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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY TOMORROW FRIDAY 8TH MAY

We welcome all parents, especially mothers, to our special Mother's Day assembly tomorrow morning at 8.45am, followed by a community morning tea in the St Maximilian Hall and a visit to our classrooms to undertake a learning activity with your daughter or son. Given Mother's Day falls early in the term you will notice the classrooms are still building their displays etc. as their units of work are progressively taught.

Thank you to the wonderful mothers from Year One who assisted with the Mother's Day Stall so that your child has something special chosen by them to give you on Sunday. Keep an eye on next week's Shine for acknowledgements and a full wrap up of our Mother's Day Celebrations.

On behalf of the children and staff I would like to wish all mothers in our parish school community a happy and heartfelt Mother's Day for this Sunday. The special love that only a mother can give is always appreciated but not always acknowledged. Every day should be Mother's Day, so why not rest and relax on Sunday and allow your family to show their love and thanks to you for the invaluable role you play in their lives.

The month of May is our official Kinder 2016 enrolment period. In only 5 school days of May we have had to date, including siblings, just over 100 enrolment packages collected. This is a true testimony and affirmation of the wonderful St Angela's community, the high standard of quality Catholic Education we provide and the outstanding educators and staff present. Our school certainly has a great reputation, thanks to all of you. You are our best ambassadors and we hope you are as proud of St Angela's as we are.

Prospective enrolment families for 2016 recently visited St Angela's for a school tour and information session. They stated how impressed they were and are certainly looking forward to their young ones starting in 2016.

Congratulations once again to our Year 3 children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. The message that God will forgive us always because he loves each one of us unconditionally was truly present. Thank you to the many parents who will also participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their children this evening when the majority of St Angela's children will receive this Sacrament. What a powerful role model you are to your children.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Term 2 Calendar, AEDC Information - Kindy
Hard Copy: Term 2 Calendar, Special Food Day Order Form, Specialty Photo Information

Theme for the week:

"Mothers are a Gift from God"

Our theme this week is an acknowledgement that our Mothers, in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given to all of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and care our Mothers give us. The unique qualities of our own mothers, whether by God's side or with us, are indeed special and we give thanks to Our Lord for their committed care and love in our lives.



Upcoming Dates

Week 3

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 followed by Year 7 Marian enrolment form signing 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 in the staffroom

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

Week 5

Tues 19th May

2.30pm Year 1 Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Wed 20th May

9.00am or 7.30pm 2016 Enrolment Meeting with the Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Thurs 21st May

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

11.00am Year 5 Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 22nd May

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Ordering of Specialty Photos Information regarding the online ordering of specialty photos, ie. Year 6, Year 6 Muck Up and Band has been sent home today. Please note orders are due by Tuesday 19th May.



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Religious Education



Sunday, May 10th 2015 Year B
Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 15:9-17 Seek security in the Son, not in stuff

"Today's Gospel continues from last week's and is part of the 'Last Discourse' in John's Gospel. John sets this just before Jesus' Passion and has crafted it to form a summary of Jesus' teaching and commissioning of his disciples. "He urges them to stay in his love by keeping his commandments. His words seem kindly and reassuring - and yet within them are the realities of his death and an uncertain future for the disciples. Their security will come, not from material things, but from the knowledge that, in loving one another, they remain in the love of Jesus and the Father. This love is so great that it will lead Jesus to lay down his life for them - and for us."

"In Jesus, all authority is found - but it is not an aloof authority - but one which is not afraid to draw people into friendship and which will happily take a bowl and wash the feet of those some would call his inferiors."

From a reflection on the Gospel by Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner, from the Weekly Wellsprings website

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday and Thursday at 7.30pm

My Reconciliation Prayer

Loving and forgiving God, your light and forgiveness always surround me.

Thank you for the people you have given me, who show me how to live, who teach me about thoughtfulness and generosity, who forgive me, like you do.

Each time I experience your forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I know how much I am loved, I want to keep growing, I want to live just like Jesus. Thank you, Loving God, for your mercy and forgiveness.

Help me to always live what I pray, through Jesus, your Son.
Amen.

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator



Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, whole school assemblies for Term 2 are as follows:

Week 4 - Friday 15th May at 2.10pm led by Year 6

Week 6 - Monday 25th May at 2.10pm led by Year 4

Week 9 - Monday 15th June at 2.10pm led by Kindergarten

All parents are most welcome to join us.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT/PUPIL FREE DAY FOR TERM 2

FRIDAY 29th MAY

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

Parent Representative Meeting - Friday 15th May 8.45am

The Term 2 class parent representative meeting will be held on Friday 15th May at 8.45am in the staffroom for those parents available.

**General Parent Meeting and EMU Morning
8.45am Thursday 28th May**

Quote of the Week

"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

'Helping others less fortunate St Angela's outreaching to others'

"On behalf of Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton, I would very much like to express my deepest appreciation to you for your most generous support to assist our school communities in Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Monto and Biloela to recover from the severe damage caused by the recent cyclone.

Your direct financial support has helped our school communities to get back up and running after the heartbreak suffered as a consequence of Cyclone Marcia."

Leesa Jeffcoat AM
Diocesan Director Catholic Education

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations on behalf of our school community to Mrs Marian Polewski (Administration) and her husband Paul, who this week celebrated 30 years within the sacrament of marriage.

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.

Save the date 15 Year Anniversary Dinner Dance Friday 11th September

In preparation for our 15 Year celebrations, we are seeking sponsorship for prizes, donations, services etc. that could assist in any aspect of our dinner dance or be used as part of a St Angela's raffle, silent auction or to help subsidise costs etc. Your business/family's generous assistance would be most appreciated and acknowledged at our major dinner dance function and through our newsletter. Please contact Antonella Tesoriero on 0419 997 990 or email the office if you are able to assist in any shape or form to make our dinner dance memorable.

Welcome The Honourable David Elliott MP

We welcome The Hon David Elliott MP (father of William, 6 Blue), who will visit Year 6 students to give first hand information regarding his ministerial role, government structures and election processes etc. in preparation for the children's visit to Canberra in Week 5. Appreciation and thanks to Mr Elliott for his time.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Ryan Turner KB
Kai Hall KG
Grace Mares KY
Noah Jenkins 1B
Cooper Mills 1G
Vanessa Tesoriero 1Y
Charlize McDonald 2B
Aiden Crowley 2G
Natalie Cerreto 2Y
Amalia Araneda 3B
Jessica Tallaridi 3G
Anna McEneaney 3Y
Thomas Hennessy 4B
Noah Hemmings 4G
Charlotte Edwards 4Y
Renee Lenferna 5B
Daniel Lipton 5G
Georgia Prestage 5G
Abbey Schenko 5Y
Georgia Sultana 6B
Riley Peterson 6G
Macklin Kirkley 6Y

St Angela's Award

Alexandra Huynh KB
Annika Clarke KG
Ryan McDermott KY
Olivia Mizzi 1B
Alec Austen 1G
Mollie Selfridge 1Y
Luca Gerrettsen-Cornell 2B
Aimon Fitzsimons 2G
Jake Burgess 2Y
Isabella Chidiac 3B
Oshi Kirkley 3G
Benedict Solomon 3Y
Olivia Pinna 4B
Mia Thomas 4G
Leon Reyes 4Y
Jake Blackwell 5B
Stephanie Murdocca 5Y
Patrick Sanares 6B
Chelsea Wenaden 6G
Andrew Bareham 6Y

Congratulations to William Elliott (6 Blue) on being awarded first prize for St Angela's in the Gallipoli Anzac Writing competition run by the Hills Centenary of Anzac Committee.

Below is just an extract from William's essay, his full essay can be read on our school website.

"The courage and bravery shown by our ANZACs shaped modern Australia. Ever since this battle on the shores of Gallipoli, Australians have chosen these warriors as role models. We should never forget them."



Last call for 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 tomorrow morning, Friday 8th May. If available we would love to see you in the morning anytime from approximately 8.30am.

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.

Happy Birthday!

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

MAY

Sun 10th

Aiden Crowley

Mon 11th

Luke Marmara
Anthony El-Rahi
Nicholas Heanes

Tues 12th

Michael Easterbrook
Edwina Vassallo

Wed 13th

Ethan Gunawardhana
Alexandra Crotty
Brayden Geraghty

Thurs 14th

Isaac Estera

Fri 15th

Jessica Herbas
Brandon DSilva

Artists of the Week



Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Dineth Jayakody (1 Blue)

Alex Arends (4 Blue)

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Many thanks to Mrs Hynes who co-ordinates the Artist of the Week for the children.

Inter School Debating Competition

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the first round of the Inter School Debating Competition against St Madeleine's. The children were asked to prepare a debate on the topic "Advertising is a curse". St Madeline's presented some challenging arguments and were successful on the day.

The next debate will take place in Week 7 on Monday 1st June against Christ the King, North Rocks. The children have been working hard on their arguments and we wish them all the best for this upcoming round. The topic will be 'Actions speak louder than words'. The affirmative team will travel to Christ the King with the negative team debating here at St Angela's.

Affirmative:

Sohara Janaratne
Aisling Collins
Emma Watson
Sophia Jandrlic

Negative:

Jemma Turner
Christina Dell'Aquila
Chloe Geromboux
Megan Selfridge

Also, thank you to all parents involved in supporting your child leading to the debate and for your presence on the day. Parents are welcome at both venues.

Book Club A reminder that Book Club Orders are due back at school **tomorrow, Friday 8th May**. Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)
Book Club Coordinator

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.

Sport News

Diocesan Cross Country

Well, I'm EXCITED! What a special team of athletes St Angela's had competing at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek. I am so proud of each and every one of the 48 competitors. You were AMAZING ! Again we had parents and children from other schools compliment you on not only your athletic ability but also your behaviour.

Our results as a team and as individuals were outstanding, so much so that out of the 8 age groups competing, St Angela's were the champion school in 6 age groups:

8/9yr Boys (Tom Smales, Joel Foxe, Charlie Saul, John Papdimatos, Aidan Crowley and Jeremy James)

8/9yr Girls (Keira Murphy, Pip Gattini, Charlotte Hogan, Jessica Portelli, Aoife Collins and Caity McNamara)

10yr Boys (Joseph McEneaney, Connor Khoury, Owen Turner, Spencer Anderson, Kaleb Brett and Joel Woodhead)

11yr Boys (Bailey Lewis, Ben Watson, Ben Moroney, Kyle Morley, Dylan Nguyen and Nathan Fox)

11yr Girls (Mia Jamer, Liana Vella, Alannah Gattini, Renee Lenferna, Keira Callaghan and Roisin Kelly)

12/13yr Girls (Hayley Johnston, Nicole Crowley, Georgia Tole, Natarsha Stornelli, Jemma Turner and Xin Mei Lees).

The following students are to be congratulated on being selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials, which are to be held at Eastern Creek on the 12th June:

Keira Murphy (1st), Joseph McEneaney (1st), Tom Smales (2nd), Ava Foxe (2nd), Bailey Lewis (2nd), Charlotte Hogan (3rd), Nicole Crowley (3rd), Hayley Johnston (5th), Mia Jamer (8th).

A special thank you to Mrs Kaelin who managed the team on the day, Michelle McEneaney, Sharon Hogan, Damian Foxe, Karen Foxe, Rosemary Gattini, Tamara Lewis, Margaret Easterbrook and Adam Turner who made sure the children got down to marshalling and helped to settle a few of the nerves. To the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, thank you for your support and cheering our speedy superstars.

Finally, thank you to the students for doing your personal best and being such amazing representatives of St Angela's.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Co-ordinator

Special congratulations to Mrs Hemmings for her wonderful work with our Cross Country team. The amazing results speak for themselves. We are very blessed to have Mrs Hemmings as part of our St Angela's team.



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.

Children Travelling By Bus

If your child does not have a bus pass on them, they are advised to have some money in their bag as bus drivers have been instructed by their authorities to check for bus passes. If your child is eligible for a bus pass, application forms can be collected from the school office.

In the Know

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the assessments. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

At St Angela's, NAPLAN is included as one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

We wish our Year 3 and 5 students all the best as they participate in these tests next week. Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 12th May

Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday 13th May

Reading

Thursday 14th May

Numeracy

Friday 15th May

A 'catch up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day

Enjoy each day with your children - they are God's greatest gift!

Mrs Monica Fitzalan
Assistant Principal