



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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

Dear Parents,

Giving thanks and expressing gratitude is one of the oldest concepts in society. Parents and teachers alike invest much time into developing a sense of gratitude in young children because gratitude reminds us of how special, beautiful, and blessed our lives are even when we are faced with challenging, stressful, and overwhelming situations. The concept of gratitude is especially important in the midst of a pandemic like COVID-19 when the world around us can be unpredictable and sometimes even dangerous. It has been so challenging for children to maintain an attitude of gratitude when they feel that they have been missing out on so much. In these weeks as we have been returning the children to school, the teachers have been helping the students to recognise everything that they can be grateful for - family, health, friends and time.

This week our Year 5 students have provided our school community with a focus for gratitude as they have educated us all about refugees and the ways in which we can support them. Year 5 and their teachers are to be congratulated on the way in which they have adapted this mission unit of work to suit the requirements of a COVID safe approach. Each grade throughout the school has been provided with a digital resource to both educate them about the Jesuit Refugee Society (JRS) and motivate them to contribute to the JRS cause. Well done Year 5 we are very proud of your efforts and thank you to all our St Angela's students and families who have donated cash and food items to the JRS collection.

*Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee
and had no place to call his own,
look with mercy on those who today
are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.*

*Bless those who work to bring them relief.
Inspire generosity and compassion in the hearts of all of us.
Guide us and every nation of the world
towards that day*

*when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
Through Jesus Christ, our Brother and our Lord Amen.*

Together we can achieve so much
Leanne Nettleton
Principal

Mathematical Assessment Interviews

In 2022 we have been granted permission to commence the year with an additional Pupil Free day on Monday 31st January so that teachers can administer the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) to our students. This means that school will resume for Year 1 - 6 on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and on Thursday 3rd February for Kindergarten.

Student Leavers

As we prepare for 2022 families are required to inform the school in writing if their children will not be continuing at St Angela's in 2022. This communication should also indicate the destination school for the child and contact should be made with the school office regarding your school fees.

Last Day of School for Students Term 4 :
Wednesday Dec 15
Last Day of School for staff Term 4 :
Thursday 16th Dec



Important Dates 2022

Friday 28th Jan
Monday 31st Jan
Tuesday 1st Feb

Wednesday 2nd Feb
Thursday 3rd Feb

Staff Return and MAIs
MAI's & Kindy Assessments
Years 1-6 Commence
Kindy Assessments
Kindy Assessments
Kindergarten Commence

School Fees Just a reminder that School fee accounts are due on 18th November. Payment as soon as possible is appreciated. Please contact Liz Burke at the school office if you require fee related information.

Updated Family Contact Details and Going Home Arrangements

It is important that families keep the school informed about **Family Contact details and Going Home Arrangements** for their children. Please send an email to the office to change any of these details.

For going home arrangements - if you need to change these unexpectedly on the day please ensure that you do this **before 1:30pm** so that we are able to get the message to the classrooms. If your child attends COSHC please inform both COSHC and the school if your child's going home arrangements have changed. COSHC and school staff work very closely to ensure the safety of children moving to COSHC in the afternoon and it is important that both have the most up to date information about your child's going home arrangements.



Religious Education



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B,
Sunday 14th November 2021**

Gospel

Mk 13:24-32

Watch for the signs of the coming of the kingdom.

Living the Gospel – People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

Q. What is the message for us when Jesus says no one will know the time of the coming of the Son of Man?

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

Remembrance Day Virtual Liturgy - Today we gathered as a school and commemorated Remembrance Day through a virtual prayer assembly. Thank you to our Year 6 students and teachers for leading our school virtual liturgy today.

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Priest School Visits: Our students and teachers in Years 2 and 3 wish to thank Fr Alejandro and Fr Leonides for their visit yesterday and supporting their Religion lessons.

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator

COSHC Vacation Care – Summer 2022

Our Vacation Care program will be running from Monday the 10th – Friday 28th of January 2022. Our program will be available from Monday 15th November 2021 for registration and booking.

We can accept any children who are enrolled for school in 2022, following a completed enrolment with COSHC.

If you would like any information, please contact the COSCH team!

Email: stacastle@cdpsl.org.au / Phone: 0408 499 219.



Competitor Swimming Carnival (Student Only)

The Competitors Swimming Carnival (Student Only) has been scheduled for Monday 29th November 2021 to enable students who wish to trial to compete at the Hills District Zone Swimming Carnival in March 2022. This is for students in Years 2-5. Students who turn 8 in 2022 from Year 1 who are able to competently swim 50m Freestyle and do so within the time criteria of 1 minute 20 seconds, can compete in the carnival. Competitors will need to be transported by their parents to and from Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Spectators will not be able to attend the carnival. This carnival needs to comply with COVID guidelines established by the NSW Department of Education and CEDP and can only be conducted with staff and fully vaccinated essential helpers in attendance.

An email and google form was sent home on Friday 5th November for families to complete. Parents are requested to complete the google form by Friday 12th November 2021. Please contact Mrs Jenny Chatten if you have any questions about the Carnival.

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.



Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 05/11/2021)

Academic Excellence

St Angela's Award

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| Tyler D'Morias KB | Leo Gordon KB |
| Leo Slabak KG | Milla Netrayana KG |
| Adriano Coco KY | Olivia Henderson KY |
| Emma Houghton Boreham 1B | Audrey Unutmaz 1B |
| Gabriel Edouard 1G | Jaxon Hogan 1G |
| Madeline Bonasin 1Y | Oliver raad 1Y |
| Edward Taylor 2B | Oliver Dinsdale 2B |
| Mila Abeyaratne 2G | Eva Ilijic 2G |
| Arabella Fameron 2Y | Maisie Brown 2Y |
| Mary Raad 3B | James Morr 3B |
| Makaela Daniel 3G | Isabella Logarta-Scott 3G |
| Anthony Mittiga 3Y | William Lakeman 3Y |
| Ivie Javidi 4B | Sienna Stuart 4B |
| Finn Wheatley 4G | Jai Powell 4G |
| Maddison File 4Y | Seth Petersen 4Y |
| Euan Adjii 5B | Zoe Davie 5B |
| Amelia Rowlandson 5G | Hamish Geoghegan 5G |
| Zara Fernandez 5Y | Lucas Trimboli 5Y |
| Cruz Bercich 6B | Aiden Siney 6B |
| Macey Holmes 6G | Sebastian Edouard 6G |
| Lyla Reyes 6Y | Chelsea Mowbray 6Y |



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

November

Mon 15th

Tyler Petersen
Mrs Nettleton

Thurs 18th

Oliver Raad
Jagger Woodham

Tues 16th

Zhiyao Chen
Oliver Como
Isabella Khodeir
Tanyaradzwa Muregerera
Leo Slabak

Fri 19th

Vanessa Boumelhem
James Dinsdale

Wed 17th

Giada Genio
Sophie Pickles
Alexa Yammine
Mrs Northwood



St Angela's 2022 Kindergarten Orientation

1:15pm - 2:15pm

Thursday 25th November

Students with the surname A-J

Thursday 2nd December

Students with the surname K-Z

Please send your child with a drink bottle clearly labelled with their name.

COVID SAFE

DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

Hills Community Aid has a range of face to face and online activities and workshops for children & families, youth and adults including:

- Gingerbread House Workshops - Kahoot Family Christmas Trivia - Christmas Wreath Making - Creative Family Craft - Watercolour Card Making - Paint a Christmas Plate - Gingerbread Train Workshop - Let's Draw Online & more!

Registrations essential: <https://www.hca.org.au/whatson-old>
Enquiries call 96398620

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed from Compass Portal:

Kindergarten 2022: Updates on the Kinder 2022 website

Push Notifications through Compass:

Years 1-6: 2021 St Angela's Competitors Only Swimming Carnival, Swimming Carnival Competitors Only

Whole School: Letter to Families from Executive Director regarding Student Vaccinations

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.



HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE

