



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Term 4, Week 9

Dear Parents,

## End of Year Thanksgiving Mass This Monday 12th December

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass this Monday 12th 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 2017 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.

## St Angela's Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival on Monday at Blacktown Aquatic Centre was a great day of healthy competition and, most importantly, participation. The day saw Merici take out the overall trophy, with Salo being awarded the Spirit Cup. Congratulations to all the colour houses. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings for co-ordinating our carnival for all the children. Her attention to detail, as always, was outstanding and ensured the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Thank you also to the amazing team of teachers and many thanks to the multitude of parents who assisted on the day (see further details in this Shine).

## Shine Quest

Congratulations to the high numbers of absolute budding stars who today participated in our 2017 Shine Quest, both at a grade level and at today's performance. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Albertini for coordinating this opportunity for the children and to Mrs Lean for expertly facilitating the music and sound.

## Christmas at the Shrine

Congratulations to members of our choir who performed at the Shrine Christmas function last Saturday. The children were like angels from above, just beautiful. Thank you to Mrs Lean for leading the children, along with support from Miss Joice, Miss Howe and Mrs Newbury.

## Parents' Social Gathering

My appreciation and thanks to the parents who were able to attend our Parents' Social Gathering at the RSL last Thursday. It was a lovely time to gather and step back from the busyness of this time of year. Thank you to our social committee, Joyce Bautista, Melissa Chapman, Wayne Davie, Alli Holmes, Di McGaulley, Bec Nati and Antonella Tesoriero for a very successful year full of exciting activities and events that raised fun and funds.

On behalf of the St Angela's community, we are very grateful for all you have done.

## Christmas Concert

Our favourite night of the year, our Christmas concert, was a wonderful evening of Christmas spirit as we gathered as a St Angela's community under the banner of our faith.

Our concert inspired us to reflect on the many joys of Christmas and that Jesus is the reason for the season. The children certainly were the bright shining stars of the evening, as they put Christ back into Christmas. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Newbury and Miss Joice for beautifully coordinating the evening, along with all the teachers for their efforts. Appreciation to our sound technicians, Mrs Lean and Mr Ben Miesch (Dural Music Centre/Teaching Services), to Ms Lawrence for radiantly playing the role of Mary before the birth of Jesus, to Mrs Lean, Miss Joice and Miss Howe for the beautiful choir, to Mrs Albertini for preparing the dance crew and special thanks to Mr Laird for preparing our staging and grounds.

Thank you for your overwhelming presence and support. It was very much appreciated.

*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:

*"It is in giving that we receive"*

*Our theme this week focuses on the gifts of 'ourselves' that we give to others when we help another person, when we speak a kind word, when we forgive, when we do something for someone else and expect nothing in return. To gain satisfaction from simply living out our gospel values in our interactions with others truly helps us receive Christ in our lives at this special time of Christmas.*

### Sent Home in the Last Week:

Emailed: Classroom Teachers for 2017, Gelato Ingredients List to Allergy Families  
Hard Copy: Extra Page with Newsletter - Swimming Carnival Wrap Up, OLOR Christmas Programme, Term Dates 2017



## Upcoming Dates

### Week 10

Mon 12th Dec

9:00am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All most welcome

Tues 13th Dec

St Angela's Feast Day Celebrations - see further details in this Shine

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



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## Religious Education

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016: Third Sunday Of Advent -Year A*

### Mt 11:2-11

#### **John asks, 'Are you the one who is to come?'**

Whilst in prison, John was looking for evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. *Those* are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

John the Baptist was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

**Do we seek the Truth so that we might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us?**

**We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.**

3 Blue will lead us in a prayer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent at Friday Morning's assembly.

### **End of Year Mass**

Our End Of Year school mass will be this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of December at 9am. We will gather in our St Maximilian Kolbe school hall as a school community to celebrate the year that has been and all the blessings we are grateful for. We will farewell the staff and students who will be leaving us at the end of the year. All are most welcome to attend.

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator

## *Quote of the Week*

*"Cherish the pleasure of time spent together."*



### **St Angela's Feast Day Celebrations 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. 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.

## News from the Parish

Come and see the movie 'Rogue One' with Fr Alejandro Lopez! Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will be hosting a screening at 8:30pm on Wednesday, 28th December 2016 at Event Cinemas at Castle Hill. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased through the Parish office. (Note: all children must be accompanied by a responsible parent or guardian.)

Thank you.

## Christmas Hampers Last Call, Due Tomorrow

The St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to needy families. Thank you to those families who have already donated hampers. 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 has been emailed to all families. Please send items in to your child's class teacher tomorrow Friday 9th December to allow distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

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

### **Meet Your Teacher for 2017**

Children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2017 this Monday 12th December. A list of class teachers for 2017 was emailed to every family earlier this week.

### **Year 6 Guard of Honour**

The whole school will gather to wish Year 6 all the best next Thursday 15th December at approximately 2.30pm under the big top. Parents are most welcome to attend.

### **Last Day of School for 2016**

Friday 16th December is the last day for all students in Kindy to Year 6 for 2016. The children are welcome to wear Christmas Mufti to help celebrate this joyous time of year. Staff will be at school on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December.



*The Staff of St Angela's wish you all a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year*



## Celebrating our Gifts

### Academic Excellence

Seamus Burden KB  
Stirling Post KG  
Jacob David KY  
Miha Knevit 1B  
Carissa Lewis 1G  
Ryan McDermott 1Y  
Sienna Fonseca 2B  
Benjamin Smith 2G  
Riley Petersen 2Y  
Joshua Murphy 3B  
Nicholas Murdocca 3G  
Joe Khoudair 3Y  
Emily Mitchell 4B  
Isabella Polic 4G  
Saxon Aldag 4Y  
Philippa Gattini 5B  
Maks Tole 5B  
Sarah Crowley 5G  
Julian Basso 5Y  
Seth Panganiban 6B  
Tiana Alberti 6G  
Joshua Hakme-Bader 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Sebastian Khoury KB  
Chloe Eltakchi KG  
Adalyn Lewis KY  
Zachary Brook 1B  
Liam Evans 1G  
Lyla Reyes 1Y  
Dominic Piperata 2B  
Aiden Petersen 2G  
Emma Lang 2Y  
Jessica Woolnough 3B  
Jasmine Shepherd 3G  
Noah Andrew 3Y  
Alexander Palmer 4B  
Rachael Rodrigues 4G  
Tiarne Fox 4Y  
Aeven Mendoza 5B  
Noah Hemmings 5G  
Alexia Henao 5Y  
Charlie Kennedy 6B  
Arianna Mohan-Ram 6G  
Lily Boucher 6Y

## Year 6 Motiv8 Sports Day

On Monday 5th December, Year 6 participated in a fun day at school run by Motiv8 Sports. It was an eventful and exciting day to celebrate the last seven years of our primary school. There were so many exhilarating activities, where the children were able to work as a team to compete in challenging and sometimes messy events. Below are just a few thoughts about the day:

*"Yesterday was amazing because we all got wet and messy while having fun at the same time."*

Zaidyn Wallace (6Y)

*"At Motiv8 we had the best time ever. It was hot but the water activities kept us cool."*

Nathan Fox (6Y)

*"Motiv8 was so fun because we got to do things that our parents would never let us do!"*

Julia Ogilvie (6B)

*"I loved how everyone was involved because all the activities allowed everyone to participate."*

Keira Callaghan (6G)

Thank you to the Motiv8 team led by Coach David Hemmings.

**Pre-Requisite Lists Coming Home Soon**

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday this coming week. See next week's newsletter, our last for the year, for all holiday birthdays up to our second week of school next year:

### DECEMBER

#### Sun 11th

Xavier Ruiz-Martinez

#### Wed 14th

Thomas Norris

#### Mon 12th

Victoria Pinna

#### Fri 16th

Oliver Murphy  
Lincoln Brown

#### Tues 13th

Charlotte Edwards

#### Sat 17th

Sascha Blefari

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Montana Ritchie (6B) who earlier this week was the winner of the Castle Hill RSL 2016 Shine Hills Excellence Award in the Sports category.

This is a highly contested award with so many sporting stars across all primary schools in the Hills District. Montana's amazing successes in gymnastics and, most recently, diving, saw her take out this coveted award. Well done. We are all very proud of you!

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Congratulations to Armaan Tulsi (6G) and Priya Tulsi (3Y) who represented their Taekwondo club and both won a Silver medal at the NSW State Taekwondo Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park.

## Handball Tournament

Congratulations and thank you to all of the children in Years 3 to 6 who participated in the Handball Tournament for 2016. They all played throughout the term and each game was fun and intense. After each grade had several rounds, we ended up with four champions:

Year 3	Aimon Fitzsimons
Year 4	Joan Bautista
Year 5	Charlie Saul
Year 6	Armaan Tulsi

Thank you so much to the student volunteers who helped to referee the tournament. Without your help the games wouldn't have been successful.

Josh Bautista (6G)

## Year 6 Dinner/Disco

On Sunday 4th December, Year 6 celebrated our time at St Angela's by attending a wonderful graduation disco at Castle Hill RSL. Everyone looked absolutely beautiful and we had a blast. We are so thankful to the Committee who put the night together, all your work was greatly appreciated. The room looked amazing with balloons, a delicious lolly bar and awesome photo booth. Dinner was scrumptious and so was dessert. We danced the night away and we will never forget this brilliant night ending our wonderful time at St Angela's.

Olivia Tesoriero (6Y) and Brianna Newell (6B)



**Don't miss our last newsletter for the year next Thursday 15th December. Acknowledgements, holiday birthdays, Year 6 farewells and more ...**

## 2017 News for Home Learning (As communicated earlier)

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](http://www.studyladder.com.au) for more details. We will no longer be using Mathletics in 2017. Keep an eye out early next year for more information regarding this new online learning support tool which will pass on **significant cost savings to parents**.

## Reflection

*A kind word or acknowledgment goes a long way in lifting a person's spirit.*

Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it's gone,  
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

Spreading, spreading from the centre,  
flowing on out to the sea,

and there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a careless, unkind word,  
and in a minute it is gone;

but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

They keep spreading, spreading, spreading, from the centre as they go  
and there is no way to stop them,  
once you've started them to flow.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness;  
just a flash and it is gone;

but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing,  
dashing wave,

'til you wouldn't believe the volume of one kind word you gave.

## NEW FAMILIES BBQ CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS

Next year, as is now tradition, we will welcome all the Kinder 2017 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, 3rd 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 2017

I will be able to assist at the new families BBQ on Friday, 3rd February, 2017.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).
2. School will then receive notification of your application and will now endorse all applications online. **Please note there is no longer any need to print and send the application to the school office for endorsement.**

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

## Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

As previously advised, 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.



## 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](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

## St Angela's Swimming Carnival Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

I just love the St Angela's community spirit! What an awesome day at our swimming carnival. It was amazing to see the children of St Angela's participating and enjoying a day of swimming. I don't think we have ever had so many children compete in the swimming races. The colour house team spirit and support for each other was also extraordinary. Congratulations to all the children on their enthusiasm. A special thank you to all of Year 5 for their team spirit and leadership on the day.

The children showed great competitiveness and skill with the training and effort that some of you have put in really paying off. To those children who swimming isn't quite their thing, well done in getting in and having a go.

Thank you to the teachers for all their hard work ensuring the children made their races and enjoyed the day. Congratulations to the ex students relay team who were victorious on the day.

I was overwhelmed with the amount of parents who put their hand up to help out on the day, so thank you to: Michelle Jacobs, Di McGaulley, Tammy Sultana, Tara Shepherd, Karen Foxe, Jo Evans, Kelly Smales, Toni Phelan, Peter Benning, Nicole Love, Jenni Rodgers, Laura Hall, Wayne Davie, Yasna Suefong, Carla Aldag, Renee Berichich, Ray Manio, Vanessa Thomas, , Fiona Hohn, Pina Wehrman, Rebecca McDonald, Anna Mendiola and Michelle McEneaney. To the ex students, Lauren Jacobs, Georgia Newell, Amy Gibbons, Georgia Sultana, Caitlyn Sultana, Mikayla Love, Jack Smales and Brae Harriss thank you. We could not have had such a great day without all your assistance. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children. We certainly are lucky to have such a supportive St Angela's community.

### RESULTS

Congratulations to **Merici**, the winning Colour House and to **SALO** for winning the Team Spirit Cup.

### Our 2017 Swimming Champions:

Snr Boy Champion	Ethaneal Lorenzo
Runner Up	Joseph McEneaney
Snr Girl Champion	Ava Foxe
Runners Up	Ella Evans and Samantha Hohn
11 Years Boy Champion	Harrison Tandy
Runner Up	Angus Gibbons
11 Years Girl Champion	Sophie Young
Runner Up	Keira Murphy
Jnr Boy Champion	Ned Cane
Runner Up	Aiden Crowley
Jnr Girl Champion	Mia Young
Runner Up	Kiara Lee

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sports Coordinator



## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

### Carols by Candlelight:

**Sunday, 11 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, slushies and BBQ will be for sale as well as glowstix for the children. Santa arrives at 8.30pm.

### ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

**Tuesday 20 December** at 7.30pm - St. Bernadette's  
Parish Church, Castle Hill

**Wednesday 21 December** at 7.30pm - OLOR Parish,  
Kellyville

**Thursday 22 December** at 7.30pm - St. Paul the  
Apostle, Winston Hills.

Please come and celebrate God's mercy and prepare for Christmas. Additional Priests from the deanery will be available each night to hear confessions.

**Regular Confessions at OLOR Kellyville**

**Saturdays: 9.45am to 10.15am and 5pm to 5.50pm**

**and on Monday evenings: 7.30pm to 8pm**

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, 24 December**

**6pm Children's Mass and Vigil for Christmas**  
(children may come dressed as figures from the story of Christ's birth and process in with the priest.)

**8pm Vigil Mass**

**11pm Christmas Carols**

**11.30pm Mass**

**Sunday, 25 December**

**7am, 9am and 11am Masses**

**(THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY)**

## Term Dates for 2017

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