

St Angela's Primary School



<u>Sending Home Information and News about Education</u> Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 64

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

Dear Parents,

A quality that has shone out through these weeks of Remote Learning has been kindness. It is amazing that in a time of unprecedented stress for society, acts of kindness have been abundant. Being kind is good for us and instead of adding to our stress, kindness actually helps reduce stress levels. For instance, being kind to someone in need helps us put life into perspective. By helping us practice gratitude for all that we have, being kind to others who are struggling can help us see that life's small adversities don't matter so much. Being kind helps us to foster closer relationships and gives us a chance to show someone that they mean something to us - even if they are a stranger, we're saying: your life matters.

How better for our children to learn about kindness than by witnessing the most important people in their lives model kindness. Opportunities for modelling kindness for our children happen all the time. We just have to look for them! Writing an email of appreciation to a colleague or giving a smile of recognition to a child for a job well done. Spending so much time in and around our homes during lockdown provides us with the opportunity to guide our children in ways in which they can be kind. I wonder what ideas the children will come up with.



Tomorrow we will again invite the children, parents and staff to participate in **Feel Good Friday afternoon**. From 12:30 the children are able to log off and put their devices away for the week knowing that they have done some great learning throughout the week. **The challenge is for them to do something for the afternoon that makes them feel good inside.**

Next week we celebrate both Book Week and Family week. The Learning Schedules that you receive on Sunday evening will include activities for both of these themes.



Together we can achieve so much!" Leanne Nettleton PRINCIPAL

<u>Week 7 Attendance Register</u>

To assist the school with arrangements for Week 7 please complete this form, <u>Week 7 Attendance</u> (Monday 23rd Aug to Friday 27th Aug) **ONLY** if you need your child to be at school. The form **closes at 5:00pm Friday** - please ensure that you have completed it by then.

Learning Schedules

The staff is truly appreciative of the positive feedback received from parents and students about the Learning Schedules. Week 7 Learning Schedules will be shared with families at 4:00pm on Sunday 22nd August on Seesaw (K-2) or Google classroom (Years 3- 6). Throughout the week if a teacher needs to be offline and unable to provide feedback they will communicate a message to parents via the Google Classroom or Seesaw platforms. These occasions will not interrupt the students ability to continue working on their schedules, they will just mean that for a short period of time the teacher will not be available to provide feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact the school via email if you need support.

Contact from Class teachers

To ensure that you remain connected to your child's teacher and your child's participation in remote learning, class teachers will be calling parents. If you see a call displaying "No Caller Id" this could be your child's teacher and we would appreciate you taking the call.

<u>Attendance</u>

It is a mandatory requirement that teachers record daily attendance of students. During Remote Learning, teachers are monitoring the students engagement with their Learning Schedules and their work submission on Seesaw and Google Classroom so that they can validate students' attendance. If your child is sick or unable to complete class work on a particular day, please inform the class teacher so that their attendance can be correctly recorded as an absence. If the teachers notice that your child has not engaged in the learning they will be in touch to inquire as to the reason for this and to offer support if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wellbeing Support

Our School Counsellor Karina Greenfield is sharing wellbeing resources for parents and children to access on the Wellbeing Google Classroom. <u>Click Here</u> to access.

If your family or child requires additional wellbeing support please reach out to your child's classroom teacher who can connect you with Karina.



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Religious Education



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Many disciples desert Jesus.

Living the Gospel – Message and Medium

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium - the person - IS the message (or at least should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

Q. How do you think Jesus felt when his audience rejected what he'd been saying?

Q. What did Jesus mean when he said, 'The words I have Religious Education Coordinator spoken to you are spirit and they are life'? Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

St Maximilian Kolbe Feast Day was on the 14th of August. Classes will have a liturgy via zoom on Monday, further information will be shared by your teachers.



On behalf of all the teachers and students in Years 2 and 3, we would like to say a huge thanks to Fr Alejandro for meeting with their classes via zoom to talk about the story of the Unforgiving Servant with Year 2 and Human Flourishing with Year 3. We appreciate all your support in our Religion lessons.

OLOR Live Stream Sunday Mass - Fr Alejandro invites everyone to attend this mass at 11 am via OLOR Facebook page. Here is the link to the Parish Bulletin to keep up to date with the latest news from the parish.



God Bless Jocelyn Williams



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin virtually on 7 September at OLOR Parish. This process is for unbaptized adults, helping them discover what it means to be Catholic. The first period is called "Inquiry" and is for answering questions. RCIA also prepares adults baptized in other Christian denominations or those baptized Catholic who seek to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (that is: Confirmation or First Communion). If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who is, please send contact details to admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au

Some COVID Reminders

- Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any student with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurring symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested immediately and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Locations of testing clinics are available here.
- Please continue to monitor the NSW government COVID-19 News and updates webpage for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate.

Thank you for wearing a face mask inside.



2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to this week's seven winners. Quickly finish the challenge to get your name in the barrel for next week's draw! On Friday, there will be seven winners drawn again, one from each grade. These winners will be published in next week's newsletter.

Good luck!

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

	Term 3 Week 5 2020	Term 3 Week 5 2021	Term 3 Week 6 2020	Term 3 Week 6 2021
Number of students who have completed challenge	N/A	289	N/A	303
Total Number of books read	N/A	8243	N/A	8417

Congratulations to the following students who are new to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Isabelle Judd 1B, Danai Muregerera 1B, Eliana David 1G, Georgia Hoare 1G, Lachlan Lashlie 1Y, Piero Colosimo 3B, Tanya Muregerera 3B, Zarah Ciccia 4G, Levi Fisher 4G, Charlotte Lashlie 4G, Madeline Pace 4G, Jai Powell 4G, Myah Ciccia 5B, Stella Powell 6Y

PRC WINNERS

WEEK 6

Maddison Cooray KG

Olivia Gale Abesamis 1G

Arianna Vallejo 2Y

Saoirse McGowan 3Y

Jai Powell 4G

Elly Gohil-Bozic 5Y

Keeran Mazuwancheri-Perera GY

Percentage of students who have Grade complete the callenge 51% Κ 62% 1 48% 2 3 56% 74% 4 29% 5 31% 6



To support all students, the following adjustments have been applied to the Challenge in 2021.

Which grade will win the movie and popcorn party?

Link to PRC - <u>Premier's Reading Challenge</u>





Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week;

August

Mon 23rd Madeline Dafter Antonia Khoudair Mrs Bateman

Tues 24th Angelique Bonasin Alexander Brueggar Fri 27th Mr Aiden Geirhos

Sat 28th Isaac Gunasekera Xavier Zullo

Sun 29th Andrea Mateo James Neo

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Whole School; Homeschooling

Push Notifications through Compass:

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<u>Whole School</u>; Bishop Vincent's Pastoral Letter on Covid Vaccination, Letter from Mrs Nettleton– Updated COVID Restrictions, Mass Link for the Feast of Assumption, August 18 Covid Update

Dear Parents

On Monday 16 August you should have received an email or SMS (for those parents without email) from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) asking you to review and, where necessary, update the key information they hold about your children currently enrolled in CEDP schools.

The purpose of this review is to ensure that CEDP has the right details to correctly identify and support students, including contacting families in an emergency or to share important updates.

Steps have been taken to ensure this process is as secure as possible to protect your information and your family's privacy. Your information is only accessed by authorised staff when it is necessary and in accordance with our <u>Privacy</u> <u>Policy</u>.

The process is **open until Friday 3 September** and I encourage you to complete the review/update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's correct details are on file. This is particularly important as Greater Sydney remains in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This <u>short "how to" video</u> may assist you with completing the process (use the closed caption icon to turn on subtitles). Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Only one person per family needs to complete the survey and it takes about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or to seek help, please contact the CEDP Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.



Keeping active and healthy is important for our physical and mental wellbeing, particularly at this time when we are required to stay at home. To support the health and wellbeing of staff and families, Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) has developed a toolkit of **"Healthy@Home"** social media tiles and messages.

The Healthy@Home tiles - which you can download here - provide families with practical tips and resources for:

- being active
- eating well
- staying connected
- supporting mental wellbeing.

There are a range of tiles you can choose to download including some which have been translated into other languages. We hope the practical tips and information are helpful for your families at this time.

The information is housed on the WSLHD <u>Covid 19 Community Resources for Western Sydney</u> web page, where you'll find a lot of local COVID-19 related information (linked to NSW Govt sites).

Please contact <u>WSLHD-MunchAndMove@health.nsw.gov.au</u> if you have any questions about the toolkit.

The Creative Escape Challenge

St Angela's students are invited to join in CAPTIVATE's Creative Escape Challenge! The challenge is open to all Primary Students in the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP). Each Week a Creative Arts challenge will be posted on CEDP Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/ Children can participate in the challenge by taking a photo of their artwork and completing the competition form. The top 10 artworks each week will be posted to CEDP social media!





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