



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 2

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2021 school year, a year of learning and fun embedded within a rich culture and tradition of faith and spirituality. I hope that you had a safe and relaxing holiday enjoying special times with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome back the children and staff. We particularly welcome our new families and teachers who have joined St Angela's. We know that you will find the school welcoming and inclusive and will very quickly feel an important part of this beautiful community.

The students have commenced the school year with enthusiasm and energy and are to be congratulated on transitioning so smoothly into their learning and routines in the classrooms and across the playgrounds. Of course this is mostly due to the very dedicated and highly professional staff who invest so much care and enthusiasm into their students - they are truly amazing!

This year we welcome Mrs Katrina Mazza (Sport), and Mrs Jacqueline De Zotti and Mrs Belinda Barnes (Exec Release) to St Angela's. We particularly welcome and recognise our newest St Angela's students the 2021 Kindergarten children. Parents you have done an outstanding job preparing your little ones for their first days at school. We look forward to sharing many happy moments with you over the course of this year.

We celebrate a very significant birthday this year - our 21st. That is 21 years of outstanding Catholic Education of children in the Castle Hill area. Throughout this year we look forward to celebrating this milestone by showcasing our students learning, witnessing our catholic faith through liturgy and action and by growing as a faith filled school, recognising and thanking the contribution of others who have gone before us and the many blessings that have been bestowed on us. I particularly look forward to this amazing year ahead where we all strive to be the best that we can be and do the best that we can by each of us "Letting our Light Shine"

COVID-19 still influences our daily lives and we respond to directions provided by NSW Health and the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP). As you know, at this time there is limited access to the school for parents. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of the procedures and sometimes changes that we need to put in place to ensure the health and safety of all in the St Angela's community. Rest assured that our aim is always to collaborate with our parents as you are the primary educators of your children and it is only in partnership with you that we can achieve great outcomes for your children.

The great news is that we are able to take the children on excursions and they will be able to participate in sports carnivals.

This collaboration may be looking somewhat different in 2020 and 2021 but it is our priority. Our prayer is that God continues to bless our community and guide us in the right path as we work together for the benefit of the children.

From Monday 8th February, Kindergarten students will follow the same drop off and pick up arrangements as the rest of the students. Those children entering from Harrington Road will say goodbye to their parents at the Harrington Road gate and then walk up the pathway towards the teacher on duty in the kiss and drop area.

"Together we can achieve so much!"

Leanne Nettleton
PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Meetings

We are pleased to let you know that we are able to schedule Parent Teacher Meetings for Wednesday 10th February. Parents will use the School Interview site to book appointments with teachers. A flyer will be emailed later today with details on how to use the site. As in previous years these will be 10mins meetings between Parents and Teachers. This year however we need to have the meetings take place within COVID guidelines so meetings will be held across the classrooms rather than in the hall. This being the case, parents are requested NOT to book meetings at consecutive times for their children as you will not be able to move from one room to another and arrive in time for the next meeting to start. Thank you for following this guideline as it will ensure the smooth running of the interviews. Unfortunately, in fairness to all, no accommodations can be made if you arrive late for an appointment.

Parent Teacher Meetings for each grade will be held in the following spaces:-

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Kinder Green and Yellow rooms |
| Year One | Year One Blue and Green rooms |
| Year Two | Year Two Green and Yellow rooms |
| Year Three, Year Four | Library |
| Year Five | Year 5 Blue and Green rooms |
| Year Six | Year Six Green and Yellow rooms |

Please see attached the parent calendar

Please keep in mind every effort is made to have firm dates and publish these as early as possible but changes are sometimes necessary due to circumstances beyond our control.

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



Religious Education

Sunday, 7 February 2021 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Gospel

[Mk 1:29-39](#)

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law.



Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Living the Gospel – Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

Q. Why might healing have been such an important part of Jesus' ministry?

Source: [GregSunter@LiturgyHelp](#)

Welcome everyone to 2021 when we will reflect on the gospel of St Mark. This year we look forward to having another exciting year of faith, fun and learning at St Angela's. On Wednesday, 27 January we celebrated the feast day of our school saint, St Angela Merici. I invite you all to start the year with our school prayer.

St Angela's School Prayer

St Angela, as I begin a new day,
help me to act as you did
while you were on earth.
Help me to pray as you did,
thanking God for his many gifts.
Most of all, help me to use my talents
To make the world a better place,
as you did, St Angela.
May I 'Let My Light Shine' always.
Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville Parish

Sacramental Program - Here is the [link](#) for parents who wish to enrol their child in the Sacraments of Initiation this year.

God Bless

Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Tokoly family, Lilah (3B), due to the passing into eternal life of her Grandfather.

Our prayers are also extended to the Layoun family, Tiani (6B), Kira (3B) and Calissa (KG) due to the passing into eternal life of their Grandfather.

Upcoming Dates



TERM 1

Week 3

Tuesday February 9

9:45am Opening Year Mass and 2021 School Leaders Installation

Wednesday February 10

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday February 11

Marian college visit to Year 6 students

Sunday February 14

St Valentine's Day



Week 4

Monday February 15

9:30-10:15am Year 6 Online esafety Webinar

6:30pm General Parent Meeting

Tuesday February 16

Year 2 Excursion - Rouse Hill House and Farm

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

School Leaders for 2021

Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Leaders for 2021, who will be presented with their badges next Tuesday 9th February 2021.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2021

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Captains: | Rhys Wilson Stella Powell |
| Vice Captains: | Domenic Laird Angelina Catalano |
| Brescia: | Zane Benning Ciara Crowley |
| Garda: | Lucca Piotto Carissa Lewis |
| Merici: | Ryan McDermott Yasmine Vancuylenberg |
| Salò: | Jared Suarez Alannah Lane |

Birthday Treats

In 2021 we are returning to students being able to bring birthday cupcakes or doughnuts to school to share with their class. If you do not wish your child to receive a cake or donut when it is brought in by another student for their birthday celebration please inform the teacher in writing. The following guidelines taken from the St Angela's Parent Handbook apply to these treats: Some parents like to send a birthday treat to school to share. If you would like to do this, please send individual treats e.g. cupcakes or donuts as these are very manageable, (as opposed to a cake which is difficult to divide). As with all food brought to school, cakes should be nut free. If your child has allergies, you are encouraged to provide an alternate treat, in a labelled container, that can be left at school for them to have on other children's birthday celebrations. Please Note: Due to allergies, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in.

Virtual Grade Information Sessions Early next week families will receive a link to a virtual grade information session. Please view these prior to attending your Parent/Teacher Interview

Sports News

2021 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN!

Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2021 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who **display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport**. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2021 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: **AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football**. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form must be completed by **5th February 2021** Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

FACEBOOK: [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport **MUST** be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.



Tuesday 9th February has been declared Safer Internet Day. This a worldwide event that raises awareness about online safety and encourages everyone to help create a better internet. Parents are encouraged to access the Australian Government's eSafety website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> to explore the many resources that can be found there to support children's use of the internet at home. At school next week, the teachers will be revisiting the cyberwise messages of "Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible".

The eSafety Commissioner offers free webinars to assist Parents and Carers. The Safer Internet Day 2021 webinar will look at how parents and carers can support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships and what to do if things go wrong. To find out more, or register for the webinar, visit [eSafety Webinars for parents and carers](#)

eSafety's top back-to-school tips:

The start of the new school year can be an emotional day for any parent or carer. The holidays are over, it's time to get back to the serious business of classes and playground games. For some parents there will be tears of sadness that their little one is starting school for the first time. For others, tears of joy that their teen won't be playing music loud enough to shake the foundations of your home. The back-to-school period can also be a great time to review your child's online safety and get ahead of any issues that may come up through the year.

Watch out for cyberbullying — online bullying can have a devastating impact on young people, whose online life is a key part of their identity and how they interact socially.

'Sharent' responsibly— not heard the term 'sharent'? Well, if you are a parent who shares then that's you! Be mindful about sharing your child's first day of school and other milestones on social media.

Set screen time limits — With screens increasingly being used at school and home, it's important to ensure your child has a healthy balance of offline and online time. Setting screen-free zones in the home and negotiating switch off times are useful ways to do this. Screens should never be taken into the bedroom or bathroom. Don't forget, quality over quantity! [See more information about managing screen time.](#)

Use tools—parental controls on smartphones, TVs and computers can help limit your child seeing inappropriate content and help manage their time online. Make sure the privacy settings on their apps and games are turned on and help show them how to block and report people online. See more information about using [parental controls](#) and [privacy and reporting](#) tools.

Stay engaged—as soon as we hand our child a device, we should be talking to them about the dos and don'ts of the online world. It's also important let them know we'll be there to support them if anything goes wrong. There is no substitute for taking an interest in our children's online lives from an early age, to help establish strong foundations and open lines of communication. See more information about [keeping your children safe online](#).

Julie Inman Grant, eSafety Commissioner

For the full article visit: [Back to School Tips for Parents](#)

Acceptable Use of Technology at St Angela's

Each time the children log onto a device at school they are asked to accept the technology policy. Please revise this policy at home with your children so they are familiar with the expectations for the acceptable use of technology at school. You can view the policy online at [Catholic Education Office | CEDP](#)



KINDERGARTEN 2022 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS

It is anticipated that we will be able to hold our OPEN DAY on Friday 5th March in the St Angela's Maximilian Kolbe Hall (depending on the COVID regulations at that time).

Session 1 - 9am

Session 2 - 11am

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.

2021 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2021 were emailed at the end of last year to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. If you have not already done so, please return the completed forms to the office as soon as possible. **Please notify the school via email at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if your child's medical requirements have changed and they no longer require medication to be permanently stored at school.** We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

School Census Day - Friday 19th February

Friday 19th February is the school census day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary. If you know that your child will be away on 19th February, please email the school advising the reason for the absence and when they will return. This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Fees 2021

Changes to Family Levy

We advise that your school fee statement may look a little different this year. You will notice that the resource fee has increased and there is no longer a Family Levy as the Family Levy and the Resource fee have merged. In the majority of cases this has little or no impact. For families with 3 or more students, there will be a slight increase in the combination of these fees. For 2021 there will be no increase in diocesan tuition fees or the building levy and therefore you will find that the total school fees increase is within the bounds of normal annual increases.

The COVID 19 Fee Relief initiative is now closed. If you require assistance with regard to the payment of your fees, please contact Liz Burke or Kylie Ross at the school office to discuss payment options.

Please see the 2021 school fee schedule attached.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Amelie Sprem (4B) and her 'Dance On Q' troupe team, who won 1st place for their hip-hop dance routine in the Showcase National Dance Championships at Olympic Park on the 16th of January. The girls also placed 4th for their jazz performance, with the dance school winning 3rd place overall. Well done!



Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Hillsbus School Service Commencing 29th January 2021, Welcome to the 2021 School Year, Welcome to 2021 Kindergarten, Sport Uniform Days, Warm Welcome Back to School, 2021 Student After School Travel Arrangements Google Form, Welcome to Week 2, Representative Sport Registrations Years 5 & 6
Hard Copy: Student Information 2021



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrated their birthday during January and over the first few weeks of February;

January

Sat 2nd

Max Lukjanenko

Sun 3rd

Kira Layoun

Jacob Mileto

Mon 4th

Lachlan McDermott

Tues 5th

Jacob Tadiaman

Joseph Brouillard

Wed 6th

Olivia Hendersen

Thurs 7th

Lachlan Hall

Noah Ochudzawa

Caitlin Bagtas

Harrison Lee

Wed 8th

Elissa Zaidan

Lawrence White

Mikayla Martin

Mon 11th

Lilah Tokoly

Tues 12th

Oliver Stornelli

Sophie Hoon

Thurs 14th

Lachlan Kelly

Annelise Guirrerri

Ainsley Tedi Tadiaman

Fri 15th

Roxanne Lowe

Tanios Assaf

Abbey Glass

Sat 16th

Adam Salib

Tyler D'Morias

Mon 18th

Adriano Coco

Tues 19th

Mikayla White

Wed 20th

Ashton Yu

Elishia Singh

Thomas Taylor

Zachary Brook

Olivia Millalongo

Thurs 21st

Kai Theoharous

Sat 23rd

Tiani Layoun

Sun 24th

Lilly Green

Mon 25th

Ciara Tracy

Finn Wheatley

Mrs Simpson

Wed 27th

Bastien Milicevic

Thurs 28th

Macey Holmes

Lilah Kenny

Fri 29th

Grace Despoges

Sun 30th

Mrs Hynes

February

Tues 2nd

Holly Mulheron

Thurs 4th

Kai Cassar

Alexander Lane

Fri 5th

Michael Whyte

Sat 6th

Harriet Kenny

Sienna Wise

Alexander Diaz

William Hall

Sun 7th

Thomas Morin

Mathis Ma

Mon 8th

Sophia Raad

Sebastian Khoury

Cristian Frasca

Alexis Foxe

Wed 10th

Saoirse McGowan

Kai Hall

Amber Monet

Jericho Paton

Thurs 11th

Ethan Chetty

Fri 12th

Lachlan Lashlie

Sat 13th

Isabelle Riley

Sun 14th

Jasmine Hackett

Holly McGauley

Student Information Forms

Thank you for completing the Student Information Form sent home this week and returning it to your child's class teacher by **Monday 8th February.**

ST ANGELA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT CALENDAR

Term 1 – 2021

Wednesday 27th January to Thursday 1st April 2021 (10 Weeks)

| Wk | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/ Sun |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1 | January 25 | January 26 26/1 AUSTRALIA DAY P/H | January 27 27/1 Feast of St Angela Staff Development Day <u>2020 Start Date for Staff</u> | January 28 Kindergarten Assessments MAI's -1- 6 Staff Development Day | January 29 Kindergarten assessments Yrs 1 - 6 Return to school | January 30 January 31 |
| 2 | February 1 Kindergarten Start School | February 2 | February 3 | February 4 | February 5 | Feb 6 Feb 7 |
| 3 | February 8 | February 9 9:45am Opening Year Mass and 2021 School Leaders Installation | February 10 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS | February 11 Marian College visit to Year 6 | February 12 2:30pm Kindergarten students presented to the school (Students Only) | Feb 13 Feb 14 14/2 St Valentine's Day ♥ |
| 4 | February 15 6:30pm General Parent Meeting in the Library | February 16 Year 2 Excursion - Rouse Hill House and Farm (All day) Year 5 Parks Excursion (All day) 7:00pm OLOR Parish Holy Communion Parent Information Presentation | February 17 Ash Wednesday 10:00am OLOR Parish Holy Communion Parent Information Presentation | February 18 | February 19 Hills Zone Swimming @ Mt Druitt pool | Feb 20 Feb 21 |
| 5 | February 22 | February 23 | February 24 | February 25 | February 26 | February 27 February 28 |
| 6 Catholic Schools Week | March 1 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy Students Only | March 2 | March 3 | March 4 | March 5 Kinder 2022 Open Day & Tour Session 1 - 9:00am Session 2 - 11:00am | Mar 6 Mar 7 |
| 7 Family Week | March 8 Reading afternoon (students only) | March 9 Diocesan Swimming Carnival | March 10 | March 11 | March 12 | Mar 13 Mar 14 |
| 8 | March 15 | March 16 | March 17 St Patrick's Day Mufti Day | March 18 Kindergarten Liturgy (Students Only) | March 19 Feast of St Joseph | Mar 20 Mar 21 |
| 9 | March 22 Cross Country | March 23 NAPLAN ONLINE PRACTISE PAPERS YEARS 3 & 5 | March 24 NAPLAN ONLINE PRACTISE PAPERS YEARS 3 & 5 Year 2 Liturgy (Students Only) | March 25 12:00 COORDINATED CEC PRACTISE NAPLAN TEST AT MID DAY | March 26 Year 1 Liturgy (Students Only) | March 27 March 28 |
| 10 Holy Week | March 29 Year 6 Celebrating Multicultural Diversity Day | March 30 School Photos Day with AdvancedLife | March 31 Holy Week Pilgrimage at school for the students | April 1 Holy Thursday Last Day of Term Holy Week Assembly Absentees & Yr 6 Photos Day with AdvancedLife | April 2 Good Friday | April 3 April 4 Easter Sunday |

Wherever possible student only events will be shared with parents via Facebook, photos or videos. Should NSW Health guidelines change parents will be informed.

St Angela's Primary School

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2021

| Diocesan School Fees – Kindergarten | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1 st Child | 2 nd Child | 3 rd Child | 4 th Child |
| Per Year | \$1224 | \$918 | \$612 | Nil |
| Instalment Fees | \$408 | \$306 | \$204 | Nil |

| Diocesan School Fees – Years 1-6 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1 st Child | 2 nd Child | 3 rd Child | 4 th Child |
| Per Year | \$1581 | \$1185 | \$792 | Nil |
| Instalment Fees | \$527 | \$395 | \$264 | Nil |

| Temporary Residents per student from 2014 | | | | |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fee | Per Year | Instalment 1 | Instalment 2 | Instalment 3 |
| Instalment Fees | \$2016 | \$672 | \$672 | \$672 |

| Diocesan School Building Levy – Kindergarten to Year 6 | | | | |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Charged to the eldest child in the Diocesan Systemic Schools (eg. Marian College, Gilroy College). For families who have siblings attending other Catholic private schools, (ie Oakhill College, Mt St Benedicts, OLMC Parramatta) the Building Levy applies to the eldest child at St Angela's. | | | | |
| | Per Year | Instalment 1 | Instalment 2 | Instalment 3 |
| Levy | \$822 | \$274 | \$274 | \$274 |

Please refer over for school based fees.

| 2021 Miscellaneous School Based Fees – per Child | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Per Year | Instalment 1 | Instalment 2 | Instalment 3 |
| Resource Fee Kindergarten Years 1-2 Years 3 Years 4-6 Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationery and Material • Exercise and Workbooks • Amalgamated Family Levy • Technology Expenses • Musical Equipment • Bible Fee (Yr 3) | \$321 \$321 \$351 \$321 | \$107 \$107 \$117 \$107 | \$107 \$107 \$117 \$107 | \$107 \$107 \$117 \$107 |
| Activity Fee Kindergarten Years 1-2 Years 3-4 Year 5 Year 6 Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursion/Incursion Levy (K-6) • Swim/Athletics Carnival (3-6) • Royal Life Saving (K-2) • Musica Viva (K-6) • Bullying Program(K-6) • Visiting Author (K-6) • Dance Fever (K-6) • Motiv8 (Yr 6) • Carnival Day (K-6) | \$132 \$138 \$120 \$165 \$165 | \$44 \$46 \$40 \$55 \$55 | \$44 \$46 \$40 \$55 \$55 | \$44 \$46 \$40 \$55 \$55 |
| Overnight Excursion Year 5 Accom/Activities Meal component | | | \$237 \$172 \$65 | |
| Overnight Excursion Canberra Year 6 Accom/activities Meal Component | | | \$235 \$178 \$57 | |