



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Many thanks to the parents who were present last night at our first General Parent Meeting for 2015. The evening provided an ideal opportunity to discuss and share ideas about working together in partnership, for the good of our children. On a community basis, this year we hope to have two exciting events for our parents, a ball/dinner dance to celebrate the school's 15 year anniversary, and our first ever golf day. We will also, of course, be looking at a variety of initiatives to involve the children in our 15 year celebrations. Keep an eye on the newsletter in the coming weeks and consider being part of the organising committees. We are blessed to have a very supportive community of parents at St Angela's who help to ensure its success. Being part of a committee is a great way to meet new people and, of course, help the children at St Angela's. Your time, big or small, during the year is very much appreciated as we work together to provide the best possible Catholic Education and environment for your child and to build upon our wonderful Christ centred community.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented St Angela's at the Zone Carnival this week. Feedback on their sportsmanship, beautiful behaviour and achievements has been wonderful. Best wishes to the large number of children who will compete tomorrow at the Diocesan Carnival. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings (Sports Co-ordinator) who leads all of our sporting endeavours with enthusiasm, expertise and such commitment. In all, helping each child to reach their personal best and together as a team achieve outstanding results.

During this important time of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter, the following reflection has the potential to speak to each one of us:

Lent

What to give up

<i>Give up complaining</i>	<i>Focus on gratitude</i>
<i>Give up pessimism</i>	<i>Become an optimist</i>
<i>Give up harsh judgement</i>	<i>Think kindly thoughts</i>
<i>Give up gloom</i>	<i>Enjoy the beauty that is around you</i>
<i>Give up gossiping</i>	<i>Control your tongue</i>
<i>Give up sin</i>	<i>Turn to virtue</i>
<i>Give up giving up</i>	<i>Hang in there!!!</i>

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:

"Doing your best"

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.



Upcoming Dates

Week 5

Fri 27th Feb

8.45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom - All welcome

Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown

Week 6

Wed 4th Mar

2.10pm Year 1 Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

7.30pm Reconciliation Information Evening at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Fri 6th Mar

2.10pm Year 2 Grade Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Sat 7th Mar

6.00pm Reconciliation Commitment Service at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Sun 8th Mar

11.00am Reconciliation Commitment Service at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Week 7

Tues 10th Mar

Baker's Delight Special Food Day

Wed 11th Mar

2.10pm Year 3 Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Thurs 12th Mar

8.45am FUNraising Committee Meeting in the staffroom - All welcome

Fri 13th Mar

8.45am Catholic Schools Week Assembly including St Patrick's Day, followed by open classrooms - All welcome. Gold or fold donation for Caritas

Class Parent Representatives Meeting

The 2015 class parent representative meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday 27th 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.

Sent home in the last week:

Hard Copy: Display Folders and Prayer Book for Kindy and New Children in 2015, Year 1 Sea Life Sanctuary Excursion Note
Emailed: Changes to Compulsory Student Attendance



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Religious Education

Sunday, March 1st 2015 Year B
2ND Sunday in Lent



Mark 9:2-10 Testing leads to trusting

"The destination of our Lenten journey is clearly to be seen in today's readings: the mystery of the Cross, in which the father 'did not spare his own Son', and the glory which was to be the Risen Christ's in his final triumph, glimpsed on the mountain. To the people of Abraham's world there was nothing more important in life than descendants who would remember and honour them. Long after the age when he could expect a child, God gave Abraham a son. If he gives up Isaac, he has nothing left but his trust in God. That trust is rewarded – those who will call him their father will be countless; all the peoples of the earth will be blessed in his name – through the salvation brought by the Cross of Christ. "This heart-rending story of the testing of a father's love is linked in today's liturgy with the basic truth of our Christian faith, proclaimed by St Paul, in the second reading. The eternal Father, who for our sake 'did not spare his own Son', will not refuse anything to his people in their need."

An extract from a homily on this week's Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm

Project Compassion 2015

The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is "Food for Life". Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world's poorest people do not have food security. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or how to access their next meal. Without food, the rest of life is impossible to contemplate: how can you plan for the future or educate your children when you fear you will be hungry? As Pope Francis says: "It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous."



Project Compassion 2015 explores how Caritas Australia is helping the world's poorest people establish sustainable food, walking with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop new, improved income streams for a better future. All classrooms have a Project Compassion Box on their prayer table and it will be a focus during Lent to encourage the children with Almsgiving. Please encourage your child/children to give to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent.

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

A reminder that the First Reconciliation Parents Information Evening is being held next Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm at the Church. If you have not already done so, please register at sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.

Quote of the Week

"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."

Grade Assemblies

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

Week 6 - Friday 6th Mar at 2.10pm led by Year 2

Week 8 - Friday 20th Mar at 2.10pm led by Year 3

Week 9 - Friday 27th Mar at 2.10pm led by Year 1

All parents are most welcome to join us.

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Friday 27th March at 9.00am

St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

Did you receive the important information regarding absences? (Emailed Monday 23rd February)

There are new procedures set down by the Diocese relating to changes to student attendance requirements for 2015. Attendance at school is a legal requirement. Parents are discouraged from removing children during the school term. If travel during school term is necessary, details regarding considerations and procedures were outlined in this email. These documents will soon be available on our website.

Are you receiving emails?

Emails sent to parents each week will be noted in Shine. If you are not receiving emails, or would like an additional email address added to your record, please contact the office.

Have you returned the following forms

1. Annual Consent Forms - Use of Student's Image and/or Work and Sale of Raffle Ticket consent forms due today.
2. Special Food Day Order Form due tomorrow.

Many thanks to the majority of parents who returned these promptly.

RETURNING NOTES & PERMISSION SLIPS

For those families who are new to the school or those who may be unaware of our procedures:

Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag. This system allows the office to receive notes and money efficiently. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Isaac Gunasekera KB
Shannon Aneksomphan KG
Joseph Sultana KY
Logan McDonald 1B
Hailey Cassettari 1G
Alvarez Alberti 1Y
Tahlia Mackay 2B
Emily Lambert 2G
Gemma Yager 2Y
Harry Clarke 3B
Riley Hogan 3G
Sophia Watson 3Y
Joel Woodhead 4B
Aeven Mendoza 4G
Jordan Hanza 4Y
Connor Bourne 5B
Ethan Bower 5G
Owen Azzopardi 5Y
Marissa Alberti 6B
Imogen Pfeffercorn 6G
Jacob Sanares 6Y

St Angela's Award

Zoe Crowley KB
Elishia Singh KG
Stella Powell KY
Olivia Ochudzawa 1B
Matthew Metcalfe 1G
Jessica Lester 1Y
Victoria Pinna 2B
Joshua Holt 2G
Jeremy James 2Y
Lachlan Pillon 3B
Sophie Young 3G
Dylan Manio 3Y
Jack McDonald 4B
Philippa Gattini 4G
Charlotte Edwards 4Y
Kristen Lo 5B
Sophie Laudams-Gulbis 5G
Grace Nugent 5Y
Cameron McEwan 6B
Alexandra Voegt 6G
Sophia Jandrlic 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 1st

Liam Evans

Tues 3rd

Abbey Schenko
Grace Karam
Chanel Nasr
Ryan Turner
Emeline Fitzsimons

Wed 4th

Savannah Morsillo
Mr Laird

Thurs 5th

Estavan Alberti
Zane Benning

Fri 6th

Timothy Bagtas
Kristen Lo
Ruby Moller

Sat 7th

Dominic Christie
Mr Calabria

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Angelina Catalano (K Yellow)
Brianna Newell (5 Yellow)

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



St Angela's Playgroup



When: Wednesdays (commencing Wednesday 18th February) from 8.30-10.30am
Where: Wrights Road Community Centre
Enquiries: Tanya Stornelli on 0425 263 482
Hope to see you there!

Our Website

Have you visited our website lately? It is regularly updated with upcoming events, interesting news articles, as well as articles written by students. There are photo galleries of numerous events that have taken place throughout the year. If by chance you don't receive the school's newsletter at any stage, don't worry because you can always access it through our website. In our parent page you can now download a number of notes and forms. A certain way to ensure you get all the latest St Angela's news is to subscribe to receive automatic RSS updates, simply log on to our website (<http://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/>) and complete the RSS subscription form through the link on the right hand side of the page. That way you will know when new things have been added to our website.

THE GOOD GUYS SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Good Guys Support Your School Program has commenced for 2015. If buying items at The Good Guys, Castle Hill, don't forget to collect school reward vouchers which the school can use to buy equipment etc. for the children.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

A reminder that order forms can be downloaded from our website under Parents, Notes from School, Whole School, School Uniform Order. An amended order form has been uploaded today. Order forms can be emailed directly to Oz Fashions at elle@ozfashions.com.au or brought to the school office. Oz Fashions collect and deliver orders each Tuesday and Friday.

St. Joseph's - Baulkham Hills Centre for Reflective Living

Garage Sale

Saturday 7th March
7.00am – 1.00pm

St Joseph's 64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills

Hills Spirit Soccer Club

Last Registration Day

Saturday 28th February 11am - 2pm

We still have spots available for any boys or girls in all ages from Kindy - Year 6 for Hills Spirit FC. Training will commence towards the end of March with the first competition match after the Easter break. New Players \$170 including shorts and socks.

Register online at www.hillsspiritfc.com.au

Regards

Sean Murphy - Registrar

Oliver (Yr 5) Keira (Yr 3)

Sports News

Hills Zone Swimming

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed on Monday 23rd February at The Hills Zone swimming carnival. You should all be very proud of the way you represented St Angela's. All of our swimmers did extremely well in particular Alannah Gattini who was 11yrs Girl Age Champion. Congratulations to the following children who made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival which will be held tomorrow at Blacktown Pool.

For individual events Sophie Young, Alannah Gattini, Montana Ritchie, Emma Vitanza, Chantelle Ritchie, Brae Harriss, Conor Siney, Jack Smales, Angus Gibbons and Georgia Sultana.

Although there was some individual brilliance, St Angela's really shone when it came to relays. We were very excited to be the only school to have all 4 of our relay teams make it through to Diocesan.

Junior Boys - Angus Gibbons, Joseph McEneaney, Tom Smales and Owen Turner.

Junior Girls - Ella Evans, Mailee Suefong, Pippa Gattini and Sophie Young.

Senior Girls - Chantelle Ritchie, Amy Gibbons, Alannah Gattini and Georgia Sultana.

Senior boys -Macklin Kirkley, Oliver Murphy, Jack Smales and Brae Harriss.

Special thanks to our parents, Linda Young, Hayley Cane, Yasna Suefong, Natasha Vitanza, Di McGaulley, Michelle Siney and Rosemary Gattini for helping with timekeeping and to Mrs Lisa Sinclair for helping to officiate. To the parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, baby brothers and sisters thankyou for your cheering and support of the children. Well Done!

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Co-ordinator

Hills Swimming Invitational Carnival

Last Saturday night 21st February, St Angela's competed in a swimming carnival run by the Hills Swimming and Lifesaving Club. We had 16 swimmers attend with over 50 events swum. Our swimmers were: Joel Foxe, Ava Foxe, Sophie Young, Jackson Folkard, Harrison Tandy, Emma Vitanza, Amy Gibbons, Georgia Sultana, Imogen Pfeffercorn, Owen Turner, Jemma Turner, Riley Hogan, Jessica O'Meara, James Pearson, Jessica Herbas, Chantelle Mendoza and Georgia Prestage. We won a bagful of ribbons throughout the night and all of our relays were successful, with two firsts (senior girls and junior boys) and a second (junior girls). The girls' team also finished second overall. It was a fun night. Thank you to Mrs McGaulley for managing our team.

Amy Gibbons (6 Blue)

Are you a good driver? Always obey road rules and observe our 40km zone around school for the safety of our children. We have 'no stopping' signs at the front and back of the school. These signs are there for a reason and that is for safety of our children and community. Thank you for your support in this area.

Children Are ... (A-Z)

Reflection

Amazing.... Acknowledge them.

Believable.... Trust them.

Childlike... allow them.

Divine... honour them.

Energetic... nourish them.

Fallible... embrace them.

Gifts... treasure them.

Here now... be with them.

Innocent... delight with them.

Joyful... appreciate them.

Kindhearted... learn from them.

Lovable... cherish them.

Magical... fly with them.

Noble... esteem them.

Open minded... respect them.

Precious... value them.

Questioners... encourage them.

Resourceful... support them.

Spontaneous... enjoy them.

Talented... believe in them.

Unique... affirm them.

Vulnerable... protect them.

Whole... recognize them.

eXtra special... celebrate them.

Yearning... notice them.

Zany... laugh with them.

Gilroy College Open Evening

Gilroy Catholic College will be hosting its annual Open Evening on Wednesday 11th March commencing at 6.15pm. College Tours will be conducted at 5.30pm and 7.00pm only. Bookings are essential on 8853-8200. For further information email tpoole@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Mount St Benedict College

Open Day Sunday 8th March 2015
10.00am to 2.00pm

Prospective Parent Information Evening for Year 7 2016
Tuesday 10th March at 7.00pm.

Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2016.

Registration for Waiting List forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

Ph: 9980 0444 for more information or visit
www.msb.nsw.edu.au

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta Open Day

Sunday 1st March 2015
10.00am to 2.00pm

For more information: Ph 9683 3300, email
registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au or visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au