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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that in less than 3 weeks the school year will come to an end for 2015. The busyness of this tail end of year in the commercial sector, let alone schools and life itself is often frantic. Many parents I speak to often express how busy they are, not surprisingly the children also talk about how busy they are throughout each week with commitments. I encourage you to intentionally make and take opportunities to spend time as a family. It is this special family time that children crave, cherish and remember. Our children grow up so quickly. The early years are indeed precious. Whether it is a walk in the afternoon, a meal together, sharing a book, or just good conversation, time together is important. We should spend time on what is important. What is more important than family?

This week our Year 6 students are at Challenge Ranch. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather for 3 days/2 nights as a grade and undertake numerous activities including abseiling, archery, rock climbing and orienteering. My sincere gratitude to the teachers, Mrs Newbury, Mrs Rubelj, Mr Hurst and Mrs Hemmings, who have given up their own time away from their own families to be with the children 24/7.

At this time of year the reading from (Matthew 25:31-46) contains a powerful message for our children and for all as adults. Christ's teaching through this passage highlights how our faith can be expressed in practical charity to others. It is a simple and accessible message that as parents we can role model for our children in the way we treat others.

.....*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' When did we see you sick and go to visit you?" 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*.....

Congratulations!

I wish to announce that Mrs Mizzi who was seconded to St Matthew's, Windsor for this year has been appointed as Assistant Principal at Mary Immaculate at Quakers Hill from 2016 onwards. We congratulate her on this senior leadership appointment and ask for God's blessings upon her as she undertakes this important role. We thank her for her commitment over the last eight years to the children of St Angela's and for her expertise, efficiency and effectiveness, both as a teacher, infants co-ordinator and EMU lead teacher.

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:

"Always be prepared"

*Our theme this week is related to the special time of Advent which begins this Sunday as we begin our preparations for the coming of Christ at the special time of Christmas. This theme also reinforces in children the need to be well prepared in their everyday life, from having their school learning materials to being able to plan ahead for events, etc. as opposed to last minute panics and parent rescues. A lot can be learnt from the old saying of: **"In failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."***

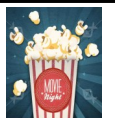
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**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.



SUNSET AND OUTDOOR CINEMA MOVIE NIGHT - PADDINGTON



Our movie night was a great success. The hot weather subsided and it was more than comfortable. A large number gathered with picnic rugs, chairs, bean bags and more and enjoyed a night under the stars watching a family film together.

Our appreciation and thanks to our fun(d)raising movie organising committee of Antonella Tesoriero, Wayne Davie, Michelle Mowbray, Fiona Bridge and Rebecca Nati.

Thank you also to Mr Hurst for his three minute St Angela's trailer that screened before the feature film. Great fun was had by one and all. Thank you for your emails of thanks, one summed it up beautifully:

"A huge thankyou for tonight, we had such a wonderful time. Always nice to have some family time after a busy week. The weather ended up being perfect! Hope we can do it again."



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Religious Education

Sunday, November 29th 2015

1st Sunday of Advent Year C

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Time to wake from our stupor

Advent confronts us and wakes us from our stupor. What is the work of Advent for each of us this year? We are invited to quietly prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of the ever-greater one in the flesh. For what or for whom are we waiting in life? What virtues or gifts are we praying to receive this year? What material things do we seek? The people, qualities, things we await give us great insights into who we are. Advent, far from being a penitential time or a time of despair, is a time of rejoicing in hope and a time of patient waiting. God knows how impatient we are as a people and as individuals. Nevertheless, patience is a blessed virtue for which we should pray during Advent. As Christians, we proclaim the coming of Christ – not just a first coming but another as well that will be far more glorious than the first. The first took place under the sign of patient suffering; the second, on the contrary, will see Christ wearing the crown of God's kingdom. Advent teaches us that there are two ways of looking at history: one is sociological and the other is religious.

From [a reflection on the Gospel](#) by [Fr. Thomas Rosica](#)

The first week of Advent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In this season of Advent, we use the Advent Wreath as a special sign that reminds us, by its evergreen circle, God's endless love for us and God's life in us. These three violet candles and purple ribbon remind us of our waiting, longing and preparation for Jesus' coming at Christmas. The rose candle reminds us of the joy and hope that will replace our longing, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The white candle the sign of Jesus' birth and the new life that comes to us through his death and resurrection. **We will begin the Season of Advent with an Assembly Prayer on Friday.**



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass Friday 4th December

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass. This is also an opportunity for the school community to farewell our Year 6 children and those leaving St Angela's. Our student leaders for 2016 will be announced during the Mass. All welcome.

Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Time & Date: 9.00am, Friday 4th December

Children are to wear full school uniform. Sport uniform will not be required by any classes on this day.

Mass will be followed by a parent thank you morning for all your support and assistance during 2015.

Christmas Hampers

The St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to needy families. 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 by Friday 11th December to allow distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Year 6 Graduation Dinner/Disco



TERM 4
Week 8
Fri 27th Nov

Upcoming Dates

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**

Week 9
Fri 4th Dec

9.00am End of Year Mass and Thank You Morning Tea in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 10
Mon 7th Dec

Years 2-5 Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre

Wed 9th Dec

6.30pm St Angela's Christmas Concert under the Big Top

Fri 11th Dec

9.00-11.00am Shine Quest - Parents welcome

Week 11
Mon 14th Dec

St Angela's Day

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

"It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow."

REMAINING KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION

Tomorrow, Friday 27th November

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

Tomorrow, 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.**

Reflection of the Week "Dream"

Dream your dreams
Envision excellence
Give enthusiasm to others
Be inspiring
Live with passion
Aim for the stars
Think and live healthy
Take pride in yourself
Live your vision every day
Practice what you preach
Appreciate yourself
Live with integrity
Enjoy the journey
Live for today

Enjoy the gift and privilege of life
Cherish and support your friends
Know that you make a difference
Tell those that you love how you feel
Discover the gifts of everyday life
Smile and radiate your love
Recognise your inner beauty
Think bigger than ever before
Appreciate the good things in life
Be greater than your highest thought
Think only the best of others
Make your dreams come true

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Ryan Turner KB
 Ruby Chapman KG
 Emeline Fitzsimons KY
 Taylor Ngo 1B
 Brayden Manio 1G
 Hannah MacNaughton 1Y
 Jack Tole 2B
 Aidan Bower 2G
 Gemma Yager 2Y
 Rachael Rodrigues 3B
 Emily O'Rourke 3G
 Giselle Mendiola 3Y
 Felicity Rankin 4B
 Juliusz Jonski 4G
 Tanya Benedict 4Y
 Joel Hunt 5B
 Dominic Piperata 5G
 Michael Taouk 5Y
 Celia Huang 6B
 Imogen Pfeffercorn 6G
 Jacob Sanares 6Y

St Angela's Award

Zoe Crowley KB
 Annika Clarke KG
 Leonardo Blefari KY
 Bianca Jandrlc 1B
 Sienna Fonseca 1G
 Sean Salib 1Y
 Charlize McDonald 2B
 Jeanette Khoudair 2G
 Jessica Woolnough 2Y
 Ivana Alilovic 3B
 Justin Younis 3G
 Benedict Solomon 3Y
 Joel Woodhead 4B
 Jake Lim 4G
 Annaliese Losco 4Y
 Renee Lenferna 5B
 Luke Marmara 5G
 Abbey Schenko 5Y
 Alexander Kaelin 6B
 Max Heming 6G
 Jemma Turner 6Y

Chess Grand Finals

At lunch time on Tuesday 23rd November, our Chess finalists battled it out in front of a very intrigued audience. Our stage 2 champion two years in a row, Joel Woodhead had Patrick Sultana in checkmate and won the game. Our Stage 3 game, projected up on the big screen and played on our very special board 'Goliath' (kindly donated by Mr Hurst), was a very close and intense one. Brandon Darmudi finally beat Patrick Sanares when he got his queen back which also put Patrick into checkmate. We congratulate all of the boys on their attitude and efforts especially our two champions for 2015 Joel Woodhead and Patrick Sanares.

ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER

The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations. We will be having excitement filled rides and a complimentary iceblock for each child. These treats are 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.

Change of School for 2016

To finalise 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.

Happy Birthday!

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

NOVEMBER

Sun 29th

Cameron McEwan
 Tia Post
 Connor Paton

Mon 30th

Jasmine Shepherd

DECEMBER

Tues 1st

Sohara Janaratne
 Annaliese Losco
 Sofia Losco

Wed 2nd

Lucas Rothwell

Thurs 3rd

Jessica Stewart
 Christian Mendoza

Fri 4th

Brianna Newell

Sat 5th

Mia Thomas
 Natalie Petkovich

Star Spot

News Just to Hand

What an amazing achievement.
 Montana we are so proud of you!

Congratulations to Montana Ritchie (5 Blue) who this week competed in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide representing NSW for Diving. Montana placed 2nd receiving the Silver medal in the 1m springboard event. This is an incredible achievement given Montana has only been diving for two years and has excelled in this challenging sport to be one of the best in the Pacific Countries. Well done indeed! Keep an eye out for further details next week.

Congratulations to William Edwards (6 Yellow) who is representing NSW at the Pacific Games for Softball. As we go to print, William's team is undefeated. Keep an eye on Shine next week for results.

Congratulations to Zaidyn Wallace (5 Green) who was selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Softball team, to Ben Watson (5 Yellow) who was selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Cricket team and to Noah Yeung (4 Green) who is representing the Parramatta Diocese in Tennis.

News from the Parish

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 7.00pm on Wednesday, 30th December 2015 at Event Cinemas at Castle Hill. We've reserved the theatre but seating is limited for this one night parish event. Please 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!

Your Parish Priest will draw the names of one lucky child from each school who will get to sit beside Fr. Alejandro with their families during the special screening! (Note: all children must be accompanied by a responsible parent or guardian.)

Thank you.

'SHINE QUEST' ST ANGELA'S 15TH ANNUAL TALENT QUEST

We welcome everyone to our Shine Quest for 2015 on 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.

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS OPEN UNTIL
AND INCLUDING WEDNESDAY
16TH DECEMBER FOR ALL STUDENTS
IN KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6**



School Opal Card - Replacing Existing Bus Passes

Please see Week 5 edition of 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.**

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.

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: _____

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home last week. Please note orders are due back at school this **Monday 30th November**. 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

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.

Term Dates for 2016

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| Term 1 | Thursday 28th January (Years 1-6) Monday 1st February (Kindergarten) |
| Term 2 | Tuesday 26th April to Friday 1st July |
| Term 3 | 18th July to 23rd September |
| Term 4 | 10th October to 20th December |

OAKHILL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2017

Applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2017 will close on Friday 19th February 2016. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their son at Oakhill College in Year 7, 2017, and who have not yet submitted an Expression of Interest for Enrolment form or Application form, are requested to contact the Registrar before Friday 19th February, 2016 on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au



We are a community based preschool that has been established for over 40 years, catering for 3 - 5 year olds. We have a wonderful reputation in the Hills and are highly recommended by all the local schools in developing an excellent school readiness program. We provide a caring, safe and welcoming, inclusive environment for children and their families.

We aim to enhance the lives of children, encouraging and supporting their development in all areas and evoking an enthusiasm for learning. We strive to develop nurturing, confident and creative learners in preparation for their transition to school. Our staff are trained and experienced in Early Childhood Education and our teachers are University trained. We have a high adult to child ratio and work as a close team to maintain a high standard of interaction and provide individualised programmes for our children.

Our program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework, exceeding National Quality Standards in all 7 quality areas.

Our current fees are \$49 a day for 4 year olds and \$55 a day for 3 year olds. We operate 9am - 3pm during school terms and are now taking enrolments for 2016. Contact Jane Harvey on 9634 5282.