



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Sending Home Information and News about Education
Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

**21st May 2015
Term 2, Week 5**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Fr Alejandro (Fr Al)

A warm St Angela's welcome to Fr Alejandro, Our Lady of the Rosary's new Parish Priest, who arrived in Australia last weekend to undertake his new appointment. We look forward to Fr Alejandro's spiritual guidance and leadership in our parish/school community.



I am pleased to announce that Mrs Fello has been appointed as our Acting Assistant Principal while I am on long service leave from Weeks 7-10. Congratulations to Mrs Fello on this appointment. As communicated previously, Mrs Fitzalan will be Acting Principal during my absence. We are indeed fortunate to have such a high level of leadership and expertise at St Angela's.

As part of the enrolment process, Mrs Fitzalan and I have begun meeting with new and existing families who wish to enrol their children into our vibrant school. This will continue for a number of weeks. The number of applications for Kindergarten 2015 affirms the high standard of Catholic Education we provide at our school. The school's strong reputation in the local community and beyond is a wonderful accolade to all who are part of St Angela's. As parents you should be justifiably proud of the school you have helped create and promote.

WHY TRUE GRATITUDE IMPROVES OUR LIVES

Teaching our children to say "thank you" is important, but truly instilling a sense of gratitude in them is another matter entirely. Gratitude goes beyond good manners - it's a mindset and a lifestyle. Studies show that children who count their blessings reap concrete benefits, including greater life satisfaction and a better attitude about school.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CULTIVATE AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE?

First of all, gratitude is healthy for us, adults and children alike. Cultivating gratitude increases happiness levels. Gratitude can also help individuals live happier, more satisfied lives and enjoy increased

levels of self-esteem, hope, empathy and optimism. Children who practise grateful thinking have more positive attitudes toward school and family.

Gratitude gives perspective. When you take into account the sheer number of opportunities, privileges and material possessions most children enjoy through no effort of their own, it's easy to see why many of them feel entitled. After all, they get used to getting stuff without knowing or caring where it comes from. Practising gratitude, on the other hand, underscores the fact that all those toys and creature comforts don't just pop out of thin air. When children recognise that the things they own and the opportunities they have come from someone other than themselves, it helps them develop a healthy understanding of how interdependent we all are. Then they may be more inclined to treat others with genuine respect.

Gratitude improves relationships. Would you rather be around people who freely acknowledge and appreciate your contributions, or people who take your efforts for granted with a perfunctory grunt of thanks? It's a simple principle: gratitude fosters stronger, more positive and more genuine relationships.

Gratitude counteracts the 'gimmies'. Fundamentally, gratitude is about being aware of who or what makes positive aspects of our lives possible, and acknowledging that. When children learn to think in those terms, they can be less apt to make mindless, self-centred demands. Plus, they begin to appreciate what they have rather than focusing on what they wish they had.

Acknowledgement: Andrea Reiser

Combined General Parent Meeting and Parent EMU Workshop - All welcome Thursday 28th May at 8.45am

Once again this year, during the colder months we will hold our General Parent Meeting during the day. This will allow perhaps a number of different parents to attend given varying commitments along with avoiding the need to leave the house on a chilly night. We hope you can join us. All are most welcome.

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:

"Smile and be Happy"

Our theme this week, is aimed at helping the children to be content with the many blessings that Christ has bestowed on them. Unfortunately, our children's lives can sometimes be so busy and stressful that we need to stop and reflect on just how fortunate we are to have our health, our faith and our wonderful families. A smile says so much and can bring so much happiness to others. It is a beautiful life we live, strive to smile and be happy.

**Best wishes to our Year 6 children as they visit
Canberra today and tomorrow**

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

Thank you to our class parent representatives who were able to join us at the meeting last Friday. We look forward to working together on the many activities to come throughout the year.

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Information re World Youth Day Raffle Tickets



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Religious Education



Sunday, May 24th 2015

Pentecost Sunday Year B

John 15: 26-27, 16:12-15:

Reconciliation is only way to maintain relationship with God

"The disciples (and their successors by extension) have the authority to forgive sins in Jesus' name. The mission of reconciliation was so important to God that He sent His Son to institute the practice. Only through reconciliation with God can we act as His sons and daughters; including eat the family meal (Eucharist) which binds us all together. . . 'Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders (presbyters) of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.' The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

From a [Bible study resource](#) produced by St Charles Borromeo Parish, Mississippi

Year 6 Mass Thursday 14th May - Caring for the Earth

Lord God, you created everything and you saw that it was good. Help us to care for what you have made:

for the earth, for our rivers, for our beaches, and for all the resources of the earth. Help us to use Earth's resources wisely and to distribute them fairly so that all people may live in dignity and harmony. Give us, above all, a love for all your people who are created in your own image. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Gunawardhana family (Ethan 4 Yellow and Tristen 1 Blue) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's great grandmother.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
PARENT MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP
(EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING)
8.45am THURSDAY 28TH MAY
(AS PART OF OUR GENERAL PARENT MEETING)**

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.



Upcoming Dates

Week 5

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

9.00am Year 6 Committee Meeting at Air Coffee, 1/10 Salisbury Road, Castle Hill (near RTA) - All welcome

Week 6

Mon 25th May

2.10pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 4 - All welcome

7.00pm Diocesan Parent Representative Council Meeting at Patrician Brothers College, 100 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown - see back page for further details

Tues 26th May

2.30pm Year 3 Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Special 'Sausage Sizzle' Food Day

Wed 27th May

Stage 3 Boys Soccer at Jamison Park, Penrith

Thurs 28th May

8.45am General Parent Meeting and EMU Parent Workshop morning - All welcome

11.00am Year 4 Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

St Angela's School Disco

4.30-6.00pm Kindergarten to Year 2

6.30-8.00pm Years 3 to 6

Fri 29th May

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day - no school for the children

Week 7

Mon 1st June

9.45am Interschool Debating - St Angela's vs Christ the King - Parents welcome

Tues 2nd June

2.30pm Year 2 Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Thurs 4th June

Year 5 Excursion to Bathurst

7.00pm Year 5 Dinner at Castle Hill RSL

Fri 5th June

Year 5 Excursion to Bathurst

9.45am Interschool Debating - St Angela's vs St Pauls - Parents welcome

Quote of the Week

"Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused."

From the Teachings of St Angela

Reflection

"I ask you to take all your children into account, having each and everyone deeply fixed in your hearts and minds and not just their names, but their background, character and everything concerning them: because this is how true love works. Please bring them up with love, with a gentle and kindly hand."

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

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Lilliana Sacco KB
Ava O'Brien KG
Tahlia Mearns KY
Brandon DSilva 1B
Harrison Petras 1G
Hannah MacNaughton 1Y
Melina Catalano 2B
Frederik Bounassif 2G
Joe Khoudair 2Y
Dylan Gularte 3B
Amelia Piperata 3G
Alannah Bridge 3Y
Isabella Tadiaman 4B
Cora Ledwith 4G
Ella Evans 4Y
Matthew Jacobs 5B
Zachary Hefron 5G
Charlie Kennedy 5Y
James Papadimitos 6B
Celia Huang 6B
Sohara Janaratne 6G
Jacquelyn Bennett 6Y

St Angela's Award

Alexis Tadiaman KB
Joshua Norman KG
Carlo Scida KY
Freya Begg 1B
Zalia Ritchie 1G
Max Bourne 1Y
Nikki Chanel 2B
Emma Heanes 2G
Alexander Mizzi 2Y
Cassandra Davidson 3B
Emily O'Rourke 3G
Mikaela Southwood 3Y
Owen Turner 4B
Nicholas Perusich 4G
Isabella Seda 4Y
Jordan May 5B
Dominic Piperata 5G
Sabrina Sultana 5Y
Bailey Lewis 6G
Michael Rodrigues 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MAY

Mon 25th

Mollie Selfridge

Thurs 28th May

Roisin Kelly

Tues 26th

Brendan Wilson

Fri 29th May

Mrs Stewart

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Madison Nasr (2 Green)

Lily Moller (3 Green)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

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.

School Disco

Theme: "Wear Your Favourite Dancing/Disco Gear"

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. This includes a snack and groovy music with children asked to bring along their own labelled drink bottle (can be disposable). Water refilling will be available if need be. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Hall and sign them in. Children at COSHC can be brought up at the appropriate times if needed by COSHC staff. Please let COSHC know if you wish your child to attend the disco.

Please note: To avoid congestion there will be no parking on school grounds. Please allow extra time for arrival and pickup time.

Year 6 Parent Committee Meeting

A reminder that the next Year 6 Parent Committee meeting is being held tomorrow, Friday 22nd May at 9.00am at Air Coffee, 1/10 Salisbury Road, Castle Hill (near RTA).

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL



A challenge for all parents is ascertaining whether a child is fit for school if they are not feeling well. A child who is feeling ill at school finds it difficult to learn but most importantly can put other children at risk including the teacher. Our sick bay of late has had plenty of action with children genuinely feeling and being ill. Thank you.

Year 5 Parent Dinner

A dinner has been organised for all Year 5 parents. Details are as follows:

When: Thursday 4th June from 7.00pm
Where: Castle Hill RSL
Enquiries: Leanne Bower on 0428 483 453

Hope to see you there!

Grade Assemblies

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

Week 6 - This 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.



Go the Blues!!
First State of Origin
This Wednesday 27th May

Parish News

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 24 MAY

On **Sunday 24 May** the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville will have a multi-cultural celebration in the hall after 11am Mass. Everyone is invited to come to 11am Mass dressed in national costume. Please put your name on the clipboard in the foyer of the Church if you are able to bring a traditional dish to share on 24 May.

Please join us to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr. Alejandro Lopez, to his first big Celebration Mass and multi-cultural lunch in Kellyville.

You are invited to dress in traditional costume and take up the flag of your nationality, to the Altar as Mass begins. If you would like to form part of this procession, please call Angie at the parish office: 9629-2595. We will supply your flag.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Would you like to teach catechism to children attending 9am or 11am Sunday Masses at OLOR Kellyville? If so, please join the roster or become a helper. Please call Naomi Crowley on 0412 399 026

PILGRIMAGE TO BERRIMA

On Monday **13 July** a luxury bus will take pilgrims from Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville parish to Berrima. Departing the parish grounds at 7.30am to return at 5.30pm. **Please put your name on the clipboard in the foyer of the Church if you would like to attend.** The cost per person is \$25. Please pack a picnic lunch to be shared with the group travelling from our parish.

parish Dinner Dance - 18 July 2015 at 7pm

YOU are invited to OLOR Kellyville parish dinner/dance. **The night includes auctions, raffles, a three course meal, lucky balloons and a whole lot of dancing for those who enjoy it.**

Our parish dinner/dance this year will be held at the Riverside Oaks Golf Resort in Cattai. The night includes a three course dinner, soft drink, tea and coffee, music, cash bar. Tables of 10 can be booked and must be paid for in advance. Please call the Kellyville parish office on 9629-2595.

Cost per ticket: \$75.

Babysitting will be available by responsible adults with accredited Working with Children Checks, in a room adjacent to the function room.

Please come and join us in support of the Church and the proposed renovations.

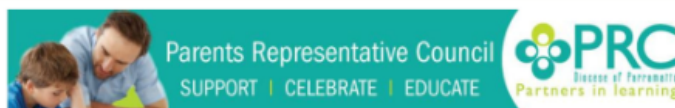
Raffle tickets can be purchased through the parish office (\$20 for book of 12 or \$2 each)

Save the date

Year 6 End of Year Celebration
Sunday 6th December at 6.00pm
at Castle Hill RSL Function Room
Details to follow
- Year 6 Parent Committee

entertainment™ Books

Entertainment Books are now available to purchase. Each purchase supports fundraising efforts for the school. Flyers are available from the school office. To order and make payment for your book, please visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2144d46>. For further information please contact the school office.



Term 2 General Meeting

Guest Speaker

As part of our Term 2 General Meeting

The PRC welcomes

Shane Morris

Project Leader - System Learning, Student Services, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Presenting

What is a Personalised Plan? What do I need to know?

What does it mean for my child?

Relevant for Parents/Guardians who would like to know more about the Individual Plan Process. Highlights why personalised plans need to be in place for students with a disability.

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| Date | 25th May 2015 | General Meeting Time | 7pm - 9:30pm |
| Location | Patrician Brothers' College, 100 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown | | |

Do you want to know more about personalised learning plans and how they support students with a disability?

Does your son or daughter have a disability which requires a personalised plan?

Do you want to find out more about the collaboration process and how it informs the plan?

Who are the key players in a personalised plan?

What makes a personalised plan successful?

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.



No Parking

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

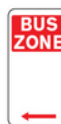
Penalty from \$173 and 2 demerit points



No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty from \$311 and 2 demerit points



Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from \$311 and 2 demerit points

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| Double parking | \$311 & 2 demerit points |
| Stop on path or nature strip | \$173 & 2 demerit points |
| Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing | \$415 & 2 demerit points |
| Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely | \$519 & 4 demerit points |
| Illegal U turns | \$415 & 4 demerit points |
| Stop across driveway | \$173 & 2 demerit points |
| Drive using a hand held mobile phone | \$415 & 4 demerit points |
| Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line | \$242 |

Fines current as of July 2014

For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au