



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 7

Dear Parents,

2017 Catholic Schools Week 'Learning Connected'

We are looking forward to our remaining Catholic Schools Fortnight of celebrations:

Tomorrow		
Fri 10th Mar	9:00am	Open Day for Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments
	2:15pm	Whole School Assembly presented by Year 4
Fri 17th Mar	8:45am	Whole School Catholic Schools Week Assembly, also celebrating St Patrick's Day, followed by a community morning tea and open classrooms.

On Friday 17th March, after our whole school assembly at 8.45am, followed by a community morning tea for parents, the children will be looking forward to welcoming 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 and are asked to bring in a donation of 'gold or fold' to support our social justice outreach through Caritas Project Compassion in order to help make a difference to those in need.

PROJECT

- Calming in times of need*
- Own it, share it*
- Makes everyone feel loved*
- Pass it around and make smiles*
- A sign of integrity*
- Something the world needs more of*
- Signifies a true hero*
- In times of despair, this shall appear*
- Overly enjoyed*
- Not a want, but a need*

I am extremely proud of St Angela's, the amazing staff, beautiful faith filled students and you, our supportive parents, not just during Catholic Schools Week but each and every week. Together we are all very much part of the success of our great school.

At St Angela's, we have high expectations and aim to excel in everything we undertake. Most importantly, we are certainly blessed to work with your child in partnership with you in developing their spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical potential.

Family Week

Our Family Week, as part of our Catholic Schools Fortnight, has once again been a huge success. Parents have expressed appreciation at having a little time freed up to spend as a family during these 'precious' years while the children are young. Children have been sharing their 'Family Week' experiences, which this week have included cooking a meal together, family movie night, playing Family Feud, reading with brother and sister, playing NFL in the park, taking puppy to puppy preschool, visiting cousin in hospital and playing cricket just to mention a few. Keep an eye on next week's Shine for more.

Reading Afternoon

Hundreds of parents with their favourite books joined the children to enjoy a good read on Tuesday. The weather was fine and our classrooms, playground, hall and library were overflowing and buzzing with everyone sharing their favourite books and just reading together. 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.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



**KINDERGARTEN 2018 ENROLMENT
INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR
Tomorrow, Friday 10th 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.

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Colour House Polos Order Form, Year 1 Design and Make Ltr, NAPLAN Ltr to Yrs 3 & 5, Photo Day Envelope Information **Hard Copy:** Colour House Polos Order Form, Photo Day Envelopes

Theme for the Week: "Have Faith & Trust in Jesus"

Our theme this week helps remind us that we should always place our trust in Jesus - to trust and know that His love and care will always be with us and guide our lives. As a family we live out and show our faith and trust in Jesus as we deal with life's challenges. Prayer as a family is just one of the many ways of making Jesus part of our lives.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 12 Mar 2017: Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

Mt 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus' body as translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. The transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

The promise our Heavenly Father makes to you and to me, personally and individually.

You and I can be, and with God's grace *will* be, bodysouls radiant with Divine Light, translucent to Divine Glory, filled with 'immeasurable well-being' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

During this season of Lent let us encourage our children to find a quiet time and place to pray. Ask them the following questions and invite them to strengthen their relationship with God:

Q. What are your favourite quiet places? And what do you like to do there?

Q. Quiet places can be very good for praying. Take a moment to think of when you can go to your quiet place this week.

Q. What or who in this Lenten Season can you pray for?

Kindergarten will celebrate a grade Liturgy at 2.20pm on Thursday 23rd of March. All are welcome to attend.

3 Senses in Religious Education

As teachers of Religious Education we believe that an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ can transform students' lives. In order for this to occur students need to make meaning of the scriptures and connect on a deeper and personal level.

When exploring scripture, the students enter the **Literal sense** and look at the who, what, where, when and why by exploring the facts in the passage. By identifying important words and phrases the children connect with the main ideas and the teacher can clarify any confusion or misconceptions.

Looking at the same scripture they enter the **Spiritual sense**. Connecting it to Catholic Practice and Tradition and asking *where is God/Jesus in the passage and what is revealed about them?* Exploring a connection to the *Catholic Church and/or the Sacraments*. Then asking *How does this passage guide a Christian to live a moral life? How does this passage point to Heaven?*

Finally, they enter the **Application Sense**. By applying the literal and spiritual senses students can consider *'What can I change in my thoughts, words and actions?'* They also consider how prayer can deepen their connection with God and help them to identify ways they can lead a Christian Life.

By exploring scripture in this way students have a deeper sense of connection to God's word and feel that God is speaking directly to them. The students will *dig deeper* as the Word becomes relevant to their lives. Exploration of scripture will take students to deeper levels of personal application. When students discover that God's Word is relevant to their everyday lives, they will get excited about meeting God.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

The first compulsory meeting for children who have not yet received their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion is on Wednesday 15th March. For Year 3 students and older:

Parent Information Night: 15th March 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start

Preparation Day: Saturday 29th April 4:15pm-6:00pm for St Angela's and Our Lady of the Rosary students.

Reconciliation dates: 17th and 18th May at 7:30pm



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 7 - Family Week

Fri 10th March 9:00am Kindergarten 2018 Enrolment Information Session and School Tour

Tomorrow 2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 4 in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome.

Week 8

Tues 14th March Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm

Wed 15th March 8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

7:30pm OLOR Parish Reconciliation Information Night

Thurs 16th March 1:30-2:30pm Second Hand Uniform Sale outside the canteen

Fri 17th March 8:45am St Patrick's Day Assembly followed by morning tea and open classrooms - All welcome

Week 9

Wed 22nd March Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day

Thurs 23rd March 2:20pm Kindergarten Liturgy in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 24th March Year 3 Excursion to Brewongle

Class Parent Representatives Meeting

The 2017 class parent representative meeting will be held this Wednesday 15th March 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.

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2018

If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Angela's for Kindergarten in 2018, please complete the form emailed home last week (2nd March). This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. Enrolment packages will be sent home tomorrow to those families who have already completed the form.

From the Library ...

It is an expectation that all children borrow each week. Please ensure that your child has a library bag or similar with them on their library day as they will not be allowed to borrow without one. It would be a great help if you could assist your child at home with reading and caring for their library books.

Library Borrowing Timetable

Monday	Years 3 and 6
Tuesday	Year 1
Friday	Kindergarten, Years 2, 4 and 5

If there are any parents who would like to assist with covering hard cover books in the library, please feel free to come along next Tuesday 14th March from 11:15am. As the books are quite heavy, it is easiest that they be covered at school, rather than sent home.

Many thanks.

Mrs Rosanne North
Teacher Librarian

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Georgia-Rose Scoulou KB
 Chloe Mowbray KG
 Sienna Azar KY
 Aiden Cabezas 1B
 Bronte Solomon 1G
 Euan Adjji 1Y
 Lilliana Sacco 2B
 Adam Hochstetter 2G
 Aidan Siney 2Y
 Ryan Sloan 3B
 Megan Thomas 3G
 Jonah Singh 3Y
 Joel Foxe 4B
 Nicholas Murdocca 4G
 Noah Granero 4Y
 Katarina Costa 5B
 Rylee Callaghan 5G
 Charlotte Hogan 5Y
 Charlotte Edwards 6B
 Olivia Pinna 6G
 Charles Saul 6Y

St Angela's Award

Monte Piotto KB
 Christian Nasr KG
 Abbey Glass KY
 Rusty Smith 1B
 Alexander Bovopoulos 1G
 Cristian Frasca 1Y
 William Taylor 2B
 Amalia Mohan-Ram 2G
 Joseph Sultana 2Y
 Oliver Gerrettson-Cornell 3B
 Benjamin McNamara 3G
 Chanel Nasr 3Y
 Jessica Hohn 4B
 Ariella Colosimo 4G
 Anthony El-Rahi 4Y
 Zoe Byrne 5B
 Flynn Jamer 5G
 Mitchell Smith 5Y
 Ava Foxe 6B
 Anthony Tedros 6G
 Annaliese Losco 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 12th

Holly Di Staso

Mon 13th

Bryce Lenferna
 Eimear Kelly
 Jessica Araneda
 Sienna Stavropoulos

Tues 14th

Brayden Sampol
 Dominic Darmudi
 Ethan Cabezas
 Jackson Bercich

Wed 15th

Aeven Mendoza
 Sienna Javidi
 Tianna Farah

Fri 17th

Darius Mekary
 Tyra Moc

Sat 18th

Aaron Hohn
 Jessica Hohn
 Jacob Holm

Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, remaining whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:
 Week 7 - Tomorrow, Friday 10th March at 2:15pm led by Year 4
 Week 10 - Friday 31st March at 2:15pm led by Year 1
 All parents are most welcome to join us.

What Happens in a Numeracy Block?

(As presented at our General Parent Meeting)

'Numerate': To be numerate is to use mathematical ideas to make sense of the world.

Students at St Angela's follow the Parramatta Literacy and Numeracy strategy called Focus 160. This means that every day, children will undertake 100 minutes of Literacy and 60 minutes of Numeracy. Our Numeracy Block consists of three elements:

- Warm up (10-15 mins)**
 Always number based: Counting, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction or Multiplication and Division.
 Targetted to point of need.
 'Tuning in' and warming up.
 Teachers 'track' children's progress.
- RICH Task (30-40 mins)**
 Learning Intention discussed and broken down.
 Success criteria co-constructed.
 Task differentiated for children.
- REFLECTION (10-15 mins)**
 Explicit teaching time.
 Explore questions raised by students.

At St Angela's, children are encouraged to have a 'Growth Mindset'. See below for some reflective comments from our students regarding a 'Growth Mindset':

- You don't need to be fast at Maths to be great.
- Your brain is growing and changing all the time.
- Mistakes help grow your brain and challenges are really good for you.
- Believing in yourself changes the way you learn.
- Everyone can learn Maths to a high level.

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for Weeks 7 and 8:

Olivia Hoon (KB)
 Dana Adan (5B)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Star Spot

Congratulations to James Pearson (6G) who has been chosen by Motorcycling Australia to be one of two to represent Australia at the Under 17 World Speedway Championship in Denmark in July.

As James is 11 years old, this is an amazing achievement! We are all very proud of you and wish you every success.

School Photo Day - Tuesday 28th March Family and Specialty Group Photos - Thursday 30th March

Envelopes for our school photos were sent home earlier this week. We ask that envelopes are brought in with your child **on the day**, ie. Tuesday 28th March for school photos and Thursday 30th March for family and specialty group photos.

Sport News

Congratulations to Riley MacKay (6G) who was selected in the Wollongong, Canberra/Goulburn, Sydney and Parramatta Combined Diocese cricket team. Riley will compete at the MacKillop Trials in September at Wagga Wagga.

Studyladder

St Angela's has negotiated a contract with Studyladder (online program your child has been using) whereby students will be able to have **unlimited** access both at home and at school to complete unlimited activities. Studyladder is a curriculum based online program that covers Mathematics, Literacy as well as other subjects, that we have been accessing for home learning and to support learning at school. The contract with St Angela's school is presently being processed and will be available soon. **The school will cover the cost for this unlimited access. We will notify you as soon as it is activated. Parents who have already signed up for Studyladder in the past 3 months are eligible for a refund.** To arrange a refund, please notify the school via email. We will then forward your email address to Studyladder for them to process your refund.

Mrs Theresa Lowden
Coordinator

Project Based Learning (PBL)

Stage 3 are engaged in an exciting and challenging Science PBL (Project Based Learning) on recycling. The PBL is driven by a provocative driving question, which is used to initiate and focus the inquiry of the project. The driving question for this inquiry is "How can we as Environmental Scientists, investigate the impact of waste in our community and develop a recycling initiative for St Angela's to become more environmentally friendly?" To introduce the project, students were presented with a real-world context, (a video which involved Mr Calabria asking the students for their ideas on implementing an initiative which will enable St Angela's to become more environmentally friendly.) This resonated with the student concerns or interests with the topic. The students then researched and investigated recycling and waste management and formulated an initiative that will impact the St Angela's community. Throughout their investigation, students share appropriate resources and are guided by learning opportunities provided by the teacher. Working collaboratively on their investigations, students are working on implementing and promoting their initiatives throughout the school and preparing these presentations. Comments from some of our students regarding our PBL:

Project Based Learning - "Waste not, Want not"

By Zoe Dimitriadis and Claudia Como

For Years 5 and 6, PBL (Project Based Learning) has been a fun and educational adventure. Mr Calabria has given Stage 3 the role of being Environmental Scientists, in hope of unearthing a solution to prevent waste in our school community from becoming a more serious matter.

Our PBL projects have been a challenging yet successful topic in our science curriculum. Based on recycling, this assignment has helped to extend our knowledge and develop a more sophisticated understanding of the waste issues in our society.

Stage 3 members, have thoroughly enjoyed working on this PBL. From composting, to recycling bins, our initiatives have been varied and unique. We are looking forward to presenting and promoting our recycling initiatives to the community of St. Angela's.

By Felicity Rankin and Charlotte Edwards

Year 6 have created many different initiatives in response to our PBL driving question. These include implementing recycling bins and compost bins. Overall, Year 6 believe PBL is fun, engaging, creative and promotes critical thinking.

Thank you! So Nice! Yum!

To Kari Anne Begg, Donna Collins, Monica Crowley, Wayne Davie, Cristina Gerrettson-Cornell, Donna May, Belinda Muscat, Sonia O'Rourke, Angela Papadimitos and Diana Norris (coordinator) who assisted with the Baker's Delight lunch for the children on Tuesday. Your time and efforts were very much appreciated.

Children's Work Books Coming Home

This coming week the children will be bringing home their books, work folders etc. in the Key Learning Areas of **Religious Education** and **Mathematics**.

In your child's **Religious Education** books, please take the time to look through, discuss and enjoy the work and responses your child has completed, that relate to the Units of Work set out in Diocesan Syllabus, Sharing Our Story. Please remember that not all work undertaken in this Key Learning Area is recorded in workbooks. Prayer, role plays, research reading, listening to God's word etc. also play an important part in the children's learning. You may like to discuss your child's everyday faith experiences particularly in this important time of Lent.

Also coming home will be your child's **Mathematics** books. Please note that not all mathematical thinking is recorded in workbooks. Children undertake a great deal of mental computation, reasoning and problem solving. They are also often required to articulate their thinking in a group.

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 taken the time 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.

Invitation to all St Angela's Mums and Friends Wednesday 29th March 'Beauty and the Beast' (PG)

Reading Cinemas, Rouse Hill
7:00pm

Seats are limited

Ticket and payment order form was emailed and sent home last week. Please return to the office by Friday 17th March.

All welcome.

Hope you can join us!

Second Hand Uniform Sale Thursday 16th March 1:30-2:30pm

Our second hand uniform sale for this term will be held next Thursday 16th March from 1:30-2:30pm outside the canteen. All items will be sold for \$5 or \$10, with profits going towards the school. It is really just a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need!

**St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia
121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia
52nd Annual Country Fair
This Sunday 12th March at 10:30am**