

# St Angela's Primary School

**Castle Hill** 



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<u>Sending Home Information and News about Education</u>

Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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

Dear Parents,

What a fabulous week of parent engagement this has been. The students and teachers have welcomed parents and grandparents back into the school to participate in Kinder and Year 2 Liturgies and tomorrow Year 4 will welcome their parents to school as they host the first of our Whole School Assemblies for 2021. We know just how important it is for both children and their parents to be able to interact within the school context. We also know how important it is for students to have the opportunity to have a "stage and an audience" to showcase their learning. Thank you for joining us on these occasions.

Thank you to the team of teachers who have been involved in trialling our Stage 2 students for selection into the upcoming Soccer Gala Day Teams - Mrs Mazza, Mr Laird, Mr Stagnitta and Mrs Wilson. These teachers have been taking the students across to Wrights Rd Reserve during their lunchtimes. It is great to see so many students putting themselves forward to trial for these teams.

Over the next two weeks our students and families are invited to complete the Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM). We value the role of parents and carers within the St Angela's school community and we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Angela's Primary School. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by clicking:

http://tellthemfromme.com/3pyqt

Wishing all our St Angela's families a restful and safe Long Weekend

Together we can achieve so much!" Leanne Nettleton PRINCIPAL

#### **Semester One Student Learning Reports**

In 2020 St Angela's moved to providing parents with Student Learning Reports electronically via the Parent Portal using Compass. On Monday 21st June 2021 student reports will be made available to parents via the Parent Portal. Parents of students in Years One - Six (other than new families in these grades) already have a username and password issued to them during 2020 that allows them access to the portal.

All families will be able to access their child's Student Learning Report by clicking on this link <a href="https://stangelaschill-nsw.compass.education/">https://stangelaschill-nsw.compass.education/</a> or by installing the COMPASS App on their device. If you are not already using this App, you can do so by downloading the COMPASS App from the App store (see instructions below). The office will email all new families to St Angela's in 2021, a personal username and password that can be used to access the Parent Portal. If you have misplaced your login details simply search your emails using the link above to find these.



### INSTALLING COMPASS App Parent Portal

#### Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based application that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by downloading the App called 'Compass School Manager' available through Apple Store or Google Play store for Android users.

#### **Access Details**

The first time you login you will be required to change your temporary password. This login will allow you access for all the children in your family.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further assistance 9407 6400.



#### For iPhone and iPad users

Click on the "Download on the App Store" button above, or go to the Apple App Store, search for "Compass School Manager" and download the free Compass app. Search St Angela's Primary School and you're ready to go!



#### **For Google Android Users**

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# **Religious Education**

#### **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

13

Gospel Mk 4:26-34

Parable of the mustard seed.

**Gospel Reflection** 

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting.

The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

#### Gospel Focus - The Kingdom of God

The references to the kingdom of God in the gospels always carry a paradox. It exists in the present, yet is something to be achieved in the future. It is here, but not yet. If we live 'as if' we are living in the kingdom here and now then we hasten its coming. The kingdom of God is not a place but a way in which the world operates. It is a kingdom that is ruled by justice and gives precedence to those who are regarded as nothing in the world. It is a kingdom of promise and hope that inspires and calls all people to more than they currently are.

#### Scriptural context - Kingdom Parables

Jesus sought to describe the kingdom of God by comparison and analogy – 'The kingdom of God is like ...'; 'To what can we compare the kingdom of God?' He never gave a lecture about the kingdom, rather, he painted a picture in terms that were readily recognised by his audience but forced them to think differently about the image he used. It forced them to think about themselves and their world in a different way. Kingdom parables begin innocently enough with a familiar image but very quickly shift to a challenge about the way we normally perceive things. The kingdom is often portrayed as a contradiction.

#### Living the Gospel - Seed on the land

The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

- Q. What comparison is being made between the kingdom of God and the seed growing night and day?
- Q. What is a literal interpretation of the parable of the mustard seed?

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

**OLOR Parish - School Mass** The next online live streamed mass will be on Friday 11 June with our Year 5 students attending. This will be through the parish Facebook page: <a href="https://m.facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville">https://m.facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville</a>. All families are invited to join.

**OLOR** <u>Parish Bulletin:</u> Fr Alejandro invites everyone to keep up to date with the latest news from the parish as we stay connected to our wider Christian community.

**St Angela's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:** Thank you to Miss Claxton, Mrs Newbury, Miss McEntee and Mrs Murray and our Year 3 students for leading our school in prayer for this celebration on Monday 7th June. Once again, we congratulate all our students who received their first communion this term.

God Bless Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

### **Children's Work Books Coming Home**

Today the children will be bringing home their English books to share with you. Please take the time to look through, discuss and enjoy the learning your child has undertaken. Please remember that not all learning undertaken in Key Learning Areas is recorded in workbooks. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.



# Baby Boy

Congratulations to the Zullo family on the arrival of Romeo Zullo, a brother for Xavier (14)

Welcome to St Angela's School
Community



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

#### <u>June</u>

**Mon 14th** Kyla Hogan Mr Lee

Tues 15th Ava De Silva

Thurs 17th Massimo Muscardo Fri 18th Max Vallejo

Sun 20th Ray Khodeir Liam Kennedy Jack Cashman Zara Fernandez

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

These interviews will be held in Week 10 (Tuesday 23rd June and Wednesday 24th June) to supplement and further explain, elaborate on and support the Student Learning Reports. Please use information emailed to you to visit the School Interview website and book an interview timeslot with your child's teacher.

## PLEASE ENSURE YOUR THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A WATER BOTTLE AT SCHOOL EACH DAY

Parents are requested to ensure that your child has a water bottle EVERY DAY.

We have a number of students attending the school office each day requesting cups of water.

It is important that students bring their own water bottle to school each day. Our Water Filling taps throughout the school enable the children to refill their bottles throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support.



## **Upcoming Dates**



#### TERM 2 Week 8

**Thursday 10th June** 2:20pm Kindergarten Liturgy

Friday 11th June 8:30am Feast of the Sacred Heart of

Jesus Prayer Assembly - 1 Green

9 - 10:30am Y4 Sponsored Walkathon

Event on Oval

9:30am OLOR Parish Online Mass -

Year 5 attending

Whole School Assembly- Year 4

Week 9

Monday 14th June Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th June Peer Support

Maths Olympiad and Maths Games 3

Wednesday 16th June 8:30 - 10:30 am Year 6 Visual Arts

**Thursday 17th June** 8:30-9:30 am Year 6 Visual Arts

12 pm Year 4 Holy Spirit prayer experience with Year 6

12 pm Year 1 Liturgy & Lunch with

Parents

Friday 18th June 9:30 am OLOR Parish Online Mass -

Year 6 attending

9:30am Year 6 Debating

Thursday 24th June Gold or Fold Crazy Sock/Beanie Day

## **Peer Support**

#### Session 8 Take the Lead

The final session summarises skills learnt in previous sessions. Students will be able to identify personal and whole of school goals to address bullying and build their own resilience.

#### Please LABEL your child's belongings!



Please ensure that every item of your child's clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles have a CLEARLY MARKED NAMED LABEL. It is easy to return items that are clearly marked with a child's name.

### COVID 19

Schools continue to be on alert for the signs of COVID. Please see the NSW Health Guidelines below for students returning to school after an illness( NB these guidelines have not changed):

- Students must not attend school if they are unwell. This includes even minor flu symptoms
- Should a student be absent due to a sore throat or flu like symptoms they must return a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before returning to school
- Schools must sight the negative COVID -19 test prior to allowing students to return to school
- If you do not wish your child to undertake a COVID -19 test or provide the school with a negative test result, the guidelines are that the student is to be excluded from school for a 10-day period. Additionally the student must be symptom free for at least 3 days before returning to school
- If your child has complex health please have your child assessed by your medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not
  required, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also
  indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in ensuring the safety of all students and staff at St Angela's.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Some Interesting PRC Statistics for 2021 so far.......

169 students have completed the challenge so far and they have read 5872 books in total.

Class in the lead is 4B (23 students have completed the challenge)

Remember we have a goal of 100% participation in the PRC! Keep reading everyone.

	Week 7 2020	Week 7 2021	Week 8 2020	Week 8 2021
Number of students who have complet- ed challenge	90	150	119	169
Total Number of books read	3447	5374	4350	5872

Congratulations to the following students who are new to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge:
Leo Gordon KB, Lawrence White KY, Oliver Masik 1G, Archy Callan-Kerkenezov 1B, Jayden Thomas 1B, Ariana White 1B, Isabelle
Kastoun 1Y, Lucas Tassone 1Y, Sarah D'Cruz 2B, Oliver Dinsdale 2B, Joshua Raad 2Y, Ivy Kastoun 2G, Maddison File 4Y, Zavier
Stornelli 4B, Ivy Tole 4B, Zac Vellejo 4B, Isabelle Sultana 6G, Zoe Crowley 6B, Sophie Wallace 6B





**Congratulations** to Dayna Mills in 3G who was first to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge and to this week's winner of the draw Arabella Gordon in KY.

#### **FUNDRAISING WITH ENTERTAINMENT**



Memberships are now available online at <a href="Entertainment Book"><u>Entertainment Book</u></a>
20% of every membership sold goes directly to our school fundraising. For a short time, a free upgrade from a Single City Membership to a Multi City membership is available. That's a \$50 saving and access to thousands more offers. All orders are online.



# 24th June SRC Gold or Fold Crazy Sock/Beanie Day

The SRC will be holding a Gold or Fold mufti day to raise money for Catholic Care an organisation that provides support services for families throughout Sydney who are in need.

#### Sent Home This Week:

**Emailed:** Yrs 2-6 St Angela's Athletics carnival, Kindergarten Liturgy Registration, Tell Them From Me, Mobile Phones at School, RE Syllabus Name, Year 1 History Unit "The Past and Present", Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day permission Form REMINDER, Letter from Greg Whitby regarding TTFM Survey, ACARA Data Collection Notice

Hard Copy: N/A