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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass Tomorrow, Friday 4th December

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass tomorrow, Friday 4th December at 9.00am in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. 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. 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 Concert This Wednesday 9th December 6.30pm

We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas celebration with all families and friends of St Angela's Primary School this Wednesday 9th December at 6.30pm under the Big Top.

The children will need to be at school by 6.00pm. Please refer to the email sent home today and in this Shine regarding costumes for the children to wear. We ask that when children arrive they go to their classroom to meet their teacher and prepare.

Every family will need to bring blankets, cushions or chairs. Blankets and cushions will be used to sit on the concrete area and chairs will be accommodated at the back of the concrete area. All cars are to be parked outside the school grounds due to safety. Families can enter by either the front or back gates. School gates will be open at 5.30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our special Christmas Celebration.

End of Year Reports

Reports will be coming home soon. Our reports (Years 1 to 6) by law are required to award an achievement level to each child using a mandated A to E scale for each Key Learning Area.

It is imperative to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.

The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.

Example One: Half Year Achievement level of C
End of Year Achievement level of C

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Example Two: Half Year Achievement level of B
End of Year Achievement level of C

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained.

Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

As you can appreciate, these reports present many challenges including determining what on average constitutes an A, B, C, D or E given the achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area.

As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This will apply to all Diocesan schools.

Many thanks for your understanding and support as we work in partnership for the benefit of our children.

Tony Calabria
Principal

Theme for the week:

"J O Y (Jesus - Others - Yourself)"

Our theme this week in the form of an acronym, helps remind us about the special season of Christmas which is quickly approaching. Spreading the JOY of Christmas takes place when we keep Jesus in our lives, we consider Others and take time for Yourself. Balancing these areas is a challenge children often face, especially in the sometimes over-materialistic focus and busy-ness at this time of the year.

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.

DISCO FEVER

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who are looking forward to a night of disco dancing and entertainment as they celebrate their graduation with a party this Sunday. The disco will be held at Castle Hill RSL from 6.00 to 10.00pm.

Many thanks to the Year 6 Parent Committee for co-ordinating the festivities for the 2015 graduating class.

St Angela's Swimming Carnival - Years 2 to 5
This Monday 7th December, Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Boyd Street, Blacktown

See the additional insert in this Shine regarding our upcoming Swimming Carnival this Monday for Years 2 to 5. We look forward to a great day of swimming, fun and good sportsmanship. All parents are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.



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Religious Education

Sunday, December 6th 2015
2nd Sunday of Advent Year C



Luke 3:1-6 Prepare a road for Christ to travel upon

John the Baptist is a key symbol of Advent preparation. The prophet Isaiah is quoted to show how John is preparing the people for Christ's coming. When the Jews were held captive in Babylon, they built roads for their captors. A day would come, Isaiah wrote, when they would build a highway for their God to prepare the way for His coming. Valleys would be filled in, and hills would be lowered for the "king's highway." In a similar fashion, the Church says today, John the Baptist is calling on us to prepare a road so that Christ can come.

From [a homily on the Gospel](#) by the pastoral team at the St Charles Borromeo parish.

First Sunday of Advent: On last Monday this week assembly Year 4 prayed and reflected on the meaning of the Advent wreath, lighting one purple candle for the First Sunday of Advent. During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again.

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

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

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Lawton family (Kate 6 Yellow) as Kate's grandmother, Shirley Lawton, is very ill at this time.

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.

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:

Hard Copy: Information re Social Justice from Catholic Education Office, Year 6 Dinner/Disco
Emailed: Kindergarten 2016 Information, Year 6 Dinner/Disco

Baby Girl

*Congratulations to the Hochstetter family
on the arrival of Aubrey
a sister for Adam (K Blue)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 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 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. 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.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Lilliana Sacco KB
Liam Evans KG
Isiah Lorenzo KY
Domenic Stornelli 1B
Ruby Moller 1G
Madison Tedros 1Y
Tahlia Mackay 2B
Sophie Milas 2G
Jarvis Hemmings 2Y
Dominic Christie 3B
Lara Perez 3G
Mikaela Southwood 3Y
Zoe Dimitriadis 4B
Emily Nasso 4G
Caitlin Mu 4Y
Josh Bautista 5B
Amity Rambow 5G
Sabrina Sultana 5Y
Marissa Alberti 6B
Brandon Darmudi 6G
Sophia Jandrlic 6Y

St Angela's Award

Aidan Siney KB
Kai Hall KG
Luciana Castillo KY
Mia Young 1B
Jemima Scothern 1G
Jack Hall 1Y
Marcus Goodall 2B
Blake Cassetari 2G
Jason Herbas 2Y
Isabella Hall 3B
Charlotte Hogan 3G
Alannah Bridge 3Y
Riley Mackay 4B
Mia Thomas 4G
Sofia Losco 4Y
Jake Blackwell 5B
Timothy Bagtas 5G
Lucy Van Der Heyde 5Y
Christopher Ibrahim 6B
Charlotte Burgess 6G
Chloe Geromboux 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 Brandon Darmudi.

'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.

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.

Happy Birthday!

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

DECEMBER

Tues 1st
Oliver Gerrettson-Cornell

Mon 7th
Ned Cane

Tues 8th
Claire Eisenhuth
Emma Lang

Wed 9th
Justin Younis

Thurs 10th
Sinera Janaratne
Tahlia Mackay

Fri 11th
Xavier Ruiz-Martinez

Sat 12th
Victoria Pinna



Star Spot

A huge congratulations to William Edwards (6 Yellow) who last week represented and captained NSW at the Pacific Games for Softball. As advised, at the time of printing last week's Shine, William's team was undefeated and remained undefeated throughout the Games, winning the Gold medal. Well done!

Further congratulations to Montana Ritchie (5 Blue) who represented NSW in Diving at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide last week and was also awarded 6th place in the 3m springboard event. As announced in last week's Shine, Montana placed 2nd receiving the Silver medal in the 1m springboard event. Well done Montana!

Congratulations to Hayley Johnston (6 Green) who has been selected in the NSW Waratahs Netball Team as Goal Attack. This is an amazing achievement in such a popular sport. Well done Hayley, we are proud of you!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

Please find outlined below costume details for each grade:

Kindergarten: Denim jeans/shorts/skirt, white t-shirt and silver tinsel around wrists and hair for girls

Year 1: Christmas colours - red, green, white, gold (combination of any)

Year 2: Fluoro/Bright and denim with optional crowns

Year 3: Christmas colours - red, green, white, gold, silver (combination of any)

Year 4: Denim/Dark shorts and Christmas top

Year 5: Black, white and gold theme

Year 6: White shirt, denim with closed shoes or trainers

Please do not purchase any of these items but rather borrow from others.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

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

Readers and Library Books

Could all Guided Readers, books from class Browser Boxes and all Library books please be returned to school by this **Tuesday 8th December**. This will allow teachers and librarians to do a stocktake and ensure that all resources are ready for next year.

Many thanks for your support.

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: _____

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**

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.

Term Dates for 2016

Term 1 Thursday 28th Jan (Years 1-6), Monday 1st Feb (Kindergarten)
Term 2 Tuesday 26th Apr to Friday 1st July
Term 3 18th July to 23rd Sept
Term 4 10th Oct to 20th Dec

St Angela's Swimming Carnival

Monday 7th December

Blacktown Aquatic Centre

Boyd Street, Blacktown

Years 2 to 5

Just a few reminders regarding Mondays swimming carnival:

- ♦ Children attending need to be at school on time as buses will be leaving at **8:40 SHARP**.
- ♦ If you have nominated your child to enter the 100m Freestyle they are required **to go directly to the pool for 8:30am marshalling**.
- ♦ Children are to come to school dressed in their swimmers, school HAT, school sport shorts, school sport top or school colour house tops only. No other types of tops are permitted. Please attach 1 safety pin to shirt for any ribbons.
- ♦ Children are required to wear their own colour house swimming cap in all their races. Please ensure all swimming caps have your child's name clearly marked. There still a few available at the school for purchase for \$5 each.
- ♦ Children may wear beach shoes on the day.
- ♦ Children will need to bring recess, lunch, snacks and plenty of drinks. NO child will be allowed to use the canteen. Parents are asked not to purchase food, drinks or ice blocks to take to the children in their colour house.
- ♦ Children will also need a towel and school. Please label all items clearly with your child's name.
- ♦ Children are to remain in their colour house at all times with the teachers.
- ♦ The parent area will be on the car park side of the pool. Parents are asked to keep the marshalling area and both recording areas clear, as these need to be kept free for children and teachers. We also ask that the pool deck on both sides be kept clear for the lifesavers. This is a WH&S requirement from Blacktown Aquatic Centre Management.
- ♦ Children are asked to join in the spirit of the day with cardboard posters etc but pool management has asked that there is no crepe paper, streamers, balloons, body paint, coloured hairspray, silly string or tinsel wigs or anything that may cause pollution to the pool allowed.
- ♦ Presentation of Age Champions and winning Colour House will be presented at the carnival - time permitting.
- ♦ At the conclusion of the day parents are able to take children home from the pool. All children will need to have their name marked off by their class teacher before leaving the pool. The remaining children will be transported back to school in time for normal dismissal.
- ♦ A running program for the carnival is overleaf.
- ♦ Any parents who are willing, wanting and able to swim 50m in the parents/teachers Vs students. Please bring your swimmers and see Mrs Hemmings on the day for our race strategy. **Remember we are defending champions.**

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sport Co-ordinator

ST ANGELA'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Monday 7th December 2015

Years 2 to 5

EV1	Open Male 100m Free	38	Junior F 50m Breast
2	Open Female 100m Free	39	11yrs M 50m Breast
3	8yrs M 25m Free	40	11yrs F 50m Breast
4	8yrs F 25m Free	41	Senior M 50m Breast
5	9yrs M 25m Free	42	Senior F 50m Breast
6	9yrs F 25m Free	43	Junior M 50m Fly
7	10 yrs M 25m Free	44	Junior F 50m Fly
8	10 yrs F 25m Free	45	11yrs M 50m Fly
9	11 yrs M 25 Free	46	11yrs F 50m Fly
10	11 yrs F 25m Free	47	Senior M 50m Fly
11	12 yrs M 25m Free	48	Senior F 50m Fly
12	12yrs F 25m Free	49	Junior M 200m IM
13	8yrs M 50m Free	50	Junior F 200m IM
14	8yrs F 50m Free	51	Senior M 200m IM
15	9yrs M 50m Free	52	Senior F 200m IM
16	9yrs F 50m Free	53	Open M House Relay
17	10 yrs M 50m Free	54	Open F House Relay
18	10 yrs F 50m Free	55	Students v Parent Teacher Relay
19	11yrs M 50m Free		
20	11yrs F 50m Free		
21	12yrs M 50m Free		
22	12yrs F 50m Free		Approximate Times
23	13yrs M 50m Free		12:30pm Indoor Swimming
24	13yrs F 50m Free		Games
25	Junior M 25m Back		
26	Junior F 25m Back		First event will start at
27	11yrs M 25m Back		8:45am
28	11yrs F 25m Back		
29	Senior M 25m Back		War Cries will take
30	Senior F 25m Back		Place throughout the day
31	Junior M 50m Back		
32	Junior F 50m Back		Presentations will take
33	11yrs M 50m Back		Place at the pool
34	11 yrs F 50m Back		
35	Senior M 50m Back		2:00pm Buses depart
36	Senior F 50m Back		For school
37	Junior M 50m Breast		