

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4 - I know it is hard to believe that we have arrived at the final term of the 2020 school year!

Like many of the St Angela's staff and families I took the opportunity to take a break away. This was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with family and friends ( albeit with COVID restrictions). Just to have the time to be able to move away from the regular routine was fantastic and from what the children have been telling me, they have also very much enjoyed, beach days , camping, bush walking, pyjama days and long days at the park with family and friends. We really were blessed with amazing weather and so much to be thankful for even in this year of the pandemic.

During the holidays Pope Francis released his latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti. In this encyclical, Pope Francis, inspired by the writings of St Francis of Assisi, speaks of care for each other, the family that dwells together in the common home.

Responding to our current pandemic experience, Pope Francis says that the need for local, national and international solidarity has now become even more important. The pandemic has created in many people a sense of the interdependence of communities and the fragility of human beings left to themselves. "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation," Pope Francis writes.

"God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of them' and 'those', but only 'us'."

Throughout *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis describes individuals within our community, including the Australian community, who are often undervalued or treated inequitably – women, older people, unborn children, people who are trafficked, Indigenous peoples, people with disability, migrants and refugees.

Pope Francis offers a grand yet simple vision of human interconnectedness. "We're all connected to each other in ways we scarcely imagine. Our task now is to work out

what this means in practice as we look beyond the pandemic."

While we are still not connected by our physical presence with each other as we are used to, the St Angela's school community has demonstrated great resilience, adaptability and flexibility throughout 2020 and has found new and creative ways of supporting each other. I know we all look forward to living out Pope Francis vision for *"connecting with each other in ways we can scarcely imagine"* 

The staff and I look forward to another term with the students as we let our light shine.

"Together we can achieve so much" Leanne Nettleton PRINCIPAL

#### **Best Wishes**

On behalf of the St Angela's community, we extend our best wishes to all Year 12 students who begin their HSC exams next week.

God we ask that the Year 12 students feel your closeness during the **HSC** exam period.

Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

## Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Programme

At the end of Term 3, the NSW Government indicated to schools that arrangements for Kindergarten Orientation for 2021 Kindergarten students could go ahead.

The St Angela's Kindergarten Orientation Programme will take place on:

Thursday 12/11/2020 Wednesday 18/11/2020 and Friday 27/11/2020

Next week, families will receive information about the programme and their children's attendance at the Kindergarten Orientation sessions.

We look forward to welcoming our 2021 Kindergarten students to St Angela's on these days.



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, 18 October 2020: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

#### GOSPEL <u>Mt 2</u>2:15-21

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.

### Scriptural context – Jesus and the Pharisees

The gospel of Matthew tends to treat the Pharisees rather harshly. In fact they had more in common with Jesus' style of teaching than other religious groups of the time and some have suggested that Jesus may even have been quite closely associated with the Pharisees. The role of the Pharisees was to interpret the Torah – the Law – for everyday people. They were teachers and preachers who often had a group of disciples who were their followers. The community in which the gospel of Matthew was written regarded the Pharisees harshly because they saw Jesus – not the Pharisees – as the rightful interpreter of the Law.

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

## The Well- Diocese of Parramatta

The Diocese has launched <u>The Well</u> - a digital resource for parents, students and teachers. Numerous agencies, ministries, schools, parishes and young people from our diocese are all contributing to this new common dynamic space. A meeting place, and source of nourishment that is useful professionally and personally. It is compatible with tablets and smartphones too. This is a very useful site for discovering teaching and learning experiences in RE <u>https://thewell.org.au/</u>

# Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Welcome to Term 4! As we begin Term 4, we gather in prayer as a school community this week to reflect on these feast days. Thank you to our teachers and students in 2Green and KGreen for leading our school in these celebrations.

#### **OLOR Parish - School Mass**

Our students will recommence attending live stream mass on Fridays at 9:30am with Fr Alejandro and Fr Leonides. This will be through the parish Facebook page. The Eucharist will be distributed to the students who have received their First Communion, following the Covid-19 protocol that the church has put in place. All families are invited to join.

Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

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Congratulations to the Zeaiter family on the arrival of Samantha, a sister for Daniella (4G) and Steven (1G).

Welcome to St Angela's School Community



We would like to welcome the O'Shea family to St Angela's:

Ronan O'Shea (5Y)

We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

# Upcoming Dates



| Week 1   |  |
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| Friday 16th October  | Y4 Fizzics "Energy"<br>Incursion in Hall all day                 |
|  | Feast of St Francis of Assisi<br>Prayer Assembly<br>Kinder Green |
| <u>Week 2</u><br>2020 Book week: CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS |  |
| Monday 19th October  | Year 6 Lego Robotics<br>Incursion in the Hall all day            |
| Wednesday 21st October   | Kindergarten & Year 2<br>Author Visit; Deborah Abela             |
| Friday 23rd October  | Book Character Parade  |
| Friday 13th November   | Staff Development Day  |
| Wednesday 16th December  | Last day for students  |

## St Angela's Debating Competition 2020

Congratulations to all involved in the 3rd round of our St Angela's Debating Competition. Two teams from St Angela's debated each other on the topic, "It is better to solve problems on Earth than explore Mars." Both teams presented some challenging arguments resulting in the affirmative team winning the debate.

| Affirmative Team | Negative Team     |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Lachlan Burden   | Jack O'Neill      |
| Ava De Carlo     | Veronica Cheng    |
| Jessica Lester   | Hailey Cassettari |
| Vanessa Bell     | Ella Manning      |

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

#### **School Fees**

Term 4 School Fee Information Statements will be issued shortly and posted to you by the Catholic Education Department Parramatta. Adjustments to these accounts have been made for school activities cancelled due to COVID-19.

If you have already fully paid your account for 2020 and an adjustment has been applied, your account will now be in credit. This credit will be allocated to future school fees unless you contact the school office, Liz Burke or Kylie Ross to request a refund. Year 6 students with a credit balance and no siblings at St Angela's for 2021 will be refunded and parents of these children are not required to contact the school.

Please note accounts with a balance owing are payable by 18th December 2020. If you have any further questions or require assistance with school fee support please contact the school office.

## **Playground Equipment**

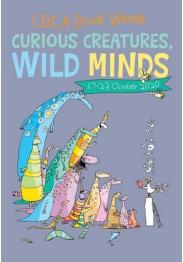
Much to the delight of our K-2 children and those children who attend COSHC, we have been able to reopen the playground equipment on a grade by grade roster at recess and lunch times and for the COSHC students after school. Thank you to Ana and the COSCH staff who are maintaining the cleaning of the equipment and to the teachers and COSHC staff who are supervising the students as they wash their hands before and after using the equipment.



## 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. Children may stay in costume for the day if they wish.



# BOOKFACE PHOTO CHALLENGE





## WHAT TO DO:

 Replace your face with a book's cover, then snap a picture.
Email your 'BOOKFACE' picture to <u>stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>. Include your name and class. All names will go into a draw to win cool prizes. Each week (starting week 2) we will draw out a name.

#### TIPS & TRICKS

- If the face on the book cover is the same size as your face, hold the book close; if smaller than your face, hold the book farther away.
- Get friends, family or pets involved (hold the book, take the picture, or pose with you)

Join St Angela's **BOOKFACE** Challenge! Kids, Adults & pets welcome to participate! This is a tough challenge so good luck & we hope you give it a try. Want some ideas for books to use?

Check out <a href="https://playteachrepeat.com/bookface-books/">https://playteachrepeat.com/bookface-books/</a>



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

<u>October</u> Tuesday 20th Cooper Mills Lara Gomes Pestana Ava Buckley

**Wednesday 21st** Elena Mauceri Elijah Moses **Thursday 22nd** Euan Adji Justin Malinao

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**Friday 23rd** Mia Khoudair

**Saturday 24th** Sienna Boumelhem Ashton Stopps

## **School Hats**

#### St Angela's has a "No hat, no play" policy.

Please ensure your child has their school hat with them each day to assist in promoting sun safety and awareness in your child/ren. School hats are available for purchase from the school office for a cost \$18. Any child not wearing a school hat at play times will need to play under the sheltered areas. Please note, children are expected to wear their hats to and from school each day.

Thank you for your support, assistance and co operation in helping keep our students sun smart.

# Star Spot

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Congratulations to Zara (4G) and Bronte (5G) who are part of the "Cheer Energy's 'Spark' Cheerleading Team that recently received First Place in the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation (AASCF) state. " Well done!

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## 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.

## **Book Club**

Scholastic catalogues were sent home this week. Please see the following details that outline a new process for ordering and for payments:

St Angela's is in the Loop! Your scholastic order will be electronically linked when you order and pay by Loop scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app, register your details and follow the prompts. <u>When you order and pay by</u> LOOP do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Payment options include credit card PayPal or credit vouchers. Please note the school does not accept cash and all cash orders will be returned.

## Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Welcome Back to Term 4, Year 4 Science Incursion - Energy, Year 4 Fizzics Incursion

Hard Copy: Book Club Brochures