



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 5

Dear Parents,

During this important time of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter, the following reflection has the potential to speak to each one of us:

Lent

What to give up

Give up complaining

Give up pessimism

Give up harsh judgement

Give up gloom

Give up gossiping

Give up sin

Give up giving up

Focus on gratitude

Become an optimist

Think kindly thoughts

Enjoy the beauty that is around you

Control your tongue

Turn to virtue

Hang in there!!!

Many thanks to the parents who were present last night at our first General Parent Meeting for 2016. The evening provided an ideal opportunity to discuss and share ideas about working together in partnership, for the good of our children. We are blessed to have a very supportive community of parents at St Angela's who help to ensure its success. Being part of a committee and/or helping with your child's grade's allocated activities is a great way to meet new people and, of course, help the children at St Angela's. Your time, big or small, during the year is very much appreciated as we work together to provide the best possible Catholic Education and environment for your child and to build upon our wonderful Christ centred community.

If you would like to be part of our exciting Fun(d)raising committee that organises events for the children and/or parents, please let the office know and/or if available join us for a meeting on Friday 4th March at 8.45am in the staffroom. We have a core group of parents who are more than happy to lead this committee again in 2016. Whether your contribution is big or small, all are most welcome to attend. If you are able to be part of the various organising committees for different events or have contacts etc. we would also love to hear from you or see you at our meeting.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented St Angela's at the Zone Carnival this week. Feedback on their sportsmanship, beautiful behaviour and achievements has been wonderful. Best wishes to the large number of children who will compete tomorrow at the Diocesan Carnival. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings (Sports Co-ordinator) who leads all of our sporting endeavours with enthusiasm, expertise and such commitment. In all, helping each child to reach their personal best and together as a team achieve outstanding results.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Upcoming Dates

Week 5

Fri 26th Feb

8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

Year 2 Excursion to Old Government House

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Week 6

Mon 29th Feb

7:00pm Diocesan PRC Term 1 General Meeting and AGM - see details further in this Shine

Tues 1st Mar

2:20pm Year 6 Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Fri 4th Mar

8:45am Fun(d)raising Committee Meeting in the staffroom - Parents welcome

Week 7

Catholic Schools Week

Theme for the week:

"Doing your best"

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.

KINDERGARTEN 2017 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Friday 11th March at 9.00am

St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

'Baker's Delight' Special Food Day

Tuesday 8th March

A reminder last orders are due at school

tomorrow, Friday 26th February

Information sent home this week:

Emailed: Ingredients for Special Food Day to families of children with allergies, Compulsory Attendance Information, OLOR Sacramental Program and Reconciliation and Holy Communion Information



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Religious Education



Sunday, Feb 28th 2015 Year C
3rd Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:1-9 We are called to repent in order to bear better fruit

Our Gospel reading is a mid-Lenten call for repentance that provides a continuing balance to the Old Testament stories of covenant-making between God and His people. God called Moses and the Israelites. He demanded that the people of the covenant live a life of repentance and turn back to the Lord. The people of the covenant are expected to bear fruit. Our relationship with God cannot be taken for granted any more than a marriage relationship can. Husband and wife must constantly make decisions of love for each other. Priorities have to be set in which the marriage relationship comes first; otherwise the marriage falters, dries up, and often dies. The covenant must be renewed day after day after day with decisions for the covenant of marriage. This is the kind of constant decision making that is essential if we are to live in our covenant relationship with God. From [a reflection on the Gospel](#) from the [St Charles Borromeo](#) website

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016 - The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is "**Learning more, creating change**". As Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Throughout Project Compassion 2016, inspiring stories from Malawi, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Cambodia and India will show how education, training and sharing knowledge can empower individual communities to transform their futures and create lasting change. Please encourage your child/children to give to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD IN 2016



All parents, carers and educators are welcome to join us for our first event of 2016.
Term 1 General Meeting and AGM - Monday 29 Feb 2016 at 7pm

Venue: Patrician Learning Centre, Patrician Brothers' College
100 Flushcombe Rd Blacktown

"Setting Up for Success for your child for 2016" is the topic for the evening's presentation and presenters will cover:

- What you can do to help your child
- How parents can help with Goal Setting
- How to approach / What to ask / What to expect from Parent/Teacher interviews
- How to read a school report
- How help to create good study patterns for students and making of study notes

Quote of the Week

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Class Parent Representatives Meeting

The 2016 class parent representative meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday 26th February at 8.45am in the staffroom. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to take on this valuable role. We hope you can join us.

Are you receiving emails?

Emails sent to parents each week will be noted in Shine. If you are not receiving emails, or would like an additional email address added to your record, please contact the office.

Have you received the important information regarding absences and the new SMS/Text notification system (Emailed today)

There are new procedures set down by the Diocese relating to changes to student attendance requirements for 2016. Attendance at school is a legal requirement. A new absence texting system will also be trialled starting next week. Parents are discouraged from removing children during the school term. If travel during school term is necessary, details regarding considerations and procedures were outlined in this email. These documents are available on our website.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION (Year 3)

Information and registration forms from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion were emailed home this week to Year 3 students and new families. If there are any other families who are in Years 4 to 6 who have not celebrated this sacrament, please contact the office so that a form can be sent to you.

RETURNING NOTES & PERMISSION SLIPS

For those families who are new to the school or those who may be unaware of our procedures:

Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag (please ensure envelopes containing money are tightly secured). This system allows the office to receive notes and money efficiently. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information.

EVACUATION DRILL PRACTICE

Over the coming weeks we will once again be practising an evacuation drill or lockdown as part of our safety procedures. Teachers discuss the routine with their class before any drills begin so that children are not distressed. The aim of this activity is not to cause alarm, it is a chance for children to become aware of procedures if the need ever arises.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Matilda Scothern KB
Joseph Brouillard KG
Ella Solomon KY
Lilliana Sacco 1B
Alex Milas 1G
Shannon Aneksoomphan 1Y
Jackson Bercich 2B
Sullivan Harris 2G
Maddison Eastwood 2Y
Emma Heanes 3B
Bernadette Laird 3G
Joe Khoudair 3Y
Michael Alibrandi 4B
Annaliese Borg 4G
Amelia Piperata 4Y
Connor Khoury 5B
Joseph McEneaney 5G
Caitlin Mu 5Y
Connie Costa 6B
Ethan Andrew 6G
Olivia Nati 6Y

St Angela's Award

Owen van Egdom KB
Elly Gohil-Bozic KG
Jacob Nasso KY
Alexandra Huynh 1B
Ruby Chapman 1G
Lyla Reyes 1Y
Hailey Cassettari 2B
Nitika Nirmalan 2G
Taylah Khoudair 2Y
Mischa Vujnovich 3B
Joel Cartisano 3G
Marcus Como 3Y
Lara Perez 4B
Rylee Callaghan 4G
Kiara Lee 4Y
Sienna Javid 5B
Cooper Metcalfe 5G
Julian Basso 5Y
Raphael Saul 6B
Timothy Bagtas 6G
Luke Marmara 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

FEBRUARY

Sun 28th

Kaitlyn Langridge
Cooper Andrew

Fri 4th

Savannah Morsillo
Jude Moller
Mr Laird

MARCH

Tues 1st

Liam Evans

Sat 5th

Estavan Alberti
Zane Benning

Thurs 3rd

Abbey Schenko
Grace Karam
Chanel Nasr
Ryan Turner
Emeline Fitzsimons
Theodorus Kinsong



Star Spot

Congratulations to Chantelle Mendoza (5 Yellow) who was chosen in the Baulkham Hills 11 Years netball representative team. Well done Chantelle!

MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 2017

Enrolments for Year 7 2017 will open on Wednesday 9th March, 2016. It is anticipated that all Year 6 students currently attending St Angela's, Our Lady of The Rosary, St Madeleine's and Our Lady of the Angels will receive an Enrolment Package at their school, in the two week period leading up to our Open Evening. Applications should be **fully completed and lodged** at the College by **Tuesday 26th April, 2016**. Failure to provide a fully completed application form (including all necessary signatures) and **copies** of all relevant, supporting documentation may delay the processing of applications and enrolment offers. Late applications will only be accepted if there are unfilled places. Any enquiries can be directed to the Enrolment Officer on 9654 6700.

The enrolment period for Year 7 2017 will close on Tuesday 26th April, 2016.

OPEN EVENING – WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2016

Marian Catholic College extends an invitation to prospective students and their families, to attend our annual Open Evening. This year there will be **two repeated** sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered by the College. The session times will be run at **4:00 pm and 6:00pm**. Each session will commence in the Shared Hall, where the Principal and students will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College. **Each information session will be followed by Guided Tours of the school.** Visitors will be able to take part in the activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops. **NOTE: Each session will follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you.**

Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.

Medical Bracelets

An email was sent last week to all our families whose children suffer from anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, diabetes and heart conditions regarding the ordering of medical bracelets. If you did not receive this note, please contact the office. In the interests of your child/children's safety, please note the wearing of medical bracelets is **compulsory** at St Angela's.

Year 6 Committee Meeting

A meeting has been organised for any Year 6 parents who wish to join the committee to organise Year 6 events such as end of year celebrations, yearbook etc. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 8:30am in the staffroom. All are welcome. If you would like to join and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Debbie Newell at debbie.newell@barreltech.com.au or on 0437 290 973 with your ideas, suggestions etc. Thank you.

Book Club

A reminder that book club orders are due back at school **tomorrow, Friday 26th February.**

Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)

Book Club Coordinator

UNIFORM INFORMATION

A reminder that order forms can be downloaded from our website under Current Community, Notes from School, Whole School, School Uniform Order. Order forms can be emailed directly to Oz Fashions at elle@ozfashions.com.au or brought to the school office. Oz Fashions collect and deliver orders each Tuesday and Friday.

Label it or lose it!

Please label all clothing and items belonging to your child (especially lunch boxes and lids etc.) so that they can be returned if lost, and save parents purchasing replacements.

Library Helpers

Many thanks to the wonderful parents who helped last year. It was gratefully appreciated. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays we will need help covering and shelving books. If you would like to volunteer as a library helper, please fill out the slip below and return it to the office. All help will be gratefully appreciated even if you can only spare ½ hour.

Thank you.

Mrs Rosanne North

Teacher Librarian

Library Helpers

General Library Assistance (covering and shelving)

Name: _____

Child's class: _____

Phone No.: _____

Preference (please tick):

☐ Covering ☐ Shelving

Days I am available:

Mondays

- ☐ 8.30am
- ☐ 11.00am
- ☐ 1.30pm

Tuesday

- ☐ 8.30-9.00am
- ☐ 11.00am
- ☐ 1.30pm

Friday

- ☐ 8.30am
- ☐ 11.00am
- ☐ 1.30pm

Sport News

Hills Zone Swimming

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed on Monday 22nd February at The Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. What a pleasure it was to have you represent St Angela's in the manner that you did. All of our swimmers did extremely well, in particular Sophie Young, who was Junior Girls Runner Up Age Champion.

Congratulations to the following children who made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival, which will be held tomorrow, Friday 26th February, at Blacktown Pool:

For Individual Events: Jessica Hohn, Mia Young, Aiden Crowley, Sophie Young, Angus Gibbons, Harrison Tandy and Montana Ritchie.

Although there was some individual brilliance, St Angela's really step it up to another level when it comes to relays. We were very excited to be the only school to have 3 of our 4 relay teams make it through to Diocesan.

Junior Boys - Angus Gibbons, Harrison Tandy, Tom Smales and James Baylis. The boys were first by over 9 seconds.

Junior Girls - Mia Jacobs, Keira Murphy, Pippa Gattini and Sophie Young. It was lovely to see the girls so excited to finish 2nd after Sophie absolutely stormed home in the final leg.

Senior Girls - Ella Evans, Roisin Kelly, Emma Vitanza and Montana Ritchie.

Special thanks to Mrs Kaelin who did an amazing job in the very serious job of place judging. To the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, baby brothers and sisters, thank you for your cheering and support of the children. Well done!

Congratulations to Nathan Fox (6 Yellow), Ben Moroney (6 Yellow) and Noah Hemmings (5 Green) who were selected in the Canberra/Goulburn/Wollongong and Parramatta Diocese AFL team. The boys will compete in Wagga Wagga next month.

Just on a personal note, my family and I have been blown away by the love and support shown to us after the passing of my father. I feel truly blessed to be a part of the St Angela's community and just wanted to thank you for all the cards, dinners, flowers, chocolates, tubs of ice cream, kind words and even just a reassuring smile that I have received from so many of you.

Mrs Andra Hemmings

Sports Coordinator

2016 Newsletters

A reminder that you can access the school newsletter via our website at www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au. To view our latest newsletter go to Current Community then click on Newsletters. Also, a reminder to parents that if you would like to submit an item for approval to be printed in Shine, eg. A child's achievement in Star Spot, we ask that you email your item to stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au by 12 noon on Tuesday of the week you would like your item printed. As you can appreciate, children often inform us of achievements, however, we ask that achievements be advised in writing by a parent as children often miss important details. We thank you for your assistance.