



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations once again to all our Year 3 students who over the last three weekends, over 6 masses received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

Our appreciation and thanks to Tracey Mann, Our Lady of the Rosary Sacramental Co-ordinator, Religious Education Co-ordinators and teachers from St Angela's and Our Lady of the Rosary and, most importantly, Fr Alejandro for celebrating all the masses.

This significant milestone in the faith journey of the children is a true blessing and gift from God in which we all celebrate.

Each day our children grow and learn. They are on an exciting journey that is yet to unfold. Fostering resilience in our children is essential for their success in life.

Resilience is:

- ♦ The capacity to cope and feel competent
- ♦ The ability to accept life's disappointments and bounce back from hard times.
- ♦ A generally positive attitude to life
- ♦ A mixture of attitude, skills, abilities and character.

Some are born with a more resilient spirit, others have resilience fostered by early childhood experiences.

What does a resilient child look like?

- ♦ Healthy thinking habits
 - Realistic/Detective thinking
 - Helpful thinking
 - Being optimistic
- ♦ Independent and resourceful
- ♦ Good problem-solvers
- ♦ Able to mix well with others

Children need the freedom to:

- ♦ Grow up free from having to please their parents all the time (hopefully they will want to please you because of shared values)
- ♦ Be free to make their own mistakes (making mistakes is how we learn)
- ♦ Be free to feel discomfort and learn from life's disappointments

"Prepare our children for the path, not the path for our children."

Please be aware that an important letter regarding student attendance was emailed home last Friday 6th November. This letter outlines new procedures for all schools in our Diocese and beyond in regards to attendance.

Guidelines stipulate that attendance below a certain level, must be followed up in a formal way.

Firstly, if your child has an Attendance Rate of below 90%, ie. More than 5 days absent out of a 50 day term, a note will come home, letting you know that that is the case. This note will be titled 'Parent Attendance Information Letter' and will include the number of days your child has been absent. We apologise if this letter causes alarm as parents realize just how many days their child has actually missed due to sickness, holidays, other absences etc.

For children whose Attendance Rate is below 85%, ie. 8 or more days per term, as per guidelines parents will be contacted and/or invited to school to attend an Attendance Planning Meeting. The ultimate aim is to improve student attendance in order to improve student's learning outcomes.

Please note we are very aware that some children have medical conditions, have been ill or have had surgery, resulting in prolonged periods of absence. Please be assured that if a child is genuinely not well the best place to be is home with you where they can be cared for. When these compulsory Parent Attendance Information letters are issued, we are aware of special circumstances, but we are still required to follow process and procedure and send these notes home.

Thank you for your support in this vital area.

Also sent home to our whole school community earlier this week was a note seeking your feedback for assistance with our planning for 2016. Your feedback as always is most welcome. My thanks for the many responses that have already been sent.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Tony Calabria
Principal



FINAL GENERAL PARENT MEETING FOR 2015 THIS WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM

We hope you can join us

AGENDA

- * Prayer & Welcome
- * Review minutes of last meeting
- * Committee Reports
- * Naplan feedback
- * 2015 in Review
- * 2016 Future Planning

Come along and join us for our final General Parent Meeting for the year. All are welcome.

REMAINING KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Friday 27th November

9.00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday November 27th, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 3.00pm.



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Religious Education



Sunday, November 15th 2015

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Mark 13:24-32 No matter the season, we need to bring the love

The fig tree is to be our teacher. Every spring we observe a bare tree start to green. Leaves appear and we know that summer is on the horizon. As Spring is a prelude to Summer, and Autumn warns of Winter so we must not be complacent, imagining that life can be held in suspension. Like seasons we have a short span of life, we must use our life profitably, not in financial terms but in terms of our baptismal commitment. Jesus showed us that a short life is not necessarily unprofitable and that our understanding of usefulness is not always God's understanding. Perhaps this is a good time to reflect on the year in terms of our commitment to discipleship. We were "sent" to bring love to all that we touch. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, this essence of evangelisation.

To respond we must be awake!

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

Advent Liturgy: Year 2

Last week Year 2 prayed and reflected during their liturgy to look towards Christ's coming with excitement and with joy. Just as people followed the Christmas star at Jesus' birth, we can follow the Word of the Lord. Let us open our hearts to you in this Advent Season and give us the strength to walk in your way.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Baby Girl

*Congratulations to the Khoudair family on the arrival of Ivy
a sister for Joe (2 Yellow) and Mia (K Yellow)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Swimming Program



Our Swimming Program for Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 4 will begin this week. Year 3 will commence their program in Week 8. The program will take place at the indoor pool at **C2K Aquatic Centre at the Castle Hill RSL**. Dates are as follows:

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)

Please note the following classes need to be at school at 8.10am ready to leave on the first bus at 8.20am:

**Tues 17th to Fri 20th Nov (Week 7) - 4 Green and 4 Yellow
Tues 24th Nov to Fri 27th Nov (Week 8) - 3 Blue and 3 Green**

If you are late your child will unfortunately miss out given the nature of the program. They will not be able to join another class during the day.

A Few Reminders:

We ask that each child bring the following items **in their excursion bag**: Plastic bag, swimmers, goggles, towel, T-shirt, hat from home, thongs/sandals. The children will be given a swimming cap at the pool during their first lesson, please ensure your child brings this with them each day. **PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS.**

Mrs Meegan Ffello
Co-ordinator



TERM 4

Week 6

Fri 13th Nov

Upcoming Dates

2.10pm Kindergarten Grade Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Week 7

Tues 17th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 4 Swimming Program at C2K

Wed 18th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 4 Swimming Program at C2K

Year 6 Orientation at Marian College

7.00pm General Parent Meeting in the staffroom - All welcome

Thurs 19th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 4 Swimming Program at C2K

Fri 20th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 4 Swimming Program at C2K

Year 6 Orientation at Oakhill College

St Angela's Family Movie Night. Gates open at 6.40pm, sunset at 7.40pm, movie starting at 7.45pm

Week 8

Mon 23rd Nov

2.10pm Year 4 Grade Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Tues 24th Nov

9.00am Year 5 Leadership Speeches - Parents welcome

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

Wed 25th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

Years 1-6 2016 New Student Orientation

Year 6 Camp to Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre

Thurs 26th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

Year 6 Camp to Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre

Fri 27th Nov

Year 6 Camp to Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

9.00am to 12 noon Final Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Session for all children. Parents are asked to remain for the first hour for a question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 3.00pm

Quote of the Week

"How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself - so always think positively."

DIOCESAN PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (PRC)

The PRC invites all interested parents and friends to attend the next PRC General Meeting:

When: Monday 16th November 2015

Time: 7.00pm

**Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre
Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian Street, Blacktown**

Tim Hardy (Team Leader - Numeracy, CEDP) & Anthony McElhone (Principal, St Oliver's PS, Harris Park) will be speaking at the meeting on:

All students are gifted & talented ... identifying personalised pathways to success

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Taylor D'Silva KB
Nicholas Heanes KG
Angelina Catalano KY
Jessica Araneda 1B
Emma Lang 1G
Sarah Mustafa-Ortiz 1Y
Rachel Agius 2B
Emily Lambert 2G
Connor Calleja 2Y
Amalia Araneda 3B
Michael Alibrandi 3G
Claire Moroney 3Y
Maks Tole 4B
Cooper Metcalfe 4G
Zachary Pace 4Y
Seth Panganiban 5B
Georgia Prestage 5G
Ethan Andrew 5Y
Rachel Western 6B
Joshua Bridge 6Y



St Angela's Award

Jared Suarez KB
Macey Holmes KG
Noah Sweeney KY
Eva Lawlor 1B
Luke Younis 1G
Matthew Despoges 1Y
Ella Peterson 2B
Dominic Darmudi 2G
Dylan Crowe 2Y
Flynn Jamer 3B
Oshi Kirkley 3G
Madlen Gunasekera 3Y
Ethanael Lorenzo 4B
Nicholas Stornelli 4G
Isabella El-Rahi 4Y
Sarah O'Donnell 5B
Sophie Laudams-Gulbis 5G
Jessica Perez 5Y
James Papadimatos 6B
Nicole Crowley 6G
Riley Peterson 6G
Reine Farah 6Y

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish High Tea
This Sunday 15th November
Please return sold or unsold raffle tickets
by tomorrow, Friday 13th November
Thank you**

Thank you

YUM! YUM! YUM!

- To Mel Catania, Deb Heming, Lisa Langridge, Angela Papadimatos, Donna Collins, Natasha Vitanza, Maria Dell'Aquila, Antonella Tesoriero, Sonia O'Rourke, Monica Crowley, Tuyet Nguyen, Lillian Perusich and Fiona Hennessy for their organisation and help with our Pizza Day last Tuesday. The time you give is very much appreciated.



**School Opal Card
- Replacing Existing Bus Passes**

Please see last week's Shine on our website for information outlining eligibility and how to apply for the new School Opal card. **A reminder that an application is required to be completed for all children who travel by bus who are entering Year 3 next year.**

Happy Birthday!

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

NOVEMBER

Sun 15th

Aaron Malcolm
Keira Murphy
Mrs Murray

Thurs 19th

Olivia Pinna
James Watson
Jack Hall

Mon 16th

Sophie Young
Isabella Khodeir

Fri 20th

Riley Peterson
Joel Foxe

Wed 18th

Oliver Chapman

Sat 21st

Nikhita Mohan-Ram
Rebekah Love
Mrs Hemmings

Star Spot

Congratulations to Natarsha Stornelli (6 Blue) who will be playing with the NWS Koalas Football Club in 2016.

Congratulations to Jasmin Mancuso (6 Yellow) who has been chosen to sing, along with the rest of her singing show group, at Myer in the city over the Christmas season. They will also be appearing at the Santa Parade for Westfield Chatswood.

Congratulations to the following ex students who have been elected to leadership roles for 2016 at Oakhill College:

Cameron James - Turon House Captain
Bella Duncan - School Vice Captain
Samuel Dolores - Mutien House Captain



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Our whole school community evening
this year will be held on
Wednesday 9th December
6.30pm under the Big Top**

It is an expectation that all children attend the Christmas concert to celebrate as a St Angela's community this special time of year. Please inform your class teacher immediately if your family is unavailable, as some roles and parts are currently being assigned to children.



Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: High Tea Letter from OLOR Parish, Compulsory School Attendance, Parent Feedback Request, Christmas Hampers, Year 5 Student Leadership Process
Hard Copy: OLOR Raffle Tickets, Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-5

SUNSET AND OUTDOOR CINEMA MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

PADDINGTON (G)

Gold Coin Entry

A St Angela's family event. All welcome.

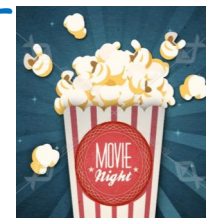
Sunset on the back oval followed by an outdoor family movie on a big screen.

Bring your own chairs, rugs, food, soft drinks etc. Coffee and gelato carts will also be available. Gates open at 6.40pm. Sunset will be at approximately 7.40pm with the movie starting at 7.45pm.

Please note: This is an alcohol and glass free evening. Please be reminded that smoking is prohibited on school grounds at all times. School families only, thank you.

Paddington is a movie adapted from Michael Bond's universally beloved book, PADDINGTON, which follows the journey of an optimistic and polite young bear from Peru who travels to London in search of a home and a family. When the Brown family invites him to stay with them, little do they realise how much comic mayhem one young bear will bring to their everyday family life. We hope to see you there!

We are also in need of some volunteer helpers on the night to assist in a number of areas on a short timetable basis including looking after entry points, supervision outside bathrooms, set up, pack up etc. Given our new date, if you are now able to support us by volunteering some of your time on the evening, could you please contact Wayne Davie on 0404 924 166 with your available times. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Library News - Can You Assist?

Calling any available parents or grandparents who can kindly assist us. Due to the generous donations from our wonderful parents and grandparents, we have a large number of new books for our children. We need help covering these books. We would like to have book covering parent sessions next Tuesday 10th, Tuesday 17th and Tuesday 24th November between 11.30am and 2.30pm. Any time you can spare would be very much appreciated.

GRADUATION SUPPER

A note was sent home this week to all Year 5 families regarding the graduation supper for our Year 6 students and their families on Tuesday 15th December. As the supper is a tradition/gift for Year 6 2015, we are asking the families of Year 5 to donate \$10 towards the supply of food and drinks for the evening and also any time they are able to assist on the evening. All donations should be in an envelope marked 'Farewell Year 5 Catering' with your name **by Friday 20th November**.

This really is a special evening for all Year 6 families. We thank you for your assistance and support which will be repaid by the 2016 Year 5 families when your children are graduating next year.

Year 5 Class Parent Representatives

Uniform News

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 27th 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.

'SHINE QUEST' ST ANGELA'S

15TH ANNUAL TALENT QUEST

On Friday 11th December 2015 from 9.00-11.00am we will conduct the final of our annual Talent Quest. To ensure that this event is enjoyable for the children we have set out our guidelines:

- Each child is invited to participate in one individual and/or one group item.
- Items can include dancing, singing, playing an instrument, movement or a comedy act.
- Parents are asked to supply the necessary music, instruments and costumes etc.
- Children are asked to collect an entry form from the office or their class teacher and return the completed form to their class teacher by **Tuesday 24th November 2015**.
- Each grade will have a mini quest and this will be the audition for the whole school 'SHINE Quest'.
- Parents are welcome to attend the final on Friday 11th December.

This is not a competition but rather a celebration of talent. As a result places etc are not awarded.



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.