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Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 6

Dear Parents,

Thank you to our talented staff at St Angela's



Tomorrow we celebrate World Teachers' Day here at St Angela's (official date was earlier this term). Christ's blessings are clearly evident in our amazing staff. They are truly a gift to be celebrated. Our sincere appreciation for their commitment, generosity of time and talents, and their love for the children in their care. The dedication and passion to their teaching ministry is a challenge but one full of rewards. While acknowledging that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children, teachers are asked to join in that privilege of assisting the child to grow and develop. It is the partnership between home/school/parish that nurtures the child and allows them to grow into their full potential.



As teachers/staff, we try to educate the total person - spiritually, academically, socially, physically, culturally and emotionally. It is an enormous task to take a class of children into your care and develop each one individually. The children come to us in Kinder with all their personalities, attitudes, values, skills and knowledge well established. The first 5 years at home is crucial to what kind of person they are going to be. From this foundation we continue the journey of learning here at St Angela's until they leave us at the end of Year 6.



The teachers' role is vital to society. World Teachers' Day celebrates teachers/staff and their vocation in Catholic Education. We are blessed here at St Angela's to have such outstanding, generous and caring teachers/staff.



Teachers/staff will today be treated to a delightful morning tea from the class parent reps. Appreciation and thanks to your Class Parent Representatives for their efforts in making the day so special for the staff.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Special 'Pizza' Food Day

This Tuesday 22nd November

Grade Assemblies

Please note our remaining whole school assembly for Term 4 is tomorrow, Friday 18th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 5
All parents are most welcome to join us.

St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2016

Parents are invited to come and take some time out to celebrate a fantastic year at St Angela's.

Date: Thursday 1st December

Time: 7:00pm onwards

Venue: Castle Hill RSL Terrace Bar

No need to RSVP. Just drop in or come along with other parents and stay a little, or stay a while, we would love to see you. (Drinks and/or food available to purchase as you wish) We hope you can join us for this casual gathering.

2016 Fun(d)raising Committee



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Religious Education

Sunday 20th November 2016: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

Gospel [Luke 23:35-43](#) The Crucifixion

In Sunday's Gospel, amidst all the scoffing and jeering and the taunting of Our Lord, one of the criminals crucified with Jesus simply pleads:

'Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.' This poor tortured criminal recognised in his fellow crucified, someone who embodied the power of God to save him – to save him from the realm of everlasting death and to transfer him to the divine realm of everlasting life. Unlike the jeering and taunting leaders, he saw the truth of the inscription: 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.' He does not plead for mercy in so many words. He simply pleads: 'Remember me'. It was enough for him if this Jesus would 'bring him to mind', would 'know him by heart'.

Which word or phrase from the gospel most catches your attention? Why?

What can we learn from the interaction between Jesus and the second criminal?

Year of Mercy Concludes: This Sunday 20th of November, on the Solemnity of Christ The King, the Extraordinary Year of Mercy will come to an end. The Holy Doors at three basilicas in Rome – St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major – were closed during special Masses held Nov. 13. The Holy Doors at churches and basilicas around the world also closed on the same day including The Holy Doors at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta which were closed by Bishop Vincent.



On Sunday, Pope Francis will close the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica. It is estimated that over 20 million people attended Year of Mercy events at the Vatican over the course of this year. I was fortunate enough to be one of those people who walked through the Holy Doors at St Peter's Basilica and received God's forgiveness and Mercy.

May the graces we have received in this Year Of Mercy live on in our families, community and in our world.

Feast Of Christ the King

4 Green will lead us in a prayer celebration at Monday morning's assembly for The Feast Of Christ The King. It is the final Sunday, before the commencement of a new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent. The new liturgical year will be Year A of the cycle.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul."

News from the Parish

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO! Interested in forming an Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Runner's Group? Contact the parish office on 9629 2595 and leave your contact details if you would like to join Fr Alejandro for a weekly 3 km, 5km or even 10km run!

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were recently sent home. Please note orders are due back at school **tomorrow, Friday 18th November**. Thank you.
Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)
Book Club Coordinator



Upcoming Dates

Week 6

Fri 18th Nov

International Teachers' Day at St Angela's
2:15pm Year 5 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 7

Mon 21st Nov

Year 6 Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Day

Tues 22nd Nov

Special 'Pizza' Food Day

Wed 23rd Nov

Orientation Day for new children in Years 1-6 2017

6:30pm for 7:00pm Band Showcase Evening in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - see further information below re change of band lesson

Fri 25th Nov

Final Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Session
9:00-10:00am - All parents
9:00am-12 noon - All children
Oz Fashions will be on site selling uniforms for Kindergarten 2017 families from 12 noon till 2:30pm

Week 8

Mon 28th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 Swimming Program at C2K

Tues 29th Nov

Year 5 Leadership Speeches - Parents welcome
9:00am Captains and Vice Captains
11:00am Sports Colour House Captains

Thurs 1st Dec

7:00pm St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering at Castle Hill RSL

Sat 3rd Dec

10:00am to 1:00pm Christmas at the Shrine
St Angela's Choir performing at 10:00am

Sun 4th Dec

Year 6 Disco at Castle Hill RSL

Band Showcase Evening

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

Date: Wednesday 23rd November
Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Time: 7.00pm (students are asked to arrive by 6.30pm)
Dress: Summer school uniform

The evening will run for approximately one hour and we would love to see you there. If your child is unable to attend this performance, please email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Please note: Due to the showcase evening, band lessons will be held on Wednesday next week instead of Friday. Children are asked to bring in their instruments on Wednesday.

We look forward to a wonderful evening of music.

Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton
Band Directors

FINAL KINDERGARTEN 2017 STUDENTS' TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION

Friday 25th November

9:00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday November 25th, 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 2:30pm.

Sent Home in the Last Week:

Emailed: St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering Invitation, Compulsory School Attendance Procedures
Hard Copy: St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering Invitation

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Kara Piperata KB
Oscar Rule KG
Hannah Lambert KY
Ciara Crowley 1B
Adam Hochstetter 1G
Sienna Stavropoulos 1Y
Kaija Kneivitt 2B
Hannah MacNaughton 2G
Mia Young 2Y
Mia Jacobs 3B
Cairo Piotto 3G
Arielle Henwood 3Y
Aaliyah Netana 4B
Matteo Muscardo 4G
Enrique Hanza 4Y
Lara Atchison 5B
Gabriel Van Jour 5G
Alexander Arends 5Y
Tayla Davie 6G

St Angela's Award

Marcus Ma KB
Holly Brincat KG
Lachlan Hall KY
Bronte Woodhead 1B
Mia Khoudair 1G
Lucca Piotto 1Y
Jonah Singh 2B
Sean Collins 2G
Luke Younis 2Y
Jeanette Khoudair 3B
Alexandra Knight 3G
Lucas Borg 3Y
Kyle Brett 4B
Katarina Costa 4G
James Hakme-Bader 4Y
Natasha Egiziano 5B
Ethanael Lorenzo 5G
Caitlin Mu 5Y
Veronica Ochudzawa 6B
Julie Ogilvie 6B
Grace Brewer 6G
Kaitlyn Langridge 6Y
Luke Marmara 6Y



Swimming Program Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2

Our Swimming Program for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will commence on Monday 28th November until Friday 2nd December (Week 8). The program will take place at the indoor pool at **C2K Aquatic Centre at Castle Hill RSL**.

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 Flello
Co-ordinator

Year 1 Minibeasts Incursion

On Monday, Year 1 had the opportunity of being visited by Travelbugs Mobile Minibeasts. Here are a few of their thoughts about this learning experience:



"At our incursion I saw and held a stick insect. I also held a millipede, patted a beetle, saw a scorpion, a huntsman spider and another spider."

Ryan McDermott (1Y)

"On Monday, Jacqui from Minibeasts came to visit us. She showed us all different types of Minibeasts including a centipede and a rainbow beetle. It was the most fun day ever."
Ella West (1Y)

Happy Birthday!

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

NOVEMBER

Sun 20th

Joel Foxe

Thurs 24th

Joan Bautista
Elly Gohil-Bozic

Mon 21st

Rebekah Love
Mrs Hemmings

Fri 25th

Daniella Zeaiter

Tues 22nd

Jayden Younis

Sat 26th

Mason Kelly

Wed 23rd

Isabella Siligato

Star Spot

Congratulations to Riley Mackay (5G) who was selected in the 2017 Parramatta Diocese Cricket Team and to Ethanael Lorenzo (5G) and Noah Hemmings (5G) who were selected in the 2017 Parramatta Diocese Basketball Team.

Congratulations to Ben Moroney (6Y), who plays NRL and Touch Footy, and has been nominated in the Junior Sports Star awards and was chosen to be featured in this week's copy of the Hills Shire Times.



'Shine Quest'

St Angela's 16th Annual Talent Quest

On Thursday 8th December 2016 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 **this Tuesday 22nd November 2016**.
- Each grade will have a mini quest and this will be the audition for the whole school 'SHINE Quest', at which we will have a limited number of performances.
- Parents are welcome to attend the whole school Shine Quest on Thursday 8th December.

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Our whole school community evening
this year will be held on
Wednesday 7th 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.



2017 News for Home Learning

As you are aware, St Angela's children currently use Mathletics and Reading Eggs. The cost of subscribing to Mathletics and Reading Eggs has been significantly increased by the 3P organisation for 2017. After research into other contemporary online learning resources, we will begin 2017 with your child's class using a free version of Studyladder, an online educational program which allows students to learn at their own pace. Studyladder is a web based educational program designed by teachers for teachers and students. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy and a range of other subjects. Classroom teachers will set tasks for your child to complete. As a parent, you can join Studyladder for free, link your account to your child's account and monitor their progress. Visit www.studyladder.com.au for more details. We will no longer be using Mathletics in 2017. Keep an eye out for more information regarding this new online learning support tool which will pass on **significant cost savings to parents**.

Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 25th November from 12 noon to 2.30pm, selling all uniform items. There will also be some sample sizes to view on this day. This year, Oz Fashions have a new system of booking times for uniform fittings. Parents are asked to complete the form emailed home today only if their child requires uniform items **to be fitted**. If your child does not need to be fitted, you do not need to make an appointment. If you are wishing to purchase uniform items that do not require fittings, just attend one of the uniform trading days in January, as noted below:

FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY 2017 9:30AM to 12 NOON
THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2017 12:30PM to 2:00PM
TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017 2:00PM to 4:00PM

This will take place in the school hall.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Oz Fashions directly on 0421 216 414.

Christmas at the Shrine
Saturday 3rd December 2016
10:00am to 1:00pm

The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville

See St Angela's choir perform at 10:00am
as the opening act.

Author Visit - Leigh Hobbs
Kindergarten to Year 4

Yesterday, students from Kindergarten to Year 4 were visited by renowned author, Leigh Hobbs. Below are just some of the thoughts from the students about the visit:

"Leigh Hobbs was a great artist."

Joseph Azar KY

"It was very exciting to meet the author and illustrator, Leigh Hobbs. I thought it was an amazing experience to learn how to draw incredible illustrations. It was so much fun!"

Rhys Wilson 1G

"Leigh Hobbs is a very talented man and I loved inventing my own illustration. I am really good at drawing now. WOW!"

Chelsea Mowbray 1G

"It was so much fun ... I didn't want it to stop."

Alec Austen 2Y

"Leigh Hobbs taught us to draw Old Tom and Mr Chicken. He taught us that all our drawings would be different because we are all different people."

Will Schenko 2Y

"We loved the visit from Leigh Hobbs because he inspired us to create our own characters and to be the boss of our own books. We also learnt how to draw our own version of Old Tom and Mr Chicken."

Bernadette Laird and Aimon Fitzsimons 3G

"I thought he was very entertaining and imaginative."

Ashley Davie 4B



Your guide to the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

These summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge will once again be launched to encourage 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 are now open and close at 5.00pm on 7th February 2017. Further information and terms and conditions can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au