

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 to all our students and families. A particularly special welcome to our new students and their families – Flynn Conde (1 Yellow), Harry Madden (2 Blue) and Ethan Serulas (2 Blue), and to our 2 new members of staff Miss Chelsea McEntee Year 3 Yellow teacher and Miss Anita Beer who has joined our TLC team and who will also be teaching Year 4 Yellow while Mrs Rubelj fulfills her Coordinator responsibilities and leads learning in Numeracy across the school each Wednesday.

I trust that all our students and families were able to enjoy the beautiful weather that we were blessed with throughout the holidays. Those two weeks provided us all with an opportunity to spend precious time with our families and enjoy a much needed slower pace.

Our term has kicked off with much activity - our very successful Cross Country held within the school grounds on Tuesday and our Easter Resurrection Mass on Wednesday celebrated under the Big Top. It was absolutely delightful to have so many parents back in the school - the children were as excited as the parents and teachers. We feel that this is the beginning of the "return to school as we are used to", that is, parents, students and teachers in partnership together within the school. Thank you to everyone for coming on board with our COVID safe strategies - registering, sanitising and QR code scanning when they join us at school for our activities and events throughout the term.



ANZAC DAY

On Sunday 25th April our School Captains Rhys Wilson and Stella Powell will represent St Angela's at the Castle Hill RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service being held at Bella Vista Farm, then on Tuesday next week our Year 6 students will lead the St Angela's School Community in commemorating ANZAC day with a prayer service at our morning assembly. Parents are invited to attend. The Ceremony will commence at 8:40am under the Big Top and parents who are attending can enter via the electronic gate beside the canteen **after 8:30am**.

> They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember them. We shall remember them. Lest we forget! Lest we forget!

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

Religious Education



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

SUNDAY The Good Shepherd.

Historical Context – The GOOD Shepherd?
The John gospel writer's use of the image of Jesus as the good shepherd would have been a confronting image for the initial audience. Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder – men of such

poor reputation that they could only be trusted to herd sheep; they certainly couldn't be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who had been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves – Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.

Scriptural context – The Shepherd Messiah

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel – a shepherd of the people.

Different View – The Australian Shepherd

Australian audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The Australian image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

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

Easter Mass Wednesday 21 April - Thank you to all families who attended this celebration. We are so proud of how our students were reverend and prayerful throughout the eucharist. We look forward to celebrating more liturgies with you this term.

God Bless Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator





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

<u>April</u> Mon 26th

Brendan Fadeli Andre Vancuylenberg Charlize Woodham

Tue 27th Bodhi Neeld

Wed 28th Amelia Blackwell Oliver Hewlett Mia Merhi Simone Laird **Thurs 29th** Emma Villavieja Zachary Vujnovich Mya Harvey

Fri 30th Aaron Zlomislic

May Sat 1st Owen van Egdom Joshua van Egdom

Sun 2nd Stirling Post Eva Ilijic



Celebrating Mothers

In Week 3 we very much look forward to celebrating Mothers Day by inviting all our mums to school for a very special Mothers Day Liturgy on Friday May 7 commencing at 8:45 am Please complete the google form when you receive it to register your attendance. As we need to hold this event in a COVID Safe manner we will not be holding Open Classrooms or a morning tea however we will be providing extra special entertainment under the Big Top for our mums to enjoy.

Mothers Day Stall

The traditional St Angela's Mothers Day Stall is being coordinated by our Year One Grade Parents and will be held on Wednesday 5th May. As with our Fathers Day Stall, gifts will be able to be paid for using the Qkr App. We will inform when the Mother's Day Stall will appear on Qkr.

Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping Evening Wednesday 28th April

Calling all Year 1 Parents and other parent helpers Wednesday 28th April at 7.00pm in the school hall Many hands needed!

Please contact Lauren Boumelhem via the school office stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if you are able to assist. Please bring scissors with you.

Peer Support Training

On Friday, Week 1 and Monday, Week 2, Year 6 students will participate in Peer Leaders' Training .The purpose of Peer Leaders' Training is to prepare students for their role as Peer Support Leaders and highlight the structure of the program. It also assists in developing the skills which are necessary for the effective facilitation of the program. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of year 6 to be leaders within the school community.

Upcoming Dates



TERM 1 <u>Week 1</u> Friday 23nd April

Year 6 Peer Support Training

Year 3 Excursion to Brewongle

Sunday 25th April

<u>Week 2</u> Monday 26th April

Tuesday 27th April

Friday 30th April

ANZAC Day 🛛 🧶 🧱

Year 6 Peer Support Training

8:30am ANZAC Day Prayer - Year 6 Peer Support

Mackillop Netball & Rugby League Trials

SRC Gold or fold Crazy hair/hat day for Flood Victims

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

Cross Country Thank you

A huge vote of thanks to our Parent Helpers who helped to facilitate our Cross Country event. The day ran smoothly and the encouragement and enthusiasm that our Parent extended to all the children as they ran past the Helpers checkpoints and across the finish line was outstanding. Thank you so much also to the many parents, grandparents, older siblings and ex students, aunties and uncles who came along as spectators and cheered all the students along as they competed. Many of our students achieved personal bests and showed true grit as they competed. Thank you to Mrs Mazza, Mrs Chatten and Mrs Yager for their planning and coordination of the event, Mr Laird for marking out and preparing the course and all the staff for coordinating and encouraging the children on the day. We have many students progressing to the Diocesan Cross Country and wish them good luck at this event which will be held on May 4.

<u> Please keep in your prayers</u>

Our prayers are extended to the Rule family, Oscar (5G) and due to the passing into eternal life of his Grandfather.

Congratulations to Archy Callan-Kerkennezov who has been welcomed in our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism which he received on 18th April at Our Lady of the Rosary Church .



Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Year One Parents, Cross Country and Easter Mass, Cross Country Parent Volunteers, 3 Yellow - Letter from Mrs Nettleton, Kindergarten Interviews 2022, Paper Towel **Hard Copy**: Letter to 4 Yellow



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