continued support in these matters.




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**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Australia**  
Out of every 30 students in Australia, 7 are dealing with mental health issues


**UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH**  
Learn the skills to make a difference

2 will ask for help ..... 5 will suffer in silence

This presentation will focus on giving parents information on how they can identify and help the 5 that suffer in silence. Learn how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental illness, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional help is received, or the crisis resolves. Mental health problem is a broad term that includes developing mental illness, symptoms of a diagnosable illness, substance misuse, and adverse life events which are having an impact on functioning.

**Depression, Anxiety, Behavioral disorders, Mood Disorders, Personality Disorders, Suicide, Drugs, Eating Disorders, Self-Injury, Panic Attacks, Stress, Substance Abuse**

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**PRC Wellbeing**  
Diocese of Parramatta

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

**JANE ARMSTONG**  
Mental Health First Aid Instructor

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Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**  
Doors open: 6:15pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)  
PRC Annual General Meeting  
(will be held prior to guest speaker)  
AGM will take approximately 20 minutes  
**St John Paul II Catholic College**  
85 Hambledon Rd, Schofields NSW 2762

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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**Floral Expressions**  
For details on the School fundraising program  
Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116

## Class Parent Representatives

At the grade information sessions, for Kindergarten Orientation Program (2019) and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we asked for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. If you are able to volunteer for your class, please contact the office (if you have not already let the teacher know at the grade sessions or parent/teacher interviews). Aspects of the role include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. The first parent representative meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 8:45am in the staffroom.

### Sent Home This Week:

**Emailed:** Emails Outside School Hours, Kindergarten 2021 Sibling Enrolment Intention, 2020 School Fee Schedule

**Hard Copy:** School Disco, Special Food Day, Year 3 and 4 Recorder Order Form

## 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.



## Mount St Benedict College Open Day

**Sunday 1st March 10am—2pm**

**Bookings online [www.msb.nsw.edu](http://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.*

## Have You Returned Your Medication Forms and Action Plan?

Thank you to those parents who have returned forms and action plans for children who have medication stored or administered at school due to anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma. If you have not updated your paperwork, could you please do so **as a matter of importance**. If you require forms to be resent, please contact the school office. If your child no longer requires medication to be stored at school, please email [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) and we will remove your child's name from our records. It is essential that these forms and action plans are updated annually by your child's doctor so that our records are accurate and reflect the needs of each individual child. **As noted, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child's medication remains current, ie. not expired.** Please note this in a diary or on your phone. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.