

St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents.

Our first priority at St Angela's are 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 and academically. For our school to do its job effectively, the ongoing interest and involvement 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, raising funds, but more importantly loyal and supportive in helping and assisting their children's learning.

Sometimes with today's busy and hectic lifestyles it is 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.
- Parents have many ideas and skills that can be very useful to their school community.

New Electronic Sign at Front Entrance

You will no doubt by now have seen the new electronic sign at the front gate underneath our school sign. This new sign will allow us to regularly update our messages to our community and does away with the manual labour aspect of changing the words by hand.

15 Year Gala Dinner - 11th September

Our 15 Year Anniversary Dinner is shaping up to be the event of the year. Our impressive organisation committee (to date and growing) consisting of Fiona Bridge, Melissa Chapman, Wayne Davie, Laura Hall, Alli Holmes, Di McGaulley, Kirra McNamara, Michelle Mowbray, Bec Nati and Antonella Tesoriero have been working tirelessly towards this significant celebration. The elegant invitations were sent home last week. If you did not receive your invitation, you can collect one from the office. Please note - Interest has been very strong and the venue can only hold a certain number of people. Your payment needs to be received to confirm your place/table. We urge you to get your payment, table groups (or we can place you) as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

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;

"Doing your best"

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.



Upcoming Dates

Week 3 Fri 31st July

Year 6 only - Pyjama Mufti Day

2.10pm Year 5 Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Week 4 Tues 4th Aug

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

Wed 5th Aug Fri 7th Aug 8.45am Year 6 VOY School Final
Census Day - Please see further information

in this Shine

Jeans for Genes Day - Jeans Mufti. Gold or

fold donation

9:45am Debating St Angela's vs St Bernadette's - Parents welcome

<u>Please note change</u> - 2.10pm Year 3 Assembly in St Angela's St

Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome 7:00pm Confirmation Ceremony at Our Lady

of the Rosary Parish Church

Week 5 Tues 11th Aug

7.30am Optional ICAS Mathematics Competition (Years 3-6) in the library

Wed 12th Aug

7.30pm General Parent Meeting in the

staffroom - All welcome

Thurs 13th Aug

Hills Zone Athletics at Blacktown

Fri 14th Aug

7.00pm Confirmation Ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program has commenced. Collect your sticker cards now and drop them in the box either at the supermarket or send them into the school office!

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Sacrament of First Eucharist - Yr 3, Yr 4 Religious Literacy

Assessment, Date Changes

Hard Copy: Dance Fever Challenge Letter - Yrs 3-6





Religious Education



Sunday, 2nd August 2015 18th Sunday ín Ordínary Tíme Year B

John 6:24-35

Mixed motives don't matter when it comes to the Eucharist

The people in today's Gospel reading had come to Jesus with mixed motives: They were looking for a spectacle, for entertainment, for food. But what they were offered was not temporary nourishment - they were offered a relationship with the Creator of all that is temporary and all that is eternal, through Jesus Christ his Son, the Bread of life, in whom whoever believes will never be hungry, and through whom all are offered eternal life. As we come to share in the Eucharist, and to partake of Jesus, the Bread of life, we, too, may come with mixed motives: but we are offered no less than those to whom Jesus spoke in today's Gospel. We are offered not temporary nourishment, but the food which sustains us on our Christian journey to eternal life; we are offered not a quick fix for our problems, but a relationship with the Source of all life; we are not offered a piece of ordinary bread, but Jesus himself, the Bread of life, who loves us, forgives our sins, and gives us food that endures to eternal life.

From <u>a homily by Fr James Hill</u>, at the parish of St Benet Fink in Tottenham, UK

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (August 8)



On March 19, 1866 at Penola in South Australia Mary, with Father Julian Tenison-Woods, founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Josephites). Mother Mary of the Cross was its first Religious Sister and Superior. In her lifetime, Mary MacKillop established a number of schools and welfare organisations throughout Australia and New Zealand with a focus on education of the poor, particularly in country regions. Conflict with Fr Tenison-Woods

and other clergy resulted in Mary's ex-communication by Bishop Sheil on September 22, 1871 for her alleged insubordination. Consequently most of the schools were closed and the Josephites almost disbanded.

On February 21, 1872, Bishop Sheil, as he lay dying, realised his mistake and lifted the ex-communication. In 1873, Mary MacKillop successfully travelled to Rome and attained Papal approval for the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. In 1875, after returning from Rome, she was formally elected Superior General. Since her death in 1909, St Mary MacKillop has attracted much veneration in Australia and internationally. Following recognition of the required miracles, she became Australia's first saint on October 17, 2010.

St Angela's school community will celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop feast day on Friday 7th August lead by 5 Yellow.

Mrs Marilyn Turner Religious Education Co-ordinator

School Census Day Next Friday 7th August

Next Friday 7th August is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If your child is absent on this day, please simply email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au by 10.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school. This email will then be forwarded to your child's teacher. <u>Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is essential.</u>

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation.

GENERAL PARENT MEETING AND SESSION ON 'HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD BUILD RESILIENCE TO HANDLE LIFE'S CHALLENGES' WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST AT 7.30PM ALL WELCOME

Quote of the Week

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination."

<u>Please keep in your prayers</u>

Our prayers are extended to the Marmara family (Luke 5 Green) due to the passing into eternal life of Luke's grandmother.

15 Year Anniversary Gala Dinner Friday 11th September "A Touch of Sparkle"

As you know, Friday 11th September will mark our official 15th Anniversary celebrations at Castle Hill RSL with a Gala Dinner. It will be a night to remember, with a touch of sparkle of course!

In the lead up to the event, raffle tickets will be available to all families for purchase; prizes will also be available on the evening of the gala dinner, along with various auctions.

In addition to celebrating this milestone, **our goal is to raise funds for the school** so we can maintain and continue to improve the experience we offer at St Angela's. We have already received some wonderful donations in the form of cash, prizes, discounts and business services. However, it would be great to have more!

It's time to think outside the box...

- Do you know a business who would like to promote their brand by providing a discount voucher or donation?
- Do you have a friend who runs a business or has access to services they can offer?
- Do you have connections who can offer one of their own products or another company's products as a gift or prize?
- Do you have a sparkling personality and can approach some local businesses to gain their support?

All businesses and individuals who make donations will be acknowledged on the night, allowing the promotion of their brand to hundreds of families in the area. It's a great opportunity.

We need everyone's help to make this as successful as possible... Please contact Antonella Tesoriero on 0419 997 990 or Bec Nati on 0414 966 203 with any donations you secure or any ideas you have.

15 Year Gala Dinner Organising Committee

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

Please show consideration to our neighbours who live in the vicinity of the school by not parking or waiting across driveways or on nature strips. A number of offending cars' registration plates have been reported to the school and council rangers have been actively fining motorists by simply taking a photo of the car and its number plate in the offending park. This includes stopping in the 'no stopping' zones at the back and front gates. Your co-operation in this area is most appreciated.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academíc Excellence

Bronte Woodhead KB Nicholas Heanes KG Savannah Morsillo KY Domenic Stornelli 1B Rvan Sloan 1G Hannah MacNaughton 1Y Mischa Vujnovich 2B Dominic Darmudi 2G Sienna Van Jour 2Y Hannah Kennedy 3B Estavan Alberti 3G Genevieve Brouillard 3Y Olivia Pinna 4B Tessa Phelan 4G Brendan Wilson 4Y Joel Hunt 5B Kaitlyn Langridge 5G

Jayson Orley 5Y

Ethan Adan 6B

Logan Remedios 6G

Marcus Basso 6Y

St Angela's Award

Noah Bercich KB Macey Holmes KG Zachary Brook KY Noah Jenkins 1B Dominic Piperata 1G Lucas Seda 1Y Cairo Piotto 2B Georgia Zeid 2G Fynn Vander Stok 2Y Rachael Rodrigues 3B Lara Perez 3G Charlie Nelson 3Y Felicity Rankin 4B Tiana Bounassif 4G Freya Scothern 4Y Frederick Johan 5B Kane Chadwick 5G Ethan Andrew 5Y William Elliott 6B James Cassab 6G

Jemma Turner 6Y

okappy Bitchday!

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

AUGUST

Sun 2nd

Chantelle Mendoza Oliver Vujnovich Ella Peterson

Mon 3rd

Thomas Schenko Kane Chadwick

Tues 4th Kristian Ebejer

Wed 5th
Yianni Paras

Thurs 6th

Laura Nati Joshua McDermott Alannah Lane

Fri 7th
Ryan Carr
Emily Mitchell
Sanjana Kadam
Alvarez Alberti
Matthew Despoges



Jeans for Genes

On Friday 7th August, St Angela's as part of its social justice outreach program, will be supporting the Jeans for Genes Day appeal. Children are invited to wear their jeans/denim mufti on the day. We ask that each child brings in a donation of gold or fold in support of this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

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DIOCESAN VOICE OF YOUTH

As noted in last week's Shine, students from Year 6 will be competing in the Parramatta Diocese Voice of Youth Contest. Our children are all busy writing and practising



their speeches to present to their classes. Three winners will be chosen from our school level final to be held on **Wednesday 5th August at 8.45am**. These children will then represent St Angela's at a Cluster Final on **Wednesday 26th August at 9.30am here at St Angela's in our hall.** One winner from the cluster will progress to the Semi Final and perhaps the Grand Final following later in the term. This diocesan speech contest is being conducted so that children with a flair for public speaking have an opportunity to use this talent. Good luck to all our Year 6 students. Parents are most welcome to come along and support our students on either of these days as audience involvement is a major part of their speaking process.

Mr Hurst, Mrs Newbury and Mrs Rubelj Year 6 Teachers

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Mía Khoudaír (K Yellow) Reine Farah (6 Yellow)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Natalie Petkovich (1 Yellow) who competed at the NSW State Championships in Irish Dancing last Sunday. Natalie competed in the 6 and Under Mixed Championships and won 1st place for her Solo dances. Natalie danced 3 dances in the competition and won all 3. Natalie was invited to dance with all the other 1st place winners on that day in the Dance of Champions.





HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHESS COMPETITION

We are looking for any parents or grandparents who are interested in helping teach keen students how to play chess for our upcoming competition in Term 4. The workshops will be held at lunchtime on a Tuesday beginning 11th August (Week 5). Please contact the office if you are available to help.

Thank You

Appreciation and thanks to our parent representatives who met on Wednesday to plan for upcoming events. In particular this term for our Father's Day Stall on Wednesday 2nd September (Year 2) and our Father's Day Special Assembly breakfast on Friday 4th September (Year 4).

Year 4 Excursion

Year 4 went on an excursion to The Rocks and Hyde Park Barracks on Friday 24th July. At The Rocks, we were greeted by Caroline, our tour guide. We really liked her, as she was funny and very enthusiastic. We were all given a different character from the times of British Colonisation. Caroline taught us about what life was like when the British came to settle in Australia. Then we went to the Hyde Park Barracks and we learnt about what life was like as a convict. We went into a museum and saw all the items that were used to punish convicts, like the cat of nine tails. We also got to sleep in hammocks, dress up as convicts, make a fireplace and hold chains. It was an experience of a lifetime! We had so much fun and we can't wait to learn more about British Colonisation of Australia.

Sport News

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day Thursday 23rd July

Last Thursday, two boys and one girls soccer teams participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day. It was a huge day that saw over 90 teams competing. Although we were unable to complete much training due to wet weather, the teams showed great skill whilst also playing to the rules and displaying fair play. St Angela's had a really successful day. All 3 teams should be very proud of their efforts.

Boys Team Gold - although the boys did not concede a goal all day after 7 games the boys finished 2nd in their pool.

The team consisted of: Joseph McEnearney, Charlie Saul, Zach Pace, Owen Turner, Riley Mackay, Marcus Fonseca, Gabe Van Jour, Kaleb Brett, Jayden Carr, Jacob Holm, Connor Khoury and Noah Hemmings.

Boys Team Green - the green team were unlucky in that they too didn't concede a goal all day, finished equal first in their pool only to be 2^{nd} on for and against points

The team consisted of: Flynn Jamer, John Papadimatos, Alex Petras, Ijah Colet, Samuel Langridge, Kyle Brett, Joel Woodhead, Cooper Andrew, James Pearson, Alex Arends, Angus Gibbons and Julian Basso.

The Girls team - just got better as the day went on. The girls were very excited to go through the day undefeated and win their pool.

The team consisted of: Ava Foxe, Chantelle Mendoza, Sarah Crowley, Sophie Watson, Lily Moller, Charlotte Hogan, Isabella Seda, Samantha Hohn, Pippa Gattini, Alexandra Crotty, Caity McNamara and Ella Evans.

Special thanks must go to Matthew Pace (coach) and Keiran Pace (assistant coach) on the day of the Gold team, Mario Petras (coach) and Neil Langridge (assistant coach) of the Green team, Damian Foxe (coach) and Karen Foxe (assistant coach) of the girls team and Holly McNamara who refereed for St Angelas on the day.

Finally, thank you to the parents and friends who braved the mud and supported the teams. Congratulations to all teams.

Mrs Andra Hemmings Sports Co-ordinator

Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, whole school assemblies for Term 3 are as follows:

Week 3 - Tomorrow, Friday 31st July at 2.10pm led by Year 5 Week 4 - Friday 7th Aug at 2.10pm led by Year 3 Week 7 - Friday 28th Aug at 2.10pm led by Year 1 All parents are most welcome to join us.

Inter School Debating Competition

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:Negative:Alex KaelinHayley JohnstonKate LawtonZander AskewJorjah BatouaAisling CollinsXin Mei LeesThomas Papallo

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

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

Values Matter at St Angela's

This week we are focussing on the value of:

DOING YOUR BEST - Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, and pursue excellence.

This value includes the following characteristics:

- Having a go! How do you as parents, encourage this characteristic?
- Being positive about learning
- Learning from your mistakes Tell them how proud you are of their efforts
- Discovering what you're good at and enjoy doing it
- Doing things to the best of your ability
- Using your talents Discuss your children's God given talent/s with them and how these gifts should be used to the best of their ability.
- Setting worthwhile goals and making plans to achieve them. Do you have goals?

The overall message:

Attaining personal success in a range of human endeavours, pursuing individual excellence and displaying pride and satisfaction in personal achievement.

Scholastic catalogues were sent home earlier this week. Please note orders are due back at school by Friday 7th August - 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