



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 1

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4. I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and some of the freedoms that were introduced to allow children to have friendship bubbles and adults to meet in small groups in parks and the outdoors. The teachers have been enjoying sharing in the children's' recounts of their holidays. With today's pared back updated roadmap for children returning to school it would appear that we will be all back to school together before we know it and I know just how much teachers and parents are looking forward to our students returning to school. In the government's updated roadmap, the emphasis is a staggered return to face to face teaching: -

Mon 18th October 2021 Kindergarten and Year 1
(Remote Learning continues for Yrs 2,3,4,5,6)

Mon 25th October 2021 Year 3,4, 5 and Year 6
All students back at school

Staff are already wearing masks onsite.

For those families who have siblings in Years 2 - 6, I know that it may be difficult to keep some of your children at home and send your Kinder and Year 1 children to school - especially when they see their siblings returning to school. I would however ask for your cooperation in adhering to the allocated return dates for each of your children so that we can introduce the students to the changed operations that will need to be implemented for all students and staff once we are all back together from the 25th October. The staggered return offers staff the opportunity to personalise the re-entry to school especially for our youngest students. This is particularly important after such a long period away from school for the children. I am sure that having the staggered return over just 2 weeks now will be more manageable for families and will allow you to feel that there is "light at the end of the tunnel".

This week and next week we will be finalising our preparation of the school with the resources that are needed to ensure the safety of your children when they return at their scheduled time. This involves modifying the daily routines at school, including the usual supervision duties that staff provide before, after and during the school day, planning for teaching both face to face learning and at home learning for those students who will not return yet to school, adapting learning and well-being programmes for grade groups and implementing COVID safe practices throughout the day.

I would like to especially thank all the staff - they have been constantly managing changing government guidelines which occur at the last minute, without any warning (even during their holiday period) and at the same time are carrying out Remote Learning during Week One and Week Two. While the pressure for them has been significant, I am so proud of the professional manner in which they have continued to put their own worries and concerns aside to plan and implement remote learning, keep the day to day management of the school operating, as well as remain in touch pastorally with the students and families.

As you know it is important that when your children return to school, they not only feel safe but are as safe as possible. This will mean that we will need to reintroduce and introduce some changes to the way we normally do things. Some of these have

already been outlined to you in the email that you received before school recommenced for Term 4. Due to the ever changing guidelines we will outline our most up to date COVID Safe plan for you in a communication to parents next week.

To assist us with our planning for the staggered return to school we would like all parents to complete the [Return to School Survey](#) by **Monday 11th October 2021**. This survey will provide you with the opportunity to indicate your intentions for your child regarding Return to Face to Face teaching and also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions about the return to school arrangements. Once these questions are collated, we will provide you with the most current, relevant information. Government guidelines and protocols are changing at a rapid pace

As you are preparing your children for their return to school, I know that some of you will notice that they may be experiencing a mixture of emotions or uncertainty about coming back to school. These emotions may not present between now and when it is their turn to return to school, they may appear after a couple of days or weeks at school. The teachers will be monitoring your children closely to ensure that they are coping with the change in their routine. Meanwhile you might find it helpful to revisit a resource shared with you by our school counsellor Mrs Karina Greenfield **Reconnect and Re engage -Tips for parents to support their child's return to onsite schooling following the Covid-19 Pandemic**. This resource is attached to the newsletter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for support or if you are concerned about your child.

Planning Day on Wednesday 13th of October

The classroom teachers, support teachers and specialist staff will have a planning day to meet and plan for End of Year reporting and the earlier return of students to school than expected. Lessons will be provided in the learning schedule, however, teachers will not be available for Zooms, feedback or correspondence on this day.

Together we can achieve so much
Leanne Nettleton
Principal

Week 2 Attendance Register

To assist the school with arrangements for Week 2 please complete this form, [Term 4 Week 2 Attendance](#) (Monday 11th Oct to Friday 15th Oct) **ONLY** if you need your child to be at school. The form **closes at 3:00pm Friday** - please ensure that you have completed it by then.

Learning Schedules

Week 2 Learning Schedules will be shared with families on Sunday afternoon, 10th October via 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.





Religious Education

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TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Gospel

Mk 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus what he has to do to enter the kingdom.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him' – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man's life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

Special Feast Days

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

4th October - Thank you for celebrating this with us via the link shared on Tuesday. A huge thanks to Fr Alejandro and the friars especially Fr David who presided the mass.



Our Lady of Our Rosary

7th October - We are celebrating this as a school on Wednesday 13th October at 8:45am. A link will be shared with you by your class teachers.



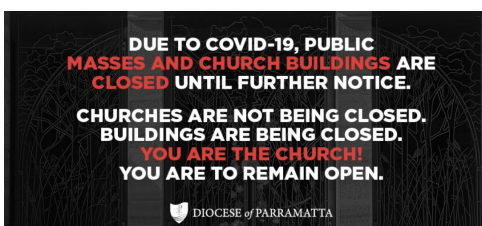
October as the Month of the Rosary



The month of October is a powerful time to draw close to Our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary. She loves it when we draw near to her in trust. Praying the Rosary is similar to small children reaching up to hold the hand of their mother in complete trust. During her lifetime, Mother Teresa always carried a rosary in her hand. In this way, she said, she was holding Mary's hand. Saint Louis de Montfort said, "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus." May she draw us ever nearer to her Immaculate Heart and to that of her beloved Son.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Victory – Pray for us!

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.



Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator

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.



HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE
For the latest information about COVID-19 visit [nsw.gov.au](#)





Compass is our primary communication tool that will facilitate effective communication between home and school. Families have all received their login details for Compass. It is most important to keep your username and password secure. If you are having difficulty with your username and password, please contact Mrs Lisa Martin in the office who will be able to support you.

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.

Wellbeing Support

Our School Counsellor Karina Greenfield is sharing wellbeing resources for parents and children.

We encourage you to check out wellbeing resources for parents and children on the St Angela's Wellbeing Google Classroom which is updated weekly.

[Click Here](#) 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.



Power of Voice Liturgy

During Term 3, the Year 5 students all wrote a speech using their powerful voices to raise awareness about an issue or topic that they are passionate about.

A representative from each class was chosen to speak at our recorded Power of Voice liturgy. These children are:

- Oscar Rule - 5 Green
- Keira Crowe - 5 Blue
- Hannah Lambert - 5Y

This liturgy will be shared with you next week. You are invited to watch it together with your family to celebrate our powerful voices. The link will be in your child's learning schedule next week.

Year 5 teachers

SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 school fee accounts will be issued by CEDP from 13th October to those families that have an outstanding balance for 2021.

All accounts have been adjusted for Term 3 and Term 4 to reflect that incursions/excursions were cancelled due to lockdown restrictions. Families now in credit as a result of these adjustments and who have a continuing student at St Angela's for 2022 will have their credit applied to next year's fees. For students moving to another school within the Diocese, we will assist with moving your credit balance to your new account.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Liz Burke or Kylie Ross on 9407 6400.



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

October

Mon 11th

Gabriel Edouard
Zachary Lane
Miss McEntee

Tues 12th

Taylor Brett
Zac Holeva
Mason Stopps

Wed 13th

Shuxin Wang

Thurs 14th

Lily Mogan
Seth Petersen
Mrs Kiaian

Fri 15th

John Alexander Dabit
Oliver Dinsdale
Romik Gulumian
Scarlett Sosa
William Taylor
Domenic Trimboli

Sat 16th

Jack Hewlett
Mrs Szady

Sun 17th

Madeline Pace



Please keep in your prayers



*Our prayers are extended to the Tole family,
Ivy (4B),
due to the passing into eternal life of her
Grandfather.*



Baby Girl

*Congratulations to the Dabit family
on the arrival of Eliana Grace, a sister for
John Alexander (KY) and Rita (3B).*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community



Baby Boy

*Congratulations to the Abu Duhou
family on the arrival of Matthew, a brother
for Emmanuel (1B) and Samaan (3G)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed:

Whole School; N/A

Push Notifications through Compass:

Whole School; Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi