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Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 7

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us last week for our final General Parent Meeting for 2016. On your behalf, I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to Mr Wayne Davie for his support and leadership in the role of Chairperson and to Cherille Paton for her efficient and effective role as Secretary.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the parents of St Angela's for the wonderful support you give to this community, the staff and myself. We are blessed to have so many parents who are involved in so many aspects of our school, not just leaving it up to others. Never underestimate the vital role each one of you plays whether through word or action in contributing towards the benefit of all the children in our care and in building our special community. St Angela's has an excellent reputation for the outstanding education it provides throughout the diocese. You should be justifiably proud of the catholic school you as parents have helped create.

Together you are working in partnership with the school to make a difference for all the children, not just yours or theirs, but every child presently in the school and those of the future. It is very much a family looking after all of its members. Whether your contribution is big or small it is very much appreciated and valued. As a result of your efforts our Christ Centred community continues to grow and our children continue to have nothing short of the best. So, on behalf of all the children and those to join us in years ahead, THANK YOU to you, our parents who really are making a difference.

On behalf of the St Angela's staff, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to our wonderful parent representatives for the amazing morning tea that was provided for the staff last Friday for International Teachers' Day. The generous treats were just beautiful and truly helped celebrate and acknowledge the work that our teachers do. Many thanks to all involved.

I wish to announce and congratulate Mrs Kathryn Newman (3 Blue/ Stage 2 Coordinator) on being appointed as Assistant Principal at St Oliver's, Harris Park from 2017 onwards. Kathy has been with St Angela's for the past three years and in that short time has made a significant contribution to the lives of the children, parents and staff. She is an outstanding educator with a gentle manner and a genuine love for what she does. Her appointment is a wonderful accolade for her commitment to Catholic education.

Additionally, we farewell Miss Shanna Howe (K Yellow) who has made a difficult decision to accept an opportunity to lead and manage a number of local before and after school care centres. Shanna's enthusiastic and caring nature has been a wonderful asset to St Angela's over the past 18 months. We will certainly miss both these outstanding teachers and wish them God's blessings in their new exciting endeavours.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

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 at 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.



FINAL KINDERGARTEN 2017 STUDENTS' TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION

Tomorrow, Friday 25th November

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

Tomorrow, 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.

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 panic and parent rescues. A lot can be learnt from the old saying of: **"In failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."***

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: Next 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 27th November 2016: First Sunday Of Advent -Year A

Mt 24:37-44

The Lord is coming when we least expect.

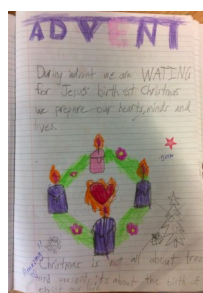
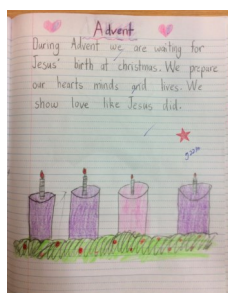
Jesus draws a parallel between the people in Noah's time and the people of his own time. What it reflects is a complacency that periodically overtook the Jewish people. When the people bound themselves to God in covenant their lives gradually became better. Inevitably, their lives improved to such a state that they forgot God was responsible for their blessings. They ignored their relationship with God and became complacent about their good fortune. Ultimately, their comfort was brought to an end and they recognised once again their need for God. Jesus calls the people to get ready because the pattern is repeating itself.

- Do we find ourselves complacent in our relationship with God and our gratitude for our blessings?
- How can you better enter into observing Advent as a time of preparation?

First Sunday in Advent

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. We will celebrate the new Season with an Advent Prayer at Friday Morning's assembly.

Freya and Ruby from 2G share their understanding and learning of this season of Preparation and waiting:



Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"Even the wisest mind has something yet to learn."

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!

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Hunt family as Joel (6 Yellow) continues to make enormous strides after his recent operation. Joel's family have expressed their thanks to the school community for their prayers and good wishes and for showing love, care and compassion to Joel's sister Anjali (4 Yellow) and brother Evan (2 Green) during this time.



Upcoming Dates

Week 7

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

to Fri 2nd Dec

Tues 29th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 Swimming Program at C2K

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

Chess Grand Finals at St Angela's - see further information in this Shine

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

Week 9

Mon 5th Dec

Swimming Carnival Years 2 to 5 (and children in Year 1 turning 8 in 2017)
Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Boyd Road, Blacktown

Year 6 Motiv8 Sports Day

Wed 7th Dec

6:30pm St Angela's Christmas Concert

Thurs 8th Dec

9:00-11:00am Shine Quest in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Week 10

Mon 12th Dec

9:00am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass (venue to be confirmed) - Parents welcome

Tues 13th Dec

St Angela's Feast Day Celebrations

Thurs 15th Dec

2:30pm Year 6 Farewell Parade - Parents welcome

7:00pm Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Fri 16th Dec

Christmas Mufti - Last day of school for students

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Monday 12th 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 2017 will be announced during the Mass. All welcome.

Venue:

To be confirmed

Time & Date:

9:00am, Monday 12th December

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

Sent Home in the Last Week:

Emailed: Year 1 2017 information for Kindergarten parents, Christmas Hampers

Hard Copy: Year 6 Narrabeen and Motiv8 note

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Leah Benedict KB
Kiara Krishnan KG
Joseph Azar KY
Zoe Mizzi 1B
Georgia Lee 1G
Tahlia Mearns 1Y
Jack Hall 2B
Matthew Mizzi 2G
Sean Salib 2Y
Dominic Darmudi 3B
Oliver Chapman 3G
Gemma Yager 3Y
Michael Alibrandi 4B
Tom Smales 4G
Charlotte Hogan 4Y
Sophie Rodger 5B
Cooper Metcalfe 5G
Mia Thomas 5Y
Valentino Anastasio 6B
Youstina Eskander 6G
Benjamin Moroney 6Y

St Angela's Award

Alicia Holt KB
Aidan Rambow KG
Tianna Farah KY
Taylor D'Silva 1B
Rhys Wilson 1G
Stella Powell 1Y
Ariana Sarmiento 2B
Clarissa Gumuljo 2G
Ryan Sloan 2Y
Tara Bishop 3B
Jeremy James 3G
Clarissa Burgess 3Y
Holly Di Staso 4B
Annaliese Borg 4G
Alexander Petras 4Y
Bella Shepherd 5B
Charlotte Edwards 5G
Jordan Hanza 5Y
Abbey Schenko 6B
Daniel Lipton 6G
Jessica Perez 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

NOVEMBER

Sun 27th

Emerson McDonald
Kathryn Basobas
Mrs Stuardo

Mon 28th

Annaliese Borg
Mrs Martin

Tues 29th

Tia Post
Connor Paton

Wed 30th

Jasmine Shepherd

DECEMBER

Thurs 1st

Annaliese Losco
Sofia Losco
Oliver Gerrettson-Cornell
Holly Brincat

Fri 2nd

Lucas Rothwell

Sat 3rd

Jessica Stewart
Christian Mendoza

Star Spot

Keep an eye out this Friday 25th November at 7:00pm on Channel 7 for the Collins family (Aoife 5G and Sean 2G) who will be on the Christmas special episode of Better Homes and Gardens. They will be seen making Christmas stockings, a wreath and stars and be seen playing some games.

Congratulations to Noah Yeung (5 Yellow) who was selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Tennis Team for 2017.

Swimming Program Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2

Our Swimming Program for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will commence this 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 all Year 2 classes and 1 Green wear their swimming costume under their school uniform to school (please remember to pack underwear in your child's excursion bag).

All other children will need to bring the following items **in their excursion bag**: Plastic bag, swimmers, goggles, towel, T-shirt, 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

2016 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold certificate in this year's NSW Premier's Reading Challenge:

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| Amalia Araneda 4Y | Riley Hogan 4Y |
| Zoe Byrne 4B | Mia Jacobs 3B |
| Dominic Darmudi 3B | Emily Mitchell 4B |
| Madlen Gunasekera 4Y | Mitchell Smith 4G |
| Jessica Herbas 4B | Harrison Valenzisi 3Y |
| Charlotte Hogan 4Y | Noah Wheatley 3Y |

Student Leaders 2017

A letter to Year 5 parents outlining this process was recently emailed. Best wishes to the many Year 5 children who next week will be presenting speeches as candidates for student leadership positions. We have such a depth of leadership with over 55 students nominating themselves to be Captains. The first round of the short listing process now sees 16 candidates presenting their speeches. The speeches are only a minor part of this process. The speeches for School Captain will be held on Tuesday 29th November commencing at 9.00am. Congratulations and well done to the children who have been nominated. Children in Year 5 and teachers are involved in the voting for School Captains, Vice Captains and Colour Captains. Speeches and voting for Colour Captains will take place at 11.00am. Successful candidates will be formally announced at the end of year whole school mass on Monday 12th December starting at 9.00am (venue to be confirmed). Parents are most welcome to attend any of the speeches.



**ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY
CELEBRATION
TUESDAY 13TH 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. 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.

Year 6 Activities Day at Narrabeen

On Monday, Year 6 had the opportunity to visit the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen. It was a non-stop action packed day, as students took part in kayaking, swimming, climbing the challenge ropes course and, of course, the flying fox! The children displayed wonderful team work, critical thinking, support and encouragement. They beamed as they experienced the achievement of facing their fears. They certainly let their St Angela's light shine!

Chess Grand Finals

Congratulations to all students who took part in the St Angela's Chess Competition this year. The Grand Finals will take place during lunchtime this Tuesday 29th November at 12:40pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to an exciting Junior and Senior Grand Final!



Junior Finalists

Emily O'Rourke
Jason Herbas

Senior Finalists

Patrick Sultana
Josh Bautista

Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

A reminder that our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session tomorrow, 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. As per the email sent last Friday, 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.

Term Dates for 2017

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| Term 1 | Years 1-6 - Monday 30th January to Friday 7th April Kindergarten - Wednesday 1st February to Friday 7th April |
| Term 2 | Monday 24th April to Friday 30th June |
| Term 3 | Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September |
| Term 4 | Monday 9th October to Tuesday 19th December |

Thank you

YUM! YUM! YUM!

- ♦ To Joyce Bautista, Kari Anne Begg, Wayne Davie, Cristina Gerrettson-Cornell, Donna May, Diana Norris, Angela Papadimatos, Greta Read and Natasha Vitanza for organising and serving pizza at our Special Food Day last Tuesday. The time you give is very much appreciated.
- ♦ To Joyce Bautista, Kari Anne Begg and Wayne Davie for organising and selling items at our second hand uniform sale last Thursday. Your time is much appreciated.

'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.
- 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.



Applying for School Opal Card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school, using bus, train and ferry services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply:

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

- ♦ Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 (there is no minimum distance)
- ♦ Children in Years 3-6 - you would need to reside 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking distance from school.

Who needs to apply:

Most students will not need to apply for the School Opal card if they currently hold a 2016 School Travel Pass. The School Opal card will be sent to school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2017. An application is needed if the student:

- ♦ Has not had a travel pass before
- ♦ Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- ♦ Is changing schools
- ♦ Is changing address

How to apply:

1. Complete the application at transportsw.info/school-students.
2. Print, sign and date the completed application, then send to the school office for endorsement.
3. The school will then send the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school.