

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.

LENT 2022

Lent is a special time for showing our solidarity with the world's most vulnerable - for sharing what we have.

I am in awe of the incredible generosity of the St Angela's families. We only need to ask the children to support a charitable endeavour and contributions come in. Thank you so much for this and most importantly thank you for the way in which you continue to support your children to understand that they can support those less fortunate than themselves.

Our Year 6 students held a beautiful prayer liturgy on Monday focused on the values of Harmony Day and the acknowledgement that we live in a lucky country where we are freely able to live in peace and harmony. Throughout their day at school, the Year 6 children focused on the beauty of diversity and the richness that other cultures bring to our community. The following reflection reminds us not to take for granted all that we have:-

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of the world.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, You are more blessed than the million who will not survive this

> If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish

You are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy. If you can attend a church without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation You are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

Together we can achieve so much Leanne Nettleton - PRINCIPAL



SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Thank you to the band of parent helpers who came along on Tuesday to organize the Special Lunch Day for the students.



There was great excitement

throughout the morning as the students anticipated their delicious Bakers Delight rolls, drinks and popcorn. This was an awesome effort by our parent helpers to deliver close to 600 lunches.

Thank you also to Mrs Liz Burke and Mrs Kylie Ross for their hard work behind the scenes managing the new ordering system via Qkr. I know that the children are really looking forward to their next Special lunch day in Term 2.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE **RETURNS TO** ST ANGFLA'S

We are able to return to holding

our Easter Egg Raffle which is kindly sponsored by the Colosimo family (Piero 1B). The SRC will have tickets on sale under the Big Top at recess and lunch time. All proceeds will be used to help support those less fortunate than ourselves through Project Compassion during this important time of Lent. Tickets are only \$1 each and the prize is an extremely large 5kg chocolate egg. Please send money to school with your child if you wish to participate in this purely optional raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 7th April after our Holy Week assembly. The lucky family will be contacted to pick up their prize. Many thanks to the Colosimo family from the Easter Egg Warehouse, 3/5 Hudson Avenue Castle Hill, for their generous and kind donation of this prize.

SIBLING ENROLMENTS FOR **KINDERGARTEN 2023**

Enrolment packs will be sent home to those families who have advised (via our Google Form emailed on 23rd March) that they are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings at St Angela's for Kindergarten 2023. Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required original supporting documentation, by Friday April 1. Please phone or email the office if you have any enquiries. Thank you.

Religious Education

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 27th March 2022

GOSPEL: Lk 15:1-3. 11-32 Parable of the Prodigal Son

Jesus Christ is ready to forgive everyone – both sinners (bad people) and self-righteous (good people).

God is Father to all. This parable shows us that God's love has no limits and they are always welcome to come back to HIM. When you reflect on this story this week, talk within your family about how we can practise forgiveness in our everyday lives.

Click on the image to watch the story with your family

HARMONY DAY

A huge thanks to our Year 6 students and teachers who led our Monday prayer celebrating diversity in our

community. They also engaged in learning and formation as part of their unit in History. Congratulations Year 6 on a successful day.

Harmony Day Prayer

O' God You create all people in your image.
We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for one another;
Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD 25th March

On the Feast of the Annunciation, we celebrate the day that the Angel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary announcing that she was going to be the mother of Jesus.

Even though Mary did not understand completely, she trusted God's plan for her life, and she said yes to becoming the mother of God and our mother. The words of the "Hail Mary" come from the Angel's greeting: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you." God's grace lives in each one of us, but Mary was full of grace because she was born without any Original Sin.

We can turn to Mary, our mother, whenever we need help making difficult decisions or if we are scared to say yes to God. She loves us very much, and she is always praying that we will have the courage to listen to and obey her son.

We thank Fr Alejandro in advance as he will be celebrating Mass at our school tomorrow to honour the Feast of the Annunciation.

Jocelyn Williams - Religious Education Coordinator

OLOR <u>Parish Newsletter</u> Fr Alejandro invites us to keep up to date with the latest news in our parish.



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

26th March:
Jayden Barjacoba
Cooper Lewis
27th March:
Grace Bacon
Arabella Fameron
Reuben Saab
30th March:
Pr Alejandro Lop
Mrs J Williams
Mr Hurst

Alexander Mearns Harrison Roberts Zachary Worsman James Rimando Isabella Ciantar Lucas Riley Fr Alejandro Lopez Mr Hurst Charlie Vassallo Harvey Lukas Olivia Hoon

ESAFETY WEBINARS & CYBERBULLYING

Students in Years 4 and Years 6 have participated in esafety webinars over the last 2 weeks. eSafety helps prevent and deal with cyberbullying and its impacts. For most children and young people, online life is a key part of their identity and how they interact socially. It is therefore important that they know how to manage cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is when someone uses the internet to be mean to a child or young person under 18 so they feel bad or upset. It can happen on a social media site, game, app, or any other online or electronic service or platform. It can include: posts, comments, texts, messages, chats, livestreams, memes, images, videos and emails.

Cyberbullying content can be reported to the online or electronic service or platform that was used to send, post or share it. This is usually the fastest way to get it removed.

Parents can assist their children manage themselves online by having open conversations about their use of technology.

EASTER EGGS AT SCHOOL

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there is a high number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.

Find out Who Christ is and What His Message is For Us Today



Commencing Thursday 24th March

An invitation is extended to all St Angela's parents who might be interested in finding out about Who Christ is and what his message is for us today.

"Through the Alpha series we discuss who Jesus Christ is and how we can live life to the full".

Thursdays 7:30pm from March 24 via Zoom. For more details, contact the OLOR: admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au

Celebrating Our Gifts

Learning Excellence

Jaye Lee KB Chanelle Coco KG

Oliver Burchill KY

Jacinta Raad 1B

Michael Boumelhem 1G

Alexander Maait 1Y

William McDowall 2B

Sebastian Arrastia 2G

Madeline Reilly 2Y

Jake Gardiner 3B

Hudson McEnerney 3G

Paige Tadiaman 3Y

James Morr 4B

Piero Colosimo 4G

Holly McGaulley 4Y

Isabella Arrastia 5B

Harper Eastwood 5G

Charlize Woodham 5Y

Leah Benedict 6B

Sebastian Khoury 6G

Christian Frasca 6Y

St Angela's Award

Vicky Zhang KB

Rory Vavsour KG

Sophia Cook KY

Gabriel Fonseca 1G

Milla Netrayana 1Y

Roxanne Lowe 2B

Catalina Fam 2G

Ash Szandala 2Y

Ethan Chetty 3B

Lilly Green 3G

Joseph Dababneh 3Y

Kira Layoun 4B

Samaan Abu Duhou 4G

Saoirse McGowan 4Y

Christian Nasr 5B

Joshua Vassallo 5G

Levi Lawlor 5Y

Kara Piperata 6B

Elly Gohil-Bozic 6G

Kem Young 6Y

NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST

The National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time — individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. NAPLAN will take place in weeks 3 and 4 in Term 2.

From 21st to 25th March all schools cohorts in Yr 3, 5, 7 will undertake the NAPLAN Practice Tests - an omnibus and a writing test. The Practice test is a trial-run and preparation for NAPLAN Online and will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience. The practice tests include an omnibus test (combination of Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy questions) and a Writing test, both approximately 40 minutes in length. All students in Years 5, 7 and 9 are expected to complete both tests.

On 24th March, there will be a whole of Diocese coordinated practise session, to test the technology capability. This is not a test for student learning. All Years 3 and 5 need to have their headphones at school on this day.

Year 3 students will only participate in the omnibus test.

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests (link below) to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site





MACKILLOP TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Mateja Knevitt who has been selected for the MacKillop Touch Football team and will compete in Tuggerah in May.

NSWCPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Ray Zhang who competed at the NSWCPS swimming carnival. He did his personal best for 10yrs boys 50m freestyle, which is 38.69 seconds. Well done Ray!



FOUND NETBALL UNIFORM

A Castle Hill Sports Netball Club uniform size 8 has been handed in. If any student is missing this, please collect from the school office. Thank you.



PRC STUDENTS SITE

Students can search for books to read, add books to their reading log, and track their progress throughout the challenge.

You can find the site at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/ and there is a useful help video available to demonstrate how the site works.

Students new to the challenge

- Noah Dib 1G
- Tiahna Barjacoba 3B
- Eloise Hoon 3B
- Chase Panganiban 3B

Important information for new students

Please let us know if there are any new students from this year or previous years who have previously participated in the challenge at another school. We will need to contact the PRC team to merge information. This could affect when they receive a Gold or Platinum Certificate. The PRC Reading Log with your child's username and password have been sent home. (TIP Take a photo of your child's username and password just in case you misplace your reading log. This does not change.) If you have any questions, contact Mrs North. Let's make this a record year for St Angela's. 100% participation.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 1711

UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

Friday 25th Annunciation of the Lord Prayer Assembly

Kindergarten Liturgy

Monday 28th Year 6 Surf Safe Program

NAPLAN Practise

Thursday 31st Year 2 Excursion - Rouse Hill House &

Farm

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 Friday 8th April, 2022

SENT HOME THIS WEEK: Emailed from Compass Portal

• Whole School: COVID updates

Personalised Plan Collaborative Meeting

Library Volunteers

• Year 6: Surf Safe Program Excursion

Year 5: Excursion to the ZooYears 5 & 3: 2022 NAPLAN

• Kindergarten: Kindergarten Liturgy & Presentation



With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Using the QKR app make your donation to the 2022 Project Compassion Appeal, click on Fundraising and go to Caritas Project Compassion.



GENERAL PARENT MEETINGS

Term 2

7pm

* Tuesday 24th May

* Thursday 18th August



KISS AND DROP IN THE MORNINGS

Procedures for using the Kiss and Drop Area

Once in the Kiss & Drop area:

- Drive up to the furthest free space and stop vehicle
- Child exits car, with their school bag on the **Kerb Side Only** and closes car door
- Driver DOES NOT get out the vehicle
- Driver waits until the car in front moves off and follows
- **DO NOT** pull out and overtake car in front

This procedure has been developed with the children's and driver's safety as a priority.



PARENT NOTIFICATIONS OF ABSENCES

Please use the Compass app to register your child(ren) being absent for a

FULL SCHOOL DAY. Please respond to the text message you will receive at 11am.

If your child tests positive to COVID, please notify the school via the school email: stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au

and not via the Compass portal.

A reminder that <u>partial absences</u> are processed by the school office only.

REGULAR SCHOOL BELL TIMES

With COVID restrictions now eased, a return to the pre-COVID bell times has recommenced. Please be reminded of the following:

8.25am Music to move to assembly area

8.30am Official start of the school day

Start of first learning session

All children are expected to be ready for announcements at assembly and move into classrooms for first learning session

10.30am RECESS
 10.57am Music to move to assembly points
 11.00am Start of second learning session
 12.30pm LUNCH

 Sitting and eating until 12.40pm

 1.17pm Music to move to assembly points
 1.20pm Start of third learning session

2.50pm Official end of the school day
Bell to move to and assemble in dismissal zones.

2.55pm Children begin leaving school grounds towards back gate, front gate crossing, cars, buses, etc.