



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support of our community in this unusual and challenging time.

This week the teachers have transitioned the students into an online approach to learning and teaching for both the students at school and at home. We have been able to loan out school devices to those families who require them to access the learning for their children at home and we have commenced taking bookings from families who would like to visit the school library to borrow books for their children to read while they are at home. I would particularly like to thank our IT Trainee Aiden Geirhos, past trainee Andrew Loursdo, Mrs Yager and Karem Castro who spent 2 days preparing the technology to be loaned out. This was an enormous effort. I would also like to congratulate the teachers who are doing a magnificent job meeting the needs of the students at school and also the needs of the students who are learning from home. I would also like to recognise and thank Fathers Alejandro and Leonides who are continuing to visit the students and staff at St Angela's throughout this difficult time. We keep both our parish priests and all the clergy in our prayers at this time.

I share with you today a prayer that Mrs Petras shared with the staff last week as part of our staff prayer. You might like to join us in praying this prayer with your family as we all try to make sense of our current circumstances.

Stay Well and Take Care

*"Together we can do so much"*

Leanne Nettleton  
PRINCIPAL

### Farewell Mrs Lowden

From the beginning of Week 10 Mrs Theresa Lowden will commence her new position at St Patrick's Blacktown as a class teacher. On behalf of the St Angela's community, I would like to thank Theresa for all that she has contributed to the education and wellbeing of the students, staff and families during her time at the school. Theresa has been an inspirational colleague who has mentored staff and students alike and we will miss her very much however we do know that she will "Let her Light Shine" at St Patrick's and will always be a part of the St Angela's extended community.

### Welcome to Mrs Jenny Chatten

We extend a warm St Angela's welcome to Mrs Jenny Chatten who will be replacing Mrs Lowden as Coordinator and the 5 Blue class teacher from Week 10. Jenny comes to St Angelas from St Patrick's Guildford. We look forward to getting to know Mrs Chatten.

### Prayer for a Pandemic

*\*author unknown\**

May we who are *merely inconvenienced*  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have *no risk factors*  
remember those who are **most vulnerable**.

May we who have *the luxury of working from home*  
respect and support those who must choose between  
preserving their health or paying their rent.

May we who have *flexibility to care for our children*  
when their schools close  
remember those who have **no options**.

May we who have to *cancel our trips*  
remember those who have **no place to go**.

May we who are *losing on our investments*,  
remember those who have **no money to invest**.

May we who settle in for a *quarantine at home*  
remember those who have **no home**.

During this time, when we cannot physically wrap our arms  
around each other, let us each find ways to be the loving  
embrace of humanity to our neighbors.

**Be aware. Be accepting. Be supportive. Be kind.**

### Have You Returned Your Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2021?

Enrolment packs have been sent home to those families who have advised (via our Google Form emailed on 27th February) that they are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings at St Angela's for Kindergarten 2021. **Enrolment packs are now due.** Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required original supporting documentation. Please phone or email the office if you have any enquiries. Thank you.

### NAPLAN Practice Test - CANCELLED

Education Council has announced that NAPLAN 2020 will not proceed. This decision includes cancellation of:

- ◆ NAPLAN Online practice testing, 23 March – 9 April 2020
- ◆ NAPLAN Online tests, 12 May – 22 May 2020
- ◆ NAPLAN paper tests, 12 May – 15 May 2020.

### Sent Home This Week:

**Emailed:** Kindergarten Grade Learning Plans Week 9, Year 1 Grade Learning Plans Week 9, Year 2 Grade Learning Plans Week 9, Letter from the Parish, Families can Expect a Communication from Greg Whitby this afternoon, Digital Devices in the Home Setting, Library borrowing during at home learning

**Hard Copy:** K - Yr 2 Red Home Learning Bags



## Religious Education

Sunday, 29 March 2020: Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A Gospel

**Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.**

### Gospel Reflection

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

### 25th March Feast of the Annunciation

[Pope Francis' Call to Prayer on The feast of the Annunciation.](#)

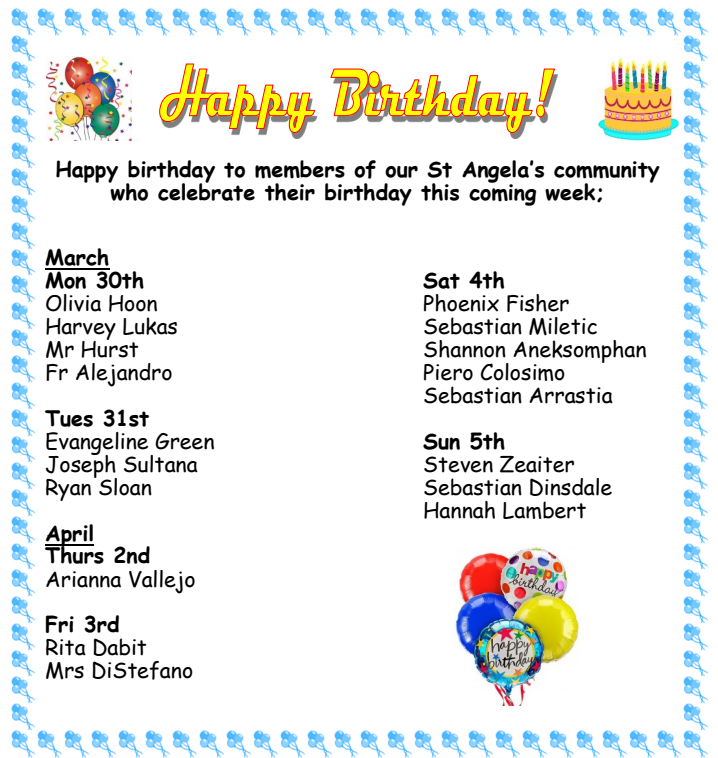
Pope Francis has called on all Christians throughout the world to join in solidarity, compassion and tenderness, and pray the Our Father with one voice, in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The Pope prayed at midday on Wednesday 25th March in Rome, in this same message he also wrote...

*"On the day in which many Christians recall the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary of the Incarnation of the Word, may the Lord be able to hear the unanimous prayer of all His disciples that are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Risen Christ. With this same intention, next Friday, March 27 at 6:00 pm, I will preside over a moment of prayer in the courtyard of St. Peter's Basilica, with the empty Square. From now on I invite all to take part spiritually through the means of communication. We will listen to the Word of God, we will elevate our prayer, we will adore the Most Blessed Sacrament, with which at the end I will give the Urbi et Orbi Blessing, to which will be annexed the possibility to receive a Plenary Indulgence.*

I invite our students, staff and their families to keep praying through these difficult times and trust in the Lord's mercy and compassion.

Mrs Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator



### A Letter from Father Alejandro

Dear parish primary schools of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Angela's,



I would like to let you know we are adhering to our Prime Minister and Bishop Vincent's instructions. The parish church is locked until further notice; there will be no more public Masses for the time being.

We have a Facebook page set up in which we will live stream the Mass on Sunday mornings (11 am Sydney time) at: [facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville](https://www.facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville)

All new sacrament programs have been suspended until further notice including the Confirmation program. Dates for 2020 Confirmation will be rescheduled once we are free to gather again.

Those preparing for First Communion should continue to finish the workbooks at home. We will supply on-line help later this week. Our sacramental coordinator Michele Newman will send them out to you to your email.

Should there be anything you need or have questions, please contact me at the parish.

Father Alejandro Lopez OFM Conv.



### Is your child sick whilst at home learning?



Please advise school, via email or the parent portal, if your child is unwell during this period of home learning. We will update you on the progress of discussions with the government authorities around the coding of attendance and home learning.

## Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 20/03/2020)

### Academic Excellence

Emmanuel Duhou KB  
Isabelle Judd KG  
Harvey Lukas KY  
Madeline Dafter 1B  
Harper Pickles 1G  
Tiahna Barjacoba 1Y  
Charley Natividad 2B  
Rosie Lowe 2G  
Dylan Putra 2Y  
Joshua Vassallo 3G  
Kyla Hogan 3Y  
Leah Benedict 4B  
Ashton Yu 4G  
Rusty Smith 4Y  
Carissa Lewis 5B  
Mia Khoudair 5G  
William Taylor 5Y  
Jemima Scothern 6B  
Luke Watson 6G  
Sienna Fonseca 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Clare Ison KB  
Liam Kennedy KG  
Emilia Caparros KY  
Sophia Arreza 1B  
Lachlan File 1G  
Chloe Barbara 1Y  
Thomas Morin 2B  
Lucas Mileto 2G  
Maria Zegarra 2Y  
Flynn Wilson 3B  
Christian Nasr 3B  
Marcus Khodair 3G  
Charlotte Lashlie 3Y  
Adalyn Lewis 4B  
Kirealea Crowe 4G  
Alicia Dib 4Y  
Tiani Layoun 5B  
Annika Clarke 5G  
Ariya Sunner 5Y  
Sullivan Harris 6B  
Clarissa Gumuljo 6G  
Benjamin McNamara 6Y

## Bus Stop Change Samantha Riley Dr and Windsor Rd - 30th March 2020

With a recent risk assessment undertaken, all services from Windsor Rd northbound and turn right to Samantha Riley Dr will not pick up or drop off at Windsor Rd before Samantha Riley Dr (Stop No: 2155282). There will be a new stop on Samantha Riley Dr after Windsor Rd as shown on below image. This change will **effective from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

Public route 615X and 664 will be impacted by this change. The school bus 2598 (Blue Bus) for St Angela's will use the new stop on Samantha Riley Dr instead of the existing stop on Windsor Rd as well.



### Hillsbus School Service Changes Commencing 4th May 2020

Please find attached the updated school bus advice sheet for Hillsbus services **commencing 04 May 2020**.

- Route 2074 will no longer operate via Beaumont Hills.
- Route 3006 will commence from Beaumont Hills PS and operate via a different path from Kellyville HS to St Angela's PS.
- Route 3007 will no longer operate due to lack of demand.

Potential affected students could catch Route 3006 instead. We remind students they must have a valid Opal card to travel on school buses, and must tap on and off morning and afternoon.

# Thank you for all your lovely messages of support and encouragement

"Dear St Angela Castle Hill We just want to congratulate and thank you for all your efforts in supporting both at school and home learning. To all teachers, principal and vice principal and staffs there, thank you. We really appreciate for your support to families in this difficult situation. We understand that you are all also having family, as such it must be a real challenge to keep providing this education services in this unprecedented situation. Again, thank you and God bless."

*"We really do appreciate your time, efforts and care. The staff at St. Angela's is a very special one."*

*"Thank you for all your hard work and being so organised with the kids' home learning. Much appreciated."*

*"I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the teachers for the excellent setup and organisation of home learning. "*

*"The boys are busy, engaged and know what they're doing! The recorded lesson videos are a fabulous idea too. It was so lovely for the kids to receive the message from Mrs Nettleton and Mrs Yager on Facebook. Great job St Angela's! "*

