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Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 8

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Fortnight 'Learning Connected' Happy St Patrick's Day

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

Fri 17th 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

Student Attendance

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to

learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

In 2017, St Angela's will be supporting the Diocesan campaign called 'Every Learner, Every Day', an initiative designed to all remind students and parents why regular school attendance is so important. As part of this campaign, a range of resources and strategies will be made available to help parents, if help is needed. A variety of information regarding policies and procedures for absences has been emailed/sent to parents this week, along with a poster that explains simply the benefits of being at school regularly. I encourage you to think about the ideas suggested on the poster and to speak to your child about these messages.

I appreciate that this is not a matter that may impact on a large number of our families; however, if the 'Every learner, every day' campaign can assist even just a few students to be at school more regularly, with all the benefits that come with that, it is a terrific outcome.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

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.

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2018

Enrolment packs were sent home last Friday to those families who have completed the form in our email dated 2nd March. If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Angela's for Kindergarten in 2018, please complete this form by **next Friday 24th March**. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students.

*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 **tomorrow Friday 17th March**. All welcome. Hope you can join us!

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Mums and Friends Ticket and Payment Order, Studyladder Information, Compulsory Student Attendance, OLOE Easter Schedule **Hard Copy:** Compulsory Student Attendance



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Religious Education

*Sunday, 19 Mar 2017: Third Sunday of Lent
- Year A*

Jn 4:5-42 Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water.

Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

Q. How are we able to come 'face to face' with Jesus today as did the woman at the well?

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

St Patrick's Day

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Please join us this Friday 17th of March, under the Big Top at 8.45am to celebrate the life of this great Saint.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Clarke family (Harry 5G and Annika 2Y) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's grandfather.

News from the Parish



**Come Join
Fr. Alejandro
for his annual
birthday bash!**

**The Lego
Batman
Movie**

Rated: G
2 pm on Sunday 2 April, 2017
Event Cinemas Castle Towers
Tickets are \$20 each and
may be purchased at the
Parish Office!

Call and reserve today at 9629 2595



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 8

Tomorrow

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

Week 10

Mon 27th March

St Angela's Cross Country on school grounds

Tues 28th March

School Photo Day - Please bring envelopes on the day

Wed 29th March

2:20pm Year 2 Liturgy in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

7:00pm Mums and Friends Movie Night 'Beauty and the Beast' at Reading Cinemas

Thurs 30th March

Specialty Group Photos and Family Photos - Please bring envelopes on the day

Fri 31st March

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 1 in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

St Angela's Disco in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
See flyer coming home soon

Quote of the Week

"Cherish the gifts of friendship and love."

Family Week

We have been overwhelmed at the positive response we have had from parents and children in regards to last week's 'Family Week'. The children have been ecstatic to share their family time news with their friends and teachers. More exciting events shared included walking the dog in between the rain, playing board games, going to a restaurant for dinner, watching television together, playing Xbox with Dad, visiting Nonna 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.*

Mark the Dates

Monday 24th April - Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 25th April - Anzac Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 26th April - First day of Term 2 for students

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

St Angela's Award

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Jackson Tokoly KB | Izaak Botic KB |
| Flynn Wilson KG | Mikayla Martin KG |
| Levi Lawlor KY | Ivy Tole KY |
| Ella Solomon 1B | Alicia Dib 1B |
| Gia Lorelle Anonical 1G | Simon Marabut 1G |
| Charlotte Thompson 1Y | Caitlin Bagtas 1Y |
| Darius Mekary 2B | Zachary Brook 2B |
| Isiah Lorenzo 2G | Carlo Scida 2G |
| Rhys Wilson 2Y | Joshua Norman 2Y |
| Emma Lang 3B | Maddison Eastwood 3B |
| Madeline Nasso 3G | Matthew Mizzi 3G |
| Mia Young 3Y | Luke Di Stefano 3Y |
| Jason Herbas 4B | Melina Catalano 4B |
| Ned Cane 4G | Ava Bizzanelli 4G |
| Amelia Piperata 5B | Ethan Cabezas 4Y |
| Ethan Petersen 5G | Jeanette Khoudair 4Y |
| Claire Moroney 5Y | Mikaela Southwood 5B |
| Jack McDonald 6B | Alannah Bridge 5G |
| Jayden Carr 6G | Jessica Herbas 5Y |
| Tanya Benedict 6Y | Sienna Javid 6B |
| | Aoife Collins 6G |
| | Isabella Tadiaman 6Y |



Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 19th

Emma Heanes
Myah Ciccia

Thurs 23rd

Kaleb Brett
Kara Piperata
Kem Young

Mon 20th

Bernadette Laird
Jorja McKnight

Fri 24th

Carlo Scida
Mitchell Smith

Tues 21st

Sr Venera

Sat 25th

Genevieve Brouillard
James Baylis
Kingsley Barnett

Wed 22nd

Ethan Stewart
Alfonso Costa

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.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Finya Begg (5Y) and Freya Begg (3G) who participated in the 'Shave For A Cure' event last week. Finya and Freya both had their hair coloured with Mrs Begg shaving her head to raise awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation. Well done!

Congratulations to Olivia Miletic (2Y) who this morning appeared on Jay's Jungle Series 3 on 7TWO. You can catch up on this episode via <https://au.tv.yahoo.com/plus7/jays-jungle/>

Sport News

Congratulations to Chantelle Mendoza (6Y) who was selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Netball team and will trial in Canberra in May for the MacKillop team.

News from Oz Fashions

Winter uniforms are now available. To assist with ordering, all uniform sample sizes are available at the school office. Please note the last day of delivery for this term will be Friday 7th April. Orders will still be taken during the school holidays and our first delivery for Term 2 will be Friday 28th April. An updated uniform order form, with our new colour house polos, has also been uploaded to our website.

National Assessment Program

- Literacy and Numeracy 2017 (NAPLAN)

In May 2017, 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 9th to 11th May 2017.

Friday 12th May - A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Tuesday 9th May	Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) Writing	Reading	Numeracy

St Angela's Cross Country 2017

Held on our School Grounds

On Monday 27th March we will be holding our Cross Country Carnival. Although very wet, the 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 school 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 this **Wednesday 22nd 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 this Wednesday 22nd March

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL HELPER

- I am available to assist as a Parent Helper on Monday 27th March at the Cross Country Carnival.
- I have completed the Volunteer Child Protection requirements.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CHILD'S CLASS: _____

Times available: _____ to _____

Thank you ...

On behalf of the children our sincere thanks to Athena Woolnough (Jessica 4Y) who coordinates Bookclub for the children. This service is used by a very large number of families who wish to purchase books. All is undertaken quietly, with a smile and without fuss. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

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 now active. **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

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

A reminder our School Photo Days are taking place on the abovementioned dates. Please note, envelopes are to be 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.

Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, our remaining whole school assembly for Term 1 is as follows:

Week 10 - Friday 31st March at 2:15pm led by Year 1

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping Night Mark this Date

Calling all Year 1 Parents and other
parent helpers

Wednesday 5th April

7.00pm in the school library

Many hands needed!

Please contact Wayne Davie on 0404 924 166 or the school by Wednesday 29th March if you can help.

Please bring scissors with you.

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.