



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 2, Week 9

Dear Parents,

## Kindergarten 2016

Catholic Schools are privileged places. They provide a unique and special place where children and their families are able to grow and flourish in a faith filled learning environment.

It has been extremely humbling and exciting to welcome potential new Kindergarten students and their parents to St Angela's for their Kindergarten interviews in recent weeks. The feedback about our academic, spiritual and faith community is overwhelming. We are certainly recognised for our excellence within the community. Congratulations to all students, parents and teachers who contribute to making St Angela's such a wonderful place.

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## The Angelus

At 12 noon each day, all classes, teachers, office staff and children stop to pray together. Please be patient if your phone call is not answered at this time.

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## Parents as Partners - Have you booked your interview online?

As you meet next week in partnership with your child's teacher, it is important to keep the focus on the child. Our first priority at St Angela's is our children. We aim to develop each child according to their ability. We strive to develop the whole child, that is to develop each child spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially and academically. For our school to do its job effectively, the ongoing interest and support of parents is vital. Teachers and parents working as partners means common goals can be established and developed more effectively and efficiently. It is important that the children see teachers and parents supporting each other. Working together assists the children's development and learning in so many ways.

A happy, supportive and harmonious link between teachers and parents with realistic common goals creates a unified approach. When a child perceives a breakdown in communication of this vital link, a

child experiences conflict and may play one off against the other. We are very fortunate at St Angela's to have supportive and caring parents, not only supportive in developing fantastic community spirit and raising funds, but more importantly loyal and supportive in helping and assisting their children's learning.

**Please note:** We ask that you allow ample time to arrive at school for your interview. Your punctuality is important. As there is limited parking on school grounds, we ask that you park at Wrights Road Community Centre or Coles and allow time to walk to the school. If you are late, you may need to reschedule as timeslots are often full. Out of respect for others:

- ♦ when the bell sounds, please begin finalising your conversation and leave promptly using the corner glass doors closest to the adventure playground.
- ♦ if your interview is completed before the bell, please feel free to have an 'early mark'.

Sometimes with today's busy and hectic lifestyles it can become easy to leave school to the teachers but when we reflect on the points below it is well worth remembering that the link between teachers and parents is paramount in our children's education.

- A child's performance is strongly influenced by his or her parents' attitude to the school.
- Achievement levels tend to rise when parents are seen to be interested and involved in their child's schooling. Parental involvement can develop a real sense of community within a school.
- Parents have many ideas and skills that can be very useful to their school community.

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## Reports

Children will be bringing their Reports home on Monday. Please take time to talk with your child about their many successes. Ask them what they are most proud of this year.

*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 10

Mon 22nd June

Year 2 'Shelter' Design and Make Day  
Student Learning Reports going home

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

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

Last day of Term 2

### TERM 3

#### Week 1

Mon 13th July

First day of school for the children

## Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival - Rescheduled

Due to the forecast of rain and cold temperatures, the Athletics Carnival has been postponed. The uncomfortable conditions of wind and rain, a wet track and no shelter for our little budding athletes and spectators would not be favourable.

The rescheduled date for the Athletics Carnival is next Friday 26th June. Notes have been sent home with your child today and also emailed to your preferred email address.

**Please note new notes must be completed for all students. We ask that both the permission and parent helper slip be returned by this Tuesday 23rd June.**



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# Religious Education



Sunday, June 21st 2015

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**Mark 4:35-41: Wake up the Christ in you**

Life is like a boat, exposed to a many dangers. Never lose confidence – when temptations arise, keep your eyes on God, who alone can deliver us. When your anger is roused, you are being tossed by the waves. So when the winds blow and the waves mount high, the boat is in danger, your heart is imperilled, your heart is taking a battering. Why this? Because Christ is asleep in you. What do I mean? I mean you have forgotten His presence. Rouse Him, then; remember Him, let Him keep watch within you, pay heed to Him. A temptation arises: it is the wind. It disturbs you: it is the surging of the sea. This is the moment to awaken Christ and let Him remind you of those words: 'Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?'

Adapted from [a Bible study](#) prepared and distributed by the St Charles' Borromeo parish community

**Words of Wisdom - Mother Teresa**

"All of us must be saints in this world.

Holiness is a duty for you and me.

So let's be saints and so give glory to the Father."

Mrs Marilyn Turner

Religious Education Co-ordinator



## Please keep in your prayers

*Our prayers are extended to the Pace family (Zachary, 4 Yellow) due to the passing into eternal life of Zachary's grandpa.*

**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

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## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Information was sent home last week regarding the booking of parent/teacher interviews. The bookings are made online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). The School Event Code is **LDGZB**. A copy was also emailed to your preferred email address. A reminder that interviews are required to be booked by **10.00am on Monday 22nd June**. Bookings opened last Thursday.

## Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: New Athletics Carnival Note for Years 3-6  
Hard Copy: Year 4 Excursion Note, Note to 1 Green parents, New Athletics Carnival Note for Years 3-6, Kindergarten Excursion Note

## Theme for the week:

**"Be Enthusiastic in all you do"**

The words of Ralph Emerson clearly express the focus of this week's theme:

### Enthusiasm

*Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success.*

*When you do a thing, do it with all your might.*

*Put your whole soul into it.*

*Stamp it with your personality.*

*Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective.*

*Never give up. Nothing is beyond reach.*

*Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.*

## Quote of the Week

*"It is not what we get, but who we become and what we contribute ... that gives meaning to our lives."*

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Raffle Tickets

Today, a booklet of raffle tickets was sent home from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish for the upcoming Dinner Dance on Saturday 18th July. Fr Alejandro, on behalf of the Parish, has kindly asked if our families could try to sell these tickets as a fundraiser for the evening. **The Parish ask that sold or unsold tickets please be returned on Monday 13th July** (first day of school next term).

Many thanks.

## "Hugs"

### Reflection

**Hopefully you will have plenty of time for hugs over the holiday period**

**It's wondrous what a hug can do,  
a hug can cheer you when you're blue.**

**A hug can say 'I love you so',  
or 'Gee! I hate to see you go!'**

**A hug is, 'Welcome back again!'  
and 'Great to see you!' or  
'Where've you been?'**

**A hug can soothe a small child's pain  
and brings a rainbow after rain.**

**A hug! There's just no doubt about it,  
we scarcely could survive without it.**

**A hug delights and warms and charms,  
It must be why God gave us arms.**

**Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,  
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers,  
and chances are some favourite aunts  
love them more than potted plants.**

**Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.  
Heads of state are not above them.**

**A hug can break the language barrier,  
And make the dullest day seem merrier.**

**No need to fret about the store of them.**

**So stretch those arms without delay,  
and give someone a hug today.**

**Anon**

## Celebrating our Gifts

### Academic Excellence

Shiloh Aguas KB  
Amalia Mohan-Ram KG  
Carissa Lewis KY  
Jackson Bercich 1B  
Jada Yu 1G  
Clarissa Gumuljo 1Y  
Victoria Pinna 2B  
Jia Jung 2G  
Sienna Van Jour 2Y  
Lauren Shin 3B  
Alexandra Gerretson-Cornell 3G  
Giselle Mendiola 3Y  
Kaleb Brett 4B  
Nicholas Stornelli 4G  
Caitlin Mu 4Y  
Jack Despoges 5B  
Curtis Rothwell 5G  
Raphael Saul 5Y  
Amy Gibbons 6B  
Alexandra Voegt 6G  
Luca Muscardo 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Giulio Muscardo KB  
Shannon Aneksomphan KG  
Cruz Bercich KY  
Bianca Jandrlie 1B  
Camryn Lean 1G  
Madeline Nasso 1Y  
Olivia Sultana 2B  
Joshua McDermott 2G  
Ariella Colosimo 2Y  
Brinley Lewis 3B  
Caitlin McNamara 3G  
Thomas Norris 3Y  
Anthony Tedros 4B  
Jake Lim 4G  
Robert Kelly 4Y  
Charlotte Baylis 5B  
Nathan Fox 5G  
Valentino Anastasio 5Y  
Christopher Ibrahim 6B  
Ethan Smith 6G  
Erin Henderson 6Y

## Happy Birthday!

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

### JUNE

#### Sun 21st

Brae Harriss  
Jayden Carr  
Bianca May

#### Mon 22nd

Lauren Evans  
Lucca Piotto

#### Thurs 25th

Mrs Burke

#### Fri 26th

Mia Jacobs

#### Sat 27th

Rylee Callaghan

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Zane Smolinski (6 Yellow), Harrison Crotty (6 Green) and Josh Catania (6 Yellow) who were selected to compete in the U12 North Zone Representative Team for the NSW Churches Football Competition. Well done boys!

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Congratulations to Ethan Smith (6 Green) and Mitchell Smith (3 Blue) who are competing in the US Open Taekwondo World Championships in Orlando, Florida during these school holidays. It will also be televised live on ESPN sport channel. Good luck boys!

## Sport News

On 4th June, St Angela's was represented at the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day. Special thanks to Mrs Hemmings for co-ordinating the day and to Mrs McGaully for coaching and managing the team. Our team came 2nd with one loss for the day. The team members were: Aisling Collins, Alannah Gattini, Amy Gibbons, Megan Perusich, Allannah Pillion, Chantelle Ritchie, Megan Selfridge, Natarsha Stornelli, Rachela Tesoriero, Georgia Tole, Jemma Turner, Alexandra Voegt, Emma Watson and Rachel Western.

We all had a fabulous day!

By Chantelle Ritchie (6 Blue)

Please note that the canteen will be open as per normal tomorrow

## Grooming Requirements at St Angela's

A kindly reminder to parents of the grooming requirements for boys' hair at St Angela's, as noted in the Parent Handbook:

All boys' hair is to be kept neat and tidy and off the collar. It should be well groomed and brushed at all times. Long hair past the ears is not permitted. Shaved heads, eg. Number 1 shave, undercuts & sculpturing cuts are not allowed at St Angela's. Long fringes need to be off the face.

Many thanks for your support in this area.

## Using Technology Contract

On Thursday 28th May, all families were emailed a Using Technology Contract to be completed for each child. Thank you to those families who have returned their child's Contract. If you have not already done so, we ask that you please complete and return the Contract by **this Monday 22nd June**. Many thanks.

## CANTEEN HELPERS TERMS 3 & 4

The school canteen opens tomorrow. The canteen will open Tuesdays and Fridays. It does not open on rainy days.

We require some helpers each Tuesday and Friday from 12.25 to 1.25pm to be put on a 6 month roster.

If you are able to help, please fill out the canteen helper form below and return by next Thursday 25th June (no babies or toddlers please). **If you are on the current roster, could you please fill in another slip for Terms 3 & 4.** Enquiries: Mel Catania 0417 720 881.

Thank you  
Canteen Committee

### Please return to the school office by Thursday 25th June

I would like to help in the canteen once a month on the following day:

Tuesday or Friday (please circle)

Name: .....

Phone: (mobile) .....  
(home) .....

Child's Name and Class: .....

Any dates not available: .....

Signature: .....





## Premier's Reading Challenge

We are aiming for all students to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge 2015. Login and password information is now being sent home. It is wonderful to see how many students have completed the challenge already. Please see the Premier's Reading Challenge website for more information. Please send a copy of the completed challenge to the library for validation. We are also giving awards to the student in each class who completes the challenge first and the first whole class who completes the challenge will have a surprise.

Mrs Rosanne North  
Teacher Librarian

### *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.

## **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  
Cost: \$42.00 per person  
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.

## **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.

## **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

## **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.

## **Home School Learning Link - How to help your children with talking and listening skills**

Being able to take in information, respond to instructions and share our ideas, thoughts and opinions are vital skills for kids to get by in the world. Thankfully it's an area where teachers are experts, but there are ways you can help your child develop these skills and reinforce talking and listening at home.

1. Avoid interrupting your child when they're talking and listen carefully to what they have to say.
2. Use everyday opportunities to talk with and listen to your child as they share things that are of interest or importance to them.
3. Show your child you are interested in what they are saying when they are speaking by giving nods, smiles, sounds, supportive words and gestures. The positive feedback helps reinforce to them that what they say is important and worthwhile.
4. If your child has trouble remembering things said to them, it's a good idea to encourage them to repeat in their mind what has been said, then retell it in their own words. Making notes can help if they have to do a task.
5. If you are planning something such as a party or an outing, try having a brainstorming session with your child. You can do this just by listening and sharing ideas or by writing them down together.
6. Discuss common dates on a family calendar, such as public holidays, and have your child mark in important events.
7. From the calendar, talk about days, months and years in relation to events such as birthdays and other special occasions.
8. When walking or travelling together, talk about street names and the meaning of signs, etc. You could discuss anything known about names and signs encountered (eg give an explanation about how street names may have come about).

Source: School A to Z <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>. If you wish to explore more ways to support your child's learning this site includes many helpful tips across a wide range of areas relating to parenting and children's learning.

## **TSA Band Camp 2015!**

Yes, it's that time of year again! Pull out your best swimmers for the waterslide, your grooviest PJ's for the pyjama disco and get into training for the staff V students beach volleyball match!! (Oh, and you should probably practise your band music too!)

Whilst most kids come to camp for the excitement of new friends, fun activities and a weekend away, the real benefit is in the valuable experience (both musical and social) gained from such intensive time spent in such a highly musical environment. With over 8 hours of face-to-face tuition over the weekend, there is over a term and a half worth of 30 minute lessons to be had! Camp is also a valuable experience for students who may be losing interest in music and need a boost of enthusiasm and practise to get them to a level where they can enjoy their music and performance.

Notes for camp should have already been received by band parents via email outlining details including cost, venue, times and dates. If you did not receive this email or you need another copy, please visit [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) and download the note from the 'Band Notes' section of the website. Permission notes, along with deposit, need to be returned ASAP to avoid missing out as the camp participation needs to be finalised at the beginning of Term 3.