

St Angela's Primary School Castle Hill

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Newsletter

3rd December, 2020 Term 4, Week 8

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 blurr 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 staffteachers, 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

COVID-19 symptoms

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.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 6 December 2020: Second Sunday of Advent Year B



Gospel

<u>Mk 1:1-8</u> John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.

Historical Context – A Baptism of Forgiveness The understanding that we generally have of baptism today has not always been the case. At the time of John and Jesus, the Jewish tradition used baptism as a ritual bath to cleanse a person who had become ritually unclean and make them able to participate in religious rituals. What John was preaching was a baptism for the forgiveness of sins – a new interpretation at the time. He emphasised that repentance was essential for forgiveness and that there needed to be a conscious returning to God. John's baptism was a symbolic act to signify the willingness of the person to renounce their sins and make a more conscious return to God. *Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp*

First Sunday of Advent Liturgy - Thank you to Mr Hurst and 4 Green for leading us in prayer as we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent. The message of 'Hope' in the birth of Jesus this Christmas is something that we all share as we grow in faith as a community.

Christmas Hampers Appeal for 2020 - Our Year 4 teachers, students and all of St Angela's staff will continue the tradition of supporting St Vincent de Paul's annual Christmas appeal by raising donations especially in this time of COVID 19. Thank you to all families who have already brought in their donations, we are accepting donations till Monday 7th December. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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 <u>newsletter</u>.

OLOR Parish - School Mass

The next online live streamed mass will be on Friday 4 December with our Year 6 students attending. This will be through the parish Facebook page: <u>https://m.facebook.com/</u> <u>OLOR.Parish.Kellyville</u>. All families are invited to join.

Advent Reconciliation: We wish to thank Fr Alejandro, Fr Leonides and Fr Tony for spending last Friday at our school for the Advent Reconciliation for our students in Years 2 to 6. We appreciate their continued support in our students' faith journey.

Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

Christmas Treats



In these last weeks of school, children like to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks. This is a lovely gesture. As there are a number of children at St Angela's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

Upcoming Dates



TERM 4 Week 8

Friday 4th December

Sunday 6th December

Monday 7th December

Tuesday 8th December

Week 9

8:45am Year 5 Shine Quest 9:30-10:30am Band

> 9:30am Live Streamed Parish Mass - Year 6

Recording Session

11am Kindergarten Shine Quest

1:45pm Year 6 Farewell Assembly (1 parent attending only)

2pm Year 2 Liturgy -Students Only

2nd week of Advent

Year 6 Motivate Day

Competitors Swimming Carnival (Student only event)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Prayer Assembly -Kinder Blue Immaculate Conception- Students only

2:20pm Kindergarten Liturgy Students only

10:10am Christmas Concert Part 3 - Year 6 & 2

10:10am Christmas Concert Part 4 - Kindergarten

12:00 Students meet the New Teacher 2021

9:30am Live Streamed

3rd Week of Advent

& Year 1

Parish Mass: Kindergarten

Friday 11th December

Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December

Sunday 13th December

Wednesday 16th December

Last day for students

Star Spot

Congratulations to Amalie Cordi (1Y) whose cheerleading team for Cheer Energy, 'mini muscle,' came 2nd nationally overall at the AASCF national cheerleading competition. A great achievement in a very challenging year. Well done!

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Letter to 3 Green, Final 2021 Orientation Information, 7 Great Things About Christmas, Year 6 Dinner Dance Photos, 2020 Swimming Carnival Volunteers, 2020 Swimming Carnival, Year 4 Change of day for Sports Uniform, Year 6 Farewell Assembly Friday 4th December 2020 **Hard Copy:** N/A

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.











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Celebrating Our Gifts (Awards presented on Friday 27/11/2020)

Academíc 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 Alberti6Y

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.



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

Tuesday 8th Maximus Orefice Joshua Raad Emma Lang

Thursday 10th Sophia Millalonco Riley Dafter **Friday 11th** Sienna Azar Emma Zhang

Sunday 13th Emmanuel Dib Courtney Lean Miss McRoberts





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.

<u>NO TINSEL</u> 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