



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2017

A very warm welcome to an exciting new year of faith, fun and learning. Together, as a community of students, parents, teachers and parish, we look forward to working in partnership towards providing a high level of quality Catholic Education to our students, developing them spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially and physically.

I sincerely hope that the holiday period was a treasured time of relaxation, family and friends.

Congratulations on a wonderful start to the school year by all the children, particularly given the mixed weather conditions this week. I have been very proud to see the children quickly settling into their learning and living in harmony with each other. Our Kindergarten children, who officially started this week, have been particularly outstanding.

My sincere thanks to all the staff for beginning the year with such enthusiasm and care in their privileged roles. This year, we welcome a number of new and returning members of staff. A warm welcome to Mr Anthony Stagnitta (K Yellow teacher), Mrs Jenny Petras (3 Green teacher, co-teaching with Mrs Tahlee Simpson), Mrs Megan Aberley (4 Blue teacher and Stage 2 Coordinator), Mrs Theresa Lowden (5 Blue teacher and Stage 3 Coordinator), Ms Suzette Lewis-Driver (6 Yellow teacher) and Mrs Kelly Hynes (Executive Release).

We ask for God's blessings over our Christ centred community of new and existing families, staff and religious as we embark on our 17th year of providing a high level of quality Catholic Education for the children, who are our first priority.

A rewarding journey into 2017 awaits as we aim to develop the whole child and foster their lifelong relationship with Christ. As parents and partners in your child's education I encourage you to work alongside the talented, dedicated and professional staff here at St Angela's as they provide and facilitate opportunities for your child to grow to their full potential. Your support is appreciated and is an integral part of the success of St Angela's.

You should be extremely proud of your school, St Angela's, it's welcoming atmosphere and the way that over 615 children gather together each day to **LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE** in their own unique way.

I look forward to working with you as the first educators of your children to make 2017 a most rewarding year.

Grade Information Sessions

This Tuesday, we will hold our grade information sessions for Kindergarten at 7:00pm and Year 1 at 6:00pm. Our combined Year 2 to 6 parent information session will be held at 8:45am on Friday 10th February (see below). We hope that you can attend so as to enhance the learning of your child by being fully informed of the processes, procedures and content for your child's new grade and stage of learning. Your support and partnership is extremely valued and appreciated.

Kindergarten and New Families BBQ Tomorrow, Friday 3rd February

We look forward to gathering with our new families across Years 1 to 6 and all Kindergarten families tomorrow afternoon for a welcoming BBQ, commencing at 5:00pm under the big top. We also look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to the school community on Friday 17th February at 8:45am. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us.

Baby News

Congratulations to Ms Lawrence (Learning Support Teacher) and her husband, Ara, who over the holidays welcomed their first beautiful baby daughter, Isla, into the world. May Christ continue to bless their beautiful family.

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:

"Let Your Light Shine"

Our first theme of the year is our school motto. It reminds us to use the talents and gifts that God has blessed us with each and every day. Be brilliant in every aspect of life.

Emailing our Newsletter

Although we have families accessing our newsletter through our website and its direct feed, we will soon begin emailing the newsletter to all families via the email address currently on our system. You will soon receive an email asking you to reply if you wish to also opt for a hard copy. Thank you.

GRADE INFORMATION SESSIONS

The following grade information sessions will be held for parents:

Year 1 - 6:00pm on Tuesday 7th February
Kindergarten - 7:00pm on Tuesday 7th February
Year 2 to 6 (combined) - 8:45am on Friday 10th February
(please see email sent home today).

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent and Teacher interviews - Wednesday 15th February
afternoon/evening (details to be sent home soon).

Thank you for your support.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 5th February 2017: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Salt of the earth, light of the world

What a challenging Gospel! *You* are the salt of the earth. *You* are the light of the world. Not somebody else! *You!* You are the one who can give our world its flavor and its character. You are the one to offer a vision of life and hope in a world troubled by fear and darkness. If only we Christians would really hear and heed these words. Jesus places an enormous responsibility on us, to be salt and be light.

Light has many functions. It can offer comfort and solace. Light can drive out the shadows of fear. And light can also reveal what is hidden.

During this week, each time you reach for the salt, or turn on a light let this action remind you of your Christian vocation. Let it be a moment of prayer for strength and courage to be salt and light in the world.

- ♦ *How can I be the Salt of the Earth or the Light of the World to those around me?*

The Feast Day of Our Patron St Angela Merici - Friday 27th of January

It was very fitting that staff returned to the school year on Friday the 27th of January, The Feast Day of St Angela Merici. With humility and inspired by the Holy Spirit, Angela became convinced there was great need for a better way of teaching young girls. So, she opened her own home to them and began to teach them herself. She devotedly taught them the Catholic Christian faith. She taught them how to pray and participate in the sacramental life of the Church. On the 25th of November 1535, Angela Merici gathered with 12 young women who had joined in her work in a small house in Brescia, where together they committed themselves in the founding of the **Company of St Ursula**.

As we begin the 2017 school year... we look to our Patron, Saint Angela Merici, and her example of discipleship. She embodied peace, courage, wisdom, kindness, gentleness and compassion. May we Let Our Light Shine in all that we do this Year.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"Cherish simple pleasures ... time spent together, the gift of friendship and love."

Canteen begins this Tuesday 7th February

Band lessons begin this coming Friday 10th February

A Thank You from the St Vincent de Paul Society

In response to your support of the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal, please find below a few words of appreciation recently received:

"Please pass on our thanks to your staff and students for their generous donations to the 2016 Christmas Appeal. Donations like yours ensure we can offer essentials, as well as those special extras to support the comfort and dignity of those we assist. Thank you for your kindness and generosity."

St Vincent de Paul Society



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 2

Fri 3rd Feb

5:00pm Kindergarten and New Families BBQ under the Big Top

Week 3

Tues 7th Feb

6:00pm Year 1 Parent Information Session in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

7:00pm Kindergarten Parent Information Session in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Fri 10th Feb

School Census Day (see further information in this Shine)

8:45am Years 2 to 6 General Parent Information Session in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall



Welcome

We would like to welcome 4 new families to our school this week:

The Bagus family - Vaughn (1 Blue)

The Celano family - Noah (2 Green)

The Olivera family - Hazel (6 Yellow)

The Wettasinghe family - Radheen (4 Green)

We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

Are you receiving emails?

As information and various notes are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email address on our system. Many thanks.

School Census Day Friday 10th February

Friday 10th February is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know your child will be away on Friday 10th February, please email stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au advising the reason for the absence and when they will return, otherwise, simply respond to the text sent from St Angela's on the day by 10.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Information sent home this week:

Emailed: Kindergarten and New Families - OLOR Parish Travel and Wrights Road. Year 2 to 6 Grade Information Session, Kindergarten and new families BBQ, Morning and Afternoon Arrival and Departure, School Fees

Hard Copy: Kindergarten and New Families - OLOR Parish Travel and Wrights Road, Going Home Arrangements

Please see coming home soon parent calendar and grade overviews.

Sport News

2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials **Expression of Interests** close **tomorrow, Friday 3rd February** for ALL TEAM Sports; AFL, Hockey, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League 11 Years, Rugby League Opens, Rugby Union, Touch Football. Please go to the website for complete registrations. Your child **MUST** play at a representative or division 1 level for their chosen sport. Please be aware that this is an expression of interest and is no guarantee that your child will be able to trial. Please only register once per sport using the link below by choosing the sport that you are nominating your child for and upon pressing the submit button a reply email should be received to confirm the nomination.

Schools will be notified in approximately 10 days after the closing date of nominations.

<http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/rep-selections>

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sport Coordinator

Supporting and Extending Your Child's Learning

Over the next few weeks, the teachers will extensively assess your child so as to get to know their strengths and areas of need. They will also read each child's file and reports so as to get a better perception of their past performance and successes. It is important to have a good understanding of each child's needs before launching into the programming of work, so that it meets these needs.

Please return the Student Information form coming home tomorrow no later than **Wednesday 8th February**, so that your valuable input can be utilised to assist your child.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice is reaching out to those less fortunate. Throughout the year, as a community which is truly blessed, we will be reaching out to others in need through a variety of charities and Caritas.

HeartKids - Friday 14th February

We would like to support 'HeartKids' NSW through their Sweetheart Campaign on Friday 14th February (celebrated on Valentine's Day) by asking children to bring in a gold or fold donation and to wear red ribbons on their uniform or in their hair and/or red socks from home to acknowledge and raise awareness of children with heart disease. This worthy charity has supported five of our students at St Angela's with their serious heart conditions, including open heart surgery. All funds raised will go towards helping HeartKids support the eight babies born every day with childhood heart disease in the hope of finding a cure. Thank you for your support.

Charity Fundraiser for Type 1 Diabetes

Diabetes affects so many young children throughout the world. We have a number of students at St Angela's who are diabetic. Their positive attitude and daily management of this condition is inspirational and indeed impressive.

Charity: The Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) which is a not for profit research organisation

Event: Sportsman's afternoon - 2017 The Sporting Year Ahead

Date: Friday 24th February 2017

Time: 3-7pm

Location: Owners Pavilion – Randwick Racecourse

Cost: \$130 pp incl Food and drinks, 100% of money raised going to JDRF

MC: Tim Gilbert (Channel 9)

Tickets can be purchased via the link below.

<http://bitly.com/SportingYearAhead>

For further information please contact Craig Evans on 0451 010 943.

St Angela's Staff 2017

Principal: Mr Tony Calabria

Assistant Principal: Mrs Monica Fitzalan

6 Blue: Mrs Natalie Newbury
6 Green: Mrs Amanda Ogilvie
6 Yellow: Ms Suzette Lewis-Driver

5 Blue: Mrs Theresa Lowden (Stage 3 Coordinator)
5 Green: Miss Gabrielle Joice
5 Yellow: Mrs Michelle Yager
(Religious Education Coordinator)

4 Blue: Mrs Megan Aberley (Stage 2 Coordinator)
4 Green: Mr Lee Hurst
4 Yellow: Mrs Elizabeth Kelly

3 Blue: Mrs Rosanne Javidi
3 Green: Mrs Tahlee Simpson/Mrs Jenny Petras
3 Yellow: Mrs Jasna Rubelj (Special Projects Coordinator)

2 Blue: Mrs Catherine Bateman
2 Green: Mrs Michelle Szady
2 Yellow: Mrs Meegan Fello (Early Stage 1/
Stage 1 Coordinator)

1 Blue: Mrs Louise Lean (Learning Technologies/
Special Projects Coordinator)

1 Green: Mrs Kristy Smith
1 Yellow: Mrs Marilyn Hyam

K Blue: Mrs Natalie Moller
K Green: Mrs Marie Murray
K Yellow: Mr Anthony Stagnitta

Learning Support: Mrs Simone DiStefano
Mrs Brooke McDonald

Teaching Learning Centre: Mrs Rosanne North (Teacher/Librarian)
Mrs Karem Castro (Library Assistant)

Specialists And Coordinator Release: Mrs Kerry Powell (Music)
Mrs Andra Hemmings (Physical Education)
Mrs Lucy Kaelin (2Y)
Mrs Lynne Sandri (4B, 3Y, 1B and Year 4 Music)
Mrs Kelly Hynes (5B)
Coordinator release for 5Y to be confirmed

Teachers' Aides: Mrs Karem Castro
Mrs Bernadette Melville
Mrs Karen Mirabello
Mrs Mary Richards

Admin: Mrs Elizabeth Burke
Mrs Jo Hall
Mrs Lisa Martin
Mrs Marian Poleweski

Maintenance: Mr Rick Laird

Cleaning: Mrs Ana Stuardo

IT Trainee: Mr Matthew Tindiglia

COSHC Assistant Coordinator: Miss Laura McKinnon

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

At the grade information sessions for Kindergarten and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. For ease of communication, we will endeavour to have a maximum of 2 parents per class to fulfil this role with one being the main contact person. If interested, please see the teachers at the grade sessions or email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

As emailed earlier this week, please find outlined below the price list for the canteen this year:

Fruit Juice	\$1.50
Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00
Icy Poles	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.50
Calippos	\$1.00
Oreo's	\$1.00
Quelch	\$0.50
Breadstick	\$0.20
Fandangles	\$2.00
Frosty Fruits	\$2.00



Thank you
Canteen Committee

Canteen Helpers 2017

Our school canteen will open this Tuesday 7th February and then each Tuesday and Friday. It does not open on rainy days.

We require some helpers each Tuesday and Friday from 12:25 to 1:25pm to be put on a 6 month roster. **The canteen roster will commence Friday 17th February.** If you are able to help, please fill out the canteen helper form below and return by **next Friday 10th February** (no babies or toddlers please). Enquiries: Diana Norris on 0408 440 213.

Thank you
Canteen Committee

Please return to the school office by Friday 10th February

I would like to help in the canteen once a month on the following day:

Tuesday or **Friday** (please circle)

Name:

Phone: (mobile)

Email:

Child's Name: Class:

Any dates not available:

School is Cool - but not if you're late

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child is disadvantaged if they are late. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons. In all their learning results suffer. If on the odd occasion you arrive after 8.30am **(you will know it is after 8:30 if the teacher is no longer on duty at the kiss and drop)** you, as the parent, must visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class.

Many thanks for your support in this area.

Important Allergy Information

At St Angela's we have a number of children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for some people the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods.

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit and Nut chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Breakfast cereals containing nuts eg Crunchy Nut/Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutrigrain
- Muesli Bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionary items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt muesli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at St Angela's.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us cater to the health needs of all of our children.

Birthday Treats

*Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends **(purely optional)**, we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes or donuts. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send in lollies, chocolates or candy canes. Please note, although a lovely idea, ice blocks are not practical as we have limited freezer space.*

If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in for your child, which we will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary.

Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!