

St Angela's Primary School **Castle Hill**

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Dear Parents,

Each year we have the special opportunity to recognise our wonderful fathers when we celebrate Father's Day.

At St Angela's we are so grateful for the contribution that our fathers make to the life of our school each and every day.

Being a father encompasses the traits of being caring, loving, supporting, vulnerable, encouraging, and gentle. Traits so important for our young children to witness in others and develop within themselves. While we will take the time on Sunday to celebrate our amazing dads we also acknowledge that this special attention to them need not be confined to a particular day of the year but rather is reflected in our daily interactions and expressions of love throughout the year.

A HUGE HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all our St Angela's Fathers/ stepfathers/grandfathers/ uncles/godfathers and significant male role models. We hope that you have an awesome day on Sunday.

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that being a father comes with its challenges. We ask for Your blessings for our fathers.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.

"Together we can do so much" Leanne Nettleton PRINCIPAL



The weather certainly is starting to warm up and we are enjoying some beautiful sunny days with increasing temperatures. Therefore we have decided that the students will have a choice to wear their winter or summer uniform for the remainder of Term 3. Whichever uniform is chosen to be worn on a particular day, it is important that the students wear the full uniform summer or winter including their hat and appropriate shoes NOT a mixture of the two uniforms. All students will be required to wear their summer uniform from the commencement of Term 4. Uniform Reminders (Taken from Parent Handbook)

We are proud of our public image and the uniforms further add

to the sense of unity that we experience at St Angela's. It gives our children a sense of identity and a sense of belonging. We ask that you assist your child and instill a sense of responsibility towards wearing the correct school uniform and grooming. Hair

Hair dye or colour that is not a natural colour is not permitted at St Angela's.

Girls' Hair

Uniform Choice

Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back and kept neat at all times. Long fringes need to be off the face. Plain hair bands are to be used and only blue, green or yellow hair bands or ribbons may be worn in a way that still enables the school hat to be worn.

Boys' Hair

All boys' hair is to be kept neat and tidy and off the collar. It should be well groomed and brushed at all times. Long hair past the ears is not permitted. Shaved heads, eg. Number 1 shave, undercuts & sculpturing cuts are not allowed at St Angela's. Long fringes need to be off the face.

St Angela's Debating Competition 2020

Congratulations to all involved in the 1st round of our St Angela's Debating Competition. Two teams from St Angela's debated each other on the topic, "Teachers can be replaced by technology." Both teams presented some challenging arguments resulting in the affirmative team winning the debate.

The students in the affirmative team were Ruby Moller, Kathryn Basobas, Matthew Despoges and Madeline Nasso. The negative team consisted of Jemima Scothern. Kaija Knevitt. Patrick Abdow and Camryn Lean.

Thank you to all the parents involved for supporting your child in the lead up to the debate.

Ms Ogilvie, Mrs Newbury and Miss Fizely

COVID-19 symptoms





Loss of smell Loss of taste breath



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, 6 September 2020: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

Find ways to win others over; prayer shall be answered.

Scriptural context – A Scriptural Sandwich

The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week's passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.

Living the Gospel – Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

Q. How would you respond to a friend telling you that something you said had hurt them?

Q. Why is it sometimes difficult to say 'sorry'?

OLOR Parish School Mass: Fr Alejandro will be celebrating mass with our Year 2 students and their teachers via the parish Facebook page tomorrow Friday at 9:30am. All families invited to join. <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Catholic-Church/Our-Lady-of-the-Rosary-Parish-Church-</u> 147508155299455/

Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

DANCE FEVER

Unfortunately the Dance Fever competition night, traditionally held at Homebush, will not be taking place this year, however, our Grade 3 - 6 students will participate in a Dance Fever Extravaganza at St Angela's on Monday 14th September. Students are invited to wear their 'Fancy Dance Attire' and take part in a dance competition. Dance Fever judges will be attending to judge the competition. Infants K - 2 Dance Fever Showcase will be during their lessons on the same day under the Big Top. This will be a mufti day for all the students and they are asked to wear appropriate outfits and footwear for school. Each grade will compete separately with COVID safety measures in place. This is a student only event.

<u> Please keep in your prayers</u>

Our prayers are extended to the Singh family, Jaida (3Y), Elishia (5Y) and Jonah (6Y), due to the passing into eternal life of their Grandfather,

the Doyle family, Skye (2G), due to the passing into eternal life of her Great Uncle

and the Callan-Kerkenezov family Archy (KG) and Oskar (3Y), due to the passing into eternal life of their Great Grandmother.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 3

<u>Week 8</u> Monday 7th September

Friday 11th September

Dance Fever

Peer Support

School Absences

We ask all our families to follow the guidelines below as we work together to ensure the well-being and health of the St Angela's Community.

• No student should attend school if they are unwell

• Each student who is absent from school or who has been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms, must have a COVID-19 test.

• A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school **before** a student can come back to school. The notification can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and / or a medical certificate. **Please send this notification to the school via email BEFORE the commencement of the school day.**

• Students are not able to return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free.

When using the Parent Portal to explain your child's absence for other reasons please DO NOT use the term "UNWELL." Instead please describe why your child is absent eg ear ache, upset stomach

Thank you for all that you are doing in partnership with the school and other families to keep St Angela's a health school community

COVID 19 Important Self Isolation Information

Advice about how to manage self-isolation, particularly with siblings, is available from <u>NSW Health</u> and from the Western Sydney Local Health District<u>Community Resources website</u>. Importantly:

- A student should not come to school if they are unable to isolate from a sibling or family member who is a confirmed close contact of COVID-19.
- Where families find it difficult to isolate siblings from other family members who are a confirmed close contacts of someone with COVID-19, the sibling should not attend school during the period of isolation;
- If a parent/carer is unable to isolate effectively from a child identified as a close contact, they should not attend work during the close contact's isolation period. Family members of close contacts are asked to keep a very close watch for COVID-19 symptoms and follow medical advice.

Peer Support

Week 7 – Joining In with Others

In this week's Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them.

Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don't lose friends. Also, discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

MUFTI DAY for Beirut



Congratulations to our students and thank you to all our families for the generous donations received last Friday on our Gold or Fold Day. We have been able to raise \$1972.85 for the

people of Beirut. This will be donated to the CARITAS Beirut APPEAL

Celebrating Our Gifts (Awards presented on Friday 28/08/2020)

Academíc Excellence

Lachlan Lashlie KB Shuya Wang KG Emilia Caparros KY Sophia Arreza 1B Isaac Vassallo 1G Sienna Glass 1Y James Morr 2B Oliver Stornelli 2G Anthony Mittiga 2Y Ivy Tole 3B Maddison File 3G Alfonso Costa 3Y Annabelle Reisin 4B Matthew Karam 4G Kara Piperata 4Y Nicholas Heanes 5B Noah Sweeney 5G Joseph Sultana 5Y Cooper Mills 6B Nicholas Eric 6G Camryn Lean 6Y

St Angela's Award

Arianna White KB Tanios Assaf KG Roxanne Lowe KY Jett Read 1B Marcus Eltakchi 1G Benjamin Morr 1Y Chiara Jensen-Luppino 2B Rosie Lowe 2G Lilah Tokoly 2Y Ryan Shepherd 3B Oliver Como 3G Ivy Smith 3Y Euan Adji 4B Stirling Post 4G Daniella Zeaiter 4Y Christian Mendoza 5B Ryan McDermott 5G Dominique Gularte 5Y Madison Tedros 6B Max Bourne 6G Sean Collins 6Y

Year 1 Fairytale Fiasco

On Tuesday - 1st of September, our Year 1 students participated in an incursion called 'Fairytale Fiasco.' They journeyed to Fairytale Land which was in a muddle and a whole lot of mixed up trouble! They engaged in personal expression using body language, verbal and visual cues as Dwarves, Witches, Wizards, Dragons, Mice, Cats, Wolves and Pigs. Every student was truly immersed in an imaginative incursion.





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

<u>September</u> Monday 7th Levi Lawlor

Tuesday 8th Zara Naidu Alicia Holt

Wednesday 9th Mia Cordi

Thursday 10th Noah Celano Evangelos Tikellis Mrs Dolores **Friday 11th** Dominic Piperata Makaela Daniel

Saturday 12th Ashton Young

Sunday 13th Kaeden Hochstetter

Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the following students who are new to completing the challenge. Tadhg McGowan (KY), Tabitha Lee (1G), Daniel Morr (1B), Isaac Vassallo (1G), Georgia-Rose Scoulou (3G), Misha Belle (4G), Flynn Manning (4G), Zachary Vujovich (4B),BronteWoodhead(5G)

> Congratulations to our final PRC Raffle Winner Joseph Brouillard 4Blue

2020 Premier's Reading Challenge News

Congratulations St Angela's. Here are our outstanding PRC Statistics for 2020.

TOTAL NO OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHALLENGE: 433 Students

STUDENT WHO WAS FIRST TO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE: Cooper Mills Year 6 Green

FIRST CLASS TO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE: Year 5 Yellow



WHOLE GRADE TO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE: Year 2



Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: A letter from Very Rev Christopher de Souza Vicar General Episcopal Vicar for Education & Formation, Week 7 Update, Year 1 Fairytale Incursion, Year 1 Fairytale Incursion Amended, Father's Day Gifts, School Uniform, Year 3 Design and Make **Hard Copy**: N/A