



# St Angela's Primary School

## Castle Hill

# SHINE

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

Dear Parents,

Excitement has been in the air all week as our youngest members came back together to learn and have fun - congratulations to our Kinder and Year One students, teachers and parents - you have done a great job transitioning back to school this week. It has been absolutely wonderful reconnecting with the students and at the same time witnessing how resilient they have been after such a turbulent and challenging four months.

On Monday 25th October, we look forward to welcoming back our students in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 and celebrating that we are all back together again. Monday 25th October is recognised as the return to face to face learning for all students, therefore remote learning has ceased except for those students who have a medical reason or extenuating circumstances related to their own health or that of a family member.

When all grades are at school on Monday, as the children arrive they will put their bags at their classrooms and then move to their allocated play area where they will be met by the class teachers when the bell goes for the start of the school day. Team Kindergarten and Team Year One managed this procedure very well throughout this week:-

Kindergarten	Outside canteen
Year 1	Big Top
Year 2	Bottom oval
Year 3	Top oval
Year 4	Netball courts
Year 5	Big Blue
Year 6	Outside Year 6 classrooms

Please refer to the [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#) for answers to your questions regarding our COVID Safe plan for the return to school of our students. Topics such as mask wearing, recess and lunch arrangements and before and after school procedures are covered.

Parents are requested to continue communicating with the school via email or phone call rather than calling into the office - unless absolutely necessary. All visitors and parents MUST QR Code Scan in, show the check in to the administration staff on entry to the office and wear a mask if at all within the school grounds.

With our complex after school procedures, parents are urged to avoid changing children's going home arrangements during the day unless absolutely necessary. Any communications about changed arrangements must be received by the office before 1:30pm on the day.

We thank all parents for their patience next week especially when you collect your children in the afternoon. Please follow the usual procedures and most importantly the physical distancing requirement if you are meeting your children at the front or back gate or across the road near the park. As soon as you

collect your child please move off. The children will exit the

school grounds grade by grade starting with Kindergarten so it will take longer than you are used to waiting. I know that with lots of cooperation we will manage the safe movement of all the students from the school each afternoon. Thank you as always for your support and patience.

The staff look forward to the next eight weeks of being back together with the children!

*Together we can achieve so much*

*Leanne Nettleton*

*Principal*

### Important Attendance Information

Based on the NSW Government's guidelines for students to return to school, all students are expected to return to face-to-face learning from the date indicated for their year group, unless:

- they have a medical certificate which says they can't return to school due to a condition or illness;
- they are currently unwell;
- they have been asked by NSW Health to self isolate; or
- they have been asked not to physically attend school.

Students who do not return to school and who do not fit into the above guidelines will not be able to access remote learning and will be marked as absent.

### Keeping our St Angela's community well and safe

At St Angela's we have members of our school community with compromised immune systems. This means that these individuals are more susceptible to infections and illness than others. It is therefore extremely important that students do not attend school if they are unwell and that the school is informed if any child contracts Chicken Pox, Measles, or flu so that we can keep everyone and most particularly these individuals healthy and safe. With the current pandemic it is extremely important that no child or staff member attends school feeling unwell.

Should a child become unwell with cold and flu symptoms, you will be asked to collect your child from school.

Thank you for your understanding.

### School Devices borrowed for Remote Learning

We are glad that many students were able to borrow school devices to assist with online learning. Years 2 - 6 parents are advised that the devices AND chargers must be returned to the school when your child returns on 25th October 2021. Devices and chargers will be marked back into school by the class teacher so there is no need for parents to come into school. Please ensure that you pack the device safely to avoid any damage.



# Religious Education



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B, Sunday 24th October 2021



### Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

**Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.**

#### Scriptural context – Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

#### Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

**News from Our Lady of Our Rosary parish:** Fr Alejandro is happy to announce that as of Monday, 18 October, they have resumed their normal Mass schedule. (For the time being, the offices remain closed). Please come ready with 'smart devices' to sign in using QR Codes. Also note that we are still limited for the time being to the 4 square meter rule and have a maximum capacity of 100 congregants. Here is the link to the [Parish Bulletin](#) to keep up to date with the latest news.

**Jocelyn Williams**

Religious Education Coordinator



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

#### October

##### Tue 26th

Courtney Azzopardi  
Tiana Azzopardi

##### Thurs 28th

Jordan Pupo

##### Fri 29th

Evan Harvey  
Sienna Reilly  
Ava Russo  
Sophie Wallace

##### Sat 30th

Tabitha Lee

##### Sun 31st

Mary Raad



### Birthday Treats

We kindly ask that you refrain from sending any birthday treats in at this early stage. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home



### Please keep in your prayers



Our prayers are extended to the Taylor family,  
Edward (2B),  
due to the passing into eternal life of his  
Grandfather.

#### Sent Home This Week:

##### Emailed from Compass Portal:

Kindergarten 2022: St Angela's Kindergarten 2022

##### Push Notifications through Compass:

Whole School: Staggered Start to School

Kindergarten, Year 1: Welcome Back to School On Monday to Kinder and Year 1, Congratulations Team Kinder and Team Year 1—Email from Mrs Nettleton, Correction: Kindergarten Uniforms, Day Two of Return to School for Kinder and Year One

### 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.

Wear a face mask.  
It's a condition  
of entry.



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