



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 3, Week 4

Dear Parents,

Mary MacKillop Feast Day - Saturday, 8th August

'Never see a need without doing something about it'

Mary MacKillop encourages us to be of service to others. Each one of us has the potential to help others if we so choose. Being able to see a need and know what to do is often the challenge, a challenge that Mary MacKillop modelled for us in her life. Why not, along with the children, make the effort this week and always do something about a need you may be aware of.

Mary MacKillop is a wonderful role model to us all. She was indeed a woman of faith and devotion. Her attitude of **'never see a need without doing something about it'** inspires us to reach out to others and to truly make a difference.

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. Mary cared about people who had no-one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people. Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tension Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St. Joseph's School in an old stable. On 19th March, 1866 - St Joseph's Day - Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcomed at their schools, even if

they couldn't pay. In Adelaide they opened a place for women who had nowhere to live, an orphanage for children who had no parents to look after them and a house where poor people could come and stay. The Sisters visited people who were in gaol and those who were poor and sick. Mary MacKillop was kind to all people. She died on 8 August, 1909 in North Sydney. Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first Saint.

A special mention to the Evans family (Ella 4 Yellow, Lauren 2 Blue and Liam K Green) who are distant relatives of Mary MacKillop. What an amazing bloodline.

We continue to keep in our prayers our Year 6 students, along with those throughout the parish, who have been celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. The ceremonies, held on Friday evenings which conclude on Friday 14th August, have certainly been a blessed and special time in the lives of the children. Monsignor Ron McFarlane, along with Father Alejandro, have been celebrating at each of the Confirmation Masses.

We hope that you can join us for our General Parent Meeting this Wednesday 12th August at 7.30pm. Mrs Helen Boerma, our School Counsellor, will present a very worthwhile parent inservice session titled **'HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD BUILD RESILIENCE TO HANDLE LIFE'S CHALLENGES.'**

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:

"Fair Go"

Our theme this week is another of the 9 values for Australian Schooling. It focuses on treating others fairly and allowing others to participate; promoting justice, acceptance and tolerance. This value helps our society live in harmony and to foster relationships.

**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**

Jeans for Genes®

TOMORROW

Tomorrow, 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.

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:

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Religious Education



Sunday, 9th August 2015

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

John 6:41-51 All are welcome to come to the table

Feasting is a word that many in our world do not comprehend on a personal level. We live in a world with staggering poverty. We live in a world of [abundance](#), but far too many of our brothers and sisters live without. Looking globally, there are places in our world where starvation and poverty are the reality for most. One-in-seven people on our planet are undernourished or hungry. How do we talk about feasting in this environment? We want to be who God calls us to be and make an impact in the world, sharing resources and offering assistance to those in need.

The best way to help is to instill a sense of worth that all are welcome to come to the table -- to come to the Bread of Life. All persons deserve to receive the gift of abundant life. The truth is, everyone -- in spite of their life circumstances -- needs to have hope. They need to see [options](#) for a better world. They need to envision a time and place when they are gifted with what God intends for them. We are reminded in this scripture passage of that hope, that vision, and that gift. It brings us into deeper relationship with the one who is the Bread of Life -- the one who feeds us over and over again.

Adapted from [an article in the Huffington Post](#) by Karyn L. Wiseman

Year 1 celebrated a prayerful liturgy ON Tuesday 4th August on the theme [My Senses – a gift from God](#).

God has given us eyes for seeing, ears for hearing, a nose for smelling, a mouth for tasting and hands for touching.

Our senses are a gift from God. With my [eyes](#), I can see the beautiful colours in a rainbow. I can see happy smiles, the stars in the sky and the wonderful animals God has made. With my [ears](#), I can hear happy sounds of birds singing. I can hear quiet whispers, loud happy laughs and the beautiful sound of music.

With my mouth, I can [taste](#) cold ice-cream and crunchy apples.

With my nose, I can [smell](#) beautiful flowers and mum's perfume. With my hands, I can [touch](#) soft fluffy rabbits. I can feel prickly plants, smooth stones and warm water.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

School Census Day Tomorrow, Friday 7th August

Tomorrow, 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 tomorrow, 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. Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is essential.

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.

Are you receiving emails?

A reminder that if you are not receiving emails from the school, as noted on the front page of each Shine, please contact the school office so that our records can be updated.

Many thanks.



Week 4
Fri 7th Aug

Upcoming Dates

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

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 and presentation on 'How to help your child build resilience to handle life's challenges' - 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

Sat 15th Aug

Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

Week 6
Tues 18th Aug

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

Wed 19th Aug

7.30pm First Eucharist Information Evening at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

7.00pm Father's Day wrapping night in the library - All welcome

Fri 21st Aug

9.45am Debating St Angela's vs St Michael's - Parents welcome

Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown



WELCOME

We would like to welcome two new families to our school:

The Agius family - Declan (5 Green) and Rachel (2 Blue)

The Younan family - Gabriel (1 Blue)

We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

Quote of the Week

"Life is like a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving."

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Cassab family (James 6 Green) due to the passing into eternal life of James' grandfather.

Grade Assemblies

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

Week 4 - Tomorrow, 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.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Lyla Reyes KB
Alannah Lane KG
Joshua Hall KY
Freya Begg 1B
Taylah Khoudair 1G
Luke Watson 1Y
Jason Fahmy 2B
Madison Nasr 2G
Mia Jacobs 2Y
Jamie Ella 3B
Justin Younis 3G
Ashley Davie 3Y
Aoife Collins 4B
Bella Shepherd 4G
Marcus Fonseca 4Y
Jake Blackwell 5B
Serena Adoranti 5G
Sophie Laudams-Gulbis 5G
Stephanie Murdocca 5Y
Thomas Papallo 6B
Jorjah Batoua 6G
Olivia Rae 6Y

St Angela's Award

Max Vallejo KB
Luca Bercich KG
Emeline Fitzsimons KY
Gabriel Younan 1B
Sienna Fonseca 1G
Vanessa Tesoriero 1Y
Charlize McDonald 2B
Joel Foxe 2G
Rebekah Love 2Y
Dominic Christie 3B
Jessica Tallaridi 3G
Tiarna Fox 3Y
Joseph McEneaney 4B
Jacob Holm 4G
Jordan Hanza 4Y
Chloe Pace 5B
Brianna Newell 5Y
Georgia Sultana 6B
Allannah Pillon 6G
Joshua Catania 6Y

DIOCESAN VOICE OF YOUTH

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who took part in our Voice of Youth competition yesterday: Joshua Bridge, Charlotte Burgess, Brandon Darmudi, Christina Dell'Aquila, Sophia Di Giacomo, Amy Gibbons, Hayley Johnston, Jasmin Mancuso, Luca Muscardo, Imogen Pfeffercorn, Allannah Pillon, Georgia Tole and Jemma Turner. Their speeches were well written, interesting and engaging for the audience and the judges had a challenging job to choose only 3 finalists to represent us at the Cluster Final.

Our 3 finalists are: Charlotte Burgess, Brandon Darmudi and Imogen Pfeffercorn.

The winner of our 2015 Social Justice Voice of Youth Award is: Sophia Di Giacomo.

We are very proud of our 3 finalists who will compete here at St Angela's on Wednesday 26th August in the Cluster Final against other Catholic Primary Schools in our area, starting at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend the Cluster Final.

Mr Hurst, Mrs Newbury and Mrs Rubelj
Year 6 Teachers

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 this Tuesday 11th August (Week 5). Please contact the office if you are available to help.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

We invite all Dads to come to a special DAD morning assembly in their honour starting at 8:45am on Friday, 4th September which will be followed by a light breakfast and then a visit to the classrooms. We hope all dads (or significant males) are able to join us. All are most welcome.

Happy Birthday!

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

AUGUST

Sun 9th

Mia Russo

Thurs 13th

Michael Rodrigues

Tues 11th

Mrs Kelly

Sat 15th

Rachel Western

Marcus Fonseca

Samuel Langridge

Wed 12th

Zara Phelan

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.

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 organised (or we can place you) as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

Bell Times

Bell times are outlined below for your information.



8.27am

Music to move to assembly area

8.30am

Official start of the day
Start of first learning session

All children are expected to be ready for announcements at assembly and move into classrooms for first learning session

10.30am

Recess

10.57am

Music to move to assembly points

11.00am

Start of second learning session

12.30pm

Lunch
Sitting and eating until 12.40pm

1.17pm

Music to move to assembly point

1.20pm

Start of third learning session

2.50pm

Official end of school day. Bell to move and assemble in dismissal zones

2.55pm

Children begin leaving school grounds towards back gate, front gate crossing, cars, buses etc.

Sport News

Hills Zone Athletics

Best wishes to our 40 strong athletics team who will be competing at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival next Thursday 13th August.

We look forward to hearing your fantastic results.

Dance Fever Challenge Years 3-6

A note was sent home last week to all children in Years 3 to 6 regarding the Dance Fever Interschool Challenge. Details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 9th September 2015
Time: Doors open 4.30pm for a 5.30pm start - finish 9.00pm
Venue: Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush
Cost: \$5.00 per person (including children competing) payable at the door. EFTPOS not available.
Transport: Parents will need to transport their child to and from the venue.

Please return the permission slip at the bottom of the note to your child's class teacher by Friday 14th August.

FATHER'S DAY HELPERS NEEDED

YEAR 2 HELPERS (AND ANY OTHER PARENTS) NEEDED TO WRAP FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Parent helpers are needed from the Year Two community (and anyone else available to help) to wrap over 600 gifts for the Dads of our community. The gifts will be wrapped on **Wednesday 19th August at 7.00pm** in the school library. It's a great chance to come and mingle over ribbon and paper. Enjoy a cuppa and a yummy snack for supper. BYO scissors.



If you are available please contact Michelle Jacobs on 0413 026 922. All help will be greatly appreciated.

YEAR 2 HELPERS FOR THE FATHER'S DAY STALL (AND ANY OTHER PARENTS)

Parents are also needed to sell gifts at the stall on Wednesday 2nd September. If you are available anytime between 9am and midday to help out on the day, please contact Michelle Jacobs on 0413 026 922 so a roster can be compiled. You will then be notified of your allotted time. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Book Club

A reminder that book club orders are due back at school tomorrow, **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

Important Dates to Note

TERM 3

Fathers' Day Celebrations

Friday 4th September

15 Year Anniversary Gala Dinner

Friday 11th September

TERM 4

Grandparents' Day

Friday 30th October

Year 6 Graduation Mass

Tuesday 15th December at 7.00pm

Values Matter at St Angela's

What are values? *Ideals that guide our behaviour.* They are ideals and beliefs we hold as special. Caring for others, for example, is a value; so is the freedom to express our opinions. Values are what people think is right and wrong, good and bad, desirable and undesirable.

This week we are focussing on the value of: **Fair Go** - Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly - for a just society.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Mt 5:6

In this beatitude Jesus invites us to be passionate about the promotion of justice, not just thinking that the concept of justice is a good idea. Justice people are action people.

This value includes the following characteristics:

- Respecting authority *Do you teach by example?*
- Being involved in your community. *What do you do as a family/individuals to show you "care?"*
- * *Does your child belong to a community group that is involved in helping others?*
- * *As a family, do you provide for people less fortunate than yourselves? eg. St Vincent De Paul*
- Accepting other people and their backgrounds and
- ⊕ Being tolerant and understanding of difference which includes religious, physical, family or personality differences

The overall message:

Being committed to the principles of social justice, opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

Canteen Co-ordinator for 2016

We need your help for this volunteer role

The role of canteen co-ordinator will become vacant from the beginning of 2016, so we are on the lookout for someone new to fill the role.

Your duties will include organising the food days once a term, compiling a canteen roster twice a year and organising committee members with ordering of stock for weekly canteen. You will have plenty of support from the current committee members and we can start training you from the next food day. If you are interested or have any queries, please contact Mel Catania on 0417 720 881.

Thank you
Canteen Committee