



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 8

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful celebration of faith, fun and learning we experienced last Friday as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week and St Patrick's Day with a prayer assembly, morning tea and class visits. The parents attended in record numbers and were very appreciative of the morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Turner for co-ordinating the assembly, Mrs Bateman for leading the choir, Mr Ciccarelli and Ms Bichara for the band and all the teachers/staff for their roles on the day and for welcoming you into their classrooms. Thank you to one and all for your generous donations on St Patrick's Day to support our social justice outreach through Project Compassion. As a school community we raised in excess of \$1396 to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Well done St Angela's!

Our talented and gifted staff at St Angela's undertake numerous additional responsibilities and studies in order to help provide a high level of learning and an up-to-date curriculum for all children in all Key Learning Areas. Teachers regularly meet to share, develop and discuss teaching and learning strategies and new innovations in learning. Staff meetings for this purpose are held each Wednesday afternoon. We also hold staff prayer and reflection on a Friday morning. In all, it is the commitment that the staff give to their role in Catholic Education at St Angela's that helps make the difference. Recently, Educators throughout the diocese gathered to celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Blacktown. At this Mass we reflected on our vocation as Catholic Educators and the roles we have been called upon to fulfil.

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

Monica Fitzalan
Assistant Principal



Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Hall family – Jo, Gary, Matthew and Stephen and all their extended family, due to the passing into eternal life of Jo's father in law.

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Our prayers are extended to the Mizzi family – Sharon, John, Joshua, Matthew and Patrick and all their extended family, due to the passing into eternal life of Sharon's aunty.

Theme for the week:

Saying 'Thank You'

Fostering a culture of appreciation towards others is an important value. Too often children (and yes even adults) can take for granted what others do for them. It is wonderful to see children who take the time to acknowledge and thank their parents, relatives, friends, teachers, peers etc. either verbally or in writing. In a world where we sometimes take people and the things they do for granted or expect so much from others it is amazing just how much a 'thank you' can do.



Week 8

Fri 21st Mar

2.10pm Year 2 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Sun 23rd Mar

3rd Sunday of Lent

Week 9

Tues 25th Mar

St Angela's Cross Country

Wed 26th Mar

2.10pm Kindergarten Liturgy in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

7.00pm Diocesan Parent Representative Council Meeting at St Paul's Catholic College - 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Sun 30th Mar

4th Sunday of Lent

Week 10

Fri 4th Apr

2.10pm Year 6 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Sun 6th Apr

5th Sunday of Lent

Week 11

Fri 11th Apr

Last Day Term 1

Sun 13th Apr

Palm Sunday

Term Dates for 2014

Term 1	29th January to 11th April
Term 2	28th April to 27th June
Term 3	14th July to 19th September
Term 4	7th October to 19th December



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Religious Education



Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

John 4:5-41 'Sharp edge' to encounter at the well

The woman's reaction to her enlightenment was a reminder to those who had found faith in Christ that they too were called to be missionaries. And this reminder has a sharp edge. It is not easy for us, today, to appreciate the bitterness of the estrangement between Jews and Samaritans – though the shocking conflicts of recent times may help us to understand the violent attitudes that divided these two groups. Of the Synoptic Gospels, Luke alone – the Gentile convert – shows any sympathy for the Samaritans. A missionary outreach to these people, therefore, must have seemed almost unthinkable to early Christians, most of who were from a Jewish background. The attitude of Jesus, and the success he had in this chance meeting with Samaritans, was an encouragement for them to take up the Church's mission, even though the difficulties seemed insurmountable.

Catholic Schools Week/ St Patrick's Day Celebrations 14th March

Last Friday we were blessed to have Br Louis from the Friary at OLOR Parish come to talk to the children, parents, grandparents and visitors at our Catholic Schools Week and St Patrick's Day Celebrations. He stressed the importance of the season of Lent and how we should always show kindness and consideration to others.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

In the Know



Science and Technology

Science and Technology develops students' skills in thinking, investigating and problem-solving. It gives them knowledge and skills in scientific investigation and inquiry, design and applying technologies. Children pose questions, test ideas, and develop and evaluate arguments based on evidence.

What are children at St. Angela's learning about this Term?

Kindergarten: On The Move

Year 1: Why is the Sea Important to Us?

Year 2: Growing up

Year 3: Why is Australia a Great Place?

Year 4: Package it Better

Year 5: Natural Disasters: Earthquakes & Volcanoes

Year 6: Why should we Preserve our Rainforests?

Enjoy each day with your children – they are God's greatest gift!

Mrs Fitzalan
Assistant Principal



QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLING PROJECT

Thank you to the parents who were selected randomly by the CEO to complete school surveys. Please note the last day for submission is Friday 28th March.

JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER 2014

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Palm Sunday : 13 April

Masses 7.00am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
10.45am - Solemn Procession will begin

Wednesday of Holy Week: 16 April

7.00pm Mass of the Holy Oils at St Patrick's Cathedral

Holy Thursday: 17 April

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday : 18 April

11.00am - Stations of the Cross
12 noon - Community lunch in parish hall
3.00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 19 April

7.00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 20 April

Masses at 7.00am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

Divine Mercy Sunday: 27 April

Masses at 7.00am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 3.00pm
Exposition and Reconciliation from 1.00pm with Benediction of
the Most Blessed Sacrament.
Solemn Mass will begin at 3.00pm.
N.B. No evening Mass on 27 April.

Thank you

♦ To Mel Catania, Deb Heming, Doreen O'Donnell, Lisa Langridge, Maria Dell'Aquila, Amanda Geale, Angela Papadimatos, Tammy Sultana, Monica Crowley, Antonella Tesoriero, Vicki Watson, Sonia O'Rourke and Tuyet Nguyen who assisted with organising the Baker's Delight lunch for the children on Tuesday. Your time was very much appreciated.

To all Year 6 Parents

It's time to start planning for your children's last year at St Angela's and we would love your help!

Any Year 6 parents interested in getting involved and being part of a Year 6 committee, please come along to: Amanda Geale's home on Wednesday 26th March at 9am. Please contact Amanda for her address on 0403775405.

Year 6 Parent Reps

The Year One Frog Club 2014

This week a representative from Castle Hill Library visited Year One to invite them to participate in 'The Year One Frog Club'. This is a special program for Year One students, designed and presented by our local libraries. The club's aim is to encourage a love of reading in a fun and innovative way. Children who join will gain access to a range of free materials to borrow and be involved in fun activities and rewards to encourage reading. For more information please visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library

Year One Teachers

Happy Birthday!

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

March

Sun 23rd

Kaleb Brett

Owen Azzopardi

Mon 24th

Mitchell Smith

Tues 25th

James Baylis

Kyle Morley

Dylan Nguyen

Zander Askew

Genevieve Brouillard

Joshua Wickens

Thurs 27th

Jack McDonald

Fri 28th

Harrison Crotty

Evan Hunt

Sat 29th

Ivana Alilovic



Celebrating Our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Eimear Kelly (K Blue)

Freya Begg (K Green)

Taylah Khoudair (K Yellow)

Jia Jung (1 Blue)

Dylan Crowe (1 Green)

Natasha Panganiban (1 Yellow)

Will Johnston (2 Blue)

Joan Bautista (2 Green)

Michael Alibrandi (2 Yellow)

Philippa Gattini (3 Blue)

Ella Evans (3 Green)

Jacob Holm (3 Yellow)

Emma Vitanza (4 Blue)

Frederick Johan (4 Green)

Tiana Alberti (4 Yellow)

Michael Easterbrook (5 Blue)

Sohara Janaratne (5 Green)

Luca Muscardo (5 Green)

Michael Rodrigues (5 Yellow)

Christopher Cignarella (6 Blue)

Oscar Cartisano (6 Green)

Clarissa Sampol (6 Yellow)

St Angela's Award

Luke Wehrmann (K Blue)

Jessica Mitchell (K Green)

Luke Younis (K Yellow)

Sophia Milas (1 Blue)

Katarina Mabic (1 Green)

Blake Cassettari (1 Yellow)

Benedict Solomon (2 Blue)

Oliver Vujnovich (2 Green)

Kyle Brett (2 Yellow)

Isabella King (3 Blue)

Riley Azzopardi (3 Green)

Angus Gibbons (3 Yellow)

Luke Marmara (4 Blue)

Jack Despoges (4 Green)

Raphael Saul (4 Yellow)

Rachel Western (5 Blue)

Gabriella Hogan (5 Yellow)

Lucas Tenn (6 Blue)

Ciara Bizzanelli (6 Green)

Will Matthews (6 Yellow)

St Angela's Cross Country 2014

Thank you to those parents who have already offered their assistance at our carnival.

We are still in need of helpers.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL HELPER

- ☐ I am available to assist as a Parent Helper on Tuesday 25th March at the Cross Country Carnival.
- ☐ I have completed the Volunteer Child Protection requirements.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CHILD'S CLASS: _____

Times available: _____ to _____

2015 SIBLING ENROLMENT INTENTION

I _____ am intending to enrol
(Parent First and Surname)

my child/children into St Angela's to commence Kindergarten in 2015.

Child (First Name) _____

Child (Surname) _____

D.O.B. _____

Please send an enrolment package home with
_____ in Class _____.

Packages will be sent home soon.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Star Spot

Congratulations to Alex Murdocca (Year 6- 2013) who is now the male Australian Discus Champion for his age.
Well done!

Colour House Shirts

Colour House Shirts are available from the school office at a cost of \$15.00. If you would like to purchase a shirt, please send payment with your child and a shirt will be sent home.

SIBLING ENROLMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Angela's for Kindergarten in 2015, please complete the adjacent initial interest form and send to the school office. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. Thank you.

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home today. Please return your orders to the school office no later than next **Wednesday 26th March** - LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Envelopes should be clearly marked: BOOKCLUB, NAME, CLASS AND AMOUNT.

Payments are accepted by cheque (made payable to Scholastic) and credit card. PLEASE NOTE CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED.

Credit card payments are made as per instructions on the Book Club brochures. Credit card information is not to be written on the order forms. If you wish to pay by credit card YOU must ring scholastic on the 1800 number on the order form or online payment at www.scholastic.com.au/payment. The receipt number is then to be recorded on the order form then forwarded with your order. There must be a receipt number with your order or I cannot process the order. Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)
Book Club Coordinator



Premier's Reading Challenge for 2014

Information coming home soon

News from the Parish

INTERNET ADDICTION

Do you worry about the effects of Internet Addiction in your home and environment?

Come to the parish hall on **Thursday 27th March at 7.30 pm** to hear Dr. John Poon discuss the above and much more.

LENTEN SEASON

Some ways to make sacrifices during Lent include fasting and abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays, coming to Mass on week nights (7pm Mon to Friday), prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are two options to attend **The Stations of the Cross** (Way of the Cross) **during LENT** here at:

- 10am on the Friary grounds each Friday
- Shrine of the Holy Innocents and
- 7.30pm (after 7pm Mass) in the Church each Friday evening.

LENTEN GROUP EACH TUESDAY DURING LENT

The Lenten program will continue on Tuesday evenings after 7pm Mass during Lent. Please come along and join Br. Giles as we prepare for Easter.

DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

All-Night Adoration will be held from 8pm on Friday **March 28** in the Shrine of the Holy Innocents at the Friary until 10am on Saturday morning **March 29**, followed by the Garden Mass for the Unborn on Saturday at 11am. All welcome to join in prayer.

CHANGE OF DATE! MARIAN COLLEGE ENROLMENT 2015

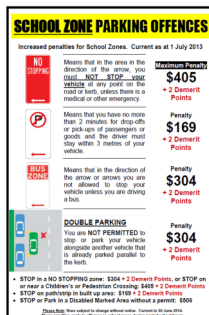
Enrolments will now be combined with the Parent Information Evening for the sacrament of CONFIRMATION on Tuesday 27 May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Living well with our neighbours

Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours and the safety of everyone so that we can continue to use the back path area and surrounding streets as an exit to and from our school.

Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and **parents must not park across driveways** or drive in an unsafe manner. Anyone who breaches the parking rules must realise that police regularly patrol and that the RTA has the authority to fine drivers and those drivers will also lose points off their licence.

Please also be mindful that you are setting an example for your children with your actions. It is distressing for everyone to witness a parent verbally abusing others when a parent has parked illegally, in an unsafe manner and is asked to move their car.



Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, remaining whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 8 - Tomorrow, Friday 21st Mar at 2.10pm led by Year 2
Week 10 - Friday 4th Apr at 2.10pm led by Year 6

All parents are most welcome to join us.

EASTER EGGS AT SCHOOL

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are 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.

Oakhill College

ART IN THE HILLS



OAKHILL COLLEGE 2014 ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd March 2014

OPENING NIGHT Friday 21st March
7pm for 7.30pm till 10.30pm
ADMISSION \$30 pre-paid via website or \$35 at the door.
www.artoakhill.com.au/openingnighttickets
EXHIBITION CONTINUES Saturday: 22nd March - 10am-6pm
Sunday: 23rd March - 10am-4pm
Admission - Gold or Fold
ENQUIRIES: Terri Unwin: terriunwin@smartline.com.au
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