



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 2, Week 2

Dear Parents,

Later this term, (Weeks 7 to 10), I will be accessing some long service leave (which tends to build up quickly after 30+ years of teaching) to undertake some travel. This will be a belated overseas trip to celebrate my 50th birthday and our 25 years of marriage from last year, which was put on hold due to my Dad's passing into eternal life.

Mrs Fitzalan will be appointed Acting Principal during my absence. We are indeed blessed to have Mrs Fitzalan, who is most capable, effective and efficient in all that she does. The appointment process for an Acting Assistant Principal for this short period of time is also taking place. I will indeed miss the amazing St Angela's community.

God Loves Us and Will Always Forgive Us

On behalf of our St Angela's community we extend Christ's blessings to the children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Tuesday/Wednesday at 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church. God's unconditional love through reconciliation is a true gift He gives to all.

Lest We Forget

I was extremely proud of our St Angela's community and the respect they displayed for the many Anzac events here and in the broader community. Below is a letter sent by our guest speaker, Flight Lieutenant Frank Di Stefano. I thought I would share this with you as it acknowledges our wonderful St Angela's community:

I just wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank you, your teachers, staff and students, for your warm and caring hospitality provided to me during my visit and presentation at last Friday's ANZAC Centenary ceremony at St Angela's Primary School.

As an active member of both the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Castle Hill RSL Sub-branch, I can tell you sincerely just

how privileged I felt in being able to share with your wonderful school community, the story about the spirit of the original ANZACs and how they have shaped the true values of our great nation - Australia.

As a hallmark of respect to the memories of all who have served and to those that paid the ultimate sacrifice in defending our great nations' fight for peace over the last 100 years; I can truly say that I was personally moved by the display of quiet reverence, honour and respect, by all of those within the extended school community who attended this memorable ceremony.

Finally, I would also like to take the opportunity to ask you to please pass on my special thanks to all those involved in organising this special ceremony, in particular, the Year 6 leaders, staff and all the students that performed in the very moving and emotional ANZAC ceremony - they are great credit not only to the school, but to their families, teachers and wider Hills community too.

I truly believe that the spirit of ANZAC at St Angela's is real, is true and is alive.

May God Bless your wonderful school and extended community - and to the memories of our fallen over the last 100 years - St Angela's - you have certainly 'Let your Light Shine'!

Lest we forget.

Frank Di Stefano

Flight Lieutenant - Royal Australian Air Force

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

Tony Calabria

Principal

Mother's Day is coming!

On Friday 8th May we will celebrate Mother's Day at St Angela's. Our celebrations will begin with a special Mother's Day Assembly at 8.45am, followed by a Mother's Day morning tea and then a visit to the classrooms for a learning activity, with those who admire you most. We hope you can join us.

Theme for the week:

"Make Wise Choices"

Our theme this week encourages children to think carefully before they act, giving consideration to the choices they make and how they can impact on others. Making choices and taking responsibility for choices they made is essential grounding for future years. Please take time as a family to discuss the importance of decision making in our lives.

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Grade Overviews - K-6, COSHC Pupil Free Day Form

WINTER UNIFORM

We would expect that all children are in full winter uniform by **this Monday 4th May**.

Sibling Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 Due tomorrow, Friday 1st May

We ask that enrolment applications please be returned to school by **tomorrow, Friday 1st May**. 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.



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Religious Education



Sunday, April 26th 2015 Year B
Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 15:1-8 We are called to be fruitful

"We could easily overlook the fact that what comes through clearly in this gospel is the call to fruitfulness – sharing with the Son all that makes him the 'true' vine, beloved of the Father who has given him over for the sake of the whole world. The vine's branches are 'pruned' by the Father by means of 'the word' – a clear call to nourish our Resurrection life through a knowledge and love of the Scriptures.

"The fruits we will bear are primarily the witness we must give to others, and the outreach through which we are called to embody the Saviour's presence in our world. Israel was called to be 'a light to the nations' but failed; the New Israel, brought into existence through our solidarity with Jesus in his Paschal Mystery, must fulfil that great mission – an apparently impossible task, until we recall that what is at stake is the Father's great design in creation, and we recognise that all that is to be achieved derives from the One who is 'the true vine'."

From [a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm](#)

Prayer for those affected by the recent storms

God of compassion,
You created a world for us
To know your love and peace
Yet amidst the beauty of creation
We encounter pain and hurt
And forces beyond our control.
At times like this our hearts are
shaken and ache with sorrow
At the destruction of our lives,
homes and livelihoods.
Hear our prayers for those affected by the floods
And for all those working
To bring relief and fresh hope.
Amen



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Reflection

From the teachings of St Angela

"Consider the respect you owe them. For the more you respect them the more you will love them and the more you love them the greater care you will have of them. Then it will be impossible for you not to have them graven in your hearts, each one individually, for this is how true love acts."

St Angela Merici

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Holm family (Jacob, 4 Green) due to the passing into eternal life of Jacob's grandmother.

School Photos Individual, class group and family photos have now been sent home. Information regarding the online ordering of specialty photos will be sent home soon.

Parish News 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.



Upcoming Dates

Week 2

Fri 1st May

9.45am Debating - St Angela's vs St Madeleine's. All welcome.

Sat 2nd May

2.00-6.00pm Reconciliation Preparation Day at St Angela's in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall followed by Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Week 3

Tues 5th May

PSSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek

Wed 6th May

Mother's Day Stall - \$5 per gift. Bring money on the day and a bag to carry your gift home.

7.30pm Reconciliation Ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Thurs 7th May

7.30pm Reconciliation Ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Fri 8th May

8.45am Mothers' Day Assembly Prayer followed by morning tea & classroom visits - All welcome

Week 4

Tues 12th May

NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5

7.30pm Parent Confirmation Information night at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Wed 13th & Thurs 14th May

NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5

11:00am Year 6 Mass - Parents welcome

Fri 15th May

8.45am Class Parent Rep Meeting

2.10pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 6 - All welcome

Sat 16th May

6:00pm Confirmation Commitment Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Sun 17th May

11:00am Confirmation Commitment Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Quote of the Week

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT/PUPIL FREE DAY FOR TERM 2
FRIDAY 29th MAY**

Staff will gather for professional learning in the area of Literacy.



Baby Boy

Congratulations to the Vancuylenberg family on the arrival of Andre, a brother for Yasemin (K Yellow)

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

St Angela's Commemorative Courtyard

Once again, we would like to invite families to participate in this unique fundraising project. By purchasing a paver for \$30.00, your child's name or family name will be permanently engraved on a paver which will be laid in the quadrangle area outside the Years 5 and 6 classrooms, the area known as our Commemorative Courtyard. If you decide to take advantage of our offer your paver will become part of our school's history. Please complete the order form which was emailed to all families today and return with payment to the school office by Monday 11th May 2015.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Dominique Gularte KB
Liam Evans KG
Emeline Fitzsimons KY
Eimear Kelly 1B
Logan Rogers 1G
Isabella Perusich 1Y
Keean Holmes 2B
Aidan Bower 2G
Jessica Hohn 2Y
Alexander Petras 3B
John Papadimitos 3G
Emerson McDonald 3Y
Felicity Rankin 4B
Samantha Hohn 4G
Annaliese Losco 4Y
Sofia Losco 4Y
Kristian Ebejer 5B
Chris Park 5G
Joshua Israel 5Y
Alexander Kaelin 6B
Allanah Pillon 6G
Botond Horvath 6Y

St Angela's Award

Summer Crotty KB
Taylor Brett KG
Connor Paton KY
Eva Lawlor 1B
Liam Norris 1G
Troy Austen 1Y
Jason Fahmy 2B
Dominic Darmudi 2G
Brayden Sampol 2Y
Ivana Alilovic 3B
Aaliyah Netana 3G
Tyler Olan 3Y
Natasha Egiziano 4B
Michael Roditis 4G
Julian Basso 4Y
Emily Chiew 5B
Serena Adoranti 5G
Veronica Ochudzawa 5Y
Kaitlin Barnsley 6B
Max Heming 6G
Megan Selfridge 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MAY

Sun 3rd

Sean Salib

Thurs 7th

Chris Park
Alexandra Huynh

Mon 4th

Alexander Pace

Fri 8th

Camryn Lean

Tues 5th

Patrick Sultana
Blake Cassettari

Sat 9th

Brandon Darmudi
Jackson Folkard
Luca Gerrettson-Cornell
Angelina Catalano
Mrs Lowden

Wed 6th

Ethan Bower
Ariana Sarmiento

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARENT MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP (EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING) 8.45am THURSDAY 28TH MAY

St Angela's has now been part of the Extending Mathematical Understanding Program (EMU) for six years. The goal of this program is for children to develop the ability to use Mathematics effectively to solve problems. A parent's role in achieving this goal can never be underestimated! The workshop is a fantastic opportunity for parents to gain an insight into children's experiences of Mathematics at school. All those attending will participate in fun warm-up games focusing on mental maths that can be easily played at home and modified for a range of abilities. Those attending will also receive a showbag kit containing instructions and equipment. We ask that you kindly RSVP by emailing the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remembering the ANZACS

"Last Friday 24th April, St Angela's honoured and commemorated the 100 years of Anzac anniversary. The liturgy was very reverent from the start when the children walked in through the guard of honour, to the sounding of the last post. The school captains got to host this lovely liturgy and William Elliott, our Hills Centenary of Anzac ambassador, read his speech "Two hats". The children each received an Anzac cookie to remember our fallen soldiers. On behalf of St Angela's, we would like to thank Flight Lieutenant Di Stefano for telling us about the importance of Anzac."

"On Anzac Day we had the privilege to represent St Angela's with William Elliott (Centenary of Anzac Hills Youth Ambassador), Mr Calabria, Mrs Fello and Mrs Fitzalan at a Dawn Service. Despite the early morning coldness, it was very special to be there. All of the children had the honour to lay a wreath. It was very reverent and the amount of people there just shows the care and respect Australia has for our Anzacs."

From our student leaders
Amy Gibbons, Zane Smolinski, Hayley Johnston and Joshua Bridge

School Disco

Permission note coming home soon

When: Thursday 28th May
Where: St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Times: The disco will be split into two sessions:
Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30-6.00pm
Years 3 to 6 6.30-8.00pm

Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15 per family. The next day, Friday 29th May, will be a Staff Development/Pupil Free Day.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL This Wednesday 6th May

We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall for the children this Wednesday 6th May 2015.

The children will be able to choose from a variety of beautifully packaged gifts for their mums, grandmothers etc. The children will be given an opportunity to view the gifts in advance. To make the stall more affordable all gifts will cost \$5. We will not be collecting money in advance. **Children are to bring their money in on the day in an envelope clearly marked with "Mother's Day Stall", their name and class so it doesn't get lost.** The money will be exchanged for a token at the entrance to the stall. Any children who forget their money on the day will still be able to select a gift which will be put away and can be collected from the school office on Thursday once money is received. If there are gifts left over after all classes have visited the stall, children will be given the opportunity to purchase extra gifts. Any queries please contact Jo Harris on 0408 377 870.

We kindly ask that each child brings in a plastic bag to carry their special gift home.

THIS WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL - \$5 PER GIFT
BRING YOUR MONEY AND CARRY BAG ON THE DAY!

Inter School Debating Competition 2015

During Terms 2 and 3, St Angela's will compete in the Inter School Debating competition. Many Year 6 students will be participating in the debates against other local schools.

Amy Gibbons	Jorjah Batoua	Christina Dell' Aquila
Hayley Johnston	Nicole Crowley	Alex Kaelin
Jemma Turner	Zander Askew	Charlotte Burgess
Sophia Jandrljic	Georgia Tole	Georgia Sultana
Kate Lawton	Reine Farah	Thomas Papallo
Emma Watson	Megan Selfridge	Luca Muscardo
Sohara Janaratne	Franzine Soliman	Sophia Di Giacomo
Aisling Collins	Chloe Geromboux	Allanah Pillon
Chantelle Ritchie	Xin Mei Lees	

The first round of the competition will be held tomorrow, Friday 1st May at 9:45am in the St Maximillian Kolbe hall. The topic will be 'Advertising is a Curse'. The affirmative team will travel to St Madeleine's, Kenthurst. The negative team remains at our school. Good luck to all students involved in our first debate of 2015!

Affirmative

William Elliott
 Hayley Johnston
 Reine Farah
 Chantelle Ritchie

Negative

Amy Gibbons
 Alex Kaelin
 Kate Lawton
 Thomas Papallo

A special thank you goes to Julie Pinna for giving up her Friday mornings to adjudicate some of the debates in this competition. Your help is much appreciated. Parents are welcome at either venue.

Mrs Rubelj, Mrs Newbury, Mrs Kaelin and Mrs Powell
 Debating Co-ordinators

entertainment™ Books

Entertainment Books are now available to purchase. Flyers were sent home with your child today. Please visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2144d46>. For further information please contact the school office.

Calling any available men!

For the Mother's Day celebrations it would be fitting to have all mums able to enjoy a cuppa. We, therefore, are seeking any available and willing men who could assist in setting up and/or serving morning tea this Friday 8th May. Please return the slip below if you are able to share some time for the wonderful mums in our community.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION HELPERS

I am available to assist with setting up and/or serving morning tea on Friday 8th May (Set up approx. 8.15am, serving approx. 9.10am)

Parents Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Class _____

Dance Fever

Dance Fever arrived at St Angela's on Monday. It was 'Lights, camera, action' for everyone. Teachers joined enthusiastic children as they performed their groovy moves. The feedback from the many parents who popped in to have a look was overwhelmingly positive. We will now look at inviting Dance Fever back to teach weekly classes next term. Here's what the children had to say about AJ, Mrs G and Dance Fever.....

"The day was 10 out of 10."

Noah Andrew (2 Blue)

"It was really fun dancing with a partner."

Emily Crowley (2 Yellow)

"It was GREAT!"

Cooper Metcalfe (4 Green)

"The moves were really cool."

Joshua Hakme-Bader (5 Green)

"I hope we get to do Dance Fever again because I want to refine more of my awesome hip-hop moves."

Robert Piperata (5 Blue)

"When I was doing Dance Fever that rush of adrenaline got me so hyped up. I loved the hip hop with Mrs G. Who knew Year 6 could dance so well? I do now!"

Alex Voegt (6 Green)



Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now running. We are encouraging everyone to take part. Due to technical difficulties, we are unable to access usernames and passwords at the moment. These will be sent home shortly.

Sport News

MACKILLOP TRIALS

Best Wishes to Alannah Gattini (Netball), Kyle Morley (Soccer/Football) and Ben Moroney (Rugby League) who will represent the Parramatta Diocese at the Mackillop trials in Canberra tomorrow.

St Angela's are entering one or more teams in the NRL Knockout competition to be held Friday 29th May at Kellyville Park (Memorial Drv). Any interested players from U8, U10 U11 and U12 please email Daniel Anderson at daniel.anderson@parraeels.com.au with your NAME, DATE of BIRTH, PARENTS NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS and CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER. Many thanks to Daniel who will be coordinating the teams. **This will be a parent run event.**

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home earlier this week. Please note orders are due back at school by **Friday 8th May** - 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

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