



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 4th and final term for 2015. The year is certainly passing quickly.

The holidays were a wonderful time to catch up with family and friends, to spoil yourself and others, to forget routine and to just be. To the parents within our community, I encourage you to try and take time out where and when you can during this busy term to spend time with family and friends, most particularly with your children in their early years. No matter what, all the riches in the world can never bring back missed opportunities for special moments with those you love.

I look forward to another term of faith, fun and learning as we let our light shine by working in partnership in our Christ centred community of parents, children, teachers and pastors.

St Francis Feast Day (4th Oct) and Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day (7th Oct)

St Francis' Feast Day and Our Lady of the Rosary Feast days are both very special for our Christ Centred St Angela's community. St Angela's is part of the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville which is pastored by the Franciscan priests - led by Fr Alejandro. The Franciscans are a worldwide Order of men, of both priests and brothers, who have dedicated themselves to follow the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis was a man of God who lived a life of simplicity and humility. Francis discovered God and all about him in nature and the beauty of

creation. He encouraged the people of his time to reverence God in one another and to love the earth and all her creatures. St Angela's school environment reflects our care for the earth in the spirit of St Francis and appreciation of nature.

Please continue to keep in your prayers, the children in Year 3 in our Parish who, over the next few weeks, starting Sunday 25th October will be receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. We ask that God will bless them and be by their side on this special day.

On behalf of the St Angela's community, we extend our best wishes to all Year 12 students who will begin their final school exams next week. Best wishes from all of us.

Congratulations and a huge thank you once again to one and all, whether your contribution was big or small, towards our 15 Year Anniversary Gala Dinner. The tireless efforts of the committee and the generosity of our community raised in excess of \$10,200.00, which will be targetted towards updating children's learning resources. We are extremely grateful for your overwhelming support. On behalf of all our students, thank you so much. We hope to see you at our next event, the 15 Year Anniversary Family Movie Night on Friday 23rd October. See further information in this Shine.

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:

"A positive attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

The impact of a child's attitude on their life is significant. No matter what other people say, think, or do etc. a positive attitude can make all the difference. The remarkable thing is every person has a choice every day regarding the attitude they embrace for that day.

We cannot change an event once it takes place but its effect can sometimes be improved by one's attitude. It has been said life is 10% what happens to a person, and 90% how they react to it.

Children are in charge of their attitudes. In speaking to the children, the importance of having a positive attitude to life and towards their peers is emphasised. Modelling a positive attitude is a responsibility we all share.

Summer Uniform

Children may now wear their summer uniform at the discretion of parents. We would expect that all children are in their summer uniform by Monday 12th October.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 1

Fri 9th Oct

Year 5 Journey to Antarctica Incursion

Week 2

Mon 12th Oct

Basketball Gala Day at Penrith Stadium

Tues 13th Oct

8.30am Fun(d)raising Meeting in staffroom

Wed 14th Oct

7.00pm Band Presentation Night

Thurs 15th Oct

8.45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

Sat 17th Oct

2.00-6.00pm First Eucharist Preparation Day followed by Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Week 3

Wed 21st Oct

7.00pm Kindergarten 2016 Information Evening in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Fri 23rd Oct

Year 6 Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

St Angela's Family Movie Night. Gates open at 6.30pm with the movie starting at 7.30pm

Sun 25th Oct

11.00am and 2.00pm First Eucharist Ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Church



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Religious Education



Sunday, 11th October 2015
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Mark 10:17-30

Imagination does not always allow us to cope with invitation

The rich man had received an answer he didn't expect. It was an answer he couldn't cope with. He turned away because he had too many other possessions. He probably hoped to be asked to be a benefactor, maybe to enable Jesus' work through philanthropy. The young man of the Gospel was flawed because the invitation was outside his imagination. He wanted the idea of spiritual growth without cost to himself. He sought spiritual riches but couldn't cope with the loss of earthly riches. Jesus then addressed his disciples. "If you're rich it's hard to be a kingdom person." Jesus didn't say "impossible". Just hard. We then have the wonderfully exaggerated picture of pushing a camel through a needle, a kind of verbal cartoon. It had the desired effect. The disciples were overwhelmed. They ventured the opinion that the membership of the kingdom would be quite small. This is an important understanding because the disciples recognised that possessions come in all shapes and sizes. They don't even have to be material. Peter was quick to point out that some of them had already put aside everything. Jesus then tells them that the ability to be a follower comes from God who will give the strength needed.

From [a reflection on the Gospel](#) by Sr Patricia Stevenson rsj

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary 7th October

On Wednesday 2 Green lead the school in a beautiful Assembly prayer for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary is an integral part of Catholic Tradition and has been said for hundreds of years, in fact when Gabriel said to Mary henceforth all men 'Will call you Blessed' he started a trend. The rosary was given to St Dominic (legend has it Mary appeared to him) and the devotion spread, especially through those who didn't read. The Mysteries meditate on integral parts of **Christ's life**. In recent years successive Popes have promoted the rosary especially John Paul II who dedicated his Pontificate to Mary and went to Fatima to thank Mary for saving his life after he was shot. John Paul II also added a new Mystery to the rosary and said that saying the rosary is a **protection** and powerful prayer. At Fatima (an approved Marian apparition) Our Lady encouraged people to say the rosary. Pope Francis promotes 'our Lady' as the 'undoer of knots'. Most recent Saints including St Padre Pio and St. Maximilian Kolbe promoted devotion to rosary.

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator



Quote of the Week

"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength."

News from the Parish

FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST NOTICES

Day of Preparation for the Sacrament - Saturday, 17 October from 2pm-6pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish/School Hall followed by Mass.

The Celebration of the First Holy Eucharist will be on:

Sunday 25th October at 11am and 2pm

Sunday 1st November at 11am and 2pm

Sunday 8th November at 11am and 2pm

Contact Tracy at: sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au

Gifts for First Holy Eucharist are available from the piety store (alongside the Church). Please visit the store after Masses on weekends or call into the parish office during the week Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm for help.

GIFT OF CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX PROJECT

The parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville, is once again collecting shoe boxes filled with practical gifts for the poor.

Shoe boxes will be sent to some of the poorest countries in the world as a Christmas gift to children. One of the wonderful things about the shoebox is that the whole family can get involved with the preparation.

Please decide on the sex and the age of the child you wish to sponsor. The age categories are: 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old and 10-14 years old. Here are some suggestions:

A cuddly toy, dolls, a wrapped bar of soap and a flannel, a toothbrush, toothpaste, crayons, felt pens, pencils with pencil sharpener, a hat, cap, small musical instrument, a small ball or tennis ball, jewellery, hair bands, clip-on earrings, toy cars or trucks, clothes, etc.

Please do not include chocolates or other foods that could melt or perish. War related items (toy guns, soldiers), medicines or anything liquid or sharp, are also prohibited.

Place the items inside a box and deliver it to the parish office. Remember to stick a label to the lid of the box to show the gender and age of the child for whom the gift is intended.

You can bring the boxes to the Church on a weekend or drop them off at the parish office by **1 November 2015**.

Thank you.

Baby Boy

Congratulations to the Fonseca family on the arrival of Gabriel a brother for Marcus (4 Yellow) and Sienna (1 Green)

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Parent Representative Meeting

The parent representative meeting for Term 4 for those who are available will be held next Thursday 15th October, at 8.45am in the staffroom. We will be discussing planned activities for Term 4 and future initiatives.

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: New iceblock ingredients to families of children with allergies

Swimming Program



Clarification of dates for our upcoming Swimming Program for Kindergarten, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are noted below. As advised, the program will take place at the indoor pool at C2K Aquatic Centre at the Castle Hill RSL. **Please note there is no swimming on Monday 23rd November.**

Kindergarten: Tues 17th to Fri 27th Nov (Weeks 7 & 8)

Years 1 & 2: Tues 17th to Fri 27th Nov (Weeks 7 & 8)

Year 3: Tues 24th to Fri 27th Nov (Week 8)

Year 4: Tues 17th to Fri 20th Nov (Week 7)

If you have not already returned the permission note and grading sheet, please complete and return to your child's teacher **tomorrow**.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Alexis Tadiaman KB
 Darius Mekary KG
 Ryan McDermott KY
 Connor Paton KY
 Eimear Kelly 1B
 Zoe Ortlepp 1G
 Tyra Moc 1Y
 Lucas Borg 2B
 Aimon Fitzsimons 2G
 Jeremy James 2Y
 Ivana Alilovic 3B
 Laura Nati 3G
 Joan Bautista 3Y
 Natasha Egiziano 4B
 Philippa Gattini 4G
 Robert Kelly 4Y
 Julia Ogilvie 5B
 Joshua Hakme-Bader 5G
 Sabrina Sultana 5Y
 Jack Smales 6B
 Brandon Darmudi 6G
 Olivia Rae 6Y

St Angela's Award

Ella West KB
 Rhys Wilson KG
 Jackson Bercich 1B
 Oliver Gerrettsen-Cornell 1G
 Yasmin Davie 1Y
 Tara Bishop 2B
 Mia Russo 2G
 Edwina Vassallo 2Y
 Brinley Lewis 3B
 Nathan Adji 3G
 Holly Di Staso 3Y
 Isabella Tadiaman 4B
 Cora Ledwith 4G
 Morven Selfridge 4Y
 Krister Lo 5B
 Emma Vitanza 5G
 Benjamin Watson 5Y
 Aisling Collins 6B
 James Cassab 6G
 Dylan Mendoza 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

OCTOBER

Sun 11th

James O'Donnell

Wed 14th

Miss Lawrence

Mon 12th

Madison Nasr

Taylor Brett

Thurs 15th

William Taylor

Tues 13th

Sophia Jandrlic

Jasmine Oakey

Fri 16th

Mrs Szady

Sat 17th

Joshua Catania

Finya Begg

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

Congratulations and very well done to the following children who received a distinction, credit or merit in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools optional English competition:

Distinction: Kiara Lee, Emily Nasso

Credit: Alexander Palmer, Dylan Manio, Emily O'Rourke, Jessica Herbas, Samantha Hohn, Indianna Cane, Jaida Batoua, Emma Vitanza, Joshua Bridge

Merit: Amalia Araneda, Zaidyn Wallace, Josh Bautista, Jimmy Tran, Brandon Darmudi

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT DAYS

Physical Education and Sports lessons for this term are noted below. Children are to please wear their sports uniforms on these days. Year 6 children may wear their white shirts on both days.

Kindergarten	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Evening

A reminder that our Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 7.00pm in the school hall.

Lego Club

St Angela's is starting an exciting Lego Club this term. This will take place at lunch time, once a week in the library. All children are welcome to participate and create something amazing. To kick-start our club and our Lego stockpile, we ask that if anyone has any Lego pieces they would like to donate to the school, could they please be placed in a sealed plastic bag and then sent to school with your child. Thank you for your assistance in starting what will be an exciting and fun opportunity for our creative students. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Amanda Ogilvie



State Championships

Optional Raffle Ticket Purchasing

As noted in last term's Shine, Montana Ritchie (5 Blue) will soon be competing at this elite level in diving. To help support her to participate, she will be selling raffle tickets that are given to all State level competitors for the first two weeks this term.

Congratulations to William Edwards (6 Yellow) who at the end of last term was selected in the NSW PSSA State Softball team to compete in Adelaide next month. Well done William! As a result, William will also be selling the State Championship raffle tickets. Tickets are \$2 each and the prizes are:

1st Prize:	55" Samsung Full HD Smart 3D TV
2nd Prize:	GoPro HD Hero4 Action Video Camera
3rd Prize:	Apple iPad Mini 32GB Wi-Fi capable
4th Prize:	Olympus TG-3 Waterproof Camera
5th Prize:	Sony Noise Cancelling Headphones

Tickets can be purchased at recess and lunchtime under the Big Top.

Thank you for your support.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who have completed the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge. These children will receive a certificate signed by the NSW Premier. The certificates will be delivered to the school later this term.

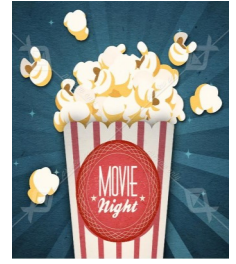
Mrs Rosanne North
 Teacher Librarian

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

A St Angela's family event. All welcome. Something new and different.

Sunset on the back oval followed by an outdoor family movie on a big screen.

Bring your own chairs, rugs, food, soft drinks etc. A coffee cart and gelato cart will also be available. Gates open at 6.30pm. Sunset will be at approximately 7.15pm with the movie starting at 7.30pm.



Please note: This is an alcohol and glass free evening. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Band Showcase Evening

You are invited to come along and listen to the band students perform in an entertaining evening of music. Details of the showcase are as follows:

Date: This Wednesday 14th October
Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Time: 7.00pm (students are asked to be there by 6.30pm to set up)
Dress: Summer school uniform

We look forward to seeing everyone at the performance.

A reminder for our Kindergarten to Year 4 families, swimming permission slips and grading forms are due back at school tomorrow, Friday 9th October.

ST ANGELA'S, CASTLE HILL CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS DAY FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 8.45AM

St Angela's School Community invites all grandparents to join us for a celebration of joy and thanksgiving to honour the gift of grandparents to our children. We hope that this day will continue to strengthen the bonds grandparents have with their grandchildren and nurture the unique tradition that we share in each family.

Program outline:

- ⊗ 8.45am Morning assembly/Prayer of thanksgiving for our grandparents
- ⊗ Classroom visits to join in learning activities with the children
- ⊗ Morning tea in the St Maximilian school hall

This is a wonderful event and is a highlight of our calendar for all grandparents who enjoy visiting the school.

As a large number of visitors are anticipated we ask that you bring in a plate to share for morning tea if you have a grandparent attending. Your contribution can be left in the hall on Thursday afternoon, 29th October or the morning of Friday 30th October. Please see next week's newsletter for further catering arrangements and a suggested list of food categories per grade to give our grandparents variety.

We hope you can join us.

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.

Kindergarten to Year 2 Athletics Carnival

Last term, children from Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in the Infants Athletics Carnival. A range of activities were undertaken by the children, including an Egg and Spoon Race, Tunnel Ball, Tug 'o' War and a 70 metre sprint. We were very fortunate that the downpours of rain fell either side of our start and finish time for the carnival! Great fun was had by all and the sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown by the children was inspiring.

Our 70 metre sprint grade champions were:

Year 2: Aidan Crowley and Jessica Woolnough

Year 1: Lucas Seda and Yasmin Davie

Kindergarten: Shannon Aneksothphan and Ciara Crowley

Thank you once again to all the parent helpers, Nat D'Silva, Lisa Granero, Jillian Metcalfe, Vivian Mohan-Ram, Fiona Hohn, Lillian Perusich, Tracey Pace, Rachel Brook, Karen Wilson, Cherille Paton, Alicia Lane, Kari Anne Begg, Michelle Mowbray, Vicki Watson, Susan Vassallo, Kirra McNamara, Diana Norris, Marie Catalano, Leanne Bower, Anna Chapman, Natalie Sultana, Fiona Lambert, Francine Moc, Pina Wehrmann, Rob Burden, Monica Crowley and Doreen O'Donnell and all our teachers. Without you our day would not have been such a success!



Mrs Louise Lean

Year 1 Teacher

On behalf of all the infants classes, thank you to Mrs Lean for her time and effort in co-ordinating this great opportunity for the children to 'let their light shine.'

Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion Reflection

As always, parents teach by example

- ◇ Notice your own attitudes.
- ◇ Remember that children are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself. Do not make jokes that perpetuate stereotypes.
- ◇ Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully.
- ◇ Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in media
- ◇ Answer children's questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- ◇ Acknowledge and respect differences within your own family. Demonstrate acceptance of your children's differing abilities, interests, and styles. Value the uniqueness of each member of your family
- ◇ Help your children feel good about themselves.
- ◇ Honour your family's traditions and teach them to your children