



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

HeartKids Sweetheart Day (fighting against childhood heart disease)

Tomorrow, the children are welcome to wear red ribbons in their hair or on their uniform and/or red socks to acknowledge and create an awareness of Heart Kids, which celebrate their Sweetheart Day this weekend. We have five students at St Angela's that have bravely suffered from childhood heart disease and continue to do so. Heart Kids supports the child and their families and funds life saving research. Children are asked to bring in a gold or fold donation tomorrow. If families wish to donate further, you are welcome to visit the website www.sweetheartday.org.au

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend yesterday's combined Ash Wednesday/Opening School Mass. It was a wonderful celebration of faith and of our Christ centred community at St Angela's. Appreciation to Mrs Turner, our Religious Education Co-ordinator, for her excellent work in co-ordinating our celebration and to the staff for their efforts in making the morning so special. Thank you also to Fr Alejandro for his blessings for a fruitful year ahead and encouraging us to 'always develop our relationship with Christ'.

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. During this Liturgical season of the Church, children and adults may sometimes ask the question: "What is Ash Wednesday?" The ashes used are made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). They also remind us of our mortality ("remember that you are dust"). Being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our recognition of the need for deeper conversion of our lives during this season of renewal. During Lent, the Church asks us to contemplate ongoing conversion. To achieve conversion, the Church proposes the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

It is the focal point of the Church's liturgical year. It occurs forty days before Good Friday. We are reminded to be faithful to the Gospels. Believing in the Gospels helps us to walk with Jesus. We can be

guided along this journey by such Gospel values as Love, Hope, Trust, Service, Forgiveness, Peace, Respect, Acceptance, Compassion and Justice.

Our Kindergarten and new families to the school enjoyed a wonderful night of community and hospitality last Friday afternoon at our welcoming BBQ. A wonderful time was had by all but in particular the children (see more in this Shine).

My appreciation and thanks to the many parents who attended the Kindergarten and Year 1 grade evenings. The combined Year 2 to 6 general information parent session will be held tomorrow morning at 8:45am. We hope you can join us. Your support is very much appreciated. On your behalf many thanks to all the teachers for their time and commitment to working with you. It is working in partnership that we value, as it truly benefits your child's learning.

Next Tuesday evening we look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher Interviews. These will be held in the hall. These interviews provide an opportunity for you to meet and discuss your child's needs with their teacher. Parents know their children better than anyone else and sharing this knowledge gives teachers a valuable resource to assist them in progressing your child's learning. Bookings are undertaken online. Information was sent home via email and hard copy on Tuesday.

I ask you to continue keeping in your prayers Mrs Ogilvie, Mrs Hemmings and their respective families due to the loss of their fathers who both passed into external life last Friday. As emailed earlier this week, their funerals will be held tomorrow.

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:

"Support Each Other"

Our theme this week highlights the importance of supporting others in life. This support can come in many forms from a kind word to being there to help and encourage others. The children's support of each other's attempts and achievements is always a pleasure to behold. In our community we encourage supporting each other at all times.

Information sent home this week:

Emailed: Parent Teacher Interview Booking Information, Kindergarten Newsletter, Year 4 Home Learning Requirements, Term 1 Parent Calendar
Hard Copy: Term 1 Parent Calendar, Parent Teacher Interview Booking Information

Grade Assemblies

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

- Week 4 - Friday 19th February at 2:15pm led by Year 6
- Week 7 - Monday 7th March at 2:15pm led by Year 1
- Week 9 - Monday 21st March at 2:15pm led by Year 3

All parents are most welcome to join us.

We look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to our school community on Friday 19th February at 8.45am.

All parents are most welcome.

We hope you can join us.



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Religious Education

Sunday, Feb 14th 2015 Year C
1st Sunday in Lent



Luke 4:1- 13 Lent can be a time of spiritual growth

When our Lord was tempted by Satan, He found Himself in the same conflict that Adam (and all other human beings ever since) was faced with at the beginning: namely, to obey God's command or to give in to Satan's suggestion of disobedience. It is the time of a new creation, one in which the Father (through His Son) will bring about the final triumph of good over evil, of life over death. St. Mark here portrays Jesus as the obedient Son who remained in the right relationship with God throughout the period of temptation. We too, especially in this Lenten season, are called to the same stance of obedience, to live each day in a correct relationship with our heavenly Father by imitating the fidelity of Jesus Christ. In this way, we come to share in His victory over temptation and we grow stronger in our own faith, hope and love.

From [a reflection on the Gospel](#) by Fr Paul de Ladurantaye on the [Catholic Herald](#) website



ASH WEDNESDAY 10th February

On Ash Wednesday, at Mass, people of all ages receive ashes in the form of a cross on their foreheads. As the persons who are distributing the ashes make the Sign of the Cross, they say: **Repent and believe in the Gospel.** The ashes are made of the palm remaining from the previous year's Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Ogilvie family (Mrs Ogilvie, 6 Green teacher) due to the passing into eternal life of Mrs Ogilvie's father.

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Hemmings family (Mrs Hemmings, Sport Co-ordinator) due to the passing into eternal life of Mrs Hemmings' father.

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Knevvitt family (Nikolaj 4 Green, Kaija 2 Blue and Miha 1 Blue) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's great grandmother.

Class Parent Representatives Meeting

The 2016 class parent representative meeting will be held on Friday 26th February at 8.45am in the staffroom. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to take on this valuable role. We hope you can join us.

School is Cool - but not if you're late

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child is disadvantaged if they are late. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons. In all their learning results suffer. If on the odd occasion you arrive after 8.30am (**you will know it is after 8.30 if the teacher is no longer on duty at the kiss and drop**) **YOU, AS THE PARENT, MUST VISIT THE OFFICE TO SIGN A LATE SLIP** for your child to take to class. Many thanks for your support in this area.



Upcoming Dates

Week 3

Fri 12th Feb

8:45am Combined Year 2 to 6 Parent Information Session in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

HeartKids Red Day - children are asked to bring in a gold or fold donation and wear red socks or red ribbons on their uniform or in their hair

Week 4

Tues 16th Feb

Parent and Teacher Interviews in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Our local Parramatta Eels Youth Liaison Officer visiting St Angela's

Fri 19th Feb

8:45am Kindergarten 2016 presented to the school - Parents welcome

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 6 in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Quote of the Week

"Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience."

GENERAL PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2016 (WEEK 5) AT 7.00PM

AGENDA

- Principal's Report
- 2016 Initiatives
- Parent Inservicing Topics for 2016
- General Business

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY TOMORROW, FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

Tomorrow, Friday 12th February is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know that your child will be absent tomorrow, Friday 12th February, please email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au explaining their absence **prior** to the day. Likewise, if your child is unexpectedly absent on the day, please email the school by 10:00am simply advising your child's name, class, the reason for their absence and when they will return. **Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is essential.**

This is of course a requirement that applies to every day of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your co-operation.

2016 Office Staff

Our amazing, efficient and talented office ladies are here to support and assist you in any way possible. They are our first port of call. We are blessed to have such an effective administrative team at St Angela's:

- ◆ Mrs Elizabeth Burke
- ◆ Mrs Jo Hall
- ◆ Mrs Lisa Martin
- ◆ Mrs Marian Polewski

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Daniella Zeaiter KB
 Jesselyn Tedja KG
 Camila Diaz KY
 Elishia Singh 1B
 Gabriella Fernandes 1G
 Courtney Azzopardi 1Y
 Tyra Moc 2B
 Jada Yu 2G
 Alec Austen 2Y
 Mia Jacobs 3B
 Narelle Barker 3G
 Kingsley Barnett 3Y
 Jessica Brincat 4B
 Ijah Colet 4G
 James Brangwin 5B
 Charlotte Edwards 5G
 Alyssa Frasca 5Y
 Riley Lockwood 6B
 Keira Callaghan 6G
 Zaidyn Wallace 6Y

St Angela's Award

Max Lukjanenko KB
 Stirling Post KG
 Joseph Azar KY
 Brayden Geraghty 1B
 Rhys Wilson 1G
 Alannah Lane 1Y
 Yorick Lee 2B
 Matthew Mizzi 2G
 Jemima Scothern 2Y
 Dylan Crowe 3B
 James O'Donnell 3G
 Clarissa Burgess 3Y
 Matthew Rae 4B
 Annika Benning 4G
 Saxon Aldag 4Y
 Benedict Solomon 4Y
 Anthony Tedros 5B
 Noah Hemmings 5G
 Mia Thomas 5Y
 Emma Vitanza 6B
 William Love 6G
 Amity Rambow 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

FEBRUARY

Sun 14th

Angus Gibbons
 Oshi Kirkley
 Rachel Agius
 Olivia Ochudzawa

Wed 17th

Taylor D'Silva

Thurs 18th

Jacob David
 Alicia Dib

Mon 15th

Josh Bautista
 Jaida Batoua
 Alexander Palmer

Fri 19th

Lachlan Murphy

Tues 16th

Thomas Hennessy
 Eva Lawlor

Sat 20th

Zalia Ritchie

Thank You

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following who have given so generously of their time and talents for the benefit of your children and our community. Some are from late last term, due to the busyness at the end of the year and our info packed newsletters, and some are from events this term:

- I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Melissa Catania who, for many years, co-ordinated all of our canteen services and food day treats so effectively and generously for the children. Mel's gentle giving nature and efficiency in this volunteer role has been extremely appreciated and valued by all at St Angela's. Mel truly lived out our theme of 'in giving we receive'. The children and families at St Angela's have very much appreciated your time, dedication and efforts.
- Thank you to the following parents who gave so generously of their time to ensure our Year 6 2015 students enjoyed a wonderful evening at their Year 6 Graduation Supper:
 Natalie Anderson, Joyce Bautista, Leanne Bower, Debbie Hefron, Michelle Jacobs, Liz Kelly, Maria Miskovich, Vivian Mohan Ram, Helen Morley, Bec Nati, Debbie Newell, Amanda Ogilvie, Frances Rothwell, Doreen Saul, Antonella Tesoriero, Kerrie Wallace and Vicki Watson
- Thank you to the following parents for all their help with the organising, serving etc., at our Kindergarten and New Families BBQ last Friday. Thank you also to members of our student leadership team who were also present. Your time is very much appreciated:
 Natalie Anderson, Joyce Bautista, Peter Benning, Heidi Castillo, Marisa De Carlo, Maria Fernandes, Marga Gunasekera, Michelle Jacobs, Janette Layoun, Juliet Mearns, Darko Milas, Marlena Muscardo, Rebecca Nati, Debbie Newell, Antonella Tesoriero (co-ordinator), Vicki Watson and Karen Wilson.

- Thank you to Wayne Davie, Laura Hall and Helen Morley for co-ordinating the preloved uniform sale, which raised over \$1,200 for the school. These funds will be targeted towards the next round of updating readers and novels from Kindergarten to Year 6.

School Leaders for 2016

Congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders for 2016 who were presented with their badges at yesterday's combined Ash Wednesday/Opening Mass:

School Captains

Josh Bautista Olivia Tesoriero

School Vice Captains

Vincent Siligato Brianna Newell

Brescia

Matthew Jacobs Arianna Mohan-Ram

Garda

Raphael Saul Keira Callaghan

Merici

Spencer Anderson Olivia Nati

Salo

Ben Watson Mia Jamer

Castle Hill Sports Netball Club 2016 Registration

We offer girls the opportunity to play netball in our local area. We still have vacancies in our 5-8yrs age groups. Please visit our website for more information www.chsnetball.com.au
 Contact Narelle Basile on Ph: 0498 845 107
 Or Lucia Dolores Ph: 0400 464 147

SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR RECENT KINDERGARTEN AND NEW FAMILIES WELCOMING BBQ. WHAT A GREAT EVENING!



School Times



8.05am - 8.30am	Children arrive at school
8.30am - 10.30am	First learning session
10.30am - 11.00am	Recess
11.00am - 12.30pm	Second learning session
12.30pm - 1.20pm	Lunch
1.20pm - 2.50pm	Third learning session
2.50pm	Dismissal

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday	8.10am to 4.00pm
Friday	8.30am (later start due to staff prayer) to 4.00pm

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD IN 2016



All parents, carers and educators are welcome to join us for our first event of 2016.
Term 1 General Meeting and AGM - Monday 29 Feb 2016 at 7pm

Venue: Patrician Learning Centre, Patrician Brothers' College
100 Flushcombe Rd Blacktown

"Setting Up for Success for your child for 2016" is the topic for the evening's presentation and presenters will cover:

- What you can do to help your child
- How parents can help with Goal Setting
- How to approach / What to ask / What to expect from Parent/Teacher interviews
- How to read a school report
- How help to create good study patterns for students and making of study notes

Canteen Helpers 2016

The canteen opens Tuesdays and Fridays. It does not open on rainy days. We require some helpers each Tuesday and Friday from 12.25 to 1.25pm to be put on a 6 month roster. If you are able to help, please fill out the canteen helper form below and return by this Monday 15th February (no babies or toddlers please). Enquiries: Natasha Vitanza on 0416 766 181. Thank you.

Canteen Committee

Please return to the school office by this Monday 15th February

I would like to help in the canteen once a month on the following day:

Tuesday or **Friday** (please circle)

Name:

Phone: (mobile)

Email:

Child's Name: Class:

Any dates not available:

Important Allergy Information

At St Angela's we have a number of children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for some people the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods.

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit and Nut chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Breakfast cereals containing nuts eg Crunchy Nut/Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutrigrain
- Muesli Bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionary items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt muesli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at St Angela's.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us cater to the health needs of all of our children.

Birthday Treats

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (purely optional), we kindly ask that you send cupcakes or donuts in. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or candy canes in.

If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in for your child, which we will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary.

Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!