



# 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.**

Dear Parents,

Many of the difficult times that we as parents experience with raising our children, are quite normal, natural and even appropriate to differing age levels. Parenting is not an exact science and because we do not have a crystal ball we often second guess ourselves and question which is the best way to act or respond to our children. We need always to keep things in perspective, love our children at each stage of their lives and be open-minded to what might lie ahead. A nice little saying for all of us to remember across many circumstances in life is ;

*"A difficulty  
can be likened to a pebble. Hold it too  
close to your eye and it fills the whole  
world and puts everything out of focus.  
Hold it at a proper distance and it can be  
properly examined. Throw it at your feet  
and it can be seen in its true setting, just  
one more bump in the pathway of life."*

*"Together we can achieve so much!"*  
Leanne Nettleton  
PRINCIPAL



## Religious Education



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B Gospel

[Jn 15:1-8](#)

*Jesus the vine, the Father, the vine grower.*

SUNDAY  
**2**  
MAY  
2021

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the 'classic' gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many 'famous' or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention.

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old Karate Kid movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

**Source:** [GregSunter@LiturgyHelp](#)

**First Communion:** We keep in our prayer and congratulate these students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this Sunday 2nd May: *Sienna Andrew, Annelise Araneda, Isabella Arrastia, Grace Bacon, Amelia Baylis, Daniel Bell, Angelique Bonasin, Sienna Bressi, Sebastian Brook, Oscar Callan Kerkenezov, Lily Cassar, Gabrielle Chehade, Sophie Collett, Piero Colosimo, Mya Harvey, and Oliver Mares.* We wish you all of God's love and blessing in this special time of your faith journey.

**OLOR Parish Bulletin:** Fr Alejandro invites everyone to keep up to date with the latest news from the parish as we stay connected to our wider Christian community.

**OLOR Parish-School Mass** The next online live streamed mass will be on Friday 30 April with our Kindergarten and Year One students attending. This will be through the parish Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville>. All families are invited to join.

*God Bless*  
Jocelyn Williams  
Religious Education Coordinator

### 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





## Mothers Day Stall Wednesday 5th May

Thank you to the wonderful group of Year One parents who gathered in the hall last night to wrap and sort gifts for the Mothers Day stall- I am pretty sure that there were a record number of parents who came along. Mothers Day gifts are wrapped and ready for our students to purchase.

### Important....

Parents are invited to pay for student's Mothers day Gifts by using the Qkr App. All gifts are \$5. Prior to making your payment for a gift, please ensure that your child's Qkr profile is correct, that they are in the right class and colour for this year. If this is not correct in Qkr, it will be difficult to organise your child's mother's day gift. Please refer to the attached instructions on how to update your child's profile in Qkr. Please make payments by Monday 3rd May.



## Mothers Day photos

As in previous years, to recognise and celebrate our wonderful mum's we invite you to share a photo of a special "mum moment" and send it attached to an email to the school by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. This will be shared online via email and Facebook next week on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.



## Mother's day Liturgy and Special Presentation Friday 7th May 8:45am Under the Big Top

We are looking forward to welcoming mums to the school next Friday for our Special Mother's Day Celebration. Please complete the google form that you receive today to register your attendance. As we need to hold this event in a COVID Safe manner we will not be holding Open Classrooms or a morning tea however we will be providing extra special entertainment under the Big Top for our mums to enjoy.

## Peer Support Training

### Session 1 Feeling Safe- Being Me!

This week our students commenced our Peer Support Program with Session 1 Feeling Safe - Being me! For the next 8 weeks they will be involved in groups of approximately 6 students working with a student Peer Leader and supervising teacher on Stronger Together - a module that aims to support positive relationships amongst students. Starting this week, we will talk to students about their strengths and their resilience. We will discuss positive relationships or friendships and what to do if they experience harmful and hurtful behaviours. Our Peer Leaders have been trained and have planned their session using the materials we have from Peer Support Australia that are specially designed for student led sessions.

### Session 2 Strong Me!

Our session next week encourages students to identify their personal strengths as a key protective factor to address bullying and look at ways of utilising these positive attributes to support themselves and others to build resilience.

## Upcoming Dates



### TERM 1

#### Week 2

Friday 30th April

Mackillop Netball & Rugby League Trials

SRC Gold or fold  
Crazy hair/hat day for Flood Victims

#### Week 3

Tuesday 4th May

Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek

Wednesday 5th May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 7th May

8:45 am Mother's Day Liturgy

Parramatta Cricket Trials

Saturday 8th May

4pm Year 3 Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May

**Mother's Day**  
4pm Year 3 Holy Communion

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Tuesday 11th to  
21st May

**NAPLAN Years 3 & 5**

## Do You Have the Information You Need?

Thank you to the many parents who contact the teachers, coordinators, to the office, Mrs Yager or Mrs Nettleton directly with questions, concerns, issues or more importantly to seek clarification. Society is such that information is often misconstrued or acts like 'chinese whispers'. Common sense should always prevail. It is always paramount that if you are unsure that you speak to the people that know and have the correct information.

## Sports News

### Cross Country Champions and Runners Up

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements;

#### U12 Girls

Champion Ciara Crowley  
Runner Up Gabriella Fernandes

#### U12 Boys

Champion Rhys Wilson  
Runner Up Nicholas Heanes

#### U11 Girls

Champion Tahlia Mearns  
Runner Up Ashlee McKnight

#### U11 Boys

Champion Stirling Post  
Runner Up Marcus Ma

#### Junior Girls

Champion Alexis Foxe (8 year old)  
Runner Up Macey Brown (8 year old)

#### Junior Boys

Champion Finnegan Brook  
Runner Up Flynn Wilson

**Infant sportsmanship Award** Harper Pickles

**Primary Sportsmanship Award** Seth Peterson

Best wishes to all our students representing St Angela's in the 2021 Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Tuesday 4th May.

## ***Celebrating Our Gifts***

*(Awards presented on Friday 23/04/2021)*

### ***Academic Excellence***

Abigail Andrew KB  
Calissa Layoun KG  
Owen Muscat KY  
Toby Williams 1B  
Estelle Barbara 1G  
Luca D'Urso 1Y  
Oliver Dinsdale 2B  
Paige Tadiaman 2G  
Joshua Raad 2Y  
Antonia Khoudair 3B  
Grace Bacon 3G  
Mia Vassallo 3Y  
Massimo Muscardo 4B  
Oliver Hewlett 4G  
Henry Phelan 4Y  
Jacob Crawford 5B  
Cristian Frasca 5G  
Matilda Scothern 5Y  
Jasmine Fernandez 6B  
Carlo Scida 6G  
Chelsea Mowbray 6Y

### ***St Angela's Award***

William Wallace KB  
Leo Slabak KG  
James Dinsdale KY  
Emmanuel Abu Duhou 1B  
Jamie Hochstetter 1G  
Ashton Stopps 1Y  
Ava Buckley 2B  
Adam Salib 2G  
Ruby Pace 2Y  
Zhiyao Chen 3B  
Sebastian Brook 3G  
Rafferty Castillo 3Y  
Marcus Khoudair 4B  
Ryan Shepherd 4G  
Bodhi Neeld 4Y  
Jayden Younis 5B  
Ryan Salib 5G  
Owen Van Egdom 5Y  
Noah Bercich 6B  
Macey Holmes 6G  
Georgia Lee 6Y



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

#### **May**

##### **Tues 4th**

Alexander Pace  
Daniella Khodeir

##### **Wed 5th**

Oskar Callan-Kerkenezov  
Isla Paulynn Colet  
Lucia Mittiga

##### **Thurs 6th**

Victoria Sidikum

##### **Fri 7th**

Zoe Davie  
Milla Netrayana  
Alexandra Huynh  
Zavier Stornelli

##### **Sat 8th**

Rusty Smith

##### **Sun 9th**

Angelina Catalano  
Harper Pickles



## **May is Scholastic National Family Reading Month!**

2021 marks the 25th year of National Family Reading Month which celebrates and encourages families to read more together.

Most of us know how important reading together is and its long-term value to our children's success in school and in life. However, we also know it is not always that easy to put into practice with our busy schedules and increasing competition with screen time.

That is why we ask families to take the *31 Day Family Reading Challenge*—to inspire you to make reading together for at least 10 minutes every day a focus, to create positive, long lasting reading habits and lifelong readers!

We hope you enjoy exploring the universe of wonderful stories together—from different types of books across many authors and genres, and have a great time taking this challenge.

Don't forget to add your books to the Premier's Reading Challenge.

### **Reminder about transition to Winter Uniform**

All students will transition into their winter uniform by **Week 4** (Monday 10th May).

### **Donations of Second Hand Uniforms**

Do you have any uniforms to donate to our Second Hand Uniform Sale? If so please send all donations to the school office so that they can be included in the Second Uniform Sale that day. We thank you for your support.



### **Sent Home This Week:**

**Emailled:** ANZAC Day Parent Registration, Grade Overviews, ANZAC Biscuits, Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic, 3 Yellow - Meet Miss McEntee, Gold and Fold Crazy Hair/Hat day, Mother's Day, Bishop's Pastoral Letter, Kindergarten Parent Helpers Reading, Diocesan Cross Country, Hillsbus School Service Changes

**Hard Copy:** Year 6 Canberra note



**Friday 30th April**  
**SRC Are hosting a**  
**Gold or Fold**  
**Crazy Hair or Hat**  
**Day**  
**To support flood victims**

Students wear their Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat with their school uniform/sports uniform on Friday.

