



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to an exciting new year of faith, fun and learning. Together with the students, parents, teachers, parish and wider community we look forward to working as a team in partnership towards developing all our students spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially and physically.

In this, the year of 'Mercy', we ask for God's blessings over our Christ centred community of new and existing families, staff and religious as we embark on our 16th year of providing a high level of quality Catholic Education for the children, who are our first priority.

I sincerely hope that the holiday period was a treasured time of relaxation, family and friends.

As a school community we congratulate Mrs Kelly Hynes (3 Yellow) and her husband, Daniel, who are expecting the birth of their first child towards the middle of the year. We ask for God's guiding grace as they begin their family.

Congratulations also to Miss Janine Lawrence (Learning Support), who celebrated the sacrament of marriage over the Christmas break. We wish Janine and her husband, Ara, a life of happiness and blessings as they start their new journey as a married couple.

Congratulations on a great start to the school year by all the children. I have been very proud to see the children quickly settling into their learning and living in harmony with the many members of our community. We particularly look forward to our Kindergarten children who officially start next week.

A rewarding journey into 2016 awaits as we aim to develop the whole child and foster their lifelong relationship with Christ. As parents and partners in your child's education I encourage you to work alongside the talented, dedicated and professional staff here at St Angela's as they provide and facilitate opportunities for your child to grow to their full potential. Your support is appreciated and is an integral part of the success of St Angela's.

You should be extremely proud of your school, St Angela's, it's welcoming atmosphere and the way that over 610 children gather together each day to **LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE** in their own unique way.

I look forward to working with you as the first educators of your children to make 2016 a most rewarding year.

*Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.*

Tony Calabria  
Principal



## Theme for the week:

**"Let Your Light Shine"**

*Our first theme of the year is our school motto. It reminds us to use the talents and gifts that God has blessed us with each and every day. Be brilliant in every aspect of life.*



## Upcoming Dates

### Week 1

Thurs 28th Jan

First day for Years 1 to 6 students

### Week 2

Mon 1st Feb

First official day for Kindergarten students - tea and tissue morning tea for parents

Fri 5th Feb

5.00pm Kindergarten and new families BBQ  
Canteen and band/instrument lessons begin

### Save the Date

**Wednesday 10th February at 11:00am**  
**Combined Ash Wednesday/Opening School Mass**  
**at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church**

We would love you to join us as a community as we ask for God's blessings for 2016 and begin our Lenten journey.

## Kindergarten and New Families Welcoming BBQ

**NEXT FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY AT 5.00PM**  
**THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE BIG TOP**

All Kindergarten and new families to St Angela's are invited to a welcoming BBQ next Friday 5th February at 5.00pm. Food and drinks will be provided.



We hope you and your family can join us.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT DAYS

Physical Education and Sports lessons take place each week. Children are to please wear their sports uniforms as indicated below **starting next week:**

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



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## Religious Education

Feast of St Angela Merici January 27<sup>th</sup>

St Angela says:

*"I ask you to take all your children into account, having each and everyone deeply fixed in your hearts and minds and not just their names, but their back ground, character and everything concerning them; because this is how true words of love works. Please bring them up with love, with a gentle and kind hand."*

Mrs Marilyn Turner  
Religious Education Co-ordinator



### Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Turner family (Mrs Turner, 4 Yellow) due to the passing into eternal life of Mrs Turner's mother-in-law.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale This Wednesday 3rd February 1.15-2.45pm

Our second hand uniform sale for this term will be held this Wednesday 3rd February from 1.15-2.45pm outside the canteen.

All items will be sold for \$5 or \$10, with profits going towards the school. It is really just a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need!



## Baby Boy

*Congratulations to the Hakme-Bader family on the arrival of Jayden, a brother for Joshua (6 Yellow) and James (4 Yellow)*

*Welcome to St Angela's School Community*

## GRADE INFORMATION SESSIONS

**The following grade sessions will be held for parents on Tuesday 9th February:**

**Year 1 - 6.00pm**

**Kindergarten - 7.00pm**

This year, we will trial a new approach to our grade information sessions for Years 2 to 6. Please find information coming home shortly.

Thank you for your support.

## Happy Birthday!

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

### FEBRUARY

#### Mon 1st

Spencer Anderson

Jessica O'Meara

Tristen Gunawardhana

Arielle Henwood

#### Thurs 4th

Grace Nugent

#### Fri 5th

Sienna Van Jour

Molly Nati

#### Tues 2nd

Benedict Solomon

## Canteen and band lessons begin next Friday 5th February

### Supporting and Extending Your Child's Learning

Over the next few weeks, the teachers will extensively assess your child so as to get to know their strengths and areas of need. They will also read each child's file and reports so as to get a better perception of their past performance and successes. It is important to have a good understanding of each child's needs before launching into the programming of work, so that it meets these needs.

Please return the Student Information form coming home today no later than next Thursday so that your valuable input can be utilised to assist your child.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice is reaching out to those less fortunate. Throughout the year, as a community which is truly blessed, we will be reaching out to others in need through a variety of charities and Caritas.

### HeartKids - Friday 12th February

We would like to support 'HeartKids' NSW through their Sweetheart Campaign on Friday 12th February (celebrated on Valentine's Day) by asking children to bring in a gold or fold donation and to wear red ribbons on their uniform or in their hair and/or red socks from home to acknowledge and raise awareness of children with heart disease. This worthy charity has supported five of our students at St Angela's with their serious heart conditions, including open heart surgery. All funds raised will go towards helping HeartKids support the eight babies born every day with childhood heart disease in the hope of finding a cure.

Thank you for your support.

Please see coming home next week parent calendar and grade newsletters.