



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

SHINE

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Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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Term 1, Week 9

Dear Parents,

Journey towards Easter Our Lady of the Rosary Parish 8 Greyfriar Road, Kellyville

Thursday 2nd April at Friary grounds

During Lent, the children have been praying and reflecting on the Journey towards Easter. Praying the Stations of the Cross is an especially powerful way to enter into the meaning of Christ's Passion and is a longstanding Lenten devotion which involves both our imagination and emotions. This year we have secured the opportunity to visit the Friary grounds which have life size Stations of the Cross statues in a prayerful and reflective setting. Please see this newsletter or the note that was sent home yesterday outlining the timetable for each class and details of this unique opportunity to pray the Stations and visit the Shrine in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish's beautiful acreage. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend, particularly if you have never visited the friary grounds, they are just beautiful. As Easter falls during the school holidays, we look forward to making the Journey to Easter a quiet, reflective and meditative experience starting with Palm Sunday this weekend and then the events of Holy Week.

Last Tuesday we had the privilege of hosting a brief visit to St Angela's by Mr Greg Whitby, our Executive Director of Schools for the Parramatta Diocese. Mr Whitby was extremely impressed with our beautiful children, who he addressed at assembly, our amazing learning environment and the dedicated staff with whom he shared morning tea. Take a moment to look at our Facebook and Twitter feed for more photos of his enjoyable interaction with the children.



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: "Forgive Others"

How often do adults and children really forgive others or more importantly themselves. Jesus truly teaches us the meaning of forgiveness through His life, death and resurrection. Forgiving others means taking the time to reconcile and rebuild relationships to move forward and not dwell on the past. As a parish school community we should always strive to model forgiveness to those around us.



Week 9 Fri 27th Mar

Upcoming Dates

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 Week Celebration at the Friary grounds, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 8 Greyfriar Road, Kellyville. All welcome. Please refer to email sent yesterday or this Shine for times your child's class will be visiting this sacred space.

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

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR Tomorrow, 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.

Grade Assemblies

Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, our last whole school assembly for Term 1 is **tomorrow, Friday 27th March** at 2.10pm led by Year 1.

All parents are most welcome to join us.

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.

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Year 1 End of Term Events and Sea Design and Make Note, Holy Week Celebrations



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Religious Education



Sunday, March 29th 2015

Year B Palm Sunday

Mark 14:1-15:47

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels. At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.



Holy Week

Commissioning Ceremony Education Mass 19th March

Last Thursday the Parramatta Diocese gathered at St Patrick's Blacktown to commission new Principals and beginning teachers. All schools were invited to participate by carrying their school banner in the entrance procession. Sienna Javidi (4 Yellow) proudly carried St Angela's 'bright and colourful' banner in the procession.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Quote of the Week

"Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still."



Baby Boy

Congratulations to the Brincat family on the arrival of Zachary, a brother for Jessica (3 Blue)

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Sibling Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016

Enrolment packs will be sent home soon. Parents are asked to please complete the necessary information and return to school by **Friday 24th April**. We will then advise you of an interview date towards the end of May. Please note included in your enrolment pack is information regarding sessions that the Parish is conducting on Wednesday 20th May. It is a requirement that you attend **one** of these sessions (no need to book) and that you take the blue form from the enrolment pack with you to your session to be signed on the evening. A reminder that we require your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunisation record, a small photograph of your child (eg. passport size), latest council/water rates notice and citizenship/visa information (if child or parents are born overseas). Thank you.

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

LAST CALL!

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 Shine (Week 7) for more information and return slip. Please note the final day for registration and payment is tomorrow, Friday 27th March.

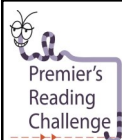
Children's Workbooks

Over the last few weeks the children's workbooks have been coming home. Thank you very much to the parents who have passed on their positive comments in regards to having an opportunity to look through books. Your comments are very much appreciated. It is amazing to also see just how much your children appreciate the comments that you, as parents, have been writing in your child's workbooks. Your feedback in regards to your child's learning is very important. There are so many examples of comments that children have been so proud of and keen to share with their teacher.

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.



Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now running and will conclude on 1st September 2015. Books read from 1st September 2014 can count towards the 2015 challenge. We are aiming at 100% participation. More information including usernames and passwords to follow.

Mrs Rosanne North
Teacher Librarian

Kindergarten Families Get Together All welcome

An end of term get together has been organised for all Kindergarten families. Details are as follows:

When: Thursday 2nd April from 5.00pm
Where: Castle Hill RSL
Enquiries: Renee Bercich - renee@thevipgroup.com.au

Hope to see you there!

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Masen De Carlo KB
Olivia Miletic KG
Zachary Brook KY
Evangeline Green 1B
Luke Younis 1G
Matthew Despoges 1Y
Noah Andrew 2B
Joshua McDermott 2G
Jason Herbas 2Y
Owen Sereni 3B
Annika Benning 3Y
Isaac Tenn 4B
Cooper Metcalfe 4G
Abigail Madayag 4Y
Jack Despoges 5B
Luke Marmara 5G
Nicholas Sebastian 5Y
Ethan Egiziano 6B
Thomas Schenko 6G
Joshua Catania 6Y

St Angela's Award

Gabriella Fernandes KB
Nicholas Heanes KG
Savannah Morsillo KY
William Schenko 1B
Aidan Vassallo 1G
Sarah Mustafa-Ortiz 1Y
Molly Nati 2B
Brandon Suefong 2G
Alexandra Knight 2Y
Isabella Siligato 3B
Estavan Alberti 3G
Laura Nati 3G
Ashley Davie 3Y
Zoe Dimitriadis 4B
Ava Foxe 4G
Sofia Losco 4Y
Riley Lockwood 5B
Keira Callaghan 5G
Jessica Perez 5Y
Natarsha Stornelli 6B
Jorjah Batoua 6G
Ian Panganiban 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 29th

Ivana Alilovic

Mon 30th

Mr Hurst

Tues 31st

Evangeline Green

Ryan Sloan

Joseph Sultana

Mrs Fello

APRIL

Thurs 2nd

Sarah Tesoriero

Fri 3rd

Caitlin Mu

Mrs Di Stefano

Sat 4th

Shannon Aneksothpan

Star Spot

Congratulations to ex student Cooper Ritchie who, during the Easter break, will be competing at the Australian Age Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park.

Cooper has qualified for 6 events and has also been selected in the NSW Junior Sharks development squad. Well done Cooper!

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Jada Yu (1 Green)

Noah Hemmings (4 Green)

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



Year 1 Excursion to Manly Sea Life Sanctuary

Last Wednesday 18th March, Year 1 visited Manly Sea Life Sanctuary. This excursion complements the HSIE unit of work 'Why is the Sea Important To Us?' The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to educational officers as they spoke about marine animals such as sharks, fairy penguins, jellyfish, seahorse and boxfish to name a few. A hands-on touch pool was certainly a highlight of the day for many students. The day would not have been possible without our parent volunteers, Estela Singh, Jennifer Geoghegan, Natalie D'Silva, Lisa Tedros, Vanessa Hall, Sandra Piperata, Alan Mills, Julie Cassettari and Cristina Gerrettsen-Cornell. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Year 1 Teachers



Sports News

MacKillop Swimming Trials

Congratulations to our super fish swimmers Alannah Gattini, Georgia Sultana, Chantelle Ritchie, Amy Gibbons, Angus Gibbons, Joseph McEneaney, Tom Smales, Owen Turner and Sophie Young who competed last Friday at Homebush in the MacKillop Swimming Trials.

The competition was at a very high level and the children should be very proud of their achievements. The 'fantastic four' senior girls relay team finished 3rd, the junior boys relay team finished 14th, Sophie swam a personal best in the 50m Freestyle finishing 9th. Chantelle finished 6th in Butterfly, 7th in Breaststroke and 8th in the Individual Medley. Georgia finished 12th in Backstroke. Alannah had some great swims in 50m Breaststroke finishing 12th and 16th in Butterfly and was outstanding in the 50m Backstroke finishing 3rd. We are very proud of the Senior girls relay team and Alannah who are competing at the NSWPSA Swimming Championships today. Congratulations also to Montana Ritchie who has excelled in her diving and will be representing MacKillop at the NSW PSSA Diving Championship today. We can't wait to hear about the girls' results.

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
 YEAR SIX: kw.edwards@bigpond.com.au

School Band Holiday Workshop

Do you have bored children sitting around the house during the Easter School Holidays?

Is getting your child to practise their instrument becoming a chore?

Why not consider coming along to one of TSA's Easter Holiday Combined Band Workshops?! These workshops are all the best bits of regular Band Camp (minus the waterslide and disco!) rolled into the one day. For most beginners it will be their first introduction to band and for our senior students it will be a chance to join together with other senior students from other schools and tackle some more challenging repertoire. For more information and to enrol for the workshop, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au

Living alongside our neighbours

Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours, and the safety of everyone, so that we can continue to use the back path area and surrounding streets as an exit to and from our school. Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and **parents must not park across driveways** or drive in an unsafe manner. Anyone who breaches the parking rules must realise that police regularly patrol (as has been the case this week) and that the RTA has the authority to fine drivers and those drivers will also lose points off their licence. Please be conscious that there are a number of 'no stopping' signs along both sides of the school on Harrington Avenue and particularly outside numbers 14, 16 and 18 Harrington Avenue, which have been put there as it is on a blind corner.

Class visits to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish's Friary grounds Thursday 2nd April

As advised in yesterday's email, the children will travel by bus to and from the Friary with their grade. The times listed below indicate when your child will be visiting this sacred space, set amongst beautiful landscaped acreage. We warmly invite parents to join us as we pray.

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| Year 6 | 9:10 – 10:00 |
| Year 5 | 9:10 – 10:00 |
| Year 4 | 10:00 – 10:50 |
| Year 3 | 10:00 – 10:50 |
| Year 2 | 10:50 – 11:40 |
| Year 1 | 10:50 – 11:40 |
| Kindergarten | 11:40 – 12:30 |

Parish News

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER 2015 at OLOR Kellyville

Way of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent at 10am at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents on the Friary grounds, and 7.30pm in the Parish Church after 7pm Mass

Second Rite of Reconciliation

7.30pm **30 March** at Richmond parish

7.30pm **31 March** at Quakers Hill

Palm Sunday: 29 March

Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm

10.45am Solemn Procession will begin

Wednesday of Holy Week (1 April)

7pm Mass of the Holy Oils

at St. Patrick's Cathedral

(*Please note there will be no Evening Mass at OLOR on 1 April)

Holy Thursday: 2 April

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday: 3 April

9-10am Reconciliation

11am - Stations of the Cross

3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 4 April

Reconciliation: 9am—11am

7pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 5 April

Masses at 7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm

2016 ENROLMENTS FOR MARIAN COLLEGE will coincide with the compulsory Parent Information Evening for Confirmation for children currently in Year 6 or older, at 7.30pm on **12 May 2015** at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kellyville. This meeting will be either in the school hall (if it is available) or in the Parish Church.