



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

While we have had a very different return to school after the Easter Holidays, the staff and I extend a very big and a very warm welcome to each and every student and family whether it be at this stage in a remote context or in a face to face school context. The teachers have been delighted to see how energetic and enthusiastic the children have been to meet up with them on Zoom or through their Google classroom, Seesaw activities or in the school classroom. Thank you to the many parents who have been sending through little updates about their child's achievements or about important events in their lives. This is so important for keeping us all connected to each other. Thank you also for your support as we work together to make the transition back to school arrangements as manageable as possible over the next weeks.

We hope that you had a Happy and Holy Easter despite the necessary restrictions that were placed upon us all in response to COVID - 19. The story of Easter calls us to be people of hope and courage. It is a reminder and encouragement that God continues to love and care for the whole world, overcoming death with life, conquering fear and uncertainty with hope. This year, more than ever when we were not able to celebrate this greatest of celebrations in our usual way we are reminded of our connectedness with each other and our faith community. I share with you the following prayer :

COVID- 19 A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between
food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration
status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope,
comfort and love to all.

Grant peace, Grant comfort, Grant healing,
Be with us Lord. Amen

Welcome to the following Staff

How unusual to be commencing or returning to St Angela's at this time. I would like to extend a warm welcome back to Mrs Amanda Ogilvie as she returns to Year 6G and a warm welcome to Miss Breeann Silcock as she commences her new position as the Sport Teacher for the remainder of 2020. Both teachers I know have already introduced themselves to the children and are excited to be working with them. We of course will do the usual warm St Angela's welcome to Amanda, Breeann and Mrs Jenny Chatten when we all return to full time face to face attendance at school.

Transition Back to School Arrangements for Term 2

In Week 3, students will begin a gradual transition back to school. Staff have been meeting and preparing for this transition and detailed information regarding this will be communicated to all families tomorrow. As you were informed during the holidays, learning at St Angela's is being delivered in Weeks One and Two in the same way that it was in the last weeks of Term 1. We are following the Premier's directive that schools remain open and parents and carers who need to send their children to school can still do so; however, the State Government's directive to parents to keep their children home, if practical, still applies. An email will be sent to you tomorrow with the details for the next phase of transitioning the students back to school in Weeks 3 and 4.

Thank you for your support as we work together to make our back to school arrangements as manageable as possible.

"Together we can do so much"

Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL



Please keep in your prayers

*Our prayers are extended to the Lakeman family, William (2Y),
due to the passing into eternal life of his Grandfather.*

School Routes affected by Samantha Riley Drive upgrade

Due to the construction work on Samantha Riley Dr between Hezlett Rd and Foxall Rd in Kellyville, school bus 2609 for your school will follow the detour path, operating via Goodison St from 27th April. We will notify you again once the work finishes and services move back to normal paths.



Religious Education

Sunday, 26 April 2020: Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

Gospel [Lk 24:13-35](#)

Jesus greets disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Gospel Reflection

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit. It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Living the Gospel – Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

Have you thought? – Recognising Jesus

These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

Source: Liturgy Help Reflection by Greg Sunter

Welcome back to another term of faith and learning. We hope you continue to have a blessed Easter season with your families. Let us keep praying for each other through this challenging time as we look forward to seeing our students back at school.

God bless,

Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator

Happy Birthday!



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who celebrated their birthday during the holidays and will celebrate this coming week;

April

Mon 13th
Mrs Mirabello

Tues 14th
Harrison McIntyre
Ava De Carlo

Wed 15th
Saskia Wallace
Sienna Bressi

Thurs 16th
Sean Collins

Fri 17th
Yasemin Vancuylenberg
Marcus Eltakchi
Patrick Crowley

Sat 18th
Isabella Logarta-Scott
Harrison Petras

Sun 19th
Eva Aguilar
Hudson McEnearney

Mon 20th
Amelia Abdow
Henry Phelan
Rafferty Castillo
Chloe Eltakchi

Tues 21st
Maddison File

Wed 22nd
Stefan Geoghegan
Amalie Cordi
Lilliana Sacco
Mrs Javidi

Thurs 23rd
Brendan Khoudair
Henry Brooker
Abby Lukjanenko

Sat 25th
Sofia Muscardo
Rosie Lowe

Sun 26th
Charlize Woodham
Brendan Fadeli

Mon 27th
Bodhi Neeld

Tues 28th
Amelia Blackwell
Simone Laird
Oliver Hewlett
Mia Merhi

Wed 29th
Zachary Vujnovich
Mya Harvey

Thurs 30th
Lucas Seda
Aaron Zlomislac

May
Fri 1st
Owen van Egdom
Joshua van Egdom

Sat 2nd
Eva Ilijic
Stirling Post

Sun 3rd
Sean Salib

Mon 4th
Alexander Pace
Daniella Khodeir

Tue 5th
Lucia Mittiga
Oskar Callan-Kerkenezov
Isla Paulynn Colet
Mrs Aberley

Wed 6th
Ariana Sarmiento

Thurs 7th
Zavier Stornelli
Zoe Davie
Alexandra Huynh

Fri 8th
Camryn Lean
Rusty Smith

Sat 9th
Harper Pickles
Angelina Catalano

Sun 10th
Hamish Geoghegan
Kirealea Crowe
Michelle Mary Younes



Baby Boy

*Congratulations to the Hawke family
on the arrival of Jonathan Randall, a
brother for Jack (KY)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: N/A

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