

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

### Dear Parents,

Throughout Catholic School's fortnight we have been celebrating belonging to our beautiful St Angela's School. In doing this we cannot help but celebrate all the beautiful students at our school who strive to "Let their Light Shine". Last Thursday and Friday our senior students in Year 5 and 6 proudly represented St Angela's at Newport Beach in their Surf Education Program. The students were challenged to step outside their comfort zone to learn new skills and work as a team to problem solve. On Monday this week our Year 6 and Kinders were able to come together for their buddy time - a wonderful opportunity for the older students to mentor the younger ones. Our SRC members also met for the second time this term to make suggestions for our school community and promote student based initiatives in the school.

An important message for our children to hear over and over again is that every child born into this world is a one-of-a-kind divine creation, a unique person who is precious to God. He loves each of us so much that He gave the greatest, most precious gift He had—His only Son—so we could be with Him throughout eternity. God doesn't start loving us just when we accept Him as Savior. He loved us even before we were born.

As parents we are always striving to ensure that our children feel that they are loved unconditionally, that they are of great worth both to us and to God. All parents feel that incredible responsibility to nurture self worth in their children. From time to time it is not uncommon for young children to struggle to see how wonderful they are. It is within the family context that our children first learn of their self worth. The following suggestions may help you to support your child:-

► We can share with our children how we enjoy who we are and model an optimistic attitude.

►We can make it known that it is only human to make mistakes and that failure means that we are not successful just yet; we all fail on our way to success and should regard failure as a means of learning.

►We can confirm through our actions that we all need to take time to treat ourselves with kindness and indulge in things in which we find enjoyment.

►We can teach our children that the worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know but who we are.

► We can encourage our children to count their blessings not their problems.

►We can show through the reflection of our own lives that we must love and value ourselves if we are to love others; we need to take care of ourselves if we are to be capable of taking care of others

►We can demonstrate through our actions that our life has a purpose and a meaning.

St Angela's staff are privileged to work in partnership with parents to ensure that our children are each nurtured and encouraged to achieve their hopes and dreams.

> "Loving God, Help me to love myself as You love me – totally. Help me to see myself as made in Your image and likeness, full of potential just waiting for my approval to reveal itself. Help me to be the person I can be. Amen."

*"Together we can achieve so much!"* Leanne Nettleton PRINCIPAL

### Easter Treats at School

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.

### REMINDER TO PARENTS COLLECTING WALKERS IN THE AFTERNOONS

Parents for safety reasons please come inside the driveway gates in the afternoon to collect your children. We realise that for many of you this is a change and something for you to get used to. Your children will be instructed by teachers on duty to wait inside the gates and not leave the school grounds until you come inside the gates to collect them. Thank you for helping the staff to ensure the safety of your children.



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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**



Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Gospel Jn 12:20-33 Jesus foretells of his death and resurrection. Gospel Reflection

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

### Gospel Focus – Love of life

Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.*Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp* 

**St Patrick's Day Celebrations:** A huge thanks to every member of our school community for your generous support. The funds raised will go towards <u>Caritas 'Be More' Project</u> <u>Compassion</u>.

**St Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations:** 19 March is the feast of St Joseph. Our school will be led in prayer by 5 Green. Thank you Mrs Bateman and Mrs Hynes for preparing the students. On Friday we will also be celebrating St Angela's place in 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia. Each grade has prepared a reflection on St Angela's 21 Years of educating families in the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary and surrounding areas.

Fr Alejandro invites us to view our parish bulletin for the week. OLOR Parish Bulletin

God Bless Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

# **Upcoming Dates**



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TERM 1 <u>Week 9</u> Tuesday 23rd March	NAPLAN online practise papers Years 3 & 5 this week	
Wednesday 24th March	Year 2 Liturgy for students	
Thursday 25th March	Annunciation of the Lord Prayer Assembly 1 Yellow for students	
Friday 26th March	Cross Country	
	Mackillop AFL Trials	
West 40	2:20pm Year 1 Liturgy for students	
<u>Week 10</u> Monday 29th March	Year 6 Celebrating Multicultural Diversity Day	
Tuesday 30th March	School Photo Day with AdvancedLife	
Wednesday 31st March	Holy Week Pilgrimage at school for th students	
	Year 6 Photographic Exhibition in hal	
Thursday 1st April	Holy Thursday	
	Last Day of Term 1	
	Holy Week Assembly	
	Absentees & Yr 6 Photo Day with AdvancedLife	
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday	
Sunday 4th April	Easter Sunday	
Monday 19th April	First Day of Term 2	

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# **School Photo Day**

### 2021 school photos will be taken on Tuesday 30th March and Thursday 1st April.

Children K - 6 are to wear full school uniform on both days. Joggers can be brought to school in school bags for sport lessons.

Envelopes for ordering will go home next Monday 22nd with instructions for online ordering. These will need to be returned on photo day. Sibling photo envelopes will be available in the office for parent or student pick up from Monday.

### **Celebrating Our Gifts** (Awards presented on Friday 12/03/2021)

St Angela's

Award

### Academíc Excellence

Jessica Rimando KB Jude Schenke KB Jack Cashman KG Victoria Sidikum KG Myra Andrade KY Vincent Hackett KY Olivia Scanlon 1B Amelia Brown 1B Michael Whyte 1G Evelyn Vallejo 1G Olivia Johnston 1Y Acelyn Seydler 1Y Sarah D'Çruz 2B Joshua Losco 2B Xavier Gordon 2G Tyler Petersen 2G Marcus Eltakchi 2Y Jericho Paton 2Y Rita Dabit 3B Annelise Araneda 3B Amelia Baylis 3G Dylan Putra 3G Gabriella Chehade 3Y Saskia Wallace 3Y Amelie Sprem 4B Abbey Glass 4B Courtney Lean 4G Dominic Jodlowski-Tan 4G Phoebe Scida 4Y Maddison File 4Y Grace Diaz 5B Euan Adji 5B Jesselyn Tedja 5G Olivia Siligato 5G Camila Diaz 5Y Moses Estera 5Y Miha Knevitt 6B Luciana Castillo 6B Joshua Hall 6G Shiloh Aguas 6G Alex Milas 6Y Stella Powell 6Y

### **NAPLAN Practice Test**

All schools participating in the NAPLAN Online in 2021 are expected to take part in a Practice Test window between Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th March. The Practice test is a trial run and preparation for NAPLAN Online and will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience. St Angela will be participating in the Practice tests on Tuesday 23rd March and Thursday 25th March. The practice tests include an Omnibus test (combination of Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy questions) and a Writing test, approximately 40 minutes in length.

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests (link below) to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN online assessment.

### NAPLAN Demonstration Site.

### Naplan Dates

Naplan Online test window be administered will between Tuesday 11th May and Friday 21st May. Students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the Writing test on Tuesday 11th May. The students will then follow the test sequence of Reading, Conventions of language and Numeracy throughout the test window. Catch up tests will be permitted if students miss a test within the Test window.

## St Angela's Cross Country 2021 Kindergarten to Year 6 Held on our School Grounds Friday 26th March

On Friday 26th March we will be holding our Cross Country Carnival. The children at St Angela's have been preparing well and training hard at school in preparation for the day. All parents are invited to attend our Cross Country Carnival. We ask that parents park outside the school grounds, eg. Coles or Community Centre car park. The back gate will remain open for parents from 8:30am (after morning drop off). Due to the cross country taking place within the school grounds, the front gate will be closed at 8:40am.

On the day of the Cross Country, parents are invited to watch your children at the event under a Covid Safe environment.

Parents are requested to follow these guidelines:

- all parents  $\underline{\textit{must register attendance}}$  by completing the registration Google Form that will be shared with you via email today
- please do not attend if on the day you are feeling unwell or are displaying any cold or flu like symptoms
- entry to and exit from the Cross Country for parents will be via the back gate in Orleans Way
- you will need to scan in and out using the QR codes displayed and sanitize your hands upon arrival
- please remain in the area marked for spectators and maintain 1.5m physical distancing at all times
- please avoid gathering in small groups on the school grounds

The following timetable has been set for the organisation of the races. If you have more than one child you are able to register for the various times that you wish to attend.

Race Start Time	Age Group	Distance	
8:45	U 12 Boys & Girls	3km	
9:15	U 11 Boys & Girls	3km	
9:45	U 10 Boys & Girls	2km	
10:15	U 9 Boys & Girls	2km	
Recess			
10:45	U 8 Boys & Girls	2km	
11:15	U7 Boys & Girls (Year 2)	1km	
11:45	Year 1 Boys & Girls	1km	
12:15	Kinder Boys & Girls	1km	
END of Cross Country			

### \*Please note these times are only a guide and may change on the day if need be\*

SAFETY:	It is important that children eat a good breakfast on the morning of the carnival. All children especially those running 2km and 3km, should hydrate before running.
UNIFORM:	Children are to wear their school sports shorts, school hat, school sports top or school colour house polo tops. NO other coloured tops are permitted.

### **Times for Races** (Please note these are approximate)

### We are open

Thank you to our wonderful parents who opened the canteen for the first time in 12 months. There certainly was a buzz of excitement as well as a long queue on Tuesday!



Please see as an attachment, ingredients contained in our canteen items.

### **Canteen Price List**

Cool Pak Popcorn	\$1.00
Mamee Rice Sticks - Chicken	\$1.00
Mamee Rice Sticks - Cheese	\$1.00
Pretzels	\$1.00
Juicy Isle Pop Top 250mls - Orange	\$1.50
Juicy Isle Pop Top 250mls - Apple	\$1.50
Juicy Isle Pop Top 250mls - Apple/ Blackcurrant	\$1.50
Nippy's Milk 250ml - Strawberry	\$1.80
Nippy's Milk 250ml - Chocolate	\$1.80
Icy Poles Lemonade	\$1.30
Icy Poles - Raspberry	\$1.30
Paddle Pops Chocolate	\$1.50
Paddle Pops Rainbow	\$1.50



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

<u>March</u> Mon 22nd Alfonso Costa

Tues 23rd Eliana David Anthony Mittiga Kem Young Kara Piperata Lily Cassar

Wed 24th Carlo Scida

Thurs 25th Roy Lee **Sat 27th** Reuben Saab Arabella Fameron

Sun 28th Zachary Worsman James Rimando Harrison Roberts Alexander Mearns Alexis Tadiaman Isabella Ciantar Mrs Williams



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### There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

®	NO PARKING You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	ł	Penalty from \$194 and 2 demerit points	
NO Stopping	NO STOPPING Under no cicumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.		Penalty from \$349 and 2 demerit points	
	BUS ZONE You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless yo driving a public bus.	ou are	Penalty from \$349 and 2 demerit points	
Double pa	rking	\$349 8	& 2 demerit points	
Stop on p	ath or nature strip	\$349 8	& 2 demerit points	
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing		\$464 8	& 2 demerit points	
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely		\$581 8	4 demerit points	
Illegal U t	urns	\$464 8	& 4 demerit points	
Stop acro	ss driveway	\$349 8	& 2 demerit points	
Drive using a hand held mobile phone		\$464 8	& 5 demerit points	
Parallel pa	ark close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$349 8	2 demerit points	
FINES CURRENT AS OF JULY 2020 For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.qov.au				

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### Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge, 2021 Naplan (Yrs 3&5), Kindergarten Enrolments 2022, Yr 6 - Marian Catholic College Enrolments Closing 19th March, St Patrick's Day Liturgy Hard Copy: N/A