



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 2, Week 8

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow, we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Today as a school, we celebrated a special Mass to mark this Feast. As we all sang these beautiful words at Communion time, we were reminded of God's great love, shared so freely with us all.

*To my table you will come
And share this meal that makes us one
This gift of love I leave always with you
In the blessing of this bread
In the blessing of this wine
Remember me
My life poured out for you.*

May we always remember to share God's love with others, through our words and actions.

Thank you to Mrs Turner for organising our Mass and to Fr Alejandro for celebrating with us.

A-E Mid Year Reports

Very soon, your child will be bringing home their Semester One Learning Report. These Reports highlight particular strengths, as well as areas of development for your child.

In 2014, St Angela's was a Pilot school for the new FACES Administrative System for the Diocese. One component of this system was the new REPORTING feature. In June and December last year, a FACES report was distributed for each student in Years 1-6. This year, as identified in last week's SHINE, Kindergarten students will also receive a FACES report. We thank parents for the positive feedback received in 2014 as we implemented the new system.

An A-E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different Reporting scale).

*There are no predetermined number of A, B, C, D, E achievement levels to be allocated

*Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated

* It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.

*The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands. Although some KLA's have been broken into strands, it is important to note that some strands have more weight than others. The overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of strands.

*Comparative data for the grade is included in the reports for Years 1-6.

*The achievement levels / common grade scale are provided by the Board of Studies

*Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 to supplement and further explain reports.

Each year introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change.

The achievement level of 'C' is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional 'C' from our own school days. Our parent/teacher interviews seek to explain, elaborate on and support the Reports. The following website <http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6/> provides worksamples that illustrate A-E Achievement levels. It is well worth a look.

For further information on Reports, see the back page of this Shine along with an interesting analogy of the A-E reports, illustrated using competency when driving.

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

Monica Fitzalan
Acting Principal



Upcoming Dates

Week 8

Thurs 11th June

11.00am Sacred Heart of Jesus Whole School Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Fri 12th June

Year 3 Excursion to Brewongle
CPS Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek

Week 9

Mon 15th June

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

Fri 19th June

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Roxborough Park, Baulkham Hills

Week 10

Mon 22nd June

Year 2 'Shelter' Design and Make Day

Tues 23rd June

Year 1 'Transport' Design and Make Day
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wed 24th June

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thurs 25th June

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day

Fri 26th June

Last Day of Term 2

Theme for the week:

"Be involved and live life"

By being involved, being part of the team or just 'having a go' we learn new skills, see new opportunities, make new friends and often have the chance to do something different and new.

Life is busier but richer and these are the experiences we remember fondly. So whether it's academic, creative or something sporting, think about being open to the potential of each situation.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Information has been sent home today regarding the booking of parent/teacher interviews online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The School Event Code is **LDGZB**. An emailed copy will also be sent to your preferred email address. A reminder that interviews are required to be booked by 10.00am on Monday 22nd June. Bookings open at 4.00pm today.

Sent home in the last week:

Hard Copy and Emailed: Parent Teacher Interview Booking Form



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Religious Education



Sunday, June 14th 2015

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Mark 4:26-34:

Parable about a seed helping the disciples to grow in confidence

Jesus used parables to try to help people to catch glimpses of what the Kingdom of God is like. His great gift was to use everyday things - people were familiar with them but were taught to see things in a new light. Farming people would have seen the seasonal miracle of seeds being sown and plants growing, seemingly of their own accord. As well, there was the mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, growing into the largest of trees providing shelter for birds. Everyday things that people could hold in their hands take their imaginations into something far greater. Though short, the parables have layers of meaning and give people food for thought long beyond their telling. It is possible that every time people sowed seeds, the parable would be brought to mind and people would gain a new insight or simply marvel that the seed in their hand was a symbol of the eternal Kingdom.

From [a reflection on the Gospel](#) by Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 12th June:

On Thursday 11th June the whole school gathered together in St Maximilian Hall to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We wish to thank Fr Alejandro for his words of guidance and direction in our lives. Our introduction to the Mass allows us to ponder the love of God and the divine and human Jesus.

This is a time for us to remember that God's love for us is so great that God gave to us Jesus, God's only Son. It is in Jesus, who was a human person like us, that we receive the fullness of God's love. And so we talk of Jesus' heart as "sacred" - a heart totally filled with God's love; a heart burning with love for us; fired with the passion of God's love for all God's people, especially those who are poor and suffering.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Chapman family (Ruby K Green) due to the passing into eternal life of Ruby's grandfather.

Vinnies Blanket Appeal - Keep someone in need warm this winter



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Thank you to those families who have already sent in blankets. Warm blankets remain one of the most sought after items for people in need. St Vincent de Paul Society distributes thousands of blankets each year through soup van and welfare services. The demand for blankets always spikes during the cold winter months.

As part of our Social Justice outreach this term we are asking each family to support this appeal by donating a blanket. Our Blanket Appeal will run until the last day of Term 2 to keep someone warm this winter. All of the blankets collected will be delivered to the St Vincent De Paul distribution centre to be given to the homeless, families in need and street kids.

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Term Dates for 2015

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

Quote of the Week

"It's not what you've got, it's what you use that makes a difference."

Save the date

15 Year Anniversary Dinner Dance Friday 11th September

Thank you for your generous offers to date! 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 who will put you in touch with another committee member or email the office if you are able to assist in any shape or form to make our Dinner Dance memorable.

Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, the remaining whole school assembly for Term 2 is **Week 9, Monday 15th June at 2.10pm** led by Kindergarten

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Reflection

A kind word or acknowledgment goes a long way in lifting a person's spirit.

Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it's gone,
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

Spreading, spreading from the centre,
flowing on out to the sea,

and there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a careless, unkind word,
and in a minute it is gone;

but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

They keep spreading, spreading, spreading, from the centre as they go
and there is no way to stop them,
once you've started them to flow.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness;
just a flash and it is gone;

but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing,
dashing wave,

'til you wouldn't believe the volume of one kind word you gave.

Year 6 Yearbook

A reminder to all Year 6 students that Yearbook biographies and profile photos are now due to be submitted, with cover designs due by the end of Week 10, **Friday 26th June**. The profile photos include a student choice photo for all students and kindy photo only if not at St Angela's in 2009. Refer to the Yearbook letter for full details. An editable MSWord copy of the biography form was sent out via email by Mr Hurst and is also accessible via Yolo. Any questions, please contact the Yearbook Co-ordinator, Kathy Turner, on 0435 282 516 or titch.turner@gmail.com. Thank you.

Change of School for 2016 To estimate enrolments for 2016, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Angela's at the end of the year, from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Summer Crotty KB
Georgia Lee KG
Zane Benning KY
Luke Di Stefano 1B
Angelina Chidiac 1G
Matthew Despoges 1Y
Ethan Cabezas 2B
Sophie Milas 2G
Kate McEvoy 2Y
Mitchell Smith 3B
Nathan Adji 3G
Holly Di Staso 3Y
Claudia Como 4B
Harrison Tandy 4G
Morven Selfridge 4Y
Cameron McEwan 6B
Nicole Crowley 6G
Lachlan Smethurst 6Y

St Angela's Award

Isaac Gunasekera KB
Domenic Laird KG
Amelia Blackwell KY
Luke Wehrmann 1B
Emma Lang 1G
Isabella Perusich 1Y
Aaron Hohn 2B
Priya Tulsi 2G
Noah Granero 2Y
Isabella Chidiac 3B
Michael Alibrandi 3G
Joan Bautista 3Y
James Baylis 4B
Noah Hemmings 4G
Sebastian Cignarella 4Y
John Alibrandi 6B
Imogen Pfeffercorn 6G
Liam Byrne 6Y

Inter School Debating Competition

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the second and third rounds of the Inter School Debating Competition. The second round was against Christ the King, where the children prepared a debate on the topic, "Actions speak louder than words". The third round was against St Paul the Apostle, with the topic being "Life is too hectic to be happy". The debaters presented challenging arguments. We had success in both debates, with the affirmative team winning the second round and our negative team winning the third round.

The next debate will take place in Term 3, Week 4 on 7th August against St Bernadette's. The children have been working hard on their arguments and we wish them all the best for this upcoming round. The topic will be 'Teachers can be replaced by technology'. The affirmative team will travel to St Bernadette's with the negative team debating here at St Angela's.

Affirmative:

Alex Kaelin
Kate Lawton
Xin Mei Lees
Jorjah Batoua

Negative:

Aisling Collins
Zander Askew
Luca Muscardo
Hayley Johnston

Thank you to all parents involved in supporting your child leading up to the debate and for your presence on the day.

Mrs Rubelj, Mrs Newbury, Mrs Kaelin and Mrs Powell

Commemorative Courtyard

A reminder for families who have ordered a commemorative courtyard paver, to please check the certificate sent home last week displaying how your child's paver will appear. We ask that you contact the office if you have any queries by **next Thursday 18th June**.

Thank you.

Happy Birthday!

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

JUNE

Sun 14th

Freya Scothern

Mon 15th

Keira Callaghan
Lily Boucher
Nicholas Perusich
Annika Benning

Wed 17th

Lauren Shin
Luke Di Stefano
Keeley Rule

Thurs 18th

Marcus Thian
Max Vallejo

Sat 20th

Ian Panganiban
Lily Moller
Sullivan Harris



Star Spot

Congratulations to Harry Valenzisi, Noah Andrew, Jack Tole, Joshua McDermott, Joe Khoudair, Jake Burgess, Kean Holmes, Aimon Fitzsimons and Brendan Suefong who all competed in the NSW Churches 6-a-side Soccer Gala Day last weekend. Hills Spirit entered two U8 sides. Both teams made it through to play each other in the Grand Final with the Blue's taking out the Championship on the day. Well done boys!

Year 5's Amazing Trip To Bathurst

Day 1

By 7:15, Year 5 were at school, packed and ready with adrenalin pumping. We were so eager to get going! After watching a movie and looking at the rolling hills out the window, we arrived at Echo Point, the Blue Mountains to see the 3 Sisters. They were remarkable! Our next stop, Scenic World!!! We met our tour guides and started exploring straight away! We went on a cable car, the scenic railway and the scenic boardwalk. Such amazing wildlife and sights! At Hartley Court House we learnt about how scary and hard life was back then. We sat around the campfire, roasting marshmallows and singing campfire songs back at our cabins.

Day 2

After yummy pancakes for breakfast we were on a gold tour where we played games, made damper, mud bricks, tents and panned for gold. Then we had a sausage sizzle lunch and went on an informative trip through a gold museum where we learnt more about gold. After a quick afternoon tea we were back on the bus sadly going home from a trip we will never forget. Goodbye



Bathurst! Thank you to Mrs Albertini, Mrs Stewart, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Javidi and Mrs Hemmings. Year 5 loved our stay at Bathurst!

By Olivia Tesoriero & Oliver Murphy 5B

Athletics Carnival 2015

Carnival Cake Stall - Year 3 Parents

This year we will be having a cake stall and a coffee cart available for parents.

We kindly need your help to cater for the cake stall at the Athletics carnival on Friday 19th June. We hope that you can generously assist as follows:

Homemade cakes and slices, cut up in individual serves ready to sell, cupcakes, muffins etc. (nut free).

This is only a guide. Any specialty or treat that you are able to bring would be most appreciated. Items can be brought with you to Roxborough Park, if you are attending, or they can be sent with your child on the day or even prior. Thank you for your assistance.

Year 3 Parent Reps

Helpers Needed for Cake Stall

We are in need of helpers to assist with the cake stall at the carnival. If you are able to help, please contact Rebecca Nati on 0414 966 203 regarding your preferred time for the roster. Many thanks.

Sport News

Best wishes to Hayley Johnston, Nicole Crowley, Bailey Lewis, Mia Jamer, Ava Foxe, Joseph McEneaney, Keira Murphy, Charlotte Hogan and Tom Smales who are competing at the NSW CPS Cross Country Championships tomorrow. May the wind be always at your back!

THE GOOD GUYS SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM

A reminder that The Good Guys 'Support Your School Program' has commenced for 2015. If buying items at The Good Guys, Castle Hill, don't forget to collect school reward vouchers which the school can use to buy equipment etc. for the children.

Children's Workbooks Coming Home

Science & Technology/HSIE

English books will come home this week. Next week the children are bringing home their Science & Technology/HSIE 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? The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so, to read a comment.

We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Kindergarten Mum's High Tea

A High Tea has been organised for all Kindergarten Mums. Details are as follows:

When: Saturday, 18th July from 12.00-3.30pm
Where: Hills Lodge, Castle Hill
RSVP: Tereza Miletic on 0411 788 121 or tereza.miletic@gmail.com by Friday 26th June

This is a great opportunity to create new friendships and connections. There are limited spots available so please RSVP so you don't miss out.

Book Club

A reminder that book club orders are due back at school **tomorrow, Friday 12th June**. Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)
Book Club Coordinator

MID-YEAR REPORTS






The Mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently the End-of-year report refers to the second half of the year (ie. first semester of learning, second semester of learning). Each year introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. Comparative data for Years 1-6 is included with your child's report as per Diocesan Policy.

This style of reporting mandated by the Government involves a great deal of processing before arriving at an achievement level for each Key Learning Area. There are many assessments undertaken, work samples examined, observations made and needs discussed. In Week 10, teachers will be having parent interviews to support, discuss and complement these reports, affirm your child's learning and to give direction / focus for future learning.

Together the school and you form an important partnership. This partnership supports your children in reaching their potential so that home and school are united in their approach.

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers for always making themselves available to you. Our teachers here at St Angela's are a truly gifted team of Educators. They themselves are committed learners who strive to provide quality Catholic Education for our students. The role of the teacher is never easy, it is a challenge but it is without doubt one of the most rewarding careers. Teachers not only work with the children who are our future, but are part of the Church's mission in passing on our Gospel values. The commitment, passion and care our teachers and staff bring to their vital role is what helps make our school so great.

To help put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be useful to look at the analogy below using driving experience in an E-A context:

A	B	C	D	E
Grand Prix racer	Advanced driver training with extra skills	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	A person on "P" plates drives independently but still learning.	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.
				

St Angela's Athletics Carnival 2015

All members of the St Angela's community are invited to attend the Athletics Carnival on Friday 19th June. All the children have been training hard for their events and are looking forward to the carnival. Below are a few reminders to help with the smooth running of the day:

- ◆ All 800m competitors must be at the oval AH Whaling Reserve at 8:15am.
- ◆ All children in Years 3-6 need to be at school before 8.30am. Buses will be leaving school for Roxborough Park at 8:40am sharp.
- ◆ PE uniform is to be worn. Children may wear a coloured shirt that corresponds with their colour house. School hat only must be worn. Children do not need to bring their school bags, excursion bags would be more suitable.
- ◆ Years 3-6 will need to bring recess and lunch with them. Extra drinks should be brought, especially water.
- ◆ Spikes may be worn but they must be put on in the marshalling area only and must be removed at the completion of the event.
- ◆ Please make sure all belongings are clearly labelled.
- ◆ We ask that all parents stay off the field at all times. Any enquiries can be made at the announcing table, not the recording station. Individual results will not be given out on the day. Parent helpers only are allowed to be inside on the oval.
- ◆ It will be much appreciated if all spectators/parents follow these viewing guidelines. This will allow everyone to enjoy watching the children. It will also ensure the children's safety and that children do not miss their events and that the events run smoothly.
- ◆ This year, only a cake stall and coffee van will be present for the parents.
- ◆ Children must have their name marked off with their teacher before leaving the athletics ground.

Below is an approximate timetable of events.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 19th June.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sport Co-ordinator

TIME					
8:30am	Open 800m				
9:00am - 9:15am	Upon arrival children go straight to House areas. Team cheers for Spirit Cup Children then meet with age managers and move to their first event.				
	U/8's	U/9's	U/10's	U/11's	U/12's
9:15am - 10:00am	Novelty Events	Long Jump	100m and House Relays	Ball Games	200m
10:00am - 10:45am	Long Jump	100m and House Relays	Ball Games	200m	Novelty Events
10:45am- 11:30am	100m & House Relays	Ball Games	200m	Novelty Events	Long Jump
11:30am- 12:15pm	Ball Games	200m	Novelty Events	Long Jump	100m and House Relays
12:15pm- 1:00pm	200m	Novelty Events	Long Jump	100m and House Relays	Ball Games
1:00pm	LUNCH				
1:20pm	100m Finals				
1:45pm	House Relays and Teacher/Parent V's House Captains Relays				
2:00pm	Team Cheers & Presentation of Spirit Cup				
2:15pm	Children Dismissed				
2:20pm	Buses Return to School				