

ANGELORUM COLLEGE

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Mr Craig Robinson



We continue to look for suitable permanent premises and I thought this would be a good opportunity to update you all on what has been happening behind the scenes. We have begun very early negotiations with a couple of owners of adjoining blocks of land at Nundah in a quiet street near to the train station. Importantly, it is the correct Council zoning for a school (which is one of the major hurdles). The total land would be 1200m². They are asking 1.25 M. We have engaged an external advisor to do a financial risk analysis to ensure we could afford to pay this, as well as approaching a number of banks about a possible loan. We are also investigating other options such as a number of people loaning smaller amounts to the College or forming a syndicate. If you have any practical advice or know of someone (Grandparent? Relative? Fellow Catholic?) who may be in a position to loan \$100K or more to the College, please contact me or Lucy to discuss. Honestly, this is the closest we have come to finding something remotely suitable. Please keep this in your prayers - that the Lord's Will may be done in this matter. *Our Lady, Help of Christians, Pray for us. St Joseph, Pray for us.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs Lucy Robinson



I count it as no coincidence that we have been showered with blessings particularly in the month of May - the month dedicated to honouring Our Lady. I am continually grateful for our beautiful Catholic faith and the graces we can access from our rich tradition. I am also very grateful to all of the families who have made large sacrifices - particularly that of needing to travel into school - in order to seek the Kingdom of God first in their children's education. You are all a part of the "courageous renewal on the part of the Catholic School" (3, *The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium - Vatican Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education*). The committed Catholic staff of course form a fundamental part of this and we have been so blessed to have the new presence of both Mrs Teresa Gittins and Mrs Angela Greathead (P-2 teachers) , as well as Mrs Andrea Trikilis (3-4 Science and English) join our team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 6:

HOLY MASS (Monday)
Our Lady Help of Christians



WEEK 7:

HOLY MASS (Monday)
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St Elizabeth

WEEK 8:

HOLY MASS (Friday)
Sacred Heart of Jesus



WEEK 9:

HOLY MASS (Thursday)
Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
LAST DAY of term (Friday)

MAY CROWNING OF MARY & MOTHERS' DAY



On Friday 7th May all staff and students as well as many mothers joined in a Rosary procession around our block in Fortitude Valley followed by



a May crowning of our Mary statue in the playground. We also had an afternoon tea for mothers and pampering (nail painting, hand massage and bracelet making). It was a very blessed occasion and many graces continue to flow to the College as a result of honouring Our Lady. This has included a rush of enrolment enquiries and new enrolments coinciding with the day of the procession and crowning.

FAREWELL MRS VOLOCHII

It was with mixed feelings of sadness (to see her leave us) and excitement (to see the wonderful 'bump' of a baby coming!) that we said 'farewell' to Mrs Volochii. Her gentleness and kindness will be remembered by all of us and her dedication to her students was inspiring. She will remain a part of our Angelorum family.



Save the date:

MARIAN
VALLEY
FAMILIES
RETREAT
WEDNESDAY
11th AUGUST to
FRIDAY
13th AUGUST,
2021



JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY



On Friday, 14th May, 2 members of the Brisbane Legion of Mary spoke to our students about this. It was a very blessed occasion and the Junior Legion of Mary goals fit completely in with our school culture. It is our hope that membership in the Junior Legion of Mary becomes an essential component to enrolment at Angelorum College. This is because it takes what students learn in Religion as well as the daily prayers we recite and translates that into a solid form of service (1 hr a week helping others - this could be around the house or further afield depending on age of child and family circumstances). The only other requirement is 1 hr a week meeting which will be scheduled for during school hours and a daily prayer called the Catena (which means 'chain' - because all the members around the world praying this makes an unbroken chain of prayer in the world). *"The Catholic school forms part of the saving mission of the Church, especially for education in the faith."* (9, *The Catholic School, Vatican Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education*). Please be aware parental consent is required and forms need to be returned to school. More information on the Legion of Mary will follow. The Legion of Mary takes the St Louis de Montfort method of 'True Devotion to Mary' and uses this as a template for living out daily life. It recognises we are engaged in a spiritual battle and encourages all to live out the call to holiness.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

My name is *Teresa Gittins*. I am married with two children and originally come from Boonah in the Scenic Rim. I have over ten years' teaching experience in the Brisbane and Rockhampton dioceses and a Masters of Religious Education. Along with teaching at Angelorum College, I am also Sacramental Coordinator at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra. My family are parishioners at Banyo-Nundah Parish.



Hello Angelorum Families, What a privilege and honour to be part of your school community co-teaching Prep to 2. I come with a passion for early childhood education and to inspire in children a love for learning. I also have a background in learning support and teaching children with English as a Second Language. First and foremost, though I am a wife to my husband Jack, and a mother to our six inspiring children, ranging in age from 26 to 14. My other roles include the Sacramental Coordinator for the Banyo Nundah Parish where I have the opportunity to walk with many families on their faith

journey. I look forward to sharing the Catholic faith with your children and growing more deeply in the love of God. May God Bless you always, *Angela Greathead*

My name is *Andrea Trikilis* and I moved to Brisbane from Melbourne in April 2020 with my husband Chris and our son Thomas (2 years). We moved because Chris took on the Director of Music position at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen. I have been teaching in Catholic Primary Schools since 2007 including roles as Deputy Principal and RE leader. I am a graduate and former tutor of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family. This year I will be working with the Year 3s and 4s teaching Science and English. I am excited to be part of the Angelorum Community, which has at its core, the Catholic Faith and the Family- the Domestic Church and I look forward to meeting more of you as the year progresses.



MARCH FOR LIFE 8 May

On Saturday 8th May a group of Angelorum families united to support the pro-life cause. It was wonderful to see a few thousand other like-minded people and families, ready to proceed through the streets of Brisbane to uphold the dignity of every person and the right to life for all humans, from conception until natural death.



BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are very grateful to Fr Armstrong for making it possible for all our students to experience the beauty and wonder of Benediction on a regular basis this year. Students in years 3-10 also participate in weekly Eucharistic Adoration.



RAIL SAFETY

Mr David from Queensland Rail visited the school in week 5 to talk about safety in and around trains. He provided us all with an entertaining and informative presentation and explained how important it is for all school students to stay behind the yellow line and to look out for each other at the train station. Don't forget to ask your P-6 child to show you the actions for 'trains are fast, trains are heavy and trains take a long time to STOP!'



DE FAMILIES Mr Joseph Coote

Paul and Mark Carmen (Townsville) would like to share their wonderful artwork with you all. Children aged between 4-16 were invited through a regional homeschooling group, to create artwork using tissue paper, paint and glue in the style of Eric Carle. Great work boys!



I just want to remind Distance Education Families that they are welcome to make submissions to our newsletter. This could be something you have written and want to share or photographs of recent events you were involved in. Please send submissions to Mrs. Knol or Mr. Coote by the end of Week 8 or June 11th.

PREP - 2 Mrs Teresa Gittins and Mrs Angela Greathead

With the happy news that Mrs Volochii is expecting, Prep-2 have welcomed two new teachers into the classroom this term. Mrs Angela Greathead and Mrs Teresa Gittins will be co-teaching with Mrs Angela Greathead in the classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mrs Gittins in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The P-2 class have had a wonderful start to the term and have settled very well into the new teacher arrangement.

We have had a busy start to the term in the P-2 classroom! The students are learning about information texts, focusing on Australian animals. We have two special cuddly friends - a mother kangaroo and her joey - who are lucky enough to go home with one of the students each weekend and join in the family activities. We are also looking at our community and the features of our communities. The students loved looking at the community around Angelorum College using Google Earth and were able to recognise familiar built and natural features on the map. We have also been learning the words of the Apostles' Creed and what they mean while counting the 50 days of Easter.



I thought it would be nice to hear from the students in this edition of the newsletter instead of myself. Enjoy!

Rebecca Yr 6

1. What subject are you enjoying the most so far this term?

My favourite subject is art and technology because they are very fun and I can do them with my friends.

2. What do you most like about being part of Angelorum College?

The thing I like most about Angelorum College is I can be myself, as in be Catholic.

3. Who is your favourite saint and why?

My favourite saint is St Joan of Arc because she was very determined and was willing to give up her life for France.

4. What skill/s do you hope to improve this term?

I hope to improve my general Spanish conversation skills.



Ashish Yr 6

1. What subject are you enjoying the most so far this term?

The subject I have loved the most this term is sports because I love to interact with other people and be competitive with others. At the same time I'm improving my health and my whole body is getting stronger and more flexible.

2. What do you most like about being part of Angelorum College?

I like being a part of the fun excursions with the whole school and I like being friends with people who are so devoted to God and the church.

3. Who is your favourite saint and why?

I adore Saint Joseph of Cupertino and Saint Joseph the foster-father of Jesus. Saint Joseph of Cupertino helps people who are stressed in their studies. Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, is a role model for me because he obeyed God's every command even if God asked him to marry someone. With that obedience came a very special reward which is the kingdom of heaven.

4. What skill/s do you hope to improve this term?

I wish to improve my Spanish so I can speak another language and have more job opportunities. I wish to improve my English so I can speak more fluently and understand sentences better.



Andrew Yr 4

1. What subject are you enjoying the most so far this term?

The subject I like the most is technology because our teacher, Mr Coote, lets us do coding from scratch sometimes. If you would like to find more information try: [Scratch.mit.edu](https://scratch.mit.edu)

2. What do you like most about being part of the Angelorum College?

My favourite part about Angelorm is that I can see my friends and talk to them.

3. Who is your favourite saint and why?

My favourite saint is Saint Michael the Archangel because he is the protector and defender of Heaven. He is my confirmation saint and also has a flaming sword.

4. What skill/s do you hope to improve this term?

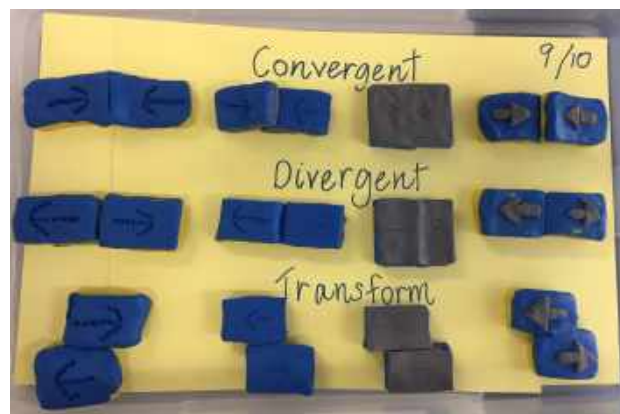
I want to improve my table tennis skills and math skills.



HIGH SCHOOL Mrs Colina Knol

The high school students have been learning about ecology in years 7/8 and plate tectonics in years 9/10 science. Currently the younger students are investigating human parasites and the older ones are researching a specific volcanic eruption of their choice and then constructing a 3D working model of that particular volcano.

In maths, they are continuing with the units in number and algebra and for dance they will begin choreographing their own routines this week. The students will be inviting all parents to watch their class performance in week 9!



REMINDER



I only received a single response since our last newsletter from families that would want to participate in the following course. (Use the link below if you missed the information in the previous newsletter!)

I am now looking to get this started in term 3. All high school students and their older siblings are welcome to join. Please remember that a parent (or grandparent) must be present with their child/ren and the purchase of a workbook will be required.

YOU: Life, Love and Theology of the Body

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/you-life-love-and-the-theology-of-the-body>

If you are interested in joining us, please email Mrs Knol ASAP colina.knol@angelorum.qld.edu.au

THE BENEDICTUS

Every morning, before we begin our academic school day, all staff and students at Angelorum College sing The Canticle of Zechariah (from Luke 1:68-79). The Benedictus was the song of thanksgiving uttered by Zechariah on the birth of his son, John the Baptist. Our school motto comes from the line 'We might serve Him in holiness.'

Blessed be the Lord†, the God of **Israel**:
He has visited his people **and** redeemed them.
He *has* raised up for us a mighty *saviour*:
In the house of **David** his servant.
As *he* promised by the lips of **holy** men:
Those who were his **prophets** from of old.
A *saviour* who would free us from **our** foes:
From the hands of **all** who hate us.
So *his* love for our fathers is **fulfilled**:
And his holy **covenant** remembered.
He *swore* to Abraham our father to **grant** us:
That free from fear, and saved from the **hands** of our foes.
We *might* serve him in holiness and **justice**:
All the days of our life **in** his presence.
As *for* you, **little** child:
You shall be called a prophet of **God**, the Most High.
You *shall* go ahead **of** the Lord:
To prepare his **ways** before him.
To *make* known to his people their **salvation**:
Through forgiveness **of** all their sins.
The *loving-kindness* of the heart **of** our God:
Who visits us like the **dawn** from on high.
He *will* give light to those in darkness, who dwell in the shadow **of** death:
And guide us into **the** way of peace.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the **Holy** Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world **without** end. **Amen**



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