

Wonderful News - just what we have all been yearning for.....

Yesterday the NSW Government announced that schools will be able to commence easing COVID restrictions for the remainder of Term One. This is just fabulous and we are already excitedly planning the ways that we will be able to welcome families back into the school according to the timeline provided by the government. Most of all we look forward to our students being able to participate in their daily life at school enjoying interacting with each other across the school and without constraints within the playgrounds or classrooms. Details of the restrictions that will be eased and what that will look like at St Angela's so that we can operate in a Covid safe way, will be sent to families in the next days.

I would really like to congratulate the staff and students on how well they have managed all the regulations that have been in place since Term 4 2021. I am so proud of how resilient they have been. The positive attitude present in our entire community - students, staff and families, has certainly kept us going and ensured that we have all been able to let our light shine during this challenging time.

RELIGIOUS RITUALS OF LENT

There are many rituals associated with the season of Lent. Some are specific to certain days; others are undertaken throughout the entire season. The rituals which are performed in church are usually formal. Those which are performed at home tend to be informal.

SHROVE TUESDAY **TUESDAY 1ST MARCH**

The first Lenten ritual is an informal one which actually begins the day before the start of Lent. It is known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. 'Shrove' comes from the English verb 'shrive'. It refers to the confession of sin, being forgiven and carrying out some sort of penance. In the early Church it was the day Christians would go to confession to prepare for Lent.

In the eleventh century the day before Lent became known as Pancake Tuesday because it took on an additional meaning. It was the last chance for Christians to feast on rich foods, and a way to use them up before Lent. In medieval times most rich food included sugar, eggs and other dairy products. They could easily be used up by making pancakes. And so mums would make pancakes for the family to eat.

In those days people even organised pancake races and pancake tossing, customs that still exist in some places today.

Source: primary.understandingfaith.edu.au

This year all students will receive two pikelets in celebration of Shrove Tuesday. The pikelets will be Woolworths own brand. If your child has an allergy, please bring in a substitution and email the classroom teacher.

If you would like to make a donation to Caritas Project Compassion in support of Shrove Tuesday, please use the QKR app, click on Fundraising and go to Caritas Project Compassion.

> Together we can achieve so much Leanne Nettleton - Principal

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS

Thank you to all our families for participating in the surveillance Rapid Antigen Testing over the last 4 weeks. As a follow up, the NSW Government has organised for a further 8 RATs to be provided per student and staff, for use over the remainder of the term. From Monday 28 February families can choose how they use the tests. For example, RATs can be used when your child is feeling unwell, has a sore throat or cough, or if a family member is sick. They can also be used when you know that your child has been with someone who has COVID-19. For safety, please continue to use RATs. We will commence distributing RAT kits to families tomorrow.

PARKING IN ORLEANS WAY

Our neighbours are our friends. Please be mindful of where you park your cars in Orleans Way when you are dropping off or picking up your children. It is illegal and disrespectful to park across the driveway of a property. Like you, many of our neighbours have young children in local schools and when one of our school community park across their driveway they are unable to leave their property to collect their children from school or go about their everyday activities. This can be most distressing. Council will be patrolling Orleans Way and issuing parking fines to anyone who infringes the parking signage. Thank you for your cooperation.



KINDERGARTEN 2023 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS

> It is anticipated that we will be able to hold our

OPEN DAY next Friday 4th March.

- Session 1 9am
- Session 2 11.15am

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 via the school website:

www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/ or school office.

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Religious Education

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 20th February 2022

GOSPEL

Lk 6:39-45

Take the plank from your eye.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus' parables in this week's Gospel are a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection, and humility in our discipleship. We shine God's light in the world when we are "lit from within" with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognise our own need for transformation through Jesus. As busy parents responsible for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own "spiritual" oxygen mask before helping others.



Gather as a family and spend some time discussing ideas about what it means to be a good disciple. What do we need to learn? How are we to act? How do we treat others? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:39–45. Discuss what Jesus means when he asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Talk about how we might be tempted to focus on one another's shortcomings without noticing our own and how this might lead to conflict. Point out that part of being a good disciple is focusing on our own behaviour. As a family, share ideas for responding as a disciple when you are upset with another family member's words or actions. (For example, taking a cooling off break before talking to the person or praying for help to see if our actions contributed to the conflict and we need to apologise.) Pray that you will grow together in your discipleship and then pray the Lord's Prayer.



Ash Wednesday March 2nd

Infants Liturgy 9:15am - Big Top & Primary OLOR - Pre-Recorded Mass 11:15am in the classroom

OLOR Parish Newsletter

Fr Alejandro invites us to keep up to date with the latest news in our parish. Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator A Prayer for Lenten Grace Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a payer-ful life. Help me to foody and souland remind me of the grace of simplicity. End grace of simplicity. But heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. My this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen.



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who celebrated their birthday during the week and this coming week:

FEBRUARY

24th February: Isaac Cassab 25th February: Sienna Fernandes Grace Kennedy 26th February: Nicholas Costa Jacob Fam 28th February: Louis Caparros **1st March:** Amelia Rowlandson Charlotte Rowlandson **3rd March:** Mr Laird Alannah Zaidan Moses Estera Theodorus Kinsong

Celebrating Our Gifts

Learníng Excellence

Milana Zullo KB Talia Assaf KG Maddison Merhi KY Lawrence White 1B Zoe Pupo 1G Jobe Fee 1Y Olivia Gale Abesamis 2B Oliver Masik 2G Tanios Assaf 2Y Miranda Soliman 3B Sophia Arreza 3G James Rimando 3Y Dayna Mills 4B Zara Shorten 4G **Ronan Phung 4Y** Sienna Azar 5B Mikayla Zlomislic 5G Zachary Lane 5Y Marcus Ma 6B Alice Nugent 6G Joseph Brouillard 6Y

St Angela's Award

Samaira Singh KB Joshua McDowall KG William Houghton Boreham KY John-Alexander Dabit 1B Charlie Vassallo 1G James Dinsdale 1Y Khloe Ibrahim 2B Acelyn Seydler 2G Lily Mogan 2Y Daniella Khodeir 3B Zac Holeva 3G Sofia Garcia-Lovola 3Y Willow Neeld 4B Sofia Muscardo 4G Rosie Lowe 4Y Monte Piotto 5B Ivy Smith 5G Mateja Knevitt 5Y Olivia Siligato 6B Adalyn Lewis 6G Chloe Eltakchi 6Y

St Angela's 2022 School Leaders



	School Captains
Brendan Khoudair	
	School Vice Captains
Ashton Yu	-
	Brescia
Joshua Morin	
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Jacob Crawford (absent)

School Captains

Jesselyn Tedja Hannah Lambert Matilda Scothern Gia Anonical Kirealea Crowe Alice Nugent









Kem Young of 6 Yellow was selected on Friday 4 February at the Parramatta Diocesan trials. Kem will also represent the Parramatta Diocese in Basketball at the MacKillop trials in Wollongong this Friday.

Congratulations to Mateja Knevitt 5Y who trialled for the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football team last < week. Mateja was successful at the tryouts and will be going through to the next level. We wish Mateja well and look forward to hearing all about it.





Alexis Foxe and Sienna Fernandes in 3

Yellow competed at the Junior State Cup Southern Conference in Wagga Wagga for the U10 Girls Hornets Tough Footy team. The girls played 9 games and made the semi-finals. This was a great achievement from the girls.

CROSS COUNTRY



Please keep an eye out on Compass for the parent

information sheet about this year's Cross Country to be held on Tuesday 15th March. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day, please be sure to fill out the link on the note.



ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations again to all those students who will be representing our school at this years Zone Swimming Carnival next Tuesday. Good Luck!

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

Thank you for all those children who have elected to trial for the Parramatta Diocesan Teams organised through CEDP. We appreciate your patience as CEDP processes all the applicants and informs the school of eligible applicants.

2022 PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

The role of Parent Class parent representatives has been important in the life of our school. We would like to reintroduce this vital role and invite parents to nominate themselves as Class Representative for 2022.

The role includes:

- Welcoming new parents/families into the school/parish \Diamond community with a card or personally.
- \Diamond Liaising with the teacher re class needs
- \Diamond Communicating with parents of the class/grade when appropriate
- \Diamond Planning and running fundraising and community building events

We invite you to attend the brief meeting listed below for more details:

Tuesday March 1st

Parent Class Representative/Fun(d)raising meeting 3:30pm

Please complete the Google form below if you are interested in being a Class Parent Representative for 2022

2022 Parent Class Representatives

Please complete the Google Form even if you cannot attend the meeting. More than one parent can fulfil the role.

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

Monday 28th	Year 5 Blue Mountains Excursion -
	Due to weather TO BE CONFIRMED
MARCH	
Tuesday 1st	Shrove Tuesday
	Hills Zone Swimming Carnival
	Parent Class Representative Meeting
Wednesday 2nd	Ash Wednesday Mass

SENT HOME THIS WEEK: Emailed from Compass Portal

Whole School: St Angela's 2022 Cross Country After School Pick Up Arrangements for Today **COVID Updates**



OAKHILL OPEN DAY

Sunday 6th March, 2022 10am - 2pm

Bookings can made by visiting the College website: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au or 9899 2288 *Feet on the ground. Aiming for the stars.*

OLMC OPEN DAY

Sunday 6th March, 2022



You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2022.

10am - 2pm

Bookings can made by visiting the College website: www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

> Year 7 2024 **Enrolment Information Evening Tuesday 29 March**

Mount St Benedict College



OPEN DAY

Sunday 6th March, 2022

10am - 2pm

Become a Bennies Girl

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