



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Sending Home Information and News about Education
Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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Term 1, Week 3

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

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday we celebrated our Opening School Mass with Fr Alejandro. It really was a special occasion being able to come together as a school, pray together and ask for God's blessings over our school year. Along with all the staff and Mrs Yager I was so proud of the children and especially our new students in Kindergarten and our new school leaders who were installed into their leadership positions at this mass. Fr Alejandro's homily reminded the staff and students that we cannot do anything alone, that we need each other and that together and with God's help we can achieve so much for each other and our world. This was not only a great message for us as we begin the school year but a powerful message for today's world in the time of COVID! Appreciation to Father Alejandro for celebrating mass, Mrs Williams, our Religious Education Coordinator, for her dedication in coordinating our celebration and to the staff for their efforts in making the mass so special.

On Wednesday it was a treat to welcome our St Angela's parents back into the school for Parent Teacher Interviews. We have missed having you all in the school over the last 12 months so it was a particularly special day and to see parents walking in through the front of the school and up to the various classrooms and library was a truly wonderful sight. The meetings were a fabulous opportunity for parents and teachers to introduce themselves and begin an important partnership in your child's education for the next 12 months. Your child's teacher is a dedicated and gifted professional who is keen to facilitate your child's ongoing learning so that they grow to their full potential. Your support of the teachers and of the many St Angela's programs is appreciated and is an integral part of the success of St Angela's. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving so generously of their time to meet with you.

Our General Parent Meeting next Monday evening will be an opportunity that parents will have to meet with Mrs Yager and Mrs Nettleton and to come together with other parents interested in contributing to parent involvement at St Angela's. We hope that you can join us. In keeping with COVID guidelines all parents attending are required to register their attendance. Please do this by contacting the office before 3:00pm Monday 15th February.

"Together we can achieve so much!"

Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT MESSAGE for Parents Meeting Students who use the "Walkers" Going Home Arrangement

The number of students being collected from "Walkers" has grown this year and the footpath in front of the school is no longer safe enough for parents and students to meet each other. From Monday 15th February 2021, parents will be able to meet their children inside the gates at the bottom of the school driveway and on the small grass area just inside the fence. As soon as you have collected your child please exit the school, so that the next group of students can leave as crossers or via the buses that collect the children in the bus bay. Parents are reminded to physically distance themselves 1.5m as they are waiting. Thank you for collecting your child and moving off promptly to ensure the safety of all our students.

Religious Education

Sunday, 14 February 2021 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Gospel

[Mk 1:40-45](#)

Jesus cures a leper.

Living the Gospel – Who is your leper?



There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!

Q. Why was it such a brave move for someone with leprosy to approach Jesus?

Q. Why was Jesus so moved by the man?

Ash Wednesday Mass: We invite all families to join us in celebrating the beginning of our lenten season on Wednesday 17th February at 9:30am. This year it will be a livestream mass via Our Lady of the Rosary Facebook page. The students will be blessed with the ashes when Fr Alejandro and Fr Leonides visit our school after the mass.

Fr Alejandro invites us to view our parish bulletin for the week.
<https://olorparishkellyville.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/7-February-2021.pdf>

God Bless

Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator

Please find the schedule of Masses from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Our Lenten Journey towards Easter

Ash Wednesday 17 February, 2021

Masses will be at 6.45am, 9.30am (live streamed) and 7pm

**Mondays of Lent following the 7 pm Mass:
Reconciliation**

**with silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.50pm Benediction**

**Wednesdays of Lent: 7 pm praying with Scripture
(see notice directly above)**

**Fridays of Lent: 7 pm evening Masses
7.30 Stations of the Cross + Reconciliation**



From the School Counsellor.....

Returning and Starting School- A Note From St Angela's School Counsellor Karina Greenfield

The start of a new school year can be daunting for both children returning to a new grade and those starting kindergarten or transferring schools. Some children may meet this change with excitement and anticipation, whereas others may be feeling overwhelmed and worried. With the continued uncertainty related to COVID-19, children who have traditionally handled change and transition well, might find this year more difficult than previous years. Your child may appear to be enjoying their return or start to school, however may be internalising their worries or may not be able to pinpoint how they are feeling and why. You may begin to notice your child regress in a skill they were previously proficient in. They may be quicker to emotions, be more teary, display anger or more withdrawn. Your child may take these changes in their stride for the first few weeks of term and start to unravel as the term goes on.

It is important to remember that while these behaviours may be out of character for your child, they are not unexpected in the context of adjusting to a new environment and school year. It can also be helpful to acknowledge with your child how physically and emotionally exhausting adjusting to school can be after a break. Other suggestions to assist during this period are;

- Try to get into a regular routine as soon as possible. Consistency and predictability can help children feel secure and settled when starting a school day.
- Allow your children time to talk; letting them take the lead in the conversation. Some children may not want to talk as soon as school is finished but may be more willing later in the evening once they have had time to process the day.
- Give your child unstructured play time.
- Ensure they have the opportunity to get plenty of sleep.
- Check in with how you are feeling as a parent, as this time can be a whirlwind of emotions for all involved and children can learn a lot about emotion regulation through role modelling from their parents.
- Encourage your child to speak to their classroom teacher if they have any questions or concerns throughout the day. While the teacher may be new to your child, they are keen to get to know each child individually and build on those relationships. Open communication between teacher and child, child and parents and parents and teachers are essential to helping a child to thrive at school.

Library Days

Please see below the Library days for each grade. Kindly ensure that your child brings their library bag to school on this day.

Kindergarten - Tuesday

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Monday

Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Tuesday



Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Dates



TERM 1

Week 3

Sunday February 14

St Valentine's Day



Week 4

Monday February 15

9:30-10:15am Year 6 Online e-safety Webinar

6:30pm General Parent Meeting

Tuesday February 16

Year 2 Excursion - Rouse Hill House and Farm

Year 5 Parks Excursion

7pm OLOR Parish Holy Communion Parent Information Presentation

Wednesday February 17

Ash Wednesday

10am OLOR Parish Holy Communion Parent Information Presentation

Friday February 19

Hills Zone Swimming @ Mt Druitt pool

SPORTS NEWS

2021 Zone Swimming Carnival

The zone swimming carnival will be held on Friday 19th February at Mt Druitt Pools. At this stage, parents are able to attend as spectators following the guidelines set out in the letter sent today. Congratulations to the following children who will be representing St Angela's at the zone swimming carnival: Luca Bercich, Noah Bercich, Dylan Crawford, Jacob Crawford, Ciara Crowley, Patrick Crowley, Taylor D'Silva, Alexis Foxe, Hamish Geoghegan, Chloe Halpin, Mia Khoudair, Hannah Lambert, Mikayla Martin, Sophie McIntyre, Tahlia Mearns, Patrick Netana, Sophie Pickles, Monte Piotto, Stirling Post, Aidan Rambow, Alexis Tadiaman, Angelina Talliaridi, Finn Wheatley, Mikayla White, Ray Zhang, Ryan Shepherd. Thank you to Mrs Mazza and Mrs Hynes. We look forward to hearing the carnival results on the children's return to school. These will be published in the newsletter next week.

Please note that the date for Cross Country has changed and will now be held on Friday 26th March.

*** Please see attached NSW AFL All Schools Girls 12 Years & Under Selection Trial details.**

Sent Home This Week:

Email: Parent Teacher Interviews, Congratulations on Nearly One week of Kindergarten, Kindergarten Stars, Kindergarten to Year 6 Parent Information, Kindergarten to Year 6 Grade Overview Term 1, Amended Year One Grade Overview

Hard Copy: Using Technology Contract 2021, Kinder and New Families - Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Chapel and Grounds Visits 2021, Permission for your Child to Cross to Centenary of Anzac Reserve Crn Wrights Road and Green Roads, Castle Hill,

COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

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

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 05/02/2021)

Academic Excellence

Kai Cassar KB
Cooper Lewis KG
Sophie Hoon KY
Tanios Asaf 1B
Saraya Wilson 1G
Sebastian Burns 1Y
Chase Panganiban 2B
James Rimando 2G
Kelci Reese Anonical 2Y
Eden Gliddon 3B
Sienna Mearns 3G
Abby Lukjanenko 3Y
Jonah West 4B
Mateja Knevitt 4G
Annelise Guirrerri 4Y
Lachlan Hall 5B
Alicia Holt 5G
Joseph Brouillard 5Y
Lillian Sacco 6B
Taylor Brett 6G
Domenic Laird 6Y

St Angela's Award

Alexandra Chehade KB
Chloe Buckley KG
Zac Gardiner KY
Harrison Roberts 1B
Ayden Martin 1G
Marcus Saad 1Y
Sophia Arreza 2B
Daniella Khodeir 2G
Joshua Moses 2Y
Jack Hewlett 3B
Oliver Mares 3G
Sienna Bressi 3Y
Chloe Khairy 4B
Vivaan Goel 4G
Jake Perkins 4Y
Ashlee McKnight 5B
Alice Nugent 5G
Dominique Southwood 5Y
Giulio Muscardo 6B
Tahlia Mearns 6G
William Taylor 6Y



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

February

Mon 15th

Shuya Wang

Tues 16th

Amelia Brown

Wed 17th

Eloise Hoon
Eloise Hansell
Taylor D'Silva

Thurs 18th

Jacob David
Alicia Dib

Sat 20th

Archy Callan-Kerkenezov
Jacob Lee

Sun 21st

Alanna Russo

Class Parent Representatives

At the General Parent Meeting we will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. If you would like to be a Class Parent Representative, but are unable to attend the General Parent Meeting, please contact the office.

Aspects of the role of Class Parent Representative include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation.

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home this week. Please see the following details that outlines the process for ordering and for payments:

St Angela's is in the Loop! Your scholastic order will be electronically linked when you order and pay by Loop - [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app, register your details and follow the prompts. **When you order and pay by LOOP do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Payment options include credit card PayPal or credit vouchers. Please note the school does not accept cash and all cash orders will be returned.**

KINDERGARTEN 2022 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS

Please note that this year we will be holding our OPEN DAYS on **Friday 5th and 12th March**

Session 1 - 9am

Session 2 - 11:15am

Session 3 - 9am

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school. All interested families are required to register their attendance by calling the school office or via the link on our school website;

[St Angela's Open Day](#)



Our Goal for 2021 is 100% of St Angela's students complete the Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and enables students to experience quality literature. The challenge encourages students to read, to read more and read more widely. The 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will be launched on 1st March this year. Further information will follow in later newsletters.



We invite you to our OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021
4PM & 6PM

Enrolments for Year 7, 2022
close on Friday 19 March, 2021.

marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited for our Open Evening information sessions and guided College tours. REGISTER VIA THE COLLEGE WEBSITE: www.mariankenthurst.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Open-Evening



NSW AFL Primary All-Schools Girls 12 Years & Under Selection Trial

Term 1, Week 9

**Registrations for this event
close 5:00pm Friday 12 March 2021**

Cost
\$10.00 per student

Who

The trial is only for primary school girls 12 years and under.
Girls can be 12, however must not be turning 13 in 2021.
Girls enrolled in Secondary Schools are ineligible to trial

Registration

To apply for the Primary All-Schools Selection Trial in your area, complete the relevant online registration form ([NSW Government schools](#), [NSW Catholic schools](#), [NSW Combined Independent schools](#)) and payment by the closing date, Friday 12 March 2021.

All girls who trial must be available, if selected, for the School Sport Australia Championships in Adelaide, South Australia from 9 to 14 August 2021.

How to enter:

To apply for the Primary All-Schools Selection Trial in your area, you must complete the on-line registration and payment by the closing date, Friday 12 March 2021.

Further information is available from the NSW School Sport website by clicking on the link for each trial.

When and Where

Thursday 25th March 2021

Southern Inland - Jubilee Park, Wagga Wagga

Metro West – Peter Miller Oval, Casula

Northern Coastal & Inland - Fitzroy Oval, Coffs Harbour

Friday 26th March 2021

South Coast - Hanging Rock Sports Ground, Batemans Bay

Metro East - Olds Park, Penshurst

Mid North Coast & Inland - Tulkaba Park, Newcastle

Friday 7th May 2021

All Schools Selection - Blacktown International Sports Park (Field 2), Rooty Hill

