



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 3, Week 10

Dear Parents,

During this term of unprecedented change to the way in which we normally "do things" in schools, students, parents and teachers have developed an incredible resilience. A strategy that has helped us all during this time has been to focus on what we truly appreciate in life and take the time to deliberately acknowledge this. According to psychologists, thinking about all we have to appreciate can boost our happiness and our overall sense of well-being. One study from the University of Pennsylvania found that people who wrote and delivered a heartfelt letter actually felt happier for a full month after, and the same researchers discovered that writing down three positive events each day for a week kept happiness levels high for up to six months.

At a time when we are adapting to a 'new normal' for socialising and connecting with family, friends and colleagues we really do have so much to be appreciative for: our good health; family and friends who take the time to listen to us, encourage and support us; our faith community that supports our spiritual nourishment

Though things have been very different for students over the past six months, Term 3 has been a busy and happy one for the students with them enjoying rich learning experiences and extra curricular activities ensuring that faith, fun and learning continue to be a strong focus at St Angela's. Our school facebook page has been providing you with daily insights into the children's learning and activity. We can see by your likes, sharing and comments that you are enjoying these snapshots. I would like to recognise and thank all the staff for their diligence in capturing the learning so that we can share it with you.

Encouraging news today has announced that some of our regular activities that take place in Term 4 can go ahead. This includes our 2021 Kindergarten Orientation Program, scheduled for 12th, 18th and 27th November, with our Parent Information Evening to be held 28th October.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday with I hope fewer restrictions and more opportunities to venture out and about as a family.

*Dear Heavenly Father,  
We take this moment to say Thank You  
for everything you have given to us.  
We thank you for all the joys and the sadness.  
We thank you for the gifts and the challenges.  
We thank you for days that shine and those that rain.  
We thank you for everything, even the little things.  
Help us to always live as you have taught us - with  
love, kindness, respect, forgiveness and gratitude.  
Let us never forget to be present for and to others.*

AMEN

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school for Term 4 commencing Monday October 12th.

*"Together we can do so much"*

Leanne Nettleton  
PRINCIPAL

2020 Book Week: CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

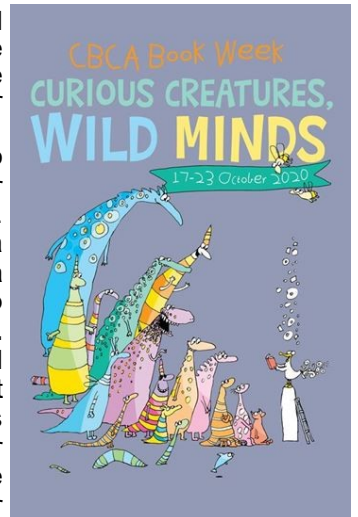
## Book Character Parade

Friday October 23rd  
9:00am to help celebrate Book Week we will be holding a Book Parade for all children

K-6. Children are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character.

**Please note this is only a simple parade, not a competition. Please do not hire costumes, etc.**

**Be creative and resourceful.** We ask that your child carries or knows the book from which their character features. There will be a roving reporter interviewing the children about their character and chosen book. Children may stay in costume for the day if they wish.



## COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

## Stay Safe



**Clean your hands thoroughly** for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



**Cover your nose and mouth** when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands



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# Religious Education

Sunday, 27 September 2020: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

## Gospel

[Mt 21:28-32](#)

*The man with two sons.*

### Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

### From the perspective of ... A Tax Collector

Hey, Jesus is talking about me again! I love it when he says that I'm better than some of those stuck up chief priests. All my life they've looked down on me; pretending they're better than me. I've seen the way some of them behave when they think no-one's watching! They're no better than me! And Jesus says that people like me will enter the kingdom before people like them! Yes! I know I've done the wrong thing plenty of times – Jesus has helped me to see that. Maybe that's what makes me different from those priests; I don't pretend that I've never done anything wrong.

Living the Gospel – Saying 'Yes!'

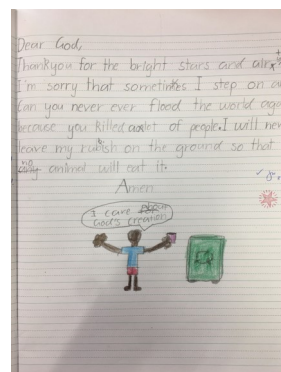
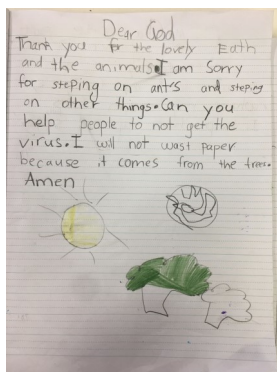
In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.

### Season of Creation

Pope Francis is encouraging parishes and schools to participate in a Season of Creation, which commenced on September 1 and ending October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are called to prayer, reflection and action towards care of our common home, the planet Earth. This term, Year 1 has focused on learning how we can appreciate and care for creation. Throughout our learning we reflected using Pope Francis' [Laudato Si shorturl.at/fvLQZ](#), a letter he wrote urging us to be responsible stewards of all creation. We have written prayers thanking God for the gift of creation and making a promise to care for our common home.

Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator



## Student Data Validation

As part of our annual system and legal requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is asking families to ensure all relevant contact and student information is up to date and accurate for the purposes of communication and providing relevant support to students.

On Monday 19 October, households will receive an email or SMS from CEDP with a link and login details to the Student Data Validation (SDV) form.

Once you have logged in you will be able to verify existing information from the school database and update if necessary. The process should not take more than 15 minutes and will need to be completed by 5:00pm on Friday 6 November.

If you have any questions about the Student Data Validation form, please contact the CEDP Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.

## Update: Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education

Thank you for your interest in learning more about our new approach to Religious Education. As every parent would expect, this will be age appropriate for children and young people. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is looking forward to sharing an updated version of our Draft New Curriculum with parents and carers in early October. Further details are available on the school website under "Latest News"

*Please see the attachment 2020 St Angela's Writing Festival - The Magic Library*

## Keeping our school safe in a COVID-19 world

Over the past month we have had over 91 students that have been COVID tested. I would like to thank parents for following the NSW Health and Government Guidelines by having this done. A reminder that when the results do come back, we ask that the screen shot is emailed to the school prior to your child returning to school.

Staff continue to

- remind the children to routinely and frequently wash their hands and use hand sanitiser
- wipe down touch points in class rooms and toilet areas
- have students learning and participating in class and grade groups rather than across grades
- require students to bring their own drink bottle to school each day
- In Term 4, we will implement any updated guidelines from NSW Department of Health.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration in working together to keep St Angela's healthy and safe.

## Grooming and Uniform Reminders as we head into the School Holidays

Some Parent reminders for when you prepare your children to return to school in Term 4:

- Hair dye, foils or streaks, number 1 shaves, undercuts, sculpturing cuts and excess gel are not allowed at St Angela's
- If you are purchasing new joggers for your child, please try to purchase a predominantly white jogger (no high top basketball shoes). All joggers are to have white shoe laces - please change the laces if the ones you purchase do not come with white laces.

Thank you for your support in upholding our high expectations and standards for grooming and uniform.

## Sport Days for Term 4

Please find outlined below the days your child will be required to wear their sport uniform in Term 4:

Kindergarten	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday (white shirt)

## Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Programme and Fees

Given the interruption to learning throughout the year and the unpredictability of any future changes, swimming lessons for 2020 for Years K-2 have been cancelled. As with all schools, many events/activities have been or may be cancelled and this will mean that the cost of swimming will be reversed. If there is a balance payable on your account, a credit will be applied. If you have paid your account in full, the swimming refund will sit as a credit and come off your fees in 2021. If you are leaving the school (as in Yr 6) and have paid your account in full, then you will receive a refund.

## Upcoming Dates



### TERM 3

#### Week 10

Friday 25th September

Last Day of Term 3

Pupil Free Staff  
Development Day -  
Spiritual Formation

**Term 4 begins Monday 12th October**

### TERM 4

#### Week 1

Monday 12th October

School resumes Term 4

Wednesday 14th October

Feast of Our Lady of the  
Rosary Prayer Assembly -  
2 Green

Thursday 15th October

9:40am Year 6 Debate in  
Hall

Friday 16th October

Y4 Fizzics "Energy"  
Incursion in Hall all day

Feast of St Francis of Assisi  
Prayer Assembly  
Kinder Green

## Change of School for 2021

To estimate enrolments for 2021, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Angela's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.  
Thank you.

## Holiday e-safety

With the holidays about to commence you may find the following 10 top tips for protecting children online helpful:

1. Build an open trusting relationship around technology so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong or does not feel right online.
2. Co-view and co-play with your child online to better understand what they are doing and why they enjoy an app, game or website.
3. Build good habits and help your child develop digital intelligence and social and emotional skills.
4. Empower your child with strategies to deal with negative online experiences.
5. Use devices in open areas of the home so you can be aware of and manage who your child interacts with.
6. Set time limits that balance time spent in front of screens with offline activities, a family technology plan can help.
7. Know the apps, games and social media sites that your kids are using, making sure they are age appropriate and learn how to limit the messaging and online chat and location sharing functions.
8. Check the privacy settings to make sure your child's profile is set to the strictest privacy settings.
9. Use available technologies to set up parental controls on devices.
10. Be alert to signs of distress and know where to go for more advice and support.

For further information <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



## ***Celebrating Our Gifts***

*(Awards presented on Friday 18/09/2020)*

### ***Academic Excellence***

Oliver Raad KB  
Archy Callan-Kerkenezov KG

Saraya Wilson KY

Selena Bianca 1B

Lachlan File 1G

Charlize Barnett 1Y

Jack Hewlett 2B

Sienna Mearns 2G

Sebastian Miletic 2Y

Flynn Wilson 3B  
Georgia-Rose Scoulou 3G

Levi Fisher 3Y

Moses Estera 4B

Myah Ciccica 4G

Riley Dafter 4Y

Ruby Chapman 5B

Tiana Azzopardi 5G

Isabella Sultana 5Y

Jack O'Neill 6B

Ruby Moller 6G

Benjamin McNamara 6Y

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

Lilah Kenny KB

Isabelle Judd KG

Clarathea Kinsong KY

Zac Holeva 1B

Maisie Brown 1G

Oliver Newbury 1Y

Lucas Merhi 2B

Anika Vujnovich 2G

Dylan Putra 2Y

Simone Laird 3B

Joshua Vassallo 3G

Kyla Hogan 3Y

Ashlee McKnight 4B

Marcus Ma 4G

Ryan Salib 4Y

Noah Bercich 5B

Bronte Woodhead 5G

Lilliana Sacco 5Y

Evangeline Green 6B

Dean Aberley 6G

Vanessa Tesoriero 6Y



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

#### **September**

##### **Monday 28th**

Sofia Garcia-Loyola  
Eva Garcia-Loyola

##### **Tuesday 29th**

Yorick Lee  
Mrs Sandri

##### **Wednesday 30th**

Ayden Martin  
Dominic Jodowski-Tan

#### **October**

##### **Thursday 1st**

Madison Tedros  
Aidan Rambow

##### **Friday 2nd**

Vaughn Bagus  
Ivy Tole

##### **Saturday 3rd**

Nicholas Eric  
Madeline Reilly  
Olivia Scanlon  
Max Bourne

##### **Tuesday 6th**

Keira Vavasour  
Adriana Tikellis

##### **Wednesday 7th**

Sienna Fonseca  
Jada Yu  
Mrs Castro

##### **Thursday 8th**

Zarah Ciccica  
Taylor Manio

##### **Friday 9th**

Olivia Siligato  
Domenic Stornelli  
Alex Milas  
Marcus Ma  
Georgia Hoare

##### **Sunday 11th**

Zachary Lane  
Gabriel Edouard

##### **Monday 12th**

Taylor Brett  
Mason Stopps  
Zac Holeva

##### **Tuesday 13th**

Shuxin Wang

##### **Wednesday 14th**

Seth Petersen  
Lily Mogan  
Mrs Kiaian

##### **Thursday 15th**

Scarlett Sosa  
William Taylor  
Domenic Trimboli  
Oliver Dinsdale  
Romik Gulumian

##### **Friday 16th**

Jack Hewlett  
Mrs Szady

##### **Saturday 17th**

Madeline Pace

##### **Sunday 18th**

Jake Perkins



Congratulations to Ava De Carlo (6Y) who will be cutting her hair for the children's Variety charity - Hair with Heart. Wigs cost families up to \$6,000, lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child's youth. Follow the link if you wish to support Ava and this deserving charity  
<https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/s/1858/1858/e>

## **Daylight Saving**

A reminder that Daylight Saving starts Sunday 4th October. Clocks are put forward one hour.



## **Term 4 Dates for 2020**

Monday 12th October to Wednesday 16th December  
(last day of school for the children).

19th and 20th December - Staff Development/Pupil Free Days

#### **Sent Home This Week:**

Emailed: N/A

Hard Copy: N/A

## **Year 5 PBL**

On Wednesday Year 5 took us on a trip around the world as they presented their Geography/Science & Technology PBL projects in the hall. Using digital technologies they marketed a country with the teaching staff as their audience. They created apps, websites and interactive maps with coded spherobolts. Well done Year 5!



## **Summer Uniform Term 4**

Summer uniforms can be ordered through our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, via the "Qkr! By MasterCard" app. We would expect that all children are in their summer uniform by the first day of next term, Monday 12th October.