



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school for their day of learning this week. It is clear to see from the expressions on both the teachers and children's faces just how much they appreciate being back together in their classrooms. It has also been so wonderful to see the children meeting up with their friends and connecting with each other after such a long time.

As the students have returned to school on their day of learning I have been overwhelmed by their positive attitude towards the learning that they have been engaged in at home. The teachers have worked tirelessly to prepare and monitor every child's learning when they have attended on their day, so thank you for allowing this to happen by following the plan. As you are aware the teachers have also connected with the children on a regular basis via email, Zoom, google classroom/seesaw or even by phone call at times. This effort has been outstanding and I think in conjunction with all the hard work of parents, has been responsible for our children having such a positive attitude.

It is well known that there are two ways to look at life, positively or negatively. The choice is ours and there always is a choice, provided we take charge of our attitude. This COVID context that we are all experiencing together, has certainly put this to the test for us all. In typical St Angela's style, students, parents and teachers have worked not only collaboratively to make the best of a very challenging situation but have also actively promoted a positive attitude and approach to the circumstances for the children. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to teachers and parents for your wonderful spirit and support of each other. Of course I also say a HUGE congratulations to the boys and girls for their grit and "have a go" attitude over the last months.

COVID has certainly presented teachers and parents with the opportunity to demonstrate for our children how we can maintain a positive attitude in adverse circumstances. Our attitude towards life determines life's attitude towards us. Attitude is contagious and when we have a positive attitude it gives energy to you and to those around you. Last weekend the release of a remix of the Choir Boys 80's hit "Run to Paradise" went viral on facebook. The fun parody "Stuck in Paradise," is an example of singer songwriters taking COVID and highlighting how lucky we are to be in Australia in Paradise, even when we are in isolation. COVID has of course made each of us feel vulnerable but at the same time it has invited us to appreciate a more simplified and pared back lifestyle, as well appreciate the importance of our social and family relationships.

As we start to move out of isolation and towards less restrictive socialisation I wonder how we will continue the great work that we have done in building our children's positive attitude to life in 2020? These suggestions may be of help :-

Are we offering our children encouraging thoughts?
Are we leading our children to read and view positive material that will inspire them rather than worry them?

Are we encouraging our children to be outward in their thinking? – there's much more to think about in life than themselves.

Are we encouraging our children to focus on the "good things" they have in life and to be content?

*"May you arise each day
with a voice of blessing whispering in
your heart, that something good is going
to happen to you.
May you find harmony between
your soul and your life.
May there be kindness in your gaze
when you look within.
May the presence of the Almighty
be forever in you .Amen."*

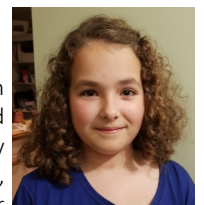
"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL

Gradual Return to School Plan

Children across the school in each of the colour houses have now transitioned back to school as per our Gradual Return to School Plan. Tomorrow Friday 15th May, children of essential workers are welcome to attend school for supervision of their online learning. With these children being at school for supervision by a teacher, each of the grade teachers will have the opportunity to plan for the week ahead, modify learning activities based on their meetings with the children throughout this week and make contact with parents as necessary. In the current circumstances the teachers are juggling working with students at home and at school and this planning is essential. If you are able to keep your children at home as per the Gradual Return to School Plan you are requested to do so.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Freya Begg (6Y) who, in support of her sister Finya, shaved her head on the 31st of March. They collected nearly \$800 for Team Marian, Finya's school team, collecting money for Shave For A Cure. Their event, set for early April was cancelled due to COVID 19, and so Finya decided to go ahead and do it anyway, taking pictures and making a movie clip. We are so proud of you girls!



Religious Education



Sunday, 17 May 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A Gospel

[Jn 14:15-21](#)

Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete.

Gospel Reflection

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

Living the Gospel – Live in love

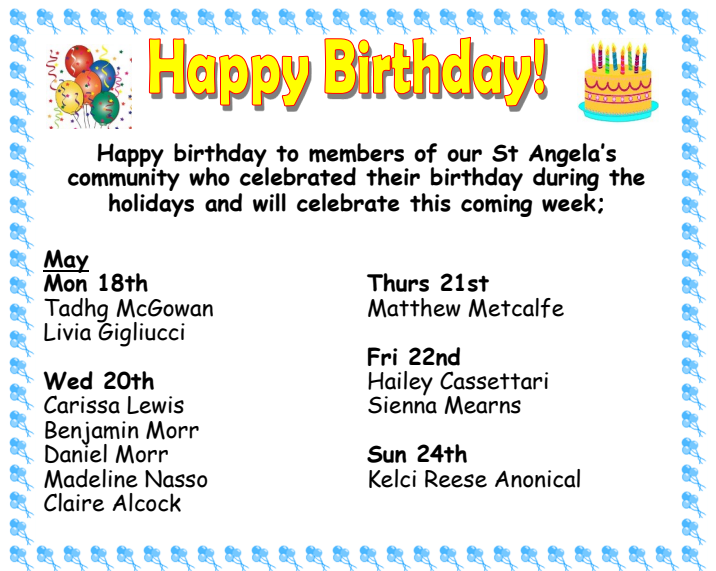
Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

We continue to welcome our students back to school this week. We also welcome Fr Alejandro and Fr Leonides back into our learning spaces online through Zoom meetings. Thank you Year 4 for engaging in a rich discussion about the Holy Spirit during your Religion Zoom lesson.

As we continue celebrating the season of Easter, here is a link to everything you need online to keep participating in weekly and daily Mass as well as great prayer resources and spiritual reading put together by the Diocese of Parramatta;

<https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/>

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;

May

Mon 18th
Tadhg McGowan
Livia Gigliucci

Thurs 21st
Matthew Metcalfe

Wed 20th
Carissa Lewis
Benjamin Morr
Daniel Morr
Madeline Nasso
Claire Alcock

Fri 22nd
Hailey Cassettari
Sienna Mearns

Sun 24th
Kelci Reese Anonical

Year 4 Yellow Zooming with Father Alejandro

This week Fr. Alejandro caught up with Year 4 Yellow via Zoom to discuss the question "Why believe in what we cannot see?" This was a lively discussion and a great example of how technology connects us with each other while we are apart. A huge thank you to Fr Alejandro who put so much effort and enthusiasm into this learning opportunity for Year 4. The Zoom session was recorded and then shared with Year 4 Blue and Year Green. Congratulations to Fr Alejandro, Mrs Kelly, Mr Lee and Mrs Di Stefano for being so adaptive.



Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Tanios Assaf KG
Kai Theoharous KG
Ethan Chetty 1G
Henri Leopardi 1G
Adam Salib 1Y
Edward Taylor 1B
Aiden Theoharus 1B
Sebastian Brook 2Y
Sienna Fernandes 2G
Dayna Mills 2Y
Lauren Spragg 2B
Finnegan Brook 3B

Oliver Como 3G
Ryan Shepherd 3B
Alicia Dib 4Y
Theodorus Kinsong 4Y
Ryan Salib 4Y
Matilda Scothern 4G
Amelia Blackwell 5Y
Zachary Brook 5B
Gabriella Fernandes 5G
Cooper Mills 6B
Sean Salib 6G
Jemima Scothern 6B

Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students:
Friday 28th August

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Mother's Day Liturgy Link, Gradual Transition Back to School Weeks 3 and 4
Hard Copy: N/A