

St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill



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Sending **H**ome **I**nformation and **N**ews about **E**ducation

Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

13th August 2020 Term 3, Week 4

Dear Parents,

Last week as the international news broadcast the horrific explosion in the port area of Beirut, our hearts worldwide ached for the people of Lebanon. Such a devastating catastrophe on top of the coronavirus pandemic and a struggling economy has left many injured and homeless and a country with very limited resources available to support its people. As parents of primary aged children, our minds of course turn first to families like ours, with young children in their formative years who are severely injured, who may have lost their parents and homes in this tragedy and most certainly have lost their access to education and medical resources.

Pope Francis has called on the international community to pray for the people of Lebanon and support them in whatever way possible in order to help them to overcome this serious crisis. At St Angela's we would like to support CARITAS the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia, who is doing what it can to alleviate the suffering in Beirut by delivering emergency food and medical resources, as well as providing counselling support for many traumatised people in Beirut. On Friday 28th August we will hold a "Gold or Fold" Mufti Day with the students and teachers invited to dress in mufti and wear a red, white or green bandana, beanie or bow for Beirut (red, white and green being the colours on the Lebanese flag).

God of refuge. hear our prayer as we hold the people of Beirut in our hearts at this time. Fill us with compassion and move us to reach out in love. In your mercy, bring comfort to those who mourn, healing to those who are injured. shelter to those who are homeless sustenance to those who hunger. Give strength to those who are working to rebuild shattered lives, and protect those who are vulnerable especially in a time of coronavirus. Lead us in your ways so that together we may bring the light of new hope wherever there is destruction and despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

We congratulate our St Angela's boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion last weekend or who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. This is a very special and memorable occasion for the children in their faith journey as they are welcomed by the parish to full participation in the Eucharistic celebration.

Mrs Yager will be accessing Long Service Leave over the next 2 weeks and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Aberley will be Acting Assistant Principal during this time. We wish Mrs Yager a well deserved break.

"Together we can do so much" Leanne Nettleton PRINCIPAL

TTFM Partners in Learning Survey

We very much value the role of parents and carers within our school community and we greatly appreciate your feedback. Commencing Monday 17th August until Friday 28th August 2020 you are invited to complete the TTFM online survey by using the following url: http://tellthemfromme.com

The survey will provide us with information that we can use to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Angela's.

Staff Leave

Ms Lewis Driver will be accessing Long Service Leave from 17th August - 28th August 2020 and we welcome Mrs Bautista who will teach Year One Blue during this time. Best wishes to Ms Lewis Driver.

Peer Support

Week 4 - Types of Friends

Types of friends is the focus in Peer Support this week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through various activities, children will identify that their friends can fall into the categories of 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons. Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.















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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





Religious Education

Sunday, 16 August 2020: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Gospel Mt 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon - part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel - the Jews - and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans - sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table. The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

From the perspective of ... A disciple.

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!

Historical Context ... Who were the Canaanites?

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the 'Promised Land' they sought was the land of Canaan (approximately the area of modern Israel, TransJordan, Syria and Lebanon). Here they were commanded to utterly destroy the Canaanites and to subdue the land. (Exodus 23:23-24) The Israelites never successfully removed all the Canaanites from the Palestine region. By the time of Jesus, the Israelites had established themselves in the region between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, while the original inhabitants of the area had been 'squeezed out' – predominantly to the north. The Canaanites were dispossessed of their land by the Israelites and it is easy to see why there was tension between them.

Q. Why do you think Jesus first responded to the woman in the way he did?

Q. In what way/s does this story challenge you? (Source: Liturgy Help, Reflection by Greg Sunter)

Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator



Upcoming Dates

TERM 3

Week 5

Monday 17th August Dance Fever

Tuesday 18th August 11:55am Peer Support

Wednesday 19th August Year 4 Science PBL

Showcase to Kindergarten

Friday 21st August Kindifarm Incursion

Oakhill Year 7 2021 Testing

Day

Voice of Youth

Congratulations to all of our voice of youth finalists who competed today. The audience was treated to a wide variety of speeches that reflected persuasion, humour and conviction.

Congratulations to; Winner: Madeline Nasso Runner Up: Ruby Moller

Social Justice: Kathryn Basobas

Thank you to Mr Lee, Ms Ogilvie and Miss Fizely, for preparing the students so well and to Mrs Yager and Mrs Chatten along with Mrs Nettleton who were judges for the event.



Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

A reminder to all parents that wish to volunteer at St Angela's that CEDP has launched a NEW Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Follow this link to complete: https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities

All Volunteers need a BCSC status that is **Approved** to provide services to our school.

You must provide your BCSC number to the school prior to EVENT DATE.

Thank you for all that you do in partnership with the teachers and staff to enhance your child's learning journey at St Angela's.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: 9th August - COVID 19 Case at OLMC Parramatta, Father's Day, Onsite Evacuation DRILL, 12th August COVID-19 OLMC Parramatta Letter to 1 Blue Parents, Letter to 2 Yellow Parents **Hard Copy**: Letter to 1 Blue Parents, Letter to 2 Yellow Parents

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 07/08/2020)

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Academíc Excellence	St Angela's Award
Lucia Mittiga KB	Ryder Aguilar KB
Emma Zhang KG	Jake Hansell KG
James Neo KY	Tia Lawlor KY
Jericho Paton 1B	Jack Clarke 1B
Steven Zeaiter 1G	Aria Martyn 1G
Alexander Diaz 1Y	Eva Garcia-Loyola 1Y
Antonia Khoudair 2B	Alexa Yammine 2B
Olivia Millalonco 2G	Cavarni Morsillo 2G
Piero Colosimo 2Y	Mya Harvey 2Y
Lachlan Thew 3B	Patrick Netana 3B
Claire Alcock 3G	Luca Basso 3G
Courtney Lean 3Y	Blake D'Silva 3Y
Cassidy Southwood 4B	Joshua Van Egdom 4B
Misha Belle 4G	Lachlan Hall 4G
Theodorus Kinsong 4Y	Jude Moller 4Y
Alexandra Huynh 5B	Luciana Castillo 5B

OAKHILL COLLEGE BASKETBALL CLUB ENROLMENTS 2020/2021 SUMMER COMPETITION

Are you in Year 6 and enrolled at Oakhill College in 2021? Joining the Oakhill Basketball Club, in the Hills District Summer Comp, is a great opportunity to get together and meet some new friends before you start at the College.

We are placing teams together for the Summer Comp commencing Term 4, 2020 and Term 1, 2021 Players will be placed in U/14's comp competing against boys their own age. Enrolment forms should be submitted to the Oakhill Basketball Club by return email no later than **Friday 21st August, 2020.** For enquiries, please email us at

<u>oakhillcollegebasketball@gmail.com</u> or contact us via our website: <u>www.oakhillbasketball.club</u>

Congratulations to this week's PRC Raffle Winners



Masen De Carlo 5G

Jia Sunner 5Y

Madeline Nasso 6B

Yasmin Davie 6G

Lachlan Burden 6Y

Emmanuel Abu Duhou (KB) Vaughn Bagus (4B) Elishia Singh (5Y) Ariya Sunner (5Y)

Shannon Aneksomphan 5G

Amelia Blackwell 5Y

Luke Younis 6B

Lucas Rothwell 6G

Maddison Eastwood 6Y



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

<u>August</u> <u>Monday</u> 17th Saraya Wilson Mrs Chatten

Wednesday 19th Jaida Singh Lachlan File

Thursday 20th Jemima Scothern Zac Vallejo Friday 21st Sienna Andrew James Lang Jacob Nasso

Saturday 22nd Lexi Khoury Keeran Mazuvancheri-Perera Ivy Smith Elanor Gandajana

Sunday 23rd Antonia Khoudair Madeline Dafter

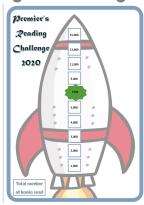
Premier's Reading Challenge

Will it be your class that is the winner of the 2020 PRC PIZZA PARTY??

Week 4 Leading Class: 5Y

Congratulations to the following students who are new to complete the challenge.

Danai Muregerera (KB), Laila Henderson (1G), Amelia Baylis (2B), Jasmin Hackett (2Y), Saoirse McGowan (2B), Anthony Mittiga (2Y), Tanya Muregerera (2Y), Annelise Guirreri (3G), Kaeden Hochstetter (3G), Marcus Khoudair



(3G), Massimo Muscardo (3G), Joshua Vassallo (3G), Lincoln Brown (4G), Kirealea Crowe (4G), Zoe Davie (4G), Camila Diaz (4G), Zara Fernandez (4G), Cristian Frasca (4G), Lachlan Hall (4G), Aidan Rambow (4G), Jagger Woodham (4G), Elly Gohil-Bozic (4Y), Courtney Azzopardi (5G), Zane Benning (5Y), Cruz Bercich (5Y), Sebastian Edouard (5B), Dominique Gularte (5Y), Romik Gulumian (5Y), Isaac Gunasekera (5Y), Kai Hall (5Y), Alannah Lane (5Y), Tiani Layoun (5B), Tahlia Mearns (5B), Savannah Morsillo (5Y), Holly Mulheron (5Y), Alexander Pace (5Y), Connor Paton (5Y), Zara Phelan (5Y), Lilliana Sacco (5Y), Christian Scott (5Y), Aidan Siney (5Y), Elishia Singh (5Y), Sienna Stavropoulos (5Y), Isabella Sultana (5Y), Joseph Sultana (5Y), Ariya Sunner (5Y), Jia Sunner (5Y), Angelina Tallaridi (5G), Max Vellejo (5Y), Sebastian Edouard (5B), Tiani Layoun (5B), Courtney Azzopardi (5G), Dean Aberley (6G), Jorja McKnight (6G), Camryn

TERM 3	Number of students who have completed the challenge	Total Number of books read
T2 Week 10	157	5583
Week 1	181	6229
Week 2	193	6384
Week 3	204	6577
Week 4	257	7509
Week 5		
Week 6		
Week 7		