



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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Term 2, Week 2

Dear Parents,

MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

We welcome all parents, especially mothers, to our special Mother's Day assembly tomorrow morning at 8.45am, followed by a community morning tea in the St Maximilian Hall and a visit to our classrooms to undertake a learning activity with your daughter or son. Given Mother's Day falls early in the term you will notice the classrooms are still building their displays etc. as their units of work are progressively taught.

Thank you to the wonderful mothers from Year One who assisted with the Mother's Day Stall so that your child has something special chosen by them to give you on Sunday. Keep an eye on next week's Shine for acknowledgements and a full wrap up of our Mother's Day Celebrations.

On behalf of the children and staff I would like to wish all mothers in our parish school community a happy and heartfelt Mother's Day for this Sunday. The special love that only a mother can give is always appreciated but not always acknowledged. Every day should be Mother's Day, so why not rest and relax on Sunday and allow your family to show their love and thanks to you for the invaluable role you play in their lives.

The month of May is our official Kinder 2015 enrolment period. In only 6 school days of May we have had to date, including siblings, just over 95 enrolment packages collected. This is a true testimony and affirmation of the wonderful St Angela's community, the high standard of quality Catholic Education we provide and the outstanding educators and staff present. Our school certainly has a great reputation, thanks to all of you. You are our best ambassadors and we hope you are as proud of St Angela's as we are.

Prospective enrolment families for 2015 visited St Angela's last Friday for a school tour and information session. They were most impressed and certainly looking forward to their young ones starting in 2015.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT/PUPIL FREE DAY
FOR TERM 2**

FRIDAY 23rd MAY

**Staff will gather for professional
learning in the area of Mathematics.**



Upcoming Dates

Week 2

Fri 9th May

8.45am Mothers' Day Assembly followed by morning tea and classroom activities - All welcome

Week 3

Tues 13th May

NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing

Wed 14th May

NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 Reading

Thurs 15th May

NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 Numeracy

11.00am Year 6 Mass in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 16th May

NAPLAN 'catch up' day for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day

9.45am Interschool Debating Competition - St Angela's vs St Madeleine's - All welcome

2.10pm Year 1 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Theme for the week:

"Mothers are a Gift from God"

Our theme this week is an acknowledgement that our Mothers, in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given to all of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and care our Mothers give us. The unique qualities of our own mothers, whether by God's side or with us, are indeed special and we give thanks to Our Lord for their committed care and love in our lives.

SIBLING ENROLMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

A reminder that enrolments packs are now due back at school. Please be aware we will require your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunisation record, a passport sized photo, latest council/water rates notice and citizenship/visa information if child or parents are born overseas. Once returned, we will advise you of an interview date towards the end of May. Thank you.

Coming home:

Entertainment Book Flyer



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Religious Education



Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

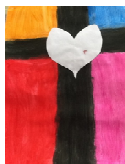
John 10:1-10 Shepherd's sacrifice recalled each liturgy

'...the gospel speaks of the image of the Sheepfold: That they may have life and have it to the full. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Christ's offering of His whole self and even his life (down to the very last drop of His blood) is remembered by us at each and every Eucharist. In our Liturgy we constantly speak of this mysterious thing called the "Paschal Mystery", which is actually about the mystery of Jesus' life, suffering, death and Resurrection - all for the salvation of people. In every Eucharistic prayer, this Paschal Mystery is recalled and remembered. The word used for this remembering and for this living memorial sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, is the rather daunting Greek word: "anamnesis", (which is a word that means ...: "remembering").'

http://homilycatholic.blogspot.com.au/2011_05_01_archive.html

Religious Education and other Curriculum Areas:

Every curriculum area or subject taught within a Catholic school has a religious dimension. The skills taught foster reflection, critical thinking, analysis and discernment – all which promote the search for truth and meaning. During the Easter Season our children have used the above skills to create some amazing artwork for their classroom. Some samples below are from Years 2, 3, 5.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Gibbons family (Amy 5 Blue and Angus 3 Green) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's grandmother.

Emailing of Various School Notes

Please note we have begun emailing various notes. If you change your email or wish to use a different email address to receive correspondence, please advise the office. We encourage you to check your email (and/or spam) regularly for emails from St Angela's. Please advise the office if you have not received any emails in the last week.

Emails sent home:

Grade Overviews, Home Reading Program for Years 1 and 2, Mother's Day Flyer, Photo Day Information and Uniform Policy.

Being emailed today:

St Angela's COOSH Pupil Free Day Information, Report Information

Twin Babies

*Congratulations to the MacNaughton family
on the arrival of Mia and Jacob,
a sister and brother for Hannah (K Blue)
Welcome to St Angela's School Community*

News from the Parish

Can you help the Parish by making some Money Trees?

Fr Joe has asked the children of St Angela's and Our Lady of the Rosary to assist with the Parish Dinner Dance by contributing to a Money "Scratchie" tree. The Money Scratchie tree or trees will be part of the prizes at the Parish Dinner Dance in July. All the proceeds from the Dinner Dance are going towards the church renovations.

Fr Joe is asking if each family can bring in at least one Scratchie lottery ticket. Could the Scratchie please be placed in an envelope marked 'Parish Tree' and sent into the school as soon as possible. The Parish Dinner Dance organising committee will construct the trees.

The committee is also looking for other prizes and of course people to attend the dance on 26th July. Please contact the Parish office if you can assist on 9629 2595. Thank you for your assistance.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Dinner Dance Committee

MOTHER'S DAY—SUNDAY 11TH MAY

As a Parish we would like to remember our mothers (past or present) so we invite you to bring a single flower to Mass this weekend. Please tie your mother's name to the stem of the flower and place it in one of the prepared vases situated at the foot of Our Lady's statue. Mother's Day envelopes will be in the pews of the Church for those who wish to have their mothers remembered at Mass.

Quote of the Week

"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing that you will."

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
PARENT MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP
(EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING)
9.00am WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY**

The goal of this program is to continue to build on the mathematical strengths of the children and support their areas of need in this Key Learning Area in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The workshop will be an opportunity for parents to further gain an insight into the way that Mathematics is taught. Parents are invited to come along and participate in **various new** activities.

All those attending will receive a showbag kit containing equipment and strategies to help their children at home. We hope to see you there and ask that you RSVP by emailing the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Can you help?

We are collecting plastic lids from jars such as Vegemite/Goulburn Valley fruits. These plastic coloured lids will be used instead of stones to mark children's places in our new playground games, eg. hopscotch. If you have any lids at home, could you please send them in with your child to Mrs Flello in 6 Blue.

Many thanks.

Happy Birthday!

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

May

Sun 11th

Anthony El-Rahi
Luke Marmara

Mon 12th

Michael Easterbrook
Edwina Vassallo

Tues 13th

Alexandra Crotty
Ethan Gunawardhana

Wed 14th

Isaac Estera

Thurs 15th

Jessica Herbas

Fri 16th

Alanna Hocking

Sat 17th

Lucy Van Der Heyde
Oliver Simunic
Brandon Suefong



Premier's Reading Challenge

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Challenge

As you are aware, the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now running and will conclude on 1st September 2014. Books read from 1 September 2013 can count towards the 2014 challenge. Remember our local libraries also support the challenge.

Mrs Rosanne North
Teacher Librarian

Home School Learning Link

We have all heard the saying, 'A picture is worth a 1000 words.' This is particularly true for learners of all ages. So much of children's learning comes from their exposure to visual information. Early in their lives children learn to read facial expressions and body language. They can easily recognize symbols, for example, the Golden arched M at McDonald's. Most children like to retell the story of their favourite picture books using the illustrations. This ability to make meaning from images is called visual literacy.

At school and at home picture books continue to play an important part in developing children's visual literacy. The picture book combines text and illustrations, with the illustrations enriching the meaning and extending the information contained in the text. When reading picture books the children are continually confirming their understanding by cross checking the illustrations and the text. This develops their ability to visualise what they are reading, which is an important comprehension skill. As Albert Einstein once said, 'If I can't picture it, I can't understand it.'

Picture books are essential reading for children of all ages and reading ability. For early readers in particular, the rhythm, rhyme, and repetition of picture books support the development of reading skills such as phonemic awareness, phonics, comprehension and fluency. They are perfect for enjoying with your children of all ages and for encouraging those very important family conversations.

Celebrating Our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Angelina Chidiac (K Blue)

Gabriella Way (K Green)

Yasmin Davie (K Yellow)

James Watson (1 Blue)

Jasmine Shepherd (1 Green)

Grace Karam (1 Yellow)

Giselle Mendiola (2 Blue)

Tom Smales (2 Green)

Tiarna Fox (2 Yellow)

Mia Thomas (3 Blue)

James Baylis (3 Green)

Brendan Wilson (3 Yellow)

Charlotte Edwards (3 Yellow)

Jake Blackwell (4 Blue)

Sabrina Sultana (4 Green)

Zaidyn Wallace (4 Yellow)

Jemma Turner (5 Blue)

James Papadimitos (5 Green)

Bailey Lewis (5 Yellow)

John Paruit (6 Blue)

Mikaela Love (6 Green)

Charlie Prestage (6 Yellow)

St Angela's Award

Dineth Jayakody (K Blue)

Mollie Selfridge (K Green)

Lucas Seda (K Yellow)

Natalie Cerreto (1 Blue)

Lucas Borg (1 Green)

Priya Tulsi (1 Yellow)

Alexandra Crotty (2 Blue)

Annika Benning (2 Green)

Emily Mitchell (2 Yellow)

Sebastian Cignarella (3 Blue)

James Pearson (3 Green)

Grace Brewer (4 Blue)

Michael Liu (4 Green)

Joshua Hakme-Bader
(4 Yellow)

Nicole Crowley (5 Blue)

Sophia Di Giacomo (5 Green)

Hayley Johnston (5 Yellow)

Mackenzie Harris (6 Blue)

Jordan Suarez (6 Green)

Joshua Kubecka (6 Yellow)

Star Spot

Congratulations to James Pearson (3 Green) who recently raced in the Australian Dirt Track Motorcycle titles coming in 4th place. Well done James!

School Disco

Theme: Black and White

When: Thursday 22nd May

Where: St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Time: The disco will be split into two sessions:
Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30-6.00pm
Years 3 to 6 6.30-8.00pm

Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15 per family. This will include a drink, snack and groovy music. Disco flyer will be emailed soon.

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE
WESLEY UNITING CHURCH
32 SHOWGROUND ROAD, CASTLE HILL
THIS FRIDAY 9TH MAY 8.00AM TO 3.00PM
AND SATURDAY 10TH MAY 8.00AM TO 1.00PM

Sports News

Diocesan Cross Country

I am always proud of the way that the children of St Angela's represent themselves and our school at the different carnivals and gala days but on Tuesday I was REALLY emotional and proud of our cross country team. St Angela's had 47 children attend the Diocesan Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek.

Our results as a team and as individuals were outstanding, so much so that when the under 12 Boys finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th a child from another school said he wanted to go to St Angela's at Castle Hill- What a compliment. At the time of going to press we don't have the champion school for each age group.

The following students are to be congratulated on being selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials which are to be held at Eastern Creek on the 13th June.

Joseph McEneaney (1st), Ava Foxe (5th), Bailey Lewis (1st), Caitlin Robertson (6th), Georgia Tole (8th), Tyran Moc (2nd), Jackson Khoury (3rd) and Jayden Vella (4th).

Special thanks to Mrs Kaelin who managed the team on the day and to Mrs Helen Morley, Mrs Debbie Hefron, Mr Wayne Edwards, Mrs Vicki Watson, Mrs Jo Harris and Mrs Tanya Brangwin who were official marshalls and cheer leaders out on the course. The children loved your encouragement as they passed you during the race. To the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters thank you for your support and cheering our speedy superstars.

Finally, thank you to the students for doing your personal best and being such amazing representatives of St Angela's.

Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator



MacKillop Winter Trials

Best wishes to Holly McNamara (soccer), Hayden Orley (Rugby League) and Cooper Anderson (Rugby League) who travel down to Canberra to compete in the Parramatta Diocesan Teams.

Special thanks to Mrs Hemmings for her wonderful attitude, time and effort with our sporting endeavours.

Last call for any available men!

For the Mother's Day celebrations it would be fitting to have all mums able to enjoy a cuppa. We, therefore, are seeking any available and willing men who could assist in setting up and/or serving morning tea tomorrow morning, Friday 9th May. If available we would love to see you in the morning from approximately 8.15am.

Kindergarten Get Together

An evening has been organised for all Kindergarten parents to enjoy dinner, drinks and good company. Details are as follows:

When: 7.30pm, Friday 23rd May
Where: Bella Vista Hotel
RSVP: Tuesday 13th May to Felicity McKnight on
04 14 640 464 or Victoria Lawlor on 04 13 995 271.

Hope you can join us!

In the Know

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the assessments. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

At St Angela's, NAPLAN is included as one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

We wish our Year 3 and 5 students all the best as they participate in these tests next week. Dates are as follows:

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Wednesday 14th May

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

Mrs Monica Fitzalan
Assistant Principal



Reflection Day

with Fr. Richard Leonard,

Director, Australian Catholic Film & Broadcasting



Date: Sunday 18 May 2014

Time: 9am to 3pm

Venue: 'Winbourne'

Edmund Rice Retreat
& Conference Centre
1315 Mulgoa Road,
Mulgoa

RSVP to preparraevents@hotmail.com