



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Where has 2020 gone? It is only one and half weeks now until the end of the school year - this is so hard to believe especially considering the year that we have had. I am sure, like me, many of you have tried to think back over the year and remember all the lifestyle changes that we have experienced and managed. I must say it does seem pretty much a blur because at St Angela's we just "got on with things" and tried to adapt and adjust so that we could prioritise the learning agenda and the wellbeing of our students as our main priorities. It seems remarkable that we have been able to offer many of our usual student centred opportunities "with a twist or a variation!" We do however look very much forward to being able to welcome parents back into the community as soon as we are given the go ahead in 2021.

We are absolutely blessed at St Angela's with a highly professional, dedicated, energetic, generous and creative staff - teachers, teachers aides, and ancillary staff. 2020 has certainly provided strong evidence of this as our staff quickly adapted to new ways of teaching, collaborating and communicating with each other, with the students and with parents.

As the year draws to a close I am able to let you know that Miss Breeann Silcock, who stepped into the role of Sports Teacher earlier this year, has accepted a full time class teaching position at Holy Cross Glenwood. We are delighted for Breeann and would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to sport at St Angela's in a year that saw so much change to sport. Breeann was particularly creative during COVID home schooling when she provided video clips of lessons and activities for the students to follow. We wish Breeann the very best as she takes on this new opportunity.

In 2021 we will welcome Mrs Katrina Mazza to the role of Sports Teacher. Mrs Mazza is a highly experienced teacher who currently teaches at St John XX111 Stanhope Gardens. She is looking very much forward to joining the St Angela's community.

After 4 years at St Angela's Mrs Megan Aberley has accepted a coordinator's position at St Patrick's Blacktown. Mrs Aberley has taught Year 4 and Year 2 at St Angela's and has also acted several times as Assistant Principal. Megan's passion for literacy and learning has been a gift to St Angela's and her dedication to the wellbeing of all our students has been a personal and professional quality admired by staff, students and parents. Megan has a commitment to facilitating the professional development of her peers and has a love of learning herself. While we will all miss Megan we wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her contribution to St Angela's.

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL

Mathematical Assessment Interview Appointment Bookings for Wed 27th and Thursday 28th January

As previously communicated **Wed 27th and Thursday 28th January 2021** have been set aside as Staff Development Days so that teachers can administer the Mathematical Assessment Interviews.

On Monday 15th December families with 3 and 4 children will receive a booking code to go online to the School Interview booking site to make appointments for their children. This will allow these families to book interviews at the same time slot for their children with their teachers.

On Tuesday 16th December families with 2 children will receive their booking code and

On Wednesday 17th December families with 1 child will receive their booking code.

Families are advised that if they go online and cannot find an available appointment time with their child's teacher not to worry as those children will have their interview once they return to school in the early weeks of Term One.

Kinder 2021 families have already made their MAI appointments.

Semester Two Reports on Compass Parent Portal

In preparation for Semester Two Reports to be made available on the Compass Parent Portal, parents will be reissued their login details over the coming days. Instructions will then be shared regarding how to access the PDF reports.

ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

In 2020 we will be celebrating St Angela's Feast Day in a different way. Due to the impact of COVID on our rides provider we are not able to provide the usual rides however the teachers have ensured that the children will be treated to a day of excitement including movies and popcorn, fun filled games and activities and a complimentary ice block for each child. These treats are all free to say thank you to our children for letting their lights shine throughout a challenging year and to celebrate St Angela's Day.

Pre-Requisite Lists * Coming Home Soon*

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



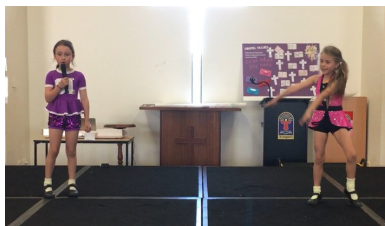
Christmas Story

The students have commenced retelling the Christmas Story (our 2020 COVID version of our Christmas Concert) Yesterday Year One and Year 3 delighted the whole school with their performance of "My Favourite Things About Christmas" and we were able to share a video of this on the school facebook page for you to also share with your families. We will continue to share each of the grade's performances as they take place. Congratulations to the very creative St Angela's staff and students for these joyful presentations. The videos will make a beautiful keepsake for us all.



Shine Quest

Congratulations to the many budding stars who participated in our 2020 Grade Shine Quests this week. Our appreciation and thanks to all the teachers for coordinating this opportunity for the children, especially in this COVID year when so many restrictions have been placed on the performing and creative arts. It was fabulous to be able to allow the children to have an audience and a stage so that they could perform for their peers.



**School Returns in 2021 for:
Years 1 to 6 on Friday 29th January and
Kindergarten on Monday 1st February**



The Dinner Dance was one of the best experiences of Year 6. During the night, some of us won awesome prizes and we took lots of photos posing with our friends. Our favourite parts of the evening were playing Trivia and the other phenomenal activities such as Guess the Celebrity and Guess the Teacher. The dance floor was fun, especially when we came onto it and boogied the night away. We give special thanks to the parent helpers who organized and ran this night for us as it wouldn't have been possible without them. Thank you for coming to the night and organising fun activities for us while giving up your time to be there.

By Benjamin McNamara and Jack Hall.



Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 27/11/2020)

Academic Excellence

Gabriel Edouard KB
Rose Baylis KG
Hillary Roditis KY
Xavier Gordon 1B
Taylor Manio 1G
Adam Salib 1Y
Mary Raad 2B
Daniel Bell 2G
Isabella Halfhide 2Y
Lachlan McDermott 3B
Bodhi Neeld 3G
Blake D'Silva 3Y
Oscar Rule 4B
Aidan Rambow 4G
Caitlin Bagtas 4Y
Taylor D'Silva 5B
Annika Clarke 5G
Alannah Lane 5Y
Jessica Araneda 6B
Tyra Moc 6G
Maddison Eastwood 6Y

St Angela's Award

Amelia Browne KB
Emma Zhang KG
Roy Lee KY
Jordan Pupo 1B
Phoenix Fisher 1G
Dean Alcock 1Y
Antonia Khoudair 2B
Scarlett Sosa 2G
William Lakeman 2Y
Madeline Pace 3B
Mary Michelle 3G
Zachary Lane 3Y
Evangelos Tikellis 4B
David Gigliucci 4G
Rusty Smith 4Y
Amalia Mohan-Ram 5B
Courtney Azzopardi 5G
Alexander Pace 5Y
Jemima Scothern 6B
Lara Gomes Pestana 6G
Alvarez Alberti 6Y



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

December

Monday 7th

Sierra Honore
Toby Williams
Noah Tyler-Ottolino
Adalyn Lewis

Friday 11th

Sienna Azar
Emma Zhang

Tuesday 8th

Maximus Orefice
Joshua Raad
Emma Lang

Sunday 13th

Emmanuel Dib
Courtney Lean
Miss McRoberts

Thursday 10th

Sophia Millalonco
Riley Dafter



7 Great things about Christmas

This year we are reimagining our traditional Christmas Concert with the theme 7 Great Things About Christmas. Over several days, the grades will be performing one Christmas item for the school community. This will be recorded and shared with parents online.

Dates of performances:

Week 9: Wednesday 9 Dec - Year 6 and Year 2
Thursday 10 Dec - Kindergarten

This year, the children will come to school dressed in their Christmas costume on their allocated day. Please take appropriate footwear into consideration.

NO TINSEL please as this makes clean up much easier! Please refer to the table below outlining their costume:

Kindy Wk 9 December 10th	White t-shirt pants/skirts/tutus or denim jeans/shorts. Closed shoes and Christmas accessories (antlers, santa hat, headband, Christmas ribbons & clips etc)
Year 2 Wk 9 December 9th	Yellow or white t-shirts, denim skirt/shorts, closed shoes and Christmas accessories (antlers, santa hat, headband, Christmas ribbons & clips etc)
Year 6 Wk 9 December 9th	Red and white clothing, Santa hat optional

Christmas Hamper Items Last Call Next Monday 7th December 2020

NEW FAMILIES BBQ CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS

(Covid regulations permitting)

Next year, as is tradition at St Angela's, we will welcome all the Kinder 2021 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ early in the new school year. We ask that available parents from this year's Kinder and/or any grade who would be willing to assist at the occasion please email the school office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au. We aim to have the event on Friday, 5th February at 5:00pm. Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.

2021 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2021, will be soon emailed to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. Please notify the school via email at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if your child's medical requirements have changed and they no longer require medication to be permanently stored at school.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.