

Dear Parents,

One of the greatest gifts that we can give our children is the love of reading. The quotes below attest to this.



Research tells us that

- few children learn to love books by themselves. Someone has to lure them into the wonderful world of the written word; someone has to show them the way.
- parents' engagement in their child's reading has a very positive impact on children's reading ability.
- young people who enjoy reading are three times as likely to read above the level expected for their age as young people who do not enjoy reading at all
- there is a clear relationship between receiving books as presents and reading ability. In fact, of the children that had received the gift of a book, 54.3% read above the expected level.

This week at St Angela's we have celebrated Book Week and have had many guest readers share their love of reading with the students. Each day the students have been treated to picture books being read by members of staff. Teachers have been spoiled with so many Bookface entries being sent into school by parents and children and everyone will enjoy a wonderful finale tomorrow with our St Angela's Book Character Parade. Thank you to Mrs Yager and Mrs North who planned so many creative experiences for the students and staff. Thank you to our fabulous teachers who have shared their passion for reading with their children.

Combined with the students' participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year, borrowing books from the school library on a regular basis, and reading everyday at school and at home the St Angela's students really are growing their love of reading.

*"Together we can achieve so much" Leanne Nettleton* PRINCIPAL 2020 Book Week: CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS Book Character Parade Tomorrow Friday 23rd October

Come dressed as your favourite book character. The book week theme may inspire your child, or your child may have their own favourite book and character that they would like to come dressed as.

### COVID-19 symptoms



Shortness

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, 25 October 2020: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

#### Gospel

<u>Mt 22:34-40</u> Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment of the Law.

#### Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

#### Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themself' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion. *Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp* 

#### **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 warmly invited.

Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

#### **Competitor Swimming Carnival (Student Only)**

As you are aware, at the end of Term 3 families were informed that the St Angela's Swimming Carnival has been cancelled for 2020. We have received information from CEDP that schools can proceed with organising a Swimming Carnival for competitors in preparation for the Zone Swimming Carnival in February 2021. This carnival needs to comply with COVID guidelines established by the NSW Department of Education and CEDP.

Therefore we have scheduled a Competitor Swimming Carnival (Student Only) for 7th December 2020 to enable students who wish to trial to compete at the Hills District Zone Swimming Carnival in February 2021.

The St Angela's Competitor Swimming Carnival (Student Only) will be held on **Monday 7th December 2020** (Week 9) **at Blacktown Aquatic Centre** for students in Years 2-5. Students who turn 8 in 2021 from Year 1 who are able to competently swim 50m Freestyle and do so within the time criteria of 1 minute 20 seconds, can compete in the carnival. Please refer to the email and google form sent home today. Parents are requested to complete the google form by Thursday 29th October 2020. Please contact Mrs Jenny Chatten if you have any questions about the Carnival.

# **Upcoming Dates**



#### 2020 Book week: CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

Friday 23rd October	Book Character Parade
Week 3	
Monday 26th October	World Mission Day Prayer Assembly - 4 Blue
	Kindy Fizzics Bee Bot Incursion
Tuesday 27th October	Yr 5 Mission - JRS Talk (Hall) 11am
Friday 30th October	World Teacher's Day
Sunday 1st November	All Saints Day
Friday 13th November	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 16th December	Last day for students

### Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Information

As communicated via email to parents this week, please see the following information regarding our Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Program.

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Students with surname A-E and F-J	9.00am-10.30am
Students with surname K-P and R-Z	11.00am-12.30pm

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Students with surname A-E and K-P Students with surname F-J and R-Z	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	All students 9.00am-10:30am

#### \*Please send your child to each session with a drink bottle clearly labelled with their name.

For each of these orientation mornings, staff will meet you at the Rose Garden and escort your child to the classroom. At the conclusion of each orientation session, the children will be bought to you back at the Rose Garden.

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

**Canteen** Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions and the difficulties to manage stock control, our school canteen will remain closed until 2021.

Thank you for your understanding

Bookface Photo Challenge 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.



TERM 4 Week 2

## Celebrating Our Gifts (Awards presented on Friday 16/10/2020)

# Academíc Excellence

Khloe Ibrahim KB Liam Kennedy KG Michael Whyte KY Nicholas Costa 1B Ethan Chetty 1G Daniella Khodeir 1Y Grace Bacon 2B Amber Monet 2G Angelique Bonasin 2Y Sophie Pickles 3B Monte Piotto 3G Adrian Sacco 3Y Ella Solomon 4B Zoe Davie 4G Hamish Geoghegan 4Y Zachary Brook 5B Sophie Wallace 5G Ariya Sunner 5Y Dineth Jayakody 6B Luke Di Stefano 6G Chanel Nasr 6Y

# St Angela's Award

Sebastian Arrastia KB Henry Brooker KG Sebastian Burns KY Scarlet Joukhadar 1B Tabitha Lee 1G Beth Kenny 1Y Emmanuel Dib 2B Skye Doyle 2G Abby Lukjanenko 2Y **Bastien Milicevic 3B** Ava Mogan 3G Sophie McIntyre 3Y Claudia Sereni 4B Alice Nugent 4G Elly Gohil-Bozic 4Y **Oliver Milicevic 5B** Lucca Piotto 5G Max Vallejo 5Y Madeline Nasso 6B Sean Salib 6G Yorick Lee 6Y





Congratulations to Angelina Catalano (5B) 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 Angelina and this deserving charity

https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/s/2371/2371/e



Congratulations to Samaan(2G) and Emmanuel (KB) who are walking 100kms in support of Camp Quality for kids facing cancer. Camp Quality helps change the cancer story for kids and their families. Follow the link to support their walk to give kids

and families the break from cancer they urgently need. As they say at Camp Quality "laughter is the best medicine".

https://fundraise.campquality.org.au/fundraisers/abuduhou/bigwalk-for-little-kids

#### Sent Home This Week:

**Emailed:** Year 6 Fizzics Incursion, Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education, K-6 Grade Overviews, 2020 Kindergarten Beebot Incursion, Competitors OnlySwimming Carnival (Student Only) Email and Permission Note **Hard Copy**: N/A



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

<u>October</u> <u>Monday</u> 26th Courtney Azzopardi Tiana Azzopardi

**Wednesday 28th** Jordan Pupo

**Thursday 29th** Sienna Reilly Ava Russo Sophie Wallace Yasmin Davie Evan Harvey

**R R R** 

**Friday 30th** Tabitha Lee

Saturday 31st Mary Raad

<u>November</u> Sunday 1st Logan McDonald



Baby Boy

Congratulations to the Barbara family on the arrival of a brother for Estelle (KB) and Chloe (1y)

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

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

*Our prayers are extended to the Thew family, Lachlan (3B) due to the passing into eternal life of his Grandmother.* 

# School Travel - Term 4 2020



Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now <u>apply</u> online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a

result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.