



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

SHINE

Newsletter
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Sending Home Information and News about Education
Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

17th March 2016
Term 1, Week 8

Dear Parents,



"I Belong. You Belong. We Belong"

Happy St Patrick's Day



Tomorrow we celebrate our remaining Catholic Schools 'Fortnight' of celebrations. We hope you can join us.

Fri 18th Mar 8:45am Whole School Catholic Schools Week Assembly, celebrating St Patrick's Day, followed by a community morning tea and open classrooms. Children may wear green mufti - gold or fold donation.

The children are looking forward to welcoming their parents into their classrooms to share a learning activity with them. All parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Children are invited to wear green mufti. We ask each child to bring in a 'gold or fold' donation to support our social justice outreach through Caritas Project Compassion in order to help make a difference to those in need. We kindly ask that any donations brought in by our younger children, please be in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag.

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

A Gaelic Blessing

Reading Afternoon

Last Tuesday, hundreds of parents with their favourite books joined the children to enjoy a good read. Our classrooms, playground, hall

and library were buzzing and overflowing. It was just wonderful to see children, parents and grandparents reading to and with each other. Your extremely positive feedback of this popular event has once again been very much appreciated.

Holy Week Celebrations

Next Thursday morning at 8:45 we will hold a Holy Week Reflection Liturgy as we conclude the journey towards Easter. This reflection is not a gala performance but rather an opportunity for our Christ centred community to gather in prayer and revisit the events of Holy Week through dramatisation, prayer and song. We welcome all parents to join us for this special event. Given that Easter this year falls within the term, upon our return we will also hold a Resurrection Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 30th March at 8:45am. Once again, all parents are welcome.

Easter Egg Raffle

Our appreciation to the Colosimo family (Ariella 3 Blue) for their very kind donation of a 'Gigantic' Dolce Doro chocolate egg weighing 5 kg. Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be sold each day at recess and lunchtime on the stage and also at tomorrow's morning tea. The draw will be held on Holy Thursday. This year, the proceeds from the raffle will be used to help support Mrs Yager and Mrs Lean who will be representing St Angela's at Krakow as part of World Youth Day 2016. We are very proud to have two pilgrims from our school volunteer to attend this international Catholic event. Keep an eye on future editions of Shine for further details.

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:

Saying 'Thank You'

Fostering a culture of appreciation towards others is an important value. Too often children (and yes even adults) can take for granted what others do for them. It is wonderful to see children who take the time to acknowledge and thank their parents, relatives, friends, teachers, peers etc. either verbally or in writing. In a world where we sometimes take people and the things they do for granted or expect so much from others it is amazing just how much a 'thank you' can do.

Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, our last whole school assembly for Term 1 will be held this Monday 21st March at 2:15pm led by Year 3.

All parents are most welcome to join us.



Upcoming Dates

Week 8

Fri 18th Mar

8:45am Catholic Schools Week celebrations continue with St Patrick's Day Assembly followed by morning tea and open classrooms

Week 9

Mon 21st Mar

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 3 - All welcome

Thurs 24th Mar

Holy Thursday

8:45am Holy Week Reflection Assembly - All welcome

Fri 25th Mar

Good Friday

Sat 26th Mar

Easter Saturday

Sun 27th Mar

Easter Sunday

Week 10

Mon 28th Mar

Easter Monday

Tues 29th Mar

School resumes

Wed 30th Mar

8:45am Resurrection Celebration Assembly - All welcome



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Religious Education



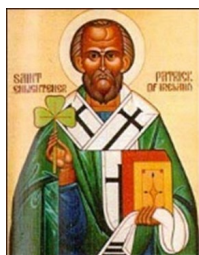
Sunday, March 20th 2015 Year C
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Luke 22:14—23:56 (shorter form: Luke 23:1-49)

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

In this final Lenten Sunday, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. *LiturgyHelp© Dianne Bergant CSS*

Thursday 17th March: St Patrick



St. Patrick was born in Britain c.385 and as a young man was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. After six years in Ireland he escaped, returned to his family and trained for the priesthood in Gaul. In c.435 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Through his work, Christianity flourished and the church became organised. Although not extensively learned, St Patrick was known for his sincerity and pastoral care, and was largely concerned with abolishing paganism and idolatry and encouraged monasticism. There are many legends about Ireland's most beloved saint, including his use of the shamrock for explaining the trinity, and his banishing of all snakes from Ireland

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Coordinator

Family Week

We have been overwhelmed at the positive response we have had from parents and children in regards to our Family Week. The children have been ecstatic to share their family time news with their friends and teachers. Just some of the exciting events shared included walking the dog with Dad, baking cupcakes with Mum, board games (too many to mention but great to see Monopoly is making a strong comeback), family karaoke, reading together, gardening, Sing Star, soccer as a family etc.

In all, Family Week was just wonderful.

*Family is the strong tie,
That holds you to the ground.
When it seems that you have lost,
All that you had found.
They are the rock that holds you down,
When you start to float away,
And they can turn your life around,
When you go astray.
They are the friends that you are born with,
They are with you 'til the end,
And when life treats you rough,
Your broken heart they will mend.
Although sometimes you may fuss and fight,
And may not always agree
In the dark they are the light,
That shows the path so you can see.*

Notes sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Letter to Families in 6 Green, Letter to Yr 6 from Greg
Whitby re Catholic Secondary Schooling Options, St
Patrick's Day Celebrations tomorrow, NAPLAN Yrs 3&5

Quote of the Week

"When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal, you do not change your decision to get there."

News from the Parish

LENTEN PROGRAM

lead by Fr. Alejandro
Tuesday, 10am, parish office

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Shrine **WAY OF THE CROSS** 10am

OLOR Mass 7pm followed by

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AND PRIVATE CONFESSIONS 7.30pm

PALM SUNDAY OLOR Masses

Saturday Vigil 6 pm

Sunday 7am and 9am,

Solemn Procession at 10:45 am,
11 am and 6pm

HOLY WEEK (MARCH 20-27)

Wednesday Mass at OLOR 9.15am

7pm Mass of the Holy Oils

St. Patrick's Cathedral

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Adoration until Midnight)

Good Friday

2.15pm - Meditation on the 7 Last Words by Br. Louis

11am - Student Stations at the Shrine

3pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

Confession from 9 to 10am

10am Stations and Marian Devotion at the

Shrine of the Holy Innocents

EASTER VIGIL MASS AT 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm

"PARENT" MOVIE NIGHT - COME CELEBRATE FATHER ALEJANDRO'S BIRTHDAY

at a Parish Movie Night on Easter Wednesday, 30th March at 6.45pm: **Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice** at Castle Towers Event Cinemas. According to the synopsis: "Fearing the actions of an unchecked Superman, Batman takes on the Lone Son of Krypton, while the world wrestles with what kind of a hero it really needs." Please note that **this film is rated M**. A free piece of birthday cake will be offered to all attendees. Each ticket is \$20 and all profits benefit the church renovation fund. Hurry don't wait...seating is limited!

EASTER EGGS AT SCHOOL

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Charlotte Lockwood KB
Caitlin Bagtas KG
Hannah Lambert KY
Ciara Crowley 1B
Taylor Brett 1G
Tiana Azzopardi 1Y
Jorja McKnight 2B
Brayden Manio 2G
Eva Lawlor 2Y
Emily Lambert 3B
Jeremy James 3G
Harrison Valenzisi 3Y
Mikaela Southwood 4B
Aaron Malcolm 4G
Emily O'Rourke 4Y
Philippa Gattini 5B
Joel Woodhead 5G
Emily Nasso 5Y
Declan Agius 6B
Tayla Davie 6G
Jack Despoges 6Y

St Angela's Award

Hamish Geoghegan KB
Ryan Salib KG
Lachlan Hall KY
Noah Sweeney 1B
Alexander Pace 1G
Tahlia Mearns 1Y
Troy Austen 2B
Yasmin Davie 2G
Matthew Metcalfe 2Y
Tara Bishop 3B
Tahlia Mackay 3G
Tia Post 3Y
Thomas Norris 4B
Isabella Hall 4G
Madlen Gunasekera 4Y
Ethan Gunawardhana 5B
Nicholas Stornelli 5G
Jake Lim 5Y
Julia Ogilvie 6B
Youstina Eskander 6G
Kaitlyn Langridge 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 20th

Bernadette Laird
Jorja McKnight

Mon 21st

Sr Venera

Tues 22nd

Ethan Stewart

Wed 23rd

Owen Azzopardi
Kaleb Brett
Kara Piperata
Kem Young

Thurs 24th

Mitchell Smith
Carlo Scida

Fri 25th

Kyle Morley
James Baylis
Genevieve Brouillard
Kingsley Barnett



Children's Work Books Coming Home

(Tomorrow Religious Education and Maths Work Books)

Next week the children will be bringing home their work books for the Key Learning Area of English. In English, over the course of the term, the children have been engaging in learning experiences to develop their knowledge and skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss their work. It is important to look at the quality of the work as well as their handwriting skills. Remember to praise and encourage your child for their efforts so they will continue to learn with enthusiasm. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book, after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have had the opportunity to 'walk' through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2016 (NAPLAN)

In May 2016, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 10th to 12th May 2016.

Tuesday 10th May	Wednesday 11th May	Thursday 12th May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)	Reading	Numeracy
Writing		

Friday 13th May - A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Grade Activities

Please see below activities allocated to each grade for 2016:

Kindergarten:	Term 4 Disco
Year One:	Welcoming BBQ/Mother's Day Stall
Year Two:	Father's Day Stall
Year Three:	Athletics Carnival Cakes
Year Four:	Father's Day Breakfast
Year Five:	End of Year 6 Graduation Supper
Year Six:	Year 6 Celebrations, Yearbook
All Grades:	International Teachers' Day - all help provide a plate for morning tea
All Grades:	Grandparents' Day

Term Dates for 2016

Term 1	28th January to 8th April Good Friday - 25th March Easter Monday - 28th March
Term 2	26th April to 1st July
Term 3	18th July to 23rd September
Term 4	10th October to 16th December

Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping Night

Mark this Date

Calling all Year 1 Parents and other parent helpers

Wednesday 6th April

7.00pm in the school library

Many hands needed!

Please contact Karen Wilson on 0414 228 348 or the school by Wednesday 30th March if you can help.

Please bring scissors with you.

Voluntary Grade Contact List

(This information has also been emailed today)

Thank you to your Grade Parent Representatives who are now assisting compiling grade contact lists. As introduced last year, your contact number will be circulated to others in the grade only after you authorise permission for this purpose. The list is useful for communicating with other families within the school to organise playdates, birthday parties etc. If you wish your contact number (ie. **The main mobile contact number that the school has on file**) to be added to the list please email the relevant information outlined below to your **grade contact parent**. Please provide the following details in your email:

Surname

Child's Name

Class for 2016

Parent's names

And the word 'Yes' (referring to the main mobile contact number that the school has on file) by **Monday 21st March**.

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Only parents who have emailed details to this grade parent representative will be included. Only parents who are on the list will receive a hard copy of the list. The list will only be published once per year.

Email addresses of contact list co-ordinators for each grade are as follows:

Grade Representatives

KINDERGARTEN: kristyzeaiter@hotmail.com
 YEAR ONE: mick_lau@bigpond.com
 YEAR TWO: frothwell@bigpond.com
 YEAR THREE: michelle.jacobs@bigpond.com
 YEAR FOUR: mick_lau@bigpond.com
 YEAR FIVE: rex_tarz@hotmail.com
 YEAR SIX: solar4u@internode.on.net

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2017

If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Angela's for Kindergarten in 2017, please complete the slip below and send to the school office by **next Wednesday 23rd March**. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students.

2017 SIBLING ENROLMENT INTENTION

I _____ am intending to enrol
 (Parent First and Surname)

my child/children into St Angela's to commence Kindergarten in 2017.

Child (First Name) _____

Child (Surname) _____

D.O.B. _____

Please send an enrolment package home with
 _____ in Class _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

St Angela's Cross Country 2016

Held on our School Grounds

On Tuesday 5th April we will be holding our Cross Country Carnival. All Children at St Angela's have been preparing well and training hard at school in preparation for the day. All parents are invited to attend our Cross Country Carnival. We ask that parents park outside the school grounds, eg. Coles or Community Centre car park. The back gate will be open for parents at 8:40am (after morning drop off). The front gate will be closed for the children's safety at 8:45am.

Details of the day are as follows:

8:45am	U/12 Boys & Girls	3km
	U/11 Boys & Girls	3km
Followed by	U/10 Boys & Girls	2km
	U/9 Boys & Girls	2km
	U/8 Boys & Girls	2km
	U/7 Year 2 Boys & Girls	700m
	Year 1 Boys & Girls	700m
	Kinder Boys & Girls	700m



These times are only a guide and may change on the day if need be

SAFETY: It is important that children eat a good breakfast on the morning of the carnival. All children especially those running 2km and 3km, should hydrate before running.

UNIFORM: Children are to wear their school sports shorts, school hat, school sports top or previously purchased colour house polo tops. NO other coloured tops are permitted.

The 2km (3 laps) and the 3km (4 laps) involves the children running along the inside perimeter of the school grounds with marshals being in view the entire course. For the safety of all our children and to help our carnival run smoothly we require parent helpers to assist on the day. If you would like to assist and have completed the child protection requirements, please complete the parent helper slip and return to school by next Thursday 24th March. I would like to be able to roster our helpers so you can watch your child finish the Cross Country. Therefore, I would appreciate offers of help from parents from all grades. I would especially like to ask for help at 8:45am from our Kinder to Year 4 parents to act as marshals while our 3km events are running.

Looking forward to a great day.

Mrs Andra Hemmings

Sports Co-ordinator

Please return by Thursday 24th March

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL HELPER

- ☐ I am available to assist as a Parent Helper on Tuesday 5th April at the Cross Country Carnival.
- ☐ I have completed the Volunteer Child Protection requirements.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CHILD'S CLASS: _____

Times available: _____ to _____

Given our bumper Catholic Schools 'Fortnight' Newsletter, a separate newsletter supplement has been emailed to all families outlining:

* Voluntary Grade Contact Lists * Oakhill College Art | Show
 * ICAS Competition (Yrs 3-6) * The Hills Shire Council Parking Rules and Penalties Fact Sheet - Driveways



International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6

University of NSW Initiative

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

This year, children are again invited to participate in the ICAS English and Mathematics competitions. Dates and the cost of each assessment are listed below. Due to a low number of students participating in other exams in previous years, these two papers are the only ones that will be offered in 2016 (as per 2015).

Both these papers will be sat at 7:30am, so as to not impact upon class learning time. Participation is optional. The test must be done on the designated day at the designated time. Unfortunately, tests not completed during the supervised time cannot be done at an alternative time.

If you would like your child to enter, please complete the form below and return it to school in an envelope marked "ICAS" with your child's name and class by **Friday 8th April 2016 (Week 9)**. *The University of New South Wales will not accept late entries.*

Name of Competition	Assessment Date	Cost
English	Tuesday 2nd August	\$8.00
Mathematics	Tuesday 16th August	\$8.00

*Please complete and return with payment by Friday 8th April
(Please note no registrations will be accepted after this date)*

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6 2016

I wish my child _____ of

Class _____ to take part in the University of NSW

Schools Competition in the indicated area/s:

☐ English \$8.00 ☐ Maths \$8.00

I enclose \$ _____ cash/cheque (made payable to St Angela's) being payment for the above tests.

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

DRIVEWAYS

THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire



You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway.

You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$177 and 2 demerit points

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.
For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145

The Hills Shire Council
PO Box 15, Castle Hill NSW
Ph: 9843 0555
www.thehills.nsw.gov.au



Oakhill College P&F presents
Art in the Hills
The 45th Annual Art Show

18-20th March 2016



Art in the Hills 2016

Oakhill College is hosting its 45th annual art and craft show from the 18th-20th March.

Art in the Hills showcases the work of more than 100 different Australian artists, along with a terrific range of locally produced craft and jewellery.

The Friday night Opening Gala kicks off at 6.30 pm with drinks, nibbles and live music. Tickets: \$35 online or \$40 at the door. The General Exhibition opens at 10am on both Saturday and Sunday. Entry fee of \$5 per family.

Location: Oakhill College, 423-513 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill.
Details and tickets: www.artoakhill.com.au