



# St Angela's Primary School

## Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 5

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday at 11am, our Year 6 students led the school in a Prayer assembly commemorating Remembrance Day. I was extremely proud of the reverence and respect demonstrated by our entire school community as they listened to stories of the contributions made by fallen soldiers of World War 1. Each year on this day 11th November, Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. It is important that we continue to help our students understand the great sacrifices our veterans made in the past and our current peacekeepers make today.

### *Prayer for Remembrance Day*

*O God, our ruler and guide,*

*In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,*

*We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land*

*And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:*

*We pray that we and all the people of Australia,*

*Gratefully remember their courage and their sacrifice,*

*May we have the grace to live in a spirit of justice,*

*of generosity, and of peace;*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

I couldn't help drawing the attention of the Year 6 students who were presenting today, to the connection between the values of our veterans and peacemakers and our school values. Particularly in this pandemic year, the Year 6 students have been called upon to demonstrate strength, courage, leadership, hope and mateship as they have experienced the loss of many of the usual school activities that they have looked forward to as school leaders. It has been their resilience, faith and the support of their teachers and parents that has seen them through. After such a challenging year we are delighted that our Year 6 students will be able to attend camp, have a Graduation Dinner Disco, host a Farewell Assembly and celebrate their 7 years at St Angela's with a Graduation Ceremony - of course all with COVID protocols in place. These are all important experiences that we have been hoping (and praying) that we would be able to give our 2020 Graduating Students. We are truly thankful to the Year 6 Teachers and Parents who have been quietly working behind the scenes, planning and preparing arrangements so that we would be ready should we be given the permission to go ahead with modified versions of each of these events.

*"Together we can achieve so much"*

Leanne Nettleton  
PRINCIPAL

### Arrangements for the Commencement of the 2021 School Year

In 2021 School will commence for

- Staff on Wednesday 27th January
- Years 1 - 6 on Friday 29th January \*\*\*
- Kindergarten Monday 1st February

### 2021 Mathematical Assessment Interviews

In 2021 we have been granted permission to commence the year with an additional Pupil Free day on Thursday 28th January so that teachers can administer the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) to our students. Teachers at St Angela's have been using the MAI for the last 8 years and find that it enables them to tailor their mathematics teaching program to effectively meet the needs of their students. Being able to perform the assessment at this earlier time will mean that teachers will have valuable information about each child's learning in mathematics from the very beginning of the year.

To have a large number of assessments completed before the children formally return to school will enable teachers to perform the remaining assessments in a timely fashion once the term commences and with the least disruption to class learning time. If your child is unable to be tested at a suitable time for you, the teachers will continue to assess students after school returns on 29th January 2021.

At this stage we are providing you with this information for your diary. In the last week of this term you will be asked to use the online booking system that we have previously used for parent teacher interviews to make an appointment for your children on either Wednesday 27th January or Thursday 28th January.

Please note that 2021 Kindergarten students will be attending the usual Kindergarten Assessment Sessions as advised in the Kindergarten Parent Information Presentation. These sessions will take place on one of the following days Wednesday 27th January, Thursday 28th January or Friday 29th January. Information about bookings for these sessions will be communicated to 2021 Kindergarten families.

## REMINDER

**Tomorrow Friday 13th November is a Staff Development/Student Pupil Free Day. Staff will gather for professional development in Inquiry Learning and assessment.**

### 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



## Religious Education

Sunday, 15 November 2020: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

### Gospel

[Mt 25:14-30](#)

*The rich man, his servants and the talents.*



### Living the Gospel – Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

Source: [GregSunter@LiturgyHelp](mailto:GregSunter@LiturgyHelp)

### OLOR Parish - School Mass

The next online live streamed mass will be on Friday 20 November 9:30am with our Year 2 students attending. This will be through the parish Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville>. All families are invited to join. Thank you to our Year 4 teachers for attending with their classes on Friday, the students were very reverent.

**OLOR Parish Highlights and News Bits** - Fr Alejandro invites us to keep up to date with what's happening in our parish with this weekly [newsletter](#).

**Remembrance Day Liturgy** - Thank you to our Year 6 teachers and students who led our school liturgy to honour and pray for the soldiers who dedicate their lives to serve our country both in the past.

Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator

## Year 1 Bee-Bot Incursion

This term, Year 1 students are learning about Digital Systems and how we use them in our daily lives. On Wednesday and Thursday they explored basic programming through the use of Bee-Bots, small, programmable robots. They had so much fun engaging in various activities!



## Upcoming Dates



### TERM 4

### Week 5

Friday 13th November

Staff Development Day

### Week 6

Monday 16th November

Year 4 Sustainability Incursion in hall

Year 5 Collecting donations and money for JRS Mission Markets

Tuesday 17th November

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Wednesday 18th November

Kinder Orientation  
9:00-10:30am  
11:00-12:30pm

Year 5 Mission Markets (Kinder & Year 1)

Thursday 19th November

9:40am Yr 6 Debate in hall

Year 5 Mission Markets (Year 2 & 3)

Friday 20th November

Year 5 Mission Markets (Year 4 & 6)

Wednesday 16th December

Last day for students

## Mission Markets

This term, Year 5 are learning to identify and create practical ways in which they can share Jesus' mission to the poor and oppressed. Their RE learning cycle this term, asks them to answer the following driving question: **"When can I use my gifts and talents to enable others to flourish?"** In response to this, the students will be investigating the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in order to create an initiative that will support the work that they do. The students will present their initiatives at "The Mission Markets" at lunchtime during Week 6. All St Angela's students will have an opportunity to bring in a nominated donation to purchase a 'Mission Card' that allows them entry to the Mission Markets. The cards will be available to all students to purchase on Monday and Tuesday in Week 6 (16th - 17th November) and then to the respective grades on their Mission Market day. All proceeds raised will go directly to the JRS to support their work with refugees. The JRS are currently providing food for over 900 individuals and are in desperate need of long life milk, cooking oil and basmati rice. Year 5 will have a collection box outside the hall during week 6 and would appreciate donations of these items.

Due to Covid restrictions this year, attendance at the Mission Markets will be scheduled for each grade.

Wednesday 18th November: 1st half of lunch - Kindergarten, 2nd half of lunch - Year 1

Thursday 19th November: 1st half of lunch - Year 2, 2nd half of lunch - Year 3

Friday 20th November: 1st half of lunch - Year 4, 2nd half of lunch - Year 6.

Thankyou in advance for your support of our children's initiatives to reach out to others in a very real way.  
Year 5 Teachers and Students.

## ***Celebrating Our Gifts***

*(Awards presented on Friday 06/11/2020)*

### ***Academic Excellence***

Michael Tyler-Ottolino KB  
 Elanor Gandajana KG  
 Isabelle Kastoun KY  
 Ivy Kastoun 1B  
 Lilly Green 1G  
 Dylan Crawford 1Y  
 Alexa Yammine 2B  
 Saoirse McGowan 2G  
 Hudson Lukas 2Y  
 Isabella Ciantar 3B  
 Phoebe Scida 3G  
 Charlotte Lashlie 3Y  
 Aliyah Henwood 4B  
 Cayleigh Mantua 4G  
 Amelia Rowlandson 4Y  
 Giulio Muscardo 5B  
 Macey Holmes 5G  
 Emeline Fitzsimons 5Y  
 Sullivan Harris 6B  
 Jada Yu 6G  
 Freya Begg 6Y

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

Grace Lim KB  
 Lucas Tassone KG  
 Harriet Kenny KY  
 Daniel Morr 1B  
 Isaac Vassallo 1G  
 Lachlan Kelly 1Y  
 Amelia Baylis 2B  
 Mia Vassallo 2G  
 Ronan Phung 2Y  
 Chloe Mowbray 3B  
 Abbey Glass 3G  
 Dominic Jodlowski-Tan3Y  
 Joseph Brouillard 4B  
 William O'Neill 4G  
 Chloe Eltakchi 4Y  
 Jared Suarez 5B  
 Mia Khoudair 5G  
 Stella Powell 5Y  
 Logan McDonald 6B  
 Ella Manning 6G  
 Lachlan Burden 6Y

### **School Fees**

All families should now have their final school fee account for 2020. The Catholic Education Office has issued these accounts with a due date of 18th December 2020 and it would be kindly appreciated if payment could be made within this time. However, we are aware of the financial strain on many families this year and CEDP is committed to supporting families as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt in the community. If you are unable to finalise your account for 2020 please contact the school office either Liz Burke or Kylie Ross to discuss a range of options available to assist with payment. We thank you for the financial commitment you have made to the education of your child/ren.

## **HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!**

A student who reads    A student who reads    A student who reads

**20:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**5:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**1:00**

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests



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

#### **November**

**Monday 16th**  
 Oliver Como  
 Tanyaradzwa Muregerera  
 Isabella Khodeir

**Tuesday 17th**  
 Sophie Pickles  
 Giada Genio  
 Alexa Yammine  
 Mrs Northwood

**Wednesday 18th**  
 Oliver Raad  
 Jagger Woodham

**Thursday 19th**  
 Vanessa Boumelhem  
 Jack Hall

**Saturday 21st**  
 Cavarini Morsillo

**Sunday 22nd**  
 Jayden Younis

### **End of Year Reports**

Reports will be coming home soon. Our reports (Years 1 to 6) by law are required to award an achievement level to each child using a mandated A to E scale for each Key Learning Area. It is imperative to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently **the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.**

**The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.**

Example One:                      Half Year Achievement level of C  
    End of Year Achievement level of C

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Example Two:                      Half Year Achievement level of B  
    End of Year Achievement level of C

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

As you can appreciate, these reports present many challenges including determining what on average constitutes an A, B, C, D or E given the achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area.

As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This will apply to all Diocesan schools.

### ***Please keep in your prayers***

*Our prayers are extended to the Barnett family, Charlize (1Y), due to the passing into eternal life of her Grandfather.*

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

**Emailed:** Grandparents Day Virtual liturgy, Kindergarten 2021, Public Health Alert: Hills District Sewage Testing, Year 1 Change of Uniform

**Hard Copy:** N/A