



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 4

Dear Parents,

Our Lenten Journey

I encourage you, as a family, to discuss the Gospel values of Love, Hope, Trust, Service, Forgiveness, Peace, Respect, Acceptance, Compassion and Justice as listed in last week's Shine and how they translate into our everyday relationships and attitudes. You are very much a model of these Gospel values towards others and in particular your children in your daily actions. They witness and learn from your love, respect and forgiveness of others, your relationships and your faith.

Never underestimate the difference you can make to others, whether it is a kind word, a helping hand, a prayer, a positive attitude etc.

Always consider that for many of the people you meet or interact with in your everyday life, you may be the only face of Jesus they meet that day. In a world where values, love and forgiveness are sometimes lost to self interest, negativity and materialism there is never a more important time as the present, as St Francis said, **preach the Gospel every day, even if sometimes you have to use words.**

Working in Partnership

Appreciation and thanks to you, our wonderful parents, for your attendance at the parent teacher interviews on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see the teachers and parents working in true partnership with the children as the priority. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving so generously of their time to meet with you. The hall was certainly a buzz of activity.

Getting to Know Your Child

At St Angela's, assessment of the children's learning plays an important role in ensuring that teaching is matched to the children's

learning needs. When assessing, the teachers collect, analyse and record information about the children's progress in their learning. While assessment occurs across all grades throughout the year, we place a particular focus on the early years of their formal schooling.

Over the first few weeks of this term the Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers have been assessing the children's literacy and numeracy abilities. Kindergarten and Year 1 children also complete the Literacy Early Years Assessment (EYA) and the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI). Additionally, Years 2-6 along with other literacy assessments complete an MAI. These assessments allow the teachers to individually assess each child, learn about how they think, and to find out what they know and can do in literacy and numeracy. The information gathered from these assessments assists the children's teachers to plan learning experiences that best support the children's abilities and needs. So that the children's growth in their learning can be measured and monitored, many of these assessments will be administered again at the end of the school year.

Supporting Those Less Fortunate

Congratulations to our amazing Christ Centred community on raising over \$700.00 for the HeartKids Foundation last Friday, through their Sweethearts Campaign.

It is wonderful to see our children reaching out to those in need and helping make a difference.

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:

"Live the Present, Dream the Future"

Our theme this week encourages the children to live to the full the wonderful lives God has blessed them with. At the same time, children should dream of a future where they aim high for a life full of happiness and a faith filled relationship with Our Lord.

We look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to our school community tomorrow, Friday 19th February at 8:45am. All parents are most welcome. We hope you can join us.

Information sent home this week:

Emailed: Kindergarten presenting to our school community, Medical Bracelet note, Note to families of children with allergies, Journey Towards Easter Program from Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Grade Overviews
Hard Copy: Special Canteen Day Order Form

Grade Assemblies

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

Week 4 - Tomorrow, 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.

GENERAL PARENT MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2016 (WEEK 5)

AT 7.00PM

AGENDA

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



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Religious Education

Sunday, Feb 21st 2015 Year C
2nd Sunday in Lent

Luke 9:28-36

It is always good to be present when someone changes before our eyes

Can you remember a time when someone or something changed before your eyes and you saw goodness and beauty there that you never saw before, and you were deeply moved? It could be the beauty of nature: a river, a lake or the ocean, a sunrise, a sunset or the stars in a clear night sky. At a particular moment, and completely unexpectedly, as you look at one of these you are deeply touched; you can say to yourself what St Peter said at the Transfiguration: "it is good for me to be here."

Or it could be the goodness and beauty of a person that suddenly **shines** out for you. It may be someone close to you who normally seems so ordinary, yet at a special moment is changed before your eyes and the person's wonderful beauty **shines** out. Parents may have this experience at the birth of their children or as they see them on First Communion day, all dressed up and glowing with wonder and excitement. At such moments they know that all the sacrifices they make for their children are well worthwhile. From [a reflection on the Gospel](#) by Brendan Clifford, on [Good News](#), the website of the Dominican Retreat Centre in Ireland.

Pope Francis - *Misericordiae Vultus* – The Face of Mercy

Jubilee Year of Mercy



We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and

sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. (MV 2)

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator



Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Boerma family (Mrs Boerma, School Counsellor) due to the passing into eternal life of Mrs Boerma's mother.

Do You Have the Information You Need?

Thank you to the many parents who contact the teachers, the office, Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria directly with questions, concerns, issues or more importantly to seek clarification. Society is such that information is often misconstrued or acts like 'chinese whispers'. Common sense should always prevail. Today's sensationalistic media does not help with the dissemination of accurate information. It is always paramount that if you are unsure that you speak to the people that know and have the correct information.

Disabled Parking Space

Please only use these spaces if you are the holder of a disability parking scheme permit. This must be displayed on your windscreen.

Thank you for your co-operation in supporting members of our community.



Upcoming Dates

Week 4

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

Week 5

Mon 22nd Feb

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Wed 24th Feb

7:00pm General Parent Meeting - All welcome

Thurs 25th Feb

Marian College visiting Year 6

Fri 26th Feb

8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

Year 2 Excursion to Old Government House

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Quote of the Week

"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

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.

CHANGING GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8:30am until 2:50pm, with a 5 minute dismissal zone, and that your child is required to be present between these times. Children should not be taken out of school early unless it is for an important reason (ie. Appointment for specialists etc.) Likewise, any changes of going home arrangements should only be made in cases of emergencies. As you can appreciate, contacting classes for children to come to the office for early departures or to advise going home changes is disruptive to the learning, in particular to the whole school if the class is not in their room and an announcement needs to be made. We ask that all early departures and changes to going home arrangements are advised **in writing at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au before 2.30pm**. Please note children will only be called to the office when you arrive to collect them. We ask that you do not contact the office requesting your children be ready and waiting for your arrival as delays in traffic etc. may result in children waiting for long periods.

We thank you for your support in this area.

Our Children Love Our Canteen

Thank you to the parents who have responded to our recent canteen helper requests. As indicated in the canteen sheet previously emailed, we would also love to hear from you if you are interested in helping co-ordinate our Canteen/Food Days, perhaps shadowing Mrs Natasha Vitanza, our current co-ordinator. We have been blessed to have such generous and giving mothers who have co-ordinated our canteen in the past all for the children.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Mason Kelly KB
Ashton Yu KG
Brendan Khoudair KY
Sophie Wallace 1B
Georgia Lee 1G
Yasemin Vancuylenberg 1Y
Luke Wehrmann 2G
William Schenko 2Y
Joshua Murphy 3B
Sophia Milas 3G
Connor Calleja 3Y
Holly Di Staso 4B
Isabella Siligato 4G
Charlotte Hogan 4Y
Freya Scothern 5B
Emily Ortlepp 5G
Samantha Hohn 5Y
Kane Chadwick 6B
Chris Park 6G
Spencer Anderson 6Y



St Angela's Award

Kara Piperata KB
Holly Brincat KG
Alicia Dib KY
Carlo Scida 1B
Ryan Turner 1G
Olivia Miletic 1Y
Kaija Kneivitt 2B
Olivia Ochudzawa 2B
Lara Gomes Pestana 2G
Madison Tedros 2Y
Keean Holmes 3B
Aimon Fitzsimons 3G
Rachel Agius 3Y
Nathan Adjai 4B
Alexander Stavropoulos 4G
Justin Younis 4Y
Riley Azzopardi 5B
Gabriel Van Jour 5G
Robert Kelly 5Y
Roisin Kelly 6B
Chloe Pace 6G
Grace Nugent 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

FEBRUARY

Sun 21st

Sophie Watson

Mon 22nd

Cassidy Southwood
Dominique Southwood

Tues 23rd

Stephanie Murdocca
Bailey Aldag
Saxon Aldag
Amalia Araneda
Joe Khoudair
Mrs North

Wed 24th

Zachary Pace
Alexander Petras
Charles Saul
Lara Perez
Melina Catalano
Isaac Cassab
Oliver Milicevic

Thurs 25th

Bronte Woodhead

Sport News

Best wishes to our Zone Swimming Representative team who will compete this Monday: Kaleb Brett, Ned Cane, Aiden Crowley, Ashley Davie, Ella Evans, Ava Foxe, Joel Foxe, Philippa Gattini, Angus Gibbons, Jessica Hohn, Matthew Jacobs, Mia Jacobs, Roisin Kelly, Joe Khoudair, Kiara Lee, Ethanael Lorenzo, Logan McDonald, Joseph McEneaney, Oliver Miskovich, Oliver Murphy, Jayson Orley, Amity Rambow, Montana Ritchie, Mailee Suefong, Harrison Tandy, Mia Thomas, Emma Vitanza, Mia Young. Keep an eye on next week's Shine for results.

Parra Eels Visit

Last Tuesday, two Parramatta Eels players came to St Angela's to talk to us about wellbeing. We learnt about the importance of sleep and hydration and also played trivia games where we found out a lot of cool things about the players and their team. We had an awesome time meeting the players.

Keira and Arianna (6 Green)

On Tuesday, Years 2, 3 and 4 went to the hall to listen to two Parramatta Eels players. Lots of people got wristbands and a few got hats because they answered quiz questions correctly. They talked about hydration, sleep and belonging. At the end a few people were chosen to have a photo with them. We had a great time, we learnt a lot and they told us a bit about their lives.

Alexander (4 Blue)



Have you returned your medication forms?

Thank you to those parents who have returned St Angela's forms and action plans if your child has medication stored or administered at school due to anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma. If you have not updated your paperwork, please do so as a matter of importance. If you require forms to be resent, please contact the school office. If your child no longer requires medication to be stored at school, please email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au and we will remove your child's name from our records. It is essential that these forms and action plans are updated annually by your child's doctor so that our records are accurate and reflect the needs of each individual child. **As noted, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child's medication remains current, ie. not expired.** Please note this in a diary or on your phone. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Medical Bracelets

An email has been sent today to all our families whose children suffer from anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, diabetes and heart conditions regarding the ordering of medical bracelets. If you did not receive this note, please contact the office. In the interests of your child/children's safety, please note the wearing of medical bracelets is **compulsory** at St Angela's.

School Fee Statements

School Fee statements were mailed out by the Catholic Education Office (CEO) last week. CEO have advised that Australia Post's delivery times have changed, which may cause a delay in some families receiving their Term 1 statements. This could be an extra 1-3 business days in most cases. Please advise the school office if you have not received your School Fee Statement by early next week. Thank you.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

At the grade information sessions for Kindergarten and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we asked for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. For ease of communication, we will endeavour to have a maximum of 2 parents per class to fulfil this role with one being the main contact person. The first parent representative meeting will be held next Friday 26th February at 8:45am.



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 2017

Enrolments for Year 7 2017 will open on Wednesday 9th March, 2016. It is anticipated that all Year 6 students currently attending St Angela's, Our Lady of The Rosary, St Madeleine's and Our Lady of the Angels will receive an Enrolment Package at their school, in the two week period leading up to our Open Evening. Applications should be **fully completed and lodged** at the College **by Tuesday 26th April, 2016**. Failure to provide a fully completed application form (including all necessary signatures) and **copies** of all relevant, supporting documentation may delay the processing of applications and enrolment offers. Late applications will only be accepted if there are unfilled places. Any enquiries can be directed to the Enrolment Officer on 9654 6700.

The enrolment period for Year 7 2017 will close on Tuesday 26th April, 2016.

OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016

Marian Catholic College extends an invitation to prospective students and their families, to attend our annual Open Evening. This year there will be **two repeated** sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered by the College. The session times will be run at **4:00 pm and 6:00pm**. Each session will commence in the Shared Hall, where the Principal and students will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College. Each **information session will be followed by Guided Tours of the school**. Visitors will be able to take part in the activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops. **NOTE: Each session will follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you.**

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues will be sent home soon. Orders are due back at school by **Friday 26th February** - 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

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



HILLS SPIRIT FC

**REGO 2016 – SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY AT
KELLYVILLE PARK, MEMORIAL AVE.
KELLYVILLE BETWEEN 11AM & 1PM**

WHEN?

This will be the final open registration day for the 2016 season. See our website & Facebook page for updates throughout the season. Alternatively you can register on-line at any time via our website.

WHERE DO WE PLAY?

**Kellyville Park, Memorial Ave,
Kellyville**

WHY?

The Hills Spirit Football Club has a proud 38 year tradition of building teams from the local Catholic Schools to compete in the NSW Churches Football Association. The Club was created from OLOR Kellyville and was joined by St Angela's Castle Hill, then Our Lady of the Angels Rouse Hill & now John XXIII Stanhope.

The club is non-graded and works to build the school community by encouraging classmates to play together, building life long friends between themselves and the parents.

Register online @ www.hillsspiritfc.com.au

FEES

\$180.00 – NEW PLAYERS
(PLEASE BRING PROOF OF AGE)

**\$160.00 – RETURNING
PLAYERS**

\$300 SENIOR MEN

SIBLING DISCOUNTS APPLY

AGES

Under 6's (boys and girls turning 6 between 1 January 2016 and 31 December, 2016). 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's and All age Division 1 & Reserves competitions in 2016. Also looking to field a girls age 13-16 team this year!

FIELD SIZES

UNDER 6 & 7 – 6 a side mini fields against other clubs
UNDER 8 & 9 – 9 a side, ¾ fields with Semis and Grand Finals
UNDER 10 & UP – 11 a side and Full field with Semis and Grand Finals played at Marconi Stadium.

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