



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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**Final Newsletter for 2015**



Dear Parents,

Our swimming carnival on Monday at the different venue, Blacktown Aquatic Centre, was a great day of healthy competition and most importantly participation. The day saw Garda as victors for the first time. Congratulations to all the colour houses. Feedback about the trial of the new venue was extremely positive, particularly in regards to plenty of parking, being indoors so the children avoid getting burnt and the facilities. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings for co-ordinating our carnival all for the children. Her attention to detail, as always, was outstanding and ensured the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Thank you also to the amazing team of teachers and many thanks to the multitude of parents who assisted on the day (see further details in this Shine).

## The Night Christ Was Born

Our Christmas concert yesterday evening was just wonderful. The weather was kind to us and the atmosphere was indeed what Christmas is all about. The children were perfect and were the shining stars of the evening. Thank you to the overwhelmingly large crowd. Your support is very much appreciated. Appreciation and thanks to the St Angela's staff team, led by our concert co-ordinators Mrs Stewart, Miss Lawrence and Mrs Newbury. Thank you also to our sound technicians, Mr Hurst and Mrs Lean.

The evening concluded with a beautiful sunset on one side, lightning on the other and our Christ Centred community in the middle. What a memorable evening.

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We take this opportunity to once again formally farewell Mrs Stewart who is relocating to Port Macquarie and to Mrs Mizzi who has been appointed as Assistant Principal at Mary Immaculate at Quakers Hill. Their contribution to St Angela's has been very much appreciated. We wish them God's blessings and trust that their new communities will treasure them as much as we have.

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As 2015 comes to a close we reflect on what an amazing year of faith, fun and learning we have had. We have been blessed in 'letting our light shine' in so many ways throughout the 2015 journey.

Thank you to the children. They are the reason we are here. Their enthusiasm for life and learning is a wonderful example to us all.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past year. Together they facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic and human excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, themselves and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day but it is in their giving so much that they receive.

Our sincere thanks to our clerical ladies and support teachers. Their smiles greet so many and their support for the children, parents and staff is uncompromising. To our grounds and maintenance staff who have kept our school looking so good and functioning as a learning environment, we say thank you.

I would like to also sincerely thank St Angela's Assistant Principal, Mrs Fitzalan, for her outstanding support to myself, the teachers, the children and school community. Her expertise, dedication and leadership are very much appreciated.

We are blessed to have had Father Alejandro guiding our parish community in its spiritual journey and relationship with Christ. We thank him for his faith, love and care.

To you, our parents, the primary educators of your children, I give thanks for your support and partnership in providing so much for the children. No matter what your contribution over the year, big or small, it is appreciated and has benefited the children.

We wish all those venturing on from St Angela's the best that life has to offer and welcome new families to our community for next year.

I look forward to another year of faith, fun and learning in 2016.

May God's blessings be with you and your families during this special festive season. Merry Christmas to one and all.

*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:

**"It is in giving that we receive"**

*Our theme this week focuses on the gifts of 'ourselves' that we give to others when we help another person, when we speak a kind word, when we forgive, when we do something for someone else and expect nothing in return. To gain satisfaction from simply living out our gospel values in our interactions with others truly helps us receive Christ in our lives at this special time of Christmas.*

## 'SHINE QUEST'

**ST ANGELA'S 15TH ANNUAL TALENT QUEST  
TOMORROW, FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER**

We welcome everyone to our Shine Quest for 2015 tomorrow, Friday 11th December. The finalists from each grade will perform from 9.00 -10.30am in the hall. We look forward to an enjoyable morning to showcase the talents of our children. Parents are most welcome to attend.

## Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Classroom Teachers for 2016, Information from Our Lady of the Rosary  
Hard Copy: Swimming Carnival and Birthdays



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# Religious Education



Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C

**Luke 3:10-18** Love one another but do it in practical ways

This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others, how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary – don't overcharge, share your surplus with the needy and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'. Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others. Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the human dignity we have come to regard as human rights – education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom. The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary of life. The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

From [a reflection on the Gospel](#) by Donal Neary SJ, at the [Sacred Heart Messenger website](#)



## Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

The Holy Year of Mercy begins on December 8<sup>th</sup> on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with opening the Holy Door of St Peter's. Pope Francis has called upon all Catholics to be a living sign of God's love for the world. God's sending of Jesus is an act of mercy for the world, and so the season of Advent is a perfect time for reflection upon themes of mercy and hope. By embracing the call to mercy, we will know the full grace of the season.

Mrs Marilyn Turner  
Religious Education Co-ordinator

## Baby Girls

*Congratulations to the Sweeney family on the arrival of Harper, a sister for Noah (K Yellow)*

*Congratulations to the Jenkins family on the arrival of Georgia a sister for Noah (1 Blue)*

*Welcome to St Angela's School Community*

## Christmas Hampers - Last Call, Due Tomorrow

The St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to needy families. Thank you to those families who have already donated hampers. Please keep in mind that we are hoping to provide a Christmas dinner for families who otherwise would not have anything special to eat on Christmas Day. Information from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville was emailed to all families last week. Please send items in to your child's class teacher **tomorrow Friday 11th December** to allow distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 4

#### Week 10

Fri 11th Dec

9.00-11.00am Shine Quest - Parents welcome

#### Week 11

Mon 14th Dec

St Angela's Day - 8.30am Prayer, Parents welcome

Tues 15th Dec

2.30pm Year 6 Farewell Parade under the Big Top - Parents welcome

7.00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Wed 16th Dec

Last day of school for the children - Christmas Mufti

Thurs 17th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Fri 18th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

## Quote of the Week

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind."



## ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS THIS MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER



The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations this Monday. We will be having excitement filled rides and a complimentary gelato for each child. All free to say thank you to our children for a great year of faith, fun and learning and to celebrate St Angela's Day.

The day will begin with a prayer service honouring our patron Saint, St Angela Merici. Parents are most welcome to attend our prayer commencing at 8.30am. Children are to wear sensible mufti clothing and a hat, keeping in mind they will be participating in a range of activities including the use of play equipment. The children must wear footwear which they find quick and easy to remove and put back on their feet. No thongs please. Children are required to bring their recess and lunch. Please ensure the children bring along plenty to drink.

We are looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable day.

## Meet Your Teacher For 2016

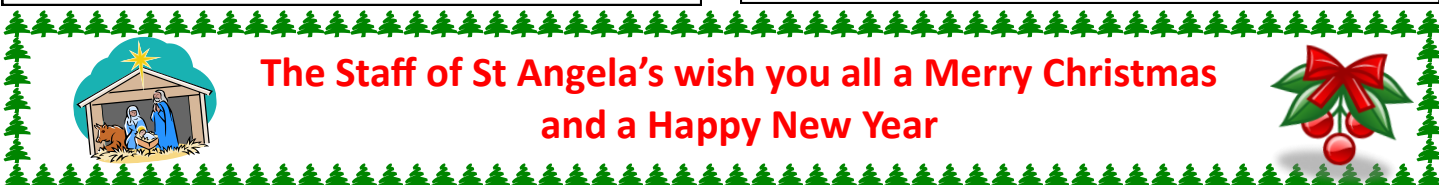
Children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2016 tomorrow, Friday 11th December. A list of class teachers for 2016 was emailed to every family earlier this week.

## Year 6 Gathering

The whole school will gather to wish Year 6 all the best on Tuesday 15th December at approximately 2.30pm under the big top. Parents are most welcome to attend.

## Last Day of School for 2015

Wednesday 16th December is the last day for all students in Kindy to Year 6 for 2015. The children are welcome to wear Christmas Mufti to help celebrate this joyous time of year.



**The Staff of St Angela's wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



## Celebrating our Gifts

### Academic Excellence

Alexis Tadiaman KB  
Angelina Tallaridi KG  
William Taylor KY  
Olivia Mizzi 1B  
Lucas Rothwell 1G  
Troy Austen 1Y  
Kean Holmes 2B  
Georgia Zeid 2G  
Edwina Vassallo 2Y  
Emily Mitchell 3B  
Estavan Alberti 3G  
Charlie Nelson 3Y  
James Baylis 4B  
Michael Roditis 4G  
Ella Evans 4Y  
Oliver Murphy 5B  
Liana Vella 5G  
Armaan Tulsi 5Y  
Patrick Sanares 6B  
Allanah Pillon 6G  
William Edwards 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Alexandra Huynh KB  
Christian Mendoza KG  
Ryan McDermott KY  
William Schenko 1B  
Liam Norris 1G  
Tyra Moc 1Y  
Olivia Sultana 2B  
Frederik Bounassif 2G  
Alexandra Knight 2Y  
Cassandra Davidson 3B  
Jessica Tallaridi 3G  
Bianca May 3Y  
Jessica O'Meara 4B  
Nicholas Perusich 4G  
Leon Reyes 4Y  
Chloe Pace 5B  
Zaidyn Wallace 5G  
Jayson Orley 5Y  
Chantelle Ritchie 6B  
Ethan Smith 6G  
Marcus Basso 6Y

## School Leaders for 2016

Congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders for 2016 as announced at last week's end of year Mass:

### School Captains

Josh Bautista Olivia Tesoriero

### School Vice Captains

Vincent Siligato Brianna Newell

### Brescia

Matthew Jacobs Arianna Mohan-Ram

### Garda

Raphael Saul Keira Callaghan

### Merici

Spencer Anderson Olivia Nati

### Salo

Ben Watson Mia Jamer

## Year 6 Gift to St Angela's

Many thanks to our departing Year 6 students who will present the school with two clocks as a sign of their appreciation for the Catholic Education they have received over their time at St Angela's. There is an outdoor clock and a clock for our Hall which will be visible and used by all staff and students for many years to come.

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Tessa Phelan (4 Green) who was recently awarded an encouragement award at the Women's Group Artistic Gymnastics at Castle Hill RSL. Tessa also received 8 blue ribbons at the Foundation Festival held earlier in the year. Well done Tessa!

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Congratulations to Grace Brewer (5 Blue) and Claire Eisenhuth (5 Green) who recently competed at the Australian Allstar Cheerleading Federation's National Competition in Melbourne. Grace and Claire's team came second in Youth Level 1 Cheer, with Grace's team also coming second in Youth Pom dance. Claire's team were awarded first place in Youth Pom, making them National Champions Well done girls!

## Year 6 Graduation

This Tuesday 15th December at 7.00pm, Year 6 and their families will gather in our hall to celebrate God's many blessings on them during their time at St Angela's. Grandparents/siblings are welcome. We ask that siblings are fully supervised so that the evening's focus is on our Year 6 graduates. A light supper organised by our Year 5 parents will be held after Mass. Many thanks to the generous Year 5 parents who have volunteered to provide food and/or assist.

Our thanks for the many years the following families have been consistently, without a break, associated with St Angela's as their youngest child leaves Year 6 - Askew (10 yrs), Bareham (10 yrs), Barnsley (4 yrs) Bennett (14 yrs), Breva (7 yrs), Catania (9 yrs), Dell'Aquila (9 yrs), Di Giacomo (11 yrs), Easterbrook (13 yrs), Elliott (9 yrs), Geromboux (9 yrs), Hanna (12 yrs), Harriss (10 yrs), Heming (9 yrs), Henderson (7 yrs), Horvath (2 yrs), Huang (6 yrs), Ibrahim (7 yrs), Kaelin (12 yrs), Lawton (12 yrs), Lees (5 yrs), Mancuso (7 yrs), McEwan (7 yrs), Nguyen (12 yrs), Papallo (5 yrs), Pfeffercorn (10 yrs), Remedios (10 yrs), Sanares (3 yrs), Smethurst (2 yrs), Smolinski (9 yrs), Soliman (2 yrs), Tesoriero (7 yrs), Turner (7 yrs), Tran (3 yrs), Voegt (3 yrs), Watson (7 yrs), Wenaden (14 yrs), Western (14 yrs).

Farewell and thank you from our St Angela's community.

### Year 6 Parent Committee Helpers

A big thank you to Kathy Turner, Katie Edwards, Franca Askew, Leeanne Egiziano, Monica Crowley, Annette Peterson, Cathy Bareham, Di McGaulley and Donna Collins for all your help with the Year 6 Celebrations. Your generosity is very much appreciated and valued. The children had one of their most memorable nights thanks to you.

*Thank you, from all of us to you*

## Thank you

Thank you to the large number of parents who have given generously of their time and support in so many ways this term at St Angela's. This includes helping with excursions, sporting events, literacy, classrooms, parent meetings, library assistance, home readers, special food days, graduation supper, Year 6 celebrations, special events, discos, canteen, morning teas, book club and so much more.



## **Anaphylaxis, Allergies and Asthma**

### **Did you receive your email?**

Last week an email was sent to families whose child/ren currently have medication stored at school for anaphylaxis, allergies and asthma. **If you did not receive the email, please notify the office as soon as possible.**

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

## **Uniform News**

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00 to 3.00pm selling all uniform items. There will also be some sample sizes to view on this day. Official days for all children in Kindergarten to Year 6 to be fitted and take home their St Angela's uniform will be as follows:

Friday 15th January from 10.00am to 12.30pm  
Saturday 16th January from 4.00pm to 6.00pm  
Thursday 21st January from 3.00 pm to 6.00pm

These will take place in the school hall. You are welcome to attend any of these opening times or utilise the order form available from the office/website. If there are any problems at all, please do not hesitate to contact Oz Fashions direct on 0421 216 414.

### **SPORTS SHOES**

Our policy states sports shoes are to be predominantly white, low cut runners. No high top basketball style runners are permitted. If you are purchasing sports shoes for school for 2015, we ask that you support us by not purchasing shoes that are totally fluoro, or have the majority coloured etc.

## **NEW FAMILIES BBQ - CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS**

Next year, as is now tradition we will welcome all the Kinder 2016 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ and drinks early in the new school year. We ask that available parents from this year's Kinder and/or any grade who would be willing to help organise the occasion complete the attached slip. We aim to have the event on **Friday, 5th February at 5:00pm.**

*Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.*

### **NEW FAMILIES BBQ 2016**

I will be able to assist at the new families BBQ on Friday, 5th February, 2016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS OPEN UNTIL  
AND INCLUDING WEDNESDAY**

**16TH DECEMBER FOR ALL STUDENTS  
IN KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6**

**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR YEARS 1-6 ON 28TH JANUARY  
KINDERGARTEN ON 1ST FEBRUARY**

## **Christmas Treats**

In these last weeks of school, children like to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks. This is a lovely gesture. As there are a number of children at St Angela's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

## **Pre-Requisite Lists Coming Home Soon**

You will find that pre-requisite lists for 2016 will once again require you to purchase less and that the school will provide more. This is particularly the case in the infant classes. We hope that this will assist families financially and certainly provide a little consistency in materials the children use. These will be emailed to each family shortly.



### **Your guide to the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge**

These summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge will once again be launched and we are encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

**How to enter:** It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis. Entries open on 2 November 2015 and close at 5pm on 5 February 2016. Further information and terms and conditions can be found at [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au).

## **Child Protection**

A reminder for parents who are required to 'UPDATE' their child protection and for 'NEW' parents to the school. The Catholic Education Office has an online training module to be completed by volunteers. All parents whose child protection is due to expire (only lasts 2 years) are requested to follow the link below. Instructions are given. An email is then sent to yourselves and to the school confirming that your child protection is now up to date. *To access the module please follow the link below:*

### **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:**

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Child Protection **must** be completed by all parents wishing to help out in the school on excursions, canteen, uniform shop and classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation.

# St Angela's Swimming Carnival

## Monday 7th December 2015

I just love the St Angela's community spirit! What an awesome day at our swimming carnival, the new venue at Blacktown Aquatic Centre was fantastic! It was amazing to see the children of St Angela's participating and enjoying a day of swimming. The colour house team spirit and support for each other was also extraordinary on the day. Congratulations to all the children on their enthusiasm. A special thank you to our Colour House Captains for their team spirit and leadership on the day.

The children showed great competitiveness and skill, the training and effort that so many put in really paid off on the day. We had a record number of participants regardless of their swimming abilities. Well done in getting in and having a go. The overall point score on the day was so close 7 points difference it just may have been the point you earned for participating in the 25m events that got Garda over the line. After 15 years with Merici, we are now able to engrave a different colour house on our trophy. Congratulations GARDA.

Thank you to the teachers for all their hard work ensuring the children were ready for their races and enjoyed the day. Congratulations to the ex students relay team who were victorious on the day. Even though youth triumphed, the teachers and parents swam their best.

I was overwhelmed with the amount of parents who put their hand up to help out on the day, so thank you: Brendan McEneaney, Rosemary Gattini, Debbie Newell, Natalie Anderson, Sonia O'Rourke, Deearne Ritchie, Di McGaulley, Natasha Vitanza, Tammy Sultana, Tara Shepherd, Karen Foxe, Jo Evans, Kelly Smales, Toni Phelan, Sonia Perez, Peter Benning, Simon Love, Tanya Brangwin, Vanessa Thomas, Nicola Motton-Palmer, Natalia Widjaja, Kathy Turner, Deb Hefron, Hayley Cane, Helen Morley, Frances Rothwell, Michelle Rambow, Fiona Hohn and Michelle McEneaney. To the ex students and friends thank you for giving your time on the day: Stephanie Hefron, Lauren Jacobs, Georgia Newell, Mikaela Love, Cooper Ritchie, Hayden Orley, Cooper Anderson, Lucas Tenn, William Eisenhuth, Will Fitzalan and Joshua Fox. We could not have had such a great day without all your assistance. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children. We certainly are lucky to have such a supportive St Angela's community.

### RESULTS

Congratulations to **GARDA**, the winning Colour House and to **SALO** for winning the Team Spirit Cup.

Our 2016 Swimming Age Champions:

Snr Boy Champion	Oliver Murphy	Runner Up	Jayson Orley
Snr Girl Champion	Montana Ritchie	Runner Up	Emma Vitanza
11 Years Boy Champion	Owen Turner	Runner Up	Joseph McEneaney
11 Years Girl Champion	Ella Evans	Runner Up	Ava Foxe
Jnr Boy Champion	Angus Gibbons	Runner Up	Harrison Tandy
Jnr Girl Champion	Sophie Young	Runner Up	Jessica Hohn

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sports Co-ordinator

*Many thanks once again to Mrs Hemmings for all things sport during 2015.  
It has been an amazing year of personal bests, participation, fun and good sportsmanship  
thanks to Mrs Hemmings' tireless effort.*



# Happy Birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday this coming week and during the holidays!

## December

**Sun 13th**  
Charlotte Edwards

**Mon 14th**  
Xin Mei Lees  
Thomas Norris

**Wed 16th**  
Oliver Murphy

**Thurs 17th**  
Sascha Blefari

**Fri 18th**  
Olivia Nati

**Sat 19th**  
Anna McEanearney  
Isabella Hall  
Narelle Barker  
Freya Begg  
Shiloh Aguas

**Sun 20th**  
Connie Costa  
Charlotte Baylis

**Mon 21st**  
Finnian Christie  
Tanya Benedict

**Thurs 24th**  
Veronica Cheng  
Jessica Lester

**Sat 26th**  
Ethan Adan  
Joshua Bridge

**Mon 28th**  
Connor Khoury  
Noah Andrew

**Wed 30th**  
Riley Roditis

**Thurs 31st**  
Nathan Adjji

## January

**Fri 1st**  
Mrs Newman

**Mon 4th**  
Dineth Jayakody  
Lucas Borg

**Tues 5th**  
Cameron McCranor  
Matteo Muscardo

**Wed 6th**  
Aisling Collins  
Kate McEvoy

**Thurs 7th**  
Isabella Tadiaman

**Fri 8th**  
Mrs Hyam

**Sun 10th**  
Miss Joice

**Mon 11th**  
Chloe Pace

**Tues 12th**  
Joel Woodhead  
Raymond Saade

**Thurs 14th**  
Jordan Hanza

**Fri 15th**  
Lachlan Smethurst  
Raphael Saul  
Brinley Lewis

**Sat 16th**  
Katarina Costa  
Enrique Hanza  
Madlen Gunasekera

**Sun 17th**  
Alannah Gattini  
Jessica Portelli

**Tues 19th**  
Sophia Di Giacomo

**Wed 20th**  
Tara Bishop  
Jacquelyn Bennett  
Elishia Singh  
Zachary Brook

**Sat 23rd**  
Tiani Layoun

**Sun 24th**  
Giselle Mendiola  
Kiara Lee  
Harry Clarke  
Sarah Mustafa-Ortiz

**Mon 25th**  
Matthew Jacobs  
Vincent Siligato

**Tues 26th**  
Alyssa Frasca  
Liana Vella

**Wed 27th**  
Charlotte Burgess  
Jorjah Batoua  
Benjamin Watson  
Mrs Sinclair

**Thurs 28th**  
Macey Holmes

**Fri 29th**  
Emily Chiew

**Sat 30th**  
Mikaela Southwood  
Valentino Anastasio  
Cora Ledwith  
Mrs Hynes



Sydney Olympic Park is the home of this year's Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Sydney event. You can swim in the same pool as champion Libby Trickett and run on the same athletic track as Olympic gold medallist Sally Pearson. You will also get to cycle around Sydney Olympic Park on a specially designed cycling course. This year's event will take place on Sunday 31st January. It is suggested you register NOW to be part of the fun. More information can be found online at <http://tryathlon.weetbix.com.au>.

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sports Co-ordinator



# STAR WARS

**Star Wars VII Movie Night** Come and see the next chapter of the greatest movie saga of all time (Star Wars Episode VII. The Force Awakens in 3D) with one of its greatest fans. **Fr Alejandro Lopez!**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will be hosting a screening at 7pm on Wednesday 30 December 2015 at Event Cinemas at Castle Hill. We've reserved the theatre but seating is limited for this one night parish event. Contact Angela at the Parish Office to reserve your place. Tickets are sold at cost \$20 per seat. Don't wait... The Force is strong with this one!

## THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, KELLYVILLE

**Carols by Candlelight**  
**Sunday, 13 December at 6.30pm**

Please join us at this special event as we prepare for Christmas through song and worship. Our Carols by Candlelight will be held at the OLOR School grounds outside the new hall. Please bring blankets to sit on the ground covering. (No chairs will be allowed as they damage the artificial grass.) Drinks and BBQ will be for sale as well as glowstix for the children. **Santa arrives before the end of the night at 8.30pm.**

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Thursday, 24 December**

**6pm Children's Mass**

(children may come dressed as figures from the story of Christ's birth and process in with the priest.)

**8pm Vigil Mass**

**11.30pm Christmas Carols**

**Friday, 25 December**

**12 midnight Mass**

**7am, 9am and 11am Masses**

**(THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY)**

**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION** on Friday, **18 December** at 7pm OLOR Parish; Monday **21 December** at 7pm at St. Monica's, Richmond. Please come and celebrate God's mercy and prepare for Christmas. Additional priests from the deanery will be available each night to hear confessions.

**Confessions on each Saturday of the year: 9.45am until 10.15am and again 5pm to 5.50pm**

### Blessing of the Baby Jesus

Bring the baby Jesus from your family's home. Nativity set to the Shrine Chapel for a special Christmas blessing.

10.00am to 11.00am

### Christmas Carol Sing Along

Join us in the St Anthony Chapel for an old fashioned Christmas carol sing along with Joe Apap from

10.00am to 11.00am

### Christmas Face Painting

Fun for the children includes free face painting with a chance to win special prizes. From 10.00am to 12.00am.

### Christmas Gift Booth

A collection of Shrine art and Christmas crafts for all the last minute shoppers.

10.00am to 1.00pm on the Lawn  
by the Shrine Chapel

### Christmas Raffle

Take a chance to win a large Christmas gift basket. Raffle Tickets are sold on the lawn by the Shrine Chapel.

### A Visit from Santa Claus

Santa and his helpers will arrive at 11.00am to visit with children of all ages

### Christmas Luncheon

a large variety of Christmas food and desserts will be served from 11.00am until 1.00pm

**Please park at the OLOR car park  
and walk to the shrine**

## Christmas at the Shrine



**Saturday, 19th  
December, 2015**

**10.00am to 1.00pm**

**The Franciscan  
Shrine of the Holy  
Innocents**

**8 Greyfriar Place,  
Kellyville**

## The Small Beatitudes

### Reflection

*Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves;  
They will have no end of fun.*

*Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a molehill;  
they will be saved a lot of bother.*

*Blessed are those who know how to relax without looking for  
excuses; they are on their way to becoming wise.*

*Blessed are those who are sane enough not to take  
themselves too seriously; they will be valued most by those  
around them.*

*Happy are you if you can take small things seriously and face  
serious things calmly; you will go far in life.*

*Happy are you if you can appreciate a smile and forget a  
frown; you will walk on the sunny side of the street.*

*Happy are you if you can be kind in understanding the  
attitudes of others even when the signs are unfavourable; you  
may be taken for a fool, but this is the price of charity.*

*Blessed are those who think before acting and pray before  
thinking; they will avoid many blunders.*

*Happy are you if you know how to hold your tongue and smile,  
even when people interrupt and contradict you or tread on  
your toes; the Gospel has begun to seep into your heart.*

*Above all, blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all whom  
you meet; the light of truth shines in your life for you have  
found true wisdom.*