



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

SHINE

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Term 1, Week 8

Dear Parents,

What an amazing 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, Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton 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 \$1000 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 before school. 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. This evening, Educators throughout the diocese will gather to celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Blacktown. At this Mass we will reflect on our vocation as Catholic Educators and the roles we have been called upon to fulfil.

My appreciation and thanks to the talented and committed group of parents who gathered to form our Fun(d)raising team for 2015. We have a number of great events that are in the pipeline. Please save the date for our

15 Year Anniversary Dinner Dance
to be held on Friday 11th September

(Keep an eye out for further details in future editions of Shine for how you can be involved or support this gala event through sponsorship and donations of prizes/goods and services etc.)

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

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.



Upcoming Dates

Week 8

Fri 20th Mar

8.45am Year 6 Parent Committee meeting in the staffroom - All welcome

2.10pm Year 3 Grade Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 9

Thurs 26th Mar

1.30-2.45pm Second Hand Uniform Sale outside the canteen

Fri 27th Mar

9.00am Kindergarten 2016 Information Session and School Tour in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

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

Week 10

Tues 31st Mar

St Angela's Cross Country - Kindergarten to Year 6 on school grounds

Thurs 2nd Apr

Holy Thursday

8.45am Whole school Easter Celebrations - All welcome

Last day of Term 1

Fri 3rd Apr

Good Friday

Sat 4th Apr

Holy Saturday

Sun 5th Apr

Easter Sunday

Mon 6th Apr

Easter Monday

TERM 2

Week 1

Mon 20th Apr

First day of Term 2 for staff and students

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.

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 **this Monday 23rd March.**

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Voluntary Grade Contact List Information, Naplan Information for Yrs 3 & 5.



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Religious Education



Sunday, March 22nd 2015 Year B
5th Sunday in Lent

John 12:20-33 Eternal life lies at end of the path through suffering

"In today's Gospel, we get a hint that Jesus no longer sees his ministry as solely for the Jews. He is increasingly aware that other nations are being attracted to him and to his message - and sees in the interest a sign that the time is coming when he is to be glorified. "Jesus uses a very simple analogy - one familiar to anyone who has grown seed. When we sow a seed, there comes a point where the seed ceases to exist. It becomes soft and collapses as the new life germinates within it. If the same seed had fallen onto a path or onto stony ground, it would have been trodden underfoot or gradually died from dehydration. Translated into human terms, such a death is meaningless - a life has been lived and has ended. "For many people today, that is the sum total of what they expect from life. They will be born - live - die - and then, that will be the end. As Christians, we believe that there is more to life - and death. Jesus himself did not relish the path that he was bidden to follow - but how could he ask that he be excused? Wasn't this why he came into the world? Neither could he ask that his followers be excused that path. But, what we as his followers know is that it isn't a path to suffering but, rather, a path through suffering." A reflection on the Gospel by Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner.

Year 4 Reconciliation

Liturgy:

Last week Year 4 gathered for a forgiveness Liturgy. As they began their celebration they readied their hearts to hear God's Word of the greatest commandment of all - love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus tells us this is how we will have the fullness of God's life in us. Year 5 will gather this week to participate in their Reconciliation Liturgy.

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator



Quote of the Week

"If you're not sure where you're going, you'll probably end up somewhere else."

Second Hand Uniform Sale This Thursday 26th March 1.30-2.45pm

This Thursday 26th March, we will again be holding a second hand uniform sale at St Angela's. These sales will be held twice during the year. We invite parents to donate any school uniform items that are no longer needed and that are in good condition, to go towards the sale. All items will be sold for \$5 or \$10, with profits going towards the school. It is really just a chance to hand in/on any uniforms that you no longer have a need for, as well as a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need!



Book Club

A reminder that book club orders are due back at school by tomorrow, Friday 20th March. Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)
Book Club Co-ordinator

To all Year 6 Parents

A Year 6 parent committee is being established to organise the End of Year/Graduation events, which include: the Graduation disco/dinner, the Yearbook, Graduation Mass and any other requirements. A meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow, Friday 20th March at 8.45am in the staff room. Any parents of the current Year 6 class who would like to be involved are welcome to attend.

Year 6 Parent Reps

Grade Assemblies

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

Week 8 - Tomorrow, 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.

NSW State Election Message

DID YOU KNOW? On average, it costs around \$13,000 per year to educate a child in a NSW school. In most Catholic schools, school fees cover less than a quarter of this cost. The rest comes from taxpayers like you! This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

With less than two weeks before the state election, I urge you to contact your local MPs and candidates to talk to them about the importance of capital works funding for Catholic schools in western Sydney. Without capital works funding for Catholic schools, it will be difficult to meet growing enrolment demands for Catholic schooling. This will place an even greater burden on the tax payer if places for these children need to be found in government schools.

Recently, our Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby met with Minister Adrian Piccoli to urge him to consider the needs of the 25% of children and young people who attend Catholic schools in western Sydney. Although the meeting was positive, no commitment to capital works funding was made. I urge you to email your local STATE member, Ray Williams at castlehill@nsw.liberal.org.au and STATE opposition candidate Matt Ritchie at matt.ritchie@nswlabor.org.au, to tell them that capital works funding is an important issue for you in the upcoming election.

Changes to bus timetable



We have been informed by Hillsbus that the following changes become effective as of this Monday 23rd March:

Bus 2509 (Green) - There are two additions to this route. Firstly, this bus will now also travel along York and Queensbury Roads from President Road, then return to President Road and continue as usual. Secondly, the route now proceeds to Castle Towers via Gilbert and Tuckwell Roads, rather than terminating at Showground Road.

Bus 2609 (Yellow) - will now be leaving St Angela's at 3.05pm (previously 3.00pm).

Any queries, please contact the school office.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Aaron Zlomislak KB
 Ruby Chapman KG
 Amelia Blackwell KY
 Keeley Rule 1B
 Lucas Rothwell 1G
 Sean Salib 1Y
 Cairo Piotto 2B
 Kingsley Barnett 2G
 Bernadette Laird 2Y
 Oliver Vujnovich 3B
 Caitlin McNamara 3G
 Tiarne Fox 3Y
 Connor Khoury 4B
 Juliusz Jonski 4G
 Xavier Ruiz-Martinez 4Y
 Tiana Alberti 5B
 Tayla Davie 5G
 Ethan Andrew 5Y
 Rachela Tesoriero 6B
 Lilli-Rose Javidi 6G
 Joshua Bridge 6Y

St Angela's Award

Tiana Azzopardi KB
 Ava O'Brien KG
 Joshua Hall KY
 Domenic Stornelli 1B
 Jada Yu 1G
 Madison Tedros 1Y
 Arielle Henwood 2B
 Madison Nasr 2G
 Kate McEvoy 2Y
 Finya Beggs 3B
 Dana Adan 3G
 Giselle Mendiola 3Y
 Jessica Portelli 4B
 Bella Shepherd 4G
 Marcus Fonseca 4Y
 Oliver Murphy 5B
 Amity Rambow 5G
 Lucy Van Der Heyde 5Y
 Ethan Adan 6B
 Seth Henderson 6G
 Olivia Rae 6Y

Star Spot

Congratulations to Kaleb Brett (4 Blue) who recently competed at the Trampolining NSW State Championships. Kaleb was awarded 1st place on trampoline and 3rd place on double mini trampoline. Kaleb has now qualified to represent NSW at the Australian Championships in Melbourne in May. Well done Kaleb!

 Congratulations to Mia Thomas (4 Green) who will feature in the children's cast for the upcoming Packem Production of Mary Poppins, playing at the Riverside Theatre from 25th July to 8th August. Well done Mia!

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 co-operation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1 28th January to 2nd April
 Term 2 20th April to 26th June
 Term 3 13th July to 18th September
 Term 4 6th October to 16th December

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Mon 23rd

Owen Azzopardi
 Kaleb Brett

Tues 24th

Mitchell Smith
 Carlo Scida

Wed 25th

Zander Askew
 Kyle Morley
 Dylan Nguyen
 James Baylis
 Genevieve Brouillard
 Kingsley Barnett

Fri 27th

Jack McDonald

Sat 28th

Harrison Crotty
 Evan Hunt
 Alexis Tadiaman



International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6

University of NSW Initiative

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

This year, children are invited to participate in the ICAS English and Mathematics competitions. Dates and the cost of each assessment are listed below. Due to a low number of students participating in other exams in previous years, these two papers are the only ones that will be offered in 2015.

Please see last week's Shine (Week 7) for more information and return slip.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015 (NAPLAN)

In May 2015, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 12th to 14th May 2015.

Tuesday 12th May	Wednesday 13th May	Thursday 14th May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)	Reading	Numeracy
Writing		

Friday 15th May - A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Integrated Unit Workbooks

Next week the children are bringing home their Integrated Unit workbooks. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. What new skills have they learnt? What new ideas/information did they find out about? The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so to read a comment from their greatest role models, you their parents.

School Holiday Uniform Sale

Our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be selling winter uniforms on Thursday 9th April from 11.00am till 4.00pm during the upcoming school holidays. Online orders are still being accepted and last delivery day for the term will be Tuesday 31st March. Deliveries will resume Tuesday 21st April. Any enquiries, please contact Elle on 0421 216 414 or elle@ozfashions.com.au.

St Angela's Cross Country 2015

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

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL HELPER

- ☐ I am available to assist as a Parent Helper on Tuesday 31st March at the Cross Country Carnival.
- ☐ I have completed the Volunteer Child Protection requirements.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS: _____

Times available: _____ to _____

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2016

*If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Angela's for Kindergarten in 2016, please complete the slip below and send to the school office. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. Enrolment packages will be sent home shortly.
Thank you.*

2016 SIBLING ENROLMENT INTENTION

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

my child/children into St Angela's to commence Kindergarten in 2016.

Child (First Name) _____

Child (Surname) _____

D.O.B. _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sports News

Great things have been happening around the sports scene at St Angela's lately. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese in their chosen sport: Alannah Gattini - Netball, Nathan Fox - AFL, Ben Moroney - Rugby League, Kyle Morley - Football (soccer), Owen Azzopardi (Touch), William Edwards - Softball. Congratulations to William as he has also been selected to represent Mackillop at the NSWPSA Softball Championships and Montana Ritchie has been selected to represent Mackillop in the NSWPSA Diving Championships.

Best wishes to our swimmers: Alannah Gattini, Georgia Sultana, Amy Gibbons, Chantelle Ritchie, Angus Gibbons, Joseph McEneaney, Tom Smales, Owen Turner and Sophie Young, who will be competing at the Mackillop Swimming Trials tomorrow at Homebush Pool.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Co-ordinator

VOLUNTARY GRADE CONTACT LIST

(A little different this year given the many modes of social media available)

On your behalf my thanks to your Grade Parent Representatives who will soon be assisting with 'basic' grade contact lists. Your contact number will be circulated to others in the grade only after you authorise permission for this purpose. The list is useful for communicating with other families within the school to organise playdates, birthday parties etc. If you wish your contact number (**ie. The mobile number that the school has on file**) to be added to the list please email the relevant information outlined below to your grade contact parent. Please provide the following details in your email:

Surname

Child's Name

Class for 2015

Parent's names

And the word 'Yes' (referring to the mobile number the school has on file) by Monday 30th March.

This year we will only be publishing a contact phone number as this seems to be of the most value to parents. It is envisaged that if you require more information, eg. Email addresses etc., you can contact the parent directly. The information will be generated from our school administration system.

It is important to take note of a few mandatory guidelines for using these numbers:

Confidentiality is paramount. Parents who have volunteered their number have done so for other parents of the grade. It is kindly asked that you do not pass on any numbers to other parents due to privacy. Phone numbers should not be left on display on fridges etc. where they can be accessed by others or passed onto others without permission. Phone numbers should only be used appropriately to support each other, foster networks and build community.

Only parents who have supplied details will be included. Only parents who are on the list will receive a hard copy of the list. The list will only be published once per year.

Email addresses of contact list co-ordinators for each grade are as follows:

Grade Representatives

KINDERGARTEN: renee@thevipgroup.com.au
YEAR ONE: jolharris@bigpond.com
YEAR TWO: michelle.jacobs@bigpond.com
YEAR THREE: erin.kennedy@heartkids.org.au
YEAR FOUR: leannebower72@hotmail.com
YEAR FIVE: solar4u@internode.on.net
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