

# St Angela's Primary School

**Castle Hill** 

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Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

30th June 2016 Term 2, Week 10

Dear Parents.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many parents arriving yesterday for their Parent/Teacher interview and speaking so positively about their child's progress, so realistically about their child's challenges and so warmly about their child's teacher. I certainly welcome your feedback regarding any aspect of the parent teacher interviews, in particular the new timeframe that was trialled this year.

Parents and teachers are both vital and critical to the wellbeing and development of our children and we must always work together to make the most of children's learning and to nurture their talents.

This is especially refreshing given that the workload of a teacher is often criticised by the media and perceptions of a '9 to 3' day are still present. In comparison, our teachers spend the '9 to 3' part of the day with the children, facilitating their learning. Countless hours aside from this time are then spent each day correcting and assessing the student's work (this term in particular has seen teachers meeting to analyse children's work samples, results and assessments against criteria linked to our syllabus to ensure a correct A-E achievement level) planning lessons, preparing resources, meeting with support teachers to discuss children's needs, professional development to continually improve the quality of their teaching, regular meetings with parents to discuss children's progress, staff meetings, presenting inservice/information evenings to parents, organising excursion opportunities, carnivals and many, many more while, at the same time, juggling their own family lives and finding time for reflection and self renewal.

My appreciation and thanks to you as parents for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the teachers, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of their self, skills and

Improving the learning outcomes for all children at St Angela's is our core business. The children are our first priority. This is a great

Catholic school that over the last 16 years, has helped produce not just well educated young adults, but compassionate people who, because of their faith, confidently embrace a future with hope and joy. I hope that you are as proud to be a part of this community as I am.

#### World Youth Day

We extend God's blessings for a safe journey to our World Youth Day participants, Mrs Yager and Mrs Lean who leave for Krakow on Friday 15th July. They take with them the prayers of our St Angela's community as they gather with faith filled Catholics from around the

Thank you for your generosity with our multicultural mufti day which raised just over \$900.00 to support Mrs Yager and Mrs Lean. We look forward to their return and hearing all about their pilgrimage and experiences.

#### Thank You

As we end Term 2, I would like to thank you for your support, enthusiasm and positive feedback throughout the term. It has certainly been an exciting time, filled with many examples of faith, fun and learning. For your attendance and support at events throughout the term, we thank you. Our action packed Term 2 included just to name a few, Anzac Day Celebrations, Debating, Reconciliation, Mother's Day Celebrations, NAPLAN, Assemblies, Year 6 Canberra Excursion, Feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, Feast of Corpus Christi, Feast of the Sacred Heart, Food Day, Sport Days, Body Smart, General Parent Meeting and EMU morning, Masses and Liturgies, Athletics Carnival, Year 5 Bathurst Excursion, Reports and Parent/ Teacher Interviews. Working together is what continues to build our strong community.

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

Tony Calabria Principal

# DJ and music by 'Dance Fever'

Theme: "Wear Your Favourite Dance Gear"

When: Tonight, Thursday 30th June (Week 10)

Where: St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Times: The disco will be split into two sessions: Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30-6.00pm

Years 3 to 6 6.30-8.00pm

This includes an iced donut (from Woolworths) and groovy music with children asked to bring along their own labelled drink bottle (can be disposable). Water refilling will be available if need be. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Hall and sign them in. Children at COSHC can be brought up at the appropriate times if needed by COSHC staff. Please let COSHC know if you wish your child to attend the disco.

Please note: To avoid congestion there will be no parking on school grounds. Please allow extra time for arrival and pickup time.

Tomorrow, Friday 1st July is a Staff Development/Pupil Free Day. Staff will be at school undertaking **Professional Learning in the area** of English, in particular, the writing strand.

## **Change of School for 2017**

To estimate enrolments for 2017, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Angela's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.

Sent home this week:

Emailed: St Angela's Holiday Writing Challenge, Year 1

Speaking and Listening Program/Spelling Lists

Hard Copy: School Photos







# **Religious Education**

July 3rd, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time, Cycle C

Luke 10:1-12,17-20 Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming kingdom.

This week's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. A key theme of this Sunday's and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship - its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it.



A special "Thank You" to all staff and families of St Angela's for your special blessings on my retirement. You will remain in my prayers always. God bless.

Mrs Marilyn Turner Religious Education Coordinator

# Theme for the week;

"Keeping Our Children Safe"

At St Angela's, in the last week and the first week of each term, each class takes time to discuss the protective behaviour themes of:

"We all have the right to feel safe all of the time"
"Nothing is so awful that you can't tell someone about it"

....so that children feel comfortable at all times to approach people on their network.

This is an opportune time to talk to your children about being safe in the holidays.



# Upcoming Dates

Week 10 Thurs 30th June

rs 30th June St Angela's Disco in our St Maximilian Kolbe

Hall

4:30-6:00pm Kindergarten to Year 2

6:30-8:00pm Years 3 to 6 Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Last day of Term 2

Fri 1st July Staff Development/Pupil Free Day - No

school for the children

TERM 3 Week 1

Mon 18th July First day of school for the children

Dance Fever commences - Children are

asked to wear their sport uniform

Wed 20th July 7:30pm First Eucharist Parent Information

Evening at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Fri 22nd July State Cross Country - Best wishes to Joseph

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Week 2 Tues 26th July

St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day

Fri 29th July Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Farm

# Quote of the Week

"Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty if only we have the eyes to see them."

# Thank you ....

Thank you to the large number of parents who have given generously of their time and support in so many ways this term at St Angela's. This includes helping with excursions, sporting events, Body Smart, literacy, numeracy, parent meetings, library assistance, special food days, canteen and book club.



## Baby Girl

Congratulations to the Lee family on the arrival of Eloise a sister for Georgia (1 Green) and Harrison (K Green)

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

As we prepare to depart on our pilgrimage to World Youth Day, we would like to thank the St Angela's community for your amazing support. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as you will be in ours. A pilgrimage can also be defined as the course of our lives here on earth. Each day we have the opportunity to encounter Christ through suffering, joys, interactions with others, and through every aspect of our human experience. We hope to take from our pilgrimage all our learnings and experiences and put them into practice in our daily lives so we can come to a better knowledge of God.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Michelle Yager (Pilgrim Leader) and Mrs Louise Lean (Pilgrim)

Farewell Mrs Turner! Thank you for the last 13½ years. We will miss you.

# Celebrating our Gifts

#### Academíc Excellence

Hamish Geoghegan KB Charlotte Thompson KG Lachlan Hall KY Alexandra Huynh 1B Zane Benning 1G Olivia Miletic 1Y Jackson Bercich 2B Zalia Ritchie 2G Luke Di Stefano 2Y Keean Holmes 3B Tahlia Mackay 3G Kate McEvoy 3Y Matthew Rae 4B Tom Smales 4G Justin Younis 4Y Harrison Tandy 5B Mailee Suefong 5G Jaida Batoua 5Y

Roisin Kelly 6B

Youstina Eskander 6G

Jessica Perez 6Y

#### St Angela's Award

Olivia Siligato KB Oscar Rule KG Camila Diaz KY Lilliana Sacco 1B Tiani Layoun 1G Kai Hall 1Y Jessica Lester 2B Luke Wehrmann 2G Eva Lawlor 2Y Joshua Murphy 3B Blake Cassettari 3G Noah Wheatley 3Y Holly Di Staso 4B Olivia Rodger 4G Amelia Piperata 4Y Ava Foxe 5B Annaliese Losco 5G Alyssa Frasca 5Y Riley Lockwood 6B Armaan Tulsi 6G Nathan Fox 6Y

# Star Spot

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Congratulations to Kaija Knevitt (2 Blue) who has been selected in the Hills Rugby Union combined team to compete at the Sydney wide Under 8 knockout competition to be held on 24th July.

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Congratulations to Nikolaj Knevitt (4 Green) who has been selected as the starting lock forward in the Parramatta District Rugby Union Under 10 team to compete at State Championships in Narrabeen on 3rd July.

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# Holiday Fun!

Our St Angela's Holiday Writing Challenge is a fabulous opportunity for the children to write during these holidays. The weather is often cold and wintery so what better way to keep busy .... write, write, write!! The challenge is for all the children, Kindergarten to Year 6 and all details were included in the email sent to all families

yesterday. There will be some prizes for each age group and we are looking forward to reading some wonderful writing on our return to school. This information was also emailed home yesterday.



# okappy Brahday!

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday during the holidays and the first week of next term:

#### **JULY**

Sun 3rd

Aiden Cabezas

#### Tues 5th

Ethanael Lorenzo Alexander Mizzi Matilda Scothern

#### Wed 6th

Tiarne Fox

#### Thurs 7th

Jessica Woolnough

#### Fri 8th

Zoe Ortlepp

#### Sat 9th

Jessica Perez Georgia Lee

#### Sun 10th

Gia Anonical
Jessica Brincat
Dylan Manio
Tom Smales
Annika Clarke
Angelina Tallaridi

**Tues 12th** Mrs Fitzalan



#### Wed 13th

Oliver Miskovich Noah Hemmings

#### Fri 15th

Vanessa Tesoriero

#### Sat 16th

Jessica Mitchell Ella West

#### Sun 17th

Lauren Dominguez Emily Lambert

#### Mon 18th

Juliusz Jonski Jayson Orley Robert Kelly Owen Sereni

#### Tues 19th

Mia Jamer Maddison Eastwood

#### Wed 20th

Anjali Hunt Emily Crowley

#### Fri 22nd

William Schenko Simon Marabut

#### Sat 23rd

Clarissa Burgess Jake Burgess Luciana Castillo

# Dance Fever begins Day 1, Term 3 Children are to wear their sport uniform

# **Sport News**

Best wishes to the Stage 2 children who are representing St Angela's at the Soccer Gala Day today. Keep an eye on Shine for a wrap up of the day.

Congratulations to Lachlan Doheny (6 Green) who competed in Forbes this week and was selected in the MacKillop Rugby Union Team.

# INTERNET/FACEBOOK/TEXT MESSAGING

As a parent you have a responsibility to monitor your child's use of technology at home, in particular, over

the holidays. As a school we speak regularly to our older grades about appropriate technology use. If this technology is being used inappropriately by your child or others then action needs to be taken. Suggestions include:

- Viewing your child's text messages (both inbox & outbox)
- Viewing internet history
- Viewing emails sent and received
- Encouraging your child to block any children on Facebook if
- Setting up rules of usage and following through with restricted or no mobile phone, internet usage etc. for a period of time



- Monitoring games they play against others on the

Please let us know if we can help you in this important area.

## **Grooming Requirements at St Angela's**

A kindly reminder to parents of the grooming requirements for boys' hair at St Angela's, as noted in the Parent Handbook:

All boys' hair is to be kept neat and tidy and off the collar. It should be well groomed and brushed at all times. Long hair past the ears is not permitted. Shaved heads, eg. Number 1 shave, undercuts & sculpturing cuts are not allowed at St Angela's. Long fringes need to be off the face.

Many thanks for your support in this area.

## **Uniform News**

As Oz Fashions collect and deliver orders each Tuesday and Friday, the first pick up for uniforms will be the first week of next term, Tuesday 19th July with the first delivery being Friday 22nd July. Oz Fashions have advised that should you wish to contact them during the holidays please do so via email at elle@ozfashions.com.au. A reminder that order forms can be downloaded from our website under Current Community, Notes from School, Whole School, School Uniform Order.



CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA

kindly invites you to the

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA



RSVP Friday 24th June to James Camden jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Please include the number of family, friends and colleagues



#### Reflection

Hopefully you will have plenty of time for hugs over the holiday period

> It's wondrous what a hug can do, a hug can cheer you when you're blue. A hug can say 'I love you so', or 'Gee! I hate to see you go!' A hug is, 'Welcome back again!' and 'Great to see you!' or 'Where've you been?' A hug can soothe a small child's pain and bring a rainbow after rain.

A hug! There's just no doubt about it, we scarcely could survive without it. A hug delights and warms and charms, It must by why God gave us arms. Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers, and chances are some favourite aunts love them more than potted plants. Kittens crave them. Puppies love them. Heads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barrier, And make the dullest day seem merrier. No need to fret about the store of them. So stretch those arms without delay, and give someone a hug today. Anon

## **News from the Parish**

#### **BEAM ME UP, SCOTTIE!**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will be hosting a Star Trek Beyond Movie Night at Event Cinemas, Castle Towers on Friday 22nd July at 8:45pm (so you can get home from work). Book your seats today through the Parish office. Only 100 seats available during this opening weekend of "a sure to be blockbuster movie." Plan to come early as parking at Castle Towers can be difficult. Join other Trekkies (like Fr Alejandro) and help support Parish renovations.

#### SAVE THE DATE OF OUR PARISH FETE: **SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER, 2016**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN (or to help run) A STALL? Organisers and volunteers are welcome to come to our next meeting, which is on Monday, 11 July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the parish office. Your help in one of many ways, will be sincerely appreciated: planning of food, entertainment, good quality items for white elephant stall, second hand books, crafts, fashion, cake baking, plants, fruit and veggies, Contact the parish office 9629-2595 for information or to offer your valuable help.

## entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are now available to purchase. Flyers have been sent home with your child today. To order your book or digital membership, please visit www.entbook.com.au/2144d46. For further information please contact the school office.

## **Term Dates for 2016**

Term 2 26th April to 1st July

Term 3 18th July to 23rd September Term 4 10th October to 16th December