



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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Term 4, Week 2

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

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to be welcoming

- Kindergarten and Year 1 students back to school on the 18th October 2021 in Week 3
- Years 2 - 6 students back to school on 25th October 2021 in Week 4

Parents are requested to adhere to the set dates for the return of students to school and are reminded that the ONLY students who should be attending school in Week 3 for supervision of their remote learning, are the children of essential workers or those parents who are not working from home and who cannot provide supervision for their children.

All staff at school from the 18th October are fully vaccinated. Staff will be wearing masks indoors and outdoors. There is a strong recommendation from NSW Department of Education and Catholic Schools NSW that primary aged children also wear masks at school, both indoor and outdoor- please see [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#) for an explanation as to why this recommendation has been made. Masks are mandatory for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.

Thank you for managing all the communication that is coming your way as we edge closer to the time when our students will be returning to face to face learning at school.

Last week in a communication to all parents [Parent Letter Re Return to School](#), we shared a link to [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#). Please refer to this for answers to your questions regarding our COVID Safe plan for the return to school of our students. Topics such as Mask wearing are covered and clarification is given in response to questions that parents have asked about procedures that will be in place once we return to face to face learning.

Thank you to all parents for completing the form [Staggered Start to School - Return to School Survey for St Angela's Primary Parents and Carers](#) shared yesterday via Compass indicating your child's return to school on their allocated week. When we ask you to complete these forms it is so that we have accurate information in order to organise the staffing of the school.

Together we can achieve so much
Leanne Nettleton
Principal



Attendance at school in Week 3

[Term 4 Week 3 Years 2-6 Supervision of Remote Learning at School Attendance Form](#)

To assist the school with arrangements for Week 3 please complete this form, Term 4 Week 3 Attendance (Monday 18th Oct to Friday 22nd Oct) ONLY if you need your child in Years 2-6 to be supervised at school. **The form closes at 3:00pm Friday** - please ensure that you have completed it by then.

Learning Schedules

Learning Schedules for Years 2 - 6 will be shared with families on google classroom this Sunday. Kindergarten and Year 1 will be returning to school from October 18.

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.

School Devices borrowed for Remote Learning

We are glad that many students were able to borrow school devices to assist with online learning.

Parents are advised that the devices AND chargers **must be returned to the school when your child returns on their first day back at school for Term 4.**

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

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

SUNDAY

**17
OCT
2021**

Whoever aspires to greatness must serve the rest.

Living the Gospel – Servant Leadership

What does it really mean to practise servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have been given a position of leadership and they really only wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

Source: GregSunter@LiturgyHelp

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Blessing



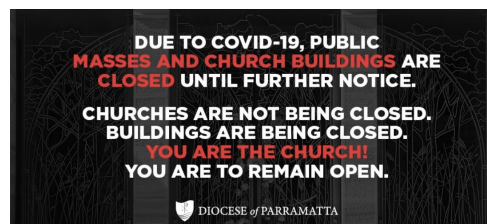
Loving God,
we ask you to wrap our school family in a cloak of love and protection
as we welcome everyone back in the coming days.
Bless our school leaders and staff as they continue to do
the good work they have been doing
to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all.

Bless our parents as they again entrust their children to us,
confident we can all work together to help them become
the very best that they can be.

Above all, God of Love, we ask you to extend
your hand of blessing on our students as they joyfully unite with their friends and all in the school community.
May they continue to progress in their learning and always know
that they are safe, secure and protected in your loving embrace.

We know much will seem different for the rest of the school year,
but, Gracious God, we are confident that through the intercession
of our own St Angela Merici, your love and care for us will never change.
May we show the same love and care for one another in all we do and say.
Amen.

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 COVID Updates](#) 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
For the latest information about COVID-19 risk management





Some tips for how to help your child be positive about returning to school

- Ask your child how they are feeling about returning to school. Your child may be feeling a mix of emotions about their return, so it is important to listen to any concerns and respond in a calm, supportive and reassuring way.
- Promote positive conversations by asking what they like about school and what they are looking forward to when they return. Let them know that school staff are looking forward to seeing them. Your child might like to make a list or drawing about things they have missed about school.
- If they feel nervous or worried, help them understand this is a normal reaction, and that you and their teachers are there to support them.
- If your child has questions about COVID-19, provide factual and age appropriate information. Let them know everyone at school is working hard so that everyone is safe and that their class and grade is working as a team.
- Consider limiting media content your child is viewing if it is contributing to worry or distress.
- Remind your child that everyone at school is working hard to make sure that everyone is safe and that anyone who is unwell will stay home
- Read the newsletters to learn about new procedures that may have been introduced such as changes to parents' access to the school grounds, drop off and pick up points as well as new rules such as wearing face masks or hygiene rules.
- Discuss these with your child and plan together how these changes will be managed. The more your child understands the changes, the more comfortable they are likely to feel. If you are unsure about anything, contact the school or your child's teacher.

St Angela's Sports Uniform Days

Kindergarten	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday	Friday

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed:

Whole School: N/A

Push Notifications through Compass:

Whole School: Update from Greg Whitby regarding the Premier's Return to school Announcement Yesterday, Letter from Mrs Nettleton, Wednesday Learning Schedules, Staggered Start to School-Return to School Survey to St Angela's Primary Parents and Carers, Frequently Asked Questions and Information regarding a Covid Safe Return to School

Attachment to Newsletter: School Travel for 2022



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

October

Mon 18th

Jake Perkins

Tues 19th

Lucia Mauceri

Wed 20th

Ava Buckley

Thurs 21st

Elena Mauceri

Elijah Moses

Fri 22nd

Euan Adj

Myra Andrade

Justin Malinao

Sat 23rd

Mia Khoudair

Daxon Lui

Isaac Marquez

Sun 24th

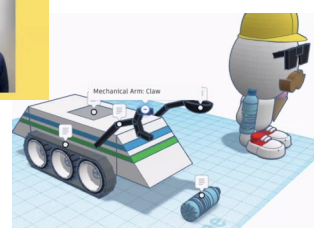
Sienna Boumelhem

Ashton Stopps

STEM MAD

Throughout Terms 2 and 3 we had a number of groups from Year 4 - 6 participating in a STEM project that required them to research and create a design for a product or service as an initiative that addresses a real-world problem. They were required to produce a video showing their investigation, using the design thinking process. Two of these STEM projects were chosen to present at the CEDP Stem Mad Showcase. Congratulations to Chloe Mowbray and Simone Laird from Year 4, who presented their Worry Watch design, that assists children who suffer anxiety; and to Carlo Scida, Connor Paton, Lilliana Sacco and Christian Scott from Year 6, who presented their Cleaning Beaches Australia CBA Bot design, that patrols the beaches collecting rubbish. Your research and design certainly addressed issues that we are faced with every day. Congratulations to Simone and Chloe who were selected by CEDP to go through to the National STEM Mad finals in November.

Our team

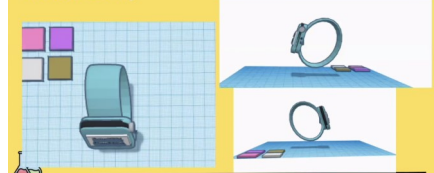


Our Team



Our Design Of The Worry Watch

Click here to see the final thing



School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback