



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we educate our students.

Dear Parents,

Holy week is the holiest time of the Christian calendar. The time when we follow the traditions of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and of course Easter Sunday to remember the words, actions and sacrifices that Jesus made all those years ago. The week is a culmination of all that we have focused on throughout Lent. This year for the students at St Angela's it has been striving to "Be More" than we usually are and to do this by following in the steps of Jesus by demonstrating care and kindness to each other and those less fortunate than themselves.

Today the students participated in a prayer pilgrimage in the gardens of the school where they focused on the events of Holy Week through Scripture readings, prayers and symbolic representation. We have shared photos on the school facebook page for you to enjoy.

Holidays are a wonderful time to recharge our batteries and spend time with family and friends. They are also a chance to "get to things/ tasks/activities" that we have not had time for in the usual course of a day/week or month. Spending time with family is the most precious thing in the world and I know that we all - parents and children alike look forward to the next 2 weeks with each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to all families for your encouragement and support of the staff, Mrs Yager and me throughout Term One. I would also like to congratulate the outstanding St Angel's staff for their dedication to the learning and development of your children throughout this term.

From all the St Angela's Staff, Happy Easter and best wishes for a happy and safe holiday.

May Christ's glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and all you hold dear.

"Together we can achieve so much!"

Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL



Religious Education



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Gospel

Mk 16:1-7

The women meet an angel at the empty tomb.

Gospel Reflection

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

OLOR Parish Bulletin: Fr Alejandro invites everyone to keep up to date with the latest news from the parish and stay connected to our wider Christian community.

As we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in the coming days, we continue to pray for all the members of our school and parish community that God may bless us and help us recognise this great gift of His life for each and everyone of us. We wish you and your families a safe and happy Easter.

God Bless
Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator



Upcoming Dates



TERM 1

Week 10

Friday 2nd April Good Friday

Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 19th April First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 20th April Cross Country

Wednesday 21st April Parra Rugby Trials

Friday 23rd April Year 6 Peer Support Training

Year 3 Excursion to Brewongle

Sunday 25th April ANZAC Day



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Tuesday 11th to 21st May NAPLAN Years 3 & 5



Thank you to our Parent Helpers

It has been wonderful to be able to allow our students to return to having access to the Canteen and for parents to be able to purchase preloved uniforms at our Second Hand Uniform sale. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Parent Volunteers coordinated by Wayne Davie for making these both possible. I would also like to thank the office staff for arranging access to the second hand uniforms for the last 12mths - this has been a great support to our families. We look forward to other opportunities for Parent Involvement next term.

Year 6 Photographic Display

Congratulations to our Year 6 students and their teachers for the marvellous Photographic Exhibition held in the hall on Wednesday. The teachers and staff worked with Sadie Ly from the CAPTIVATE team, throughout Term one to produce a digital literacy sequence of photos. The photo display was stunning.



FUN IDEAS
TO ENCOURAGE
READING
FOR PLEASURE

MAKE TIME TO READ ALOUD

Who doesn't love a story and a snuggle! Neuroscience research confirms connections between narrative reading in childhood, memory creation and life-long feelings of well-being. Reading the same book again and again creates neural pathways that link to positive emotions we can return to throughout life.



READ ALL THE THINGS!

Stories are a wonderful opening to different worlds, but that's not all there is - lots of children are drawn to non-fiction, and comics are awesome too! Recipe books, magazines and craft books offer a wealth of possibilities for developing literacy and life skills, all while having fun.



GIVE KIDS CHOICES

Research shows children are more engaged, learn more and make more effort when they choose reading materials for themselves. This is true even for very young children and when minimal choice is involved, such as selecting their preferred book from 2 options.



TRY PODCASTS & AUDIOBOOKS

Going on a family holiday or a long drive? A family audiobook is the perfect solution to keep passengers happy and drivers alert during long car trips. On breaks or between trips, everyone will love talking about the story and predicting what will happen next!



DO READ AT THE DINNER TABLE!

Your pushy aunt Primrose may not approve, but as Katherine Hepburn said, "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun!" Designate one or two meals a week as 'reading meals', where reading at the table is encouraged. To make it extra special, you could plan the meal around a literary theme and let everyone help with the cooking.



MAKE IT SOCIAL

There are lots of ways to share a love of books and reading. Neighbourhood book club, book swap, literary charades, poetry open mic night (with popcorn and prizes), put on a 'play' retelling a favourite story. You are only limited by your imagination, which luckily is supercharged thanks to all the reading you've been doing.



Adapted from an article by Nora Krug published in The Washington Post, 28 August 2017.
<http://wapo.st/2jwmrww>

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2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Be their reading legend. Reading just 10 minutes each day makes a difference.

Research confirms reading to children just 10 minutes each day strengthens literacy, models positive reading behaviour, and builds children's self-esteem about reading (especially for boys).

It doesn't stop there. You can show your children that you value reading by reading yourself. Having books in your house makes a big difference too. Either books you own or books you borrow from the library remind children of the importance and fun of reading.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is most successful when parents show interest and support their children. Encourage and help your child read PRC books for the year and you will be making a positive difference to their future.



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

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 26/03/2021)

Academic Excellence

Alexander Maait KB
Maddison Cooray KG
Paige Doyle KY
Audrey Unutmaz 1B
James Neo 1G
Sebastian Arrastia 1Y
Beth Kenny 2B
Elena Mauceri 2G
Oliver Newbury 2Y
Jasmine Hackett 3B
Alexa Yammine 3G
Adriana Tikellis 3Y
Zavier Stornelli 4B
Sebastian Dinsdale 4G
Sienna Azar 4Y
Lincoln Brown 5B
Cassidy Southwood 5G
Matthew Karam 5Y
Ella West 6B
Mia Khoudair 6G
Courtney Azzopardi 6Y

St Angela's Award

Ciara Treacy KB
Tobias Brook KG
Anthony Khodeir KY
Evan Harvey 1B
Shuya Wang 1G
Xavier Zullo 1Y
Tabitha Lee 2B
Steven Zeaiter 2G
Selena Bianca 2Y
Grace Despoges 3B
Samaan Abu Duhou 3G
Giada Genio 3Y
Caitlyn Rodriguez 4B
Finnegan Brook 4G
Lachlan McDermott 4Y
Charlotte Thompson 5B
Avindee Jayakody 5G
Adalyn Lewis 5Y
Sophie Wallace 6B
Emeline Fitzsimons 6G
Isaac Gunasekera 6Y

Kindergarten 2022

Kindergarten 2022 Enrolment Offers to siblings and Catholic families will be sent out by email this afternoon. Those families are requested to confirm this offer and pay the Enrolment fee prior to Friday 23rd April, using the Qkr app or by Eftpos. We have a long waiting list for the next group of families to offer positions to and appreciate your acknowledgement email of your acceptance for a position in 2022.



Stay safe these April holidays

Heading out and about during the Easter break?

Take a COVID safe kit, including:

- a clean mask
 - hand sanitiser
 - tissues
 - disinfectant wipes
 - phone for checking in
- And when arriving at a venue, it's important everybody in your group checks-in electronically using a QR code.



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday this coming week, during the holidays and the first week of next term;

April

Mon 5th

Jessica Rimando
Steven Zeaiter
Sebastian Dinsdale
Hannah Lambert

Wed 7th

William Wallace
Mrs Rubelj

Thurs 8th

Jayden Thomas
Lyla Reyes

Fri 9th

Zac Gardiner

Sat 10th

Annabelle Sprem

Sun 11th

Matthew Karam

Mon 12th

Jennifer Chen
Scarlet Joukadar
Jada Nuevo

Tues 13th

Mrs Mirabello

Wed 14th

Harrison McIntyre

Thurs 15th

Saskia Wallace
Sienna Bressi

Sat 17th

Marcus Eltakchi
Patrick Crowley
Charlotte Sam
Yasemin Vancuylenberg

Sun 18th

Isabella Logarta-Scott

Mon 19th

Hudson McEneaney
Eva Aguilar

Tues 20th

Rafferty Castillo
Amelia Abdow
Chloe Eltakchi
Henry Phelan

Wed 21st

Maddison File

Thurs 22nd

Amalie Cordi
Lilliana Sacco
Mrs Javidi

Fri 23rd

Emilia Azar
Henry Brooker
Brendan Khoudair
Abby Lukjanenko

Sun 25th

Rosie Lowe
Sofia Muscardo

Second Hand Uniforms

The holiday time will provide you with an opportunity to check your child's winter uniform. If your child has outgrown various items we would love to have you send them into school on our return from holidays, for sale at the next Uniform Sale Day.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Maisie Brown who placed 3rd, Charlotte Thompson who placed in the premiership and Lilly Green who also participated in an Irish dancing competition on Sunday. Well done!

Congratulations also to Myah Ciccio who was selected for a professional performance to be a "Combette" backing vocalist for the upcoming Peter Combes "Greatest Hits Tour" at the Riverside Theatre.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Second hand Uniform sale, Photographs Tuesday 30th March, Year 6 Cultural Photomedia Exhibition, Parent Information Cross Country including Spectator Registration, Uniform - Thursday 1st April, Correction - Parent Information Cross Country including Spectator Registration

Hard Copy: N/A