

St Angela's Primary School Castle Hill



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Term 2, Week 6

<u>Sending Home Information and News about Education</u>

Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

Dear Parents,

EMU Parent Session and Combined General Parent Meeting

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our combined EMU Parent Session and General Parent Meeting yesterday morning. Feedback has once again been extremely positive regarding the inservicing of parents in supporting their children with Maths at home. Appreciation and thanks to Mrs Rubelj (3 Yellow teacher) and Mrs Szady (2 Green teacher) for presenting the session.

The General Parent Meeting component saw great ideas being shared and discussion around the great learning taking place at St Angela's.

Family Week

This coming week is 'Family Week'. Feedback for Family Week held last term in Week 7 was, once again, extremely positive. Family Week will see the children have a break from formal home learning (although we ask that every child still reads each night) to spend time with you as a family, or helping you for the family. You may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples in the past have included playing a board game, sitting and sharing stories, cooking a meal together, feeding the pet, playing cards, helping put away laundry, setting the table, reading mum or dad a book, washing the car, gardening, writing mum and dad a thank you note, spending time in prayer/saying the Rosary, going for a family walk etc. Family Week is aimed at freeing children up to assist and/or spend time with those who love them most, their greatest heroes, you their parents and 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: "Be involved and live life"

By being involved, being part of the team or just 'having a go' we learn new skills, see new opportunities, make new friends and often have the chance to do something different and new. Life is busier but richer and these are the experiences we remember fondly. So whether it's academic, creative or something sporting, think about being open to the potential of each situation.

Grade Assemblies

Our remaining whole school assemblies for Term 2 are as follows: Week 7 - Friday 9th June at 2:15pm led by Year 2 Week 8 - Friday 16th June at 2:15pm led by Year 5 Week 10 - Friday 30th June at 2:15pm led by Kindergarten

All parents are most welcome to join us.



Upcoming Dates

<u>Week 6</u> Thurs 1st June Fri 2nd June

Week 7 Wed 7th June

Thurs 8th June Fri 9th June

<u>Week 8</u> Mon 12th June Tues 13th June Fri 16th June Year 4 Incursion in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall 9:45am Interschool Debating Competition St Angela's vs St Michael's

Paul Kelly Cup Girls Regional Finals Waste-Free Lunch Day (see further information in this Shine)

Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

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

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Year 2 Liturgy to be rescheduled 9:45am Interschool Debating Competition -St Angela's vs St Paul the Apostle

Special 'Sausage Sizzle' Food Day

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 5 in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

NSWCPS & CCS Cross Country at Eastern Creek

7:00pm St Angela's Trivia Night in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

St Angela's Trivia Night Friday, 16th June St Maximilian Kolbe Hall



Doors Open @ 7.00pm/Trivia Starts @ 7.30pm-11:00pm

Parents, Friends and Staff are invited to attend this year's Trivia Night!

Enjoy a night filled with fun and laughter while giving your brain a workout!

Great prizes to be won on the night! BYO everything! (nibbles, drinks, cups, etc)

Bring gold coins to play novelty games. Please note that this is a non-smoking event (no smoking permitted on school grounds).

Form a team (table of 8) or buy individual tickets and we will build a team for you! <u>\$10 for individual tickets or \$60 for a</u> table of 8.

To register and order your tickets, please complete the form sent home last week or emailed to you today and return to the school office by

next Thursday, June 8 2017.

Seats are limited, so register early to avoid disappointment! Prize donations are most welcome.

These may be left at the school office. Thank you.

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Religious Education

Sunday, 4 Jun 2017: Pentecost Sunday -Mass during the Day - Year A

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Q. Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action?

Q. Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

On Monday June 5th 3 Yellow will lead us in an assembly prayer to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

Religious Education Warm – ups

What is an RE warm-up? Teachers begin lessons in Religious Education with a warm- up game with the learning intention of improving Religious Literacy. These quick, but effective games aim to improve the recall of religious facts, events and messages in our Catholic faith and tradition.

Mrs Michelle Yager Religious Education Coordinator

<u> Ilease keep in your prayers</u>

Our prayers are extended to the Tikellis family (Angelo 1 Blue) due to the passing into eternal life of Angelo's grandmother.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs which focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward those costs. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This amount has already been factored into the overall cost of Year 6 excursions for this year.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

A reminder that Special Food Day Order Forms are due back at school tomorrow, Friday 2nd June

Sent Home This Week: Emailed - Yr 6 Yearbook /End of Year Celebrations, Netball Trials, Athletics Carnival 3-6, Trivia Night



Welcome

We would like to welcome a new family to our school this week:

The Aguilar family - Eva (1G)

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.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

INVITATION TO PARENTS

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Angela's we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, children may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Seasons for Growth runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 30-40 minutes. The program concludes with a 'Celebration' session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning.

Seasons for Growth will commence in Term 3 and will be facilitated by teachers/staff who have received special training in the use of this program.

If your son or daughter has experienced grief through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances and would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate, please email the school office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au by **next Friday 9th June**.

St Angela's is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Book Club

A reminder that book club orders are due back at school <u>tomorrow, Friday 2nd June</u> - LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Envelopes should be clearly marked: BOOKCLUB, NAME, CLASS AND AMOUNT. Payments are accepted by cheque (made payable to Scholastic) and credit card, cash IS <u>NOT ACCEPTED. Credit card</u> payments are made as per instructions on the Book Club brochures. Credit card information is not to be written on the order forms. If you wish to pay by credit card YOU must ring scholastic on the 1800 number on the order form or online payment at <u>www.scholastic.com.au/payment</u>. The receipt number is then to be recorded on the order form then forwarded with your order. There must be a receipt number with your order or I cannot process the order.

Thank you. Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508) Book Club Coordinator

Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate uniforms, could you please send them to the office by this **Monday, 5th June**.

Many thanks.

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academíc Excellence

Kaeden Hochstetter KB Liam Nicholls KG Bodhi Neeld KY Joshua van Egdom 1B Seamus Burden 1G Harrison Lee 1Y Masen De Carlo 2B Dominique Gularte 2G Olivia Miletic 2Y Taylor Ngo 3B **Riley Petersen 3G** Ruby Moller 3Y Marcus Thian 4B Priva Tulsi 4G Sanjana Kadam 4Y Rachael Rodrigues 5B Tom Smales 5B Alexander Petras 5G Sophie Young 5Y

St Angela's Award

Finnegan Brook KB Noah Tyler-Ottolino KG Serenna Urizar KY Joseph Azar 1B Zara Abeyaratne 1G Jacob Crawford 1Y Savannah Morsillo 2B Deagan Hopkins 2G Gabriella Fernandes 2Y Isabella Perusich 3B Domenic Stornelli 3G Sascha Blefari 3Y Noah Andrew 4B Brandon Suefong 4G Jia Jung 4Y Harry Clarke 5G Will Johnston 5Y



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Waste-Free Lunch Day This Wednesday 7th June

Last term Year 5 and 6 worked together to come up with different ways that St Angela's can become more environmentally friendly. A few students worked on initiating a Waste-Free Lunch. In response to their initiative we have decided to partake in the Waste Free Lunch Challenge. Next Wednesday St Angela's will be participating in the Waste Free Lunch Day. This event will celebrate World Environment Day.

We ask that you bring in food that can be:

Eaten; Composted; or Recycled.

This means that no food that is pre packaged. (No chip packets, muesli bars, or chocolates.)

Think fresh food like sandwiches, fruit and veggies. This will avoid throwing items away.

Try to package your food in reusable containers as they are a handy way to pack a waste free lunch. Packing a waste free lunch also promotes healthy eating and may provide a better understanding of the actions we can take to reduce our waste.

Don't forget – Next Wednesday pack a waste free lunch.

Thank you for participating to help St Angela's become more environmentally friendly.



Happy Birthday!

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

<u>JUNE</u> Sun 4th Mrs Melville

Mon 5th Elliot Abeyaratne Ryan McDermott Zoe Crowley

Tues 6th Alana Younan Anthony Tedros Emily Ortlepp Joseph McEnearney Ronan Lee Mrs McDonald **Wed 7th** Adam Mendoza Amalia Araneda Mrs Smith

Thurs 8th Deagan Hopkins Tahlia Mearns Ava Mogan Joshua Vassallo

Sat 10th Noah Jenkins Seamus Burden Mateja Knevitt

Artísts of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Carissa Lewis (2 Green) Jessica Mitchell (3 Green)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

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 <u>Religious Education</u> and <u>Mathematics</u>.

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.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival Friday 23rd June Roxborough Park, Baulkham Hills

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Dark and early on Thursday morning last week, Year 6 took a bus ride to Goulburn, and then to Canberra. Our first stop was the War Memorial. The War Memorial was a solemn place but very interesting to learn about. We saw the tomb of the unknown soldier, and plaques lining the walls with the names of all our brave Australian soldiers.

After a quick lunch, we moved on to Questacon. We went into a room called Excite @ Q. The best attraction was the free fall, a terrifying vertical slide that some of our Year 6 daredevils were willing to try. We then went to the Australian Institute of Sport and saw some of the amazing facilities available to the athletes and the played in the sportsplex room where we were able to play sports based games. After all that excitement Year 6 were exhausted, so we headed to our

accommodation, ate dinner and went straight to bed.

The next morning we travelled to the picturesque Parliament House, where we marvelled at the paintings, decorations, the Senate and the House of Representatives. After that, our bus driver took us on the



embassy tour. We saw buildings representing countries from all over the world, some tall, some short, some narrow and some wide. Learning how to vote was made easy when we went to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). We learnt about all the different types of voting and we even did a role play vote ourselves! We were entertained on the bus ride home with a movie and stopped at McDonald's for a late afternoon snack before heading back to school. Year 6 had an awesome time in Canberra and we really wish we could go again!!!

Charlie Saul and Freya Scothern (6Y)

World Book Online

This year we have subscribed to a fabulous website, WORLD BOOK ONLINE.

The children can access it at school and home, on a computer or lpad, and it is continually updated. The basic primary school package includes **Kids**, **Student** and **Timelines**.

Kids: simple navigation, predictive text, translations, text to speech and thousands of easy to read articles. Includes interactive games and activities, a dictionary, science experiments, an atlas, interactive maps, map outlines and a tool for comparing places or animals.

Student: expansive reference database and multimedia library. Includes Behind the Headlines, dictionary, atlas, citation builder and Research Tools.

Timelines: over 600 Timelines including Federation of Australia, Exploration of Australia, Australian Prime Ministers and History of Australia. Edit or create your own Timelines.

To access World Book Web go to

www.worldbookonline.com:

ID : stangelas

Password : stangelas

Mrs Meegan Flello

Coordinator

8th September - Save the Date IT'S ON AGAIN!

CALLING THOSE INTERESTED IN GOLF (ALL LEVELS WELCOME - BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED)

> St Angela's Annual Golf Day Lynwood Country Club Keep an eye on Shine for further details

Inter School Debating Competition

Our debating team are busily preparing their next debate to be held this Friday against St Michael's, Baulkham Hills. The topic for round 2 is, *"Australia should become a republic"*.

Our affirmative team will travel to St Michael's, while our negative team will compete at St Angela's.

<u>Affirmative</u>

Freya Scothern Annaliese Losco Chantelle Mendoza Sebastian Cignarella Negative Bella Shepherd Charlotte Edwards Anthony Tedros Ronan Lee

We wish our debating team the best of luck for their next debate, and look forward to hearing their challenging arguments.

Thank you to all parents involved in supporting your child leading to the debate and for your presence on the day.

Mrs Newbury, Mrs Kaelin, Ms Driver and Mrs Kelly Debating Coordinators

Sport News

National Rugby League (NRL) Gala Day

Just wanted to say thanks and congratulations on a great day at the NRL Gala Day on Wednesday 24th May. Both teams did a great job. The Seniors just missed out on the Semi Finals and the Juniors were great, making it all the way to the Grand Final (I think this is the first St Angela's team to make a Grand Final). Well done to all the boys!

Results on the day were:

Seniors

- Game 1 v St Pauls Draw 8-8
- · Game 2 v The Meadows Won 16-4
- Game 3 v St Michaels Lost 0-8

The top 4 teams made the finals and our seniors finished 5th, so it was still a great effort.

Juniors

- Game 1 v St Pauls Won 12-8
- · Game 2 v St Bernadettes Won 20-4
- Game 3 v Rouse Hill PS Draw 8-8
- Semi Final v Kings Langley PS Won 16-0
- Grand Final v St Michaels Lost 8-20

The Juniors played some great footy against teams that play together regularly so to make the GF is fantastic.

I'd like to thank all the Parents for their support to the boys and getting them to training and to the games today and a big thanks to Wayne Smith and Peter Fitzsimons for helping coach the Juniors and Jihad Tenn for coaching the Seniors. Thanks to Mrs Hemmings for the support from the school, it's greatly appreciated.

Look forward to seeing everyone playing again next year!

Gareth Holmes (Keean 4Y and Macey 2G)

Stage 3 Girls Gala Day

On Thursday 25th May, 15 Year 5 girls went out to Jamison Park, Penrith for the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day. Each school had to play six games against teams of Year 5 and 6 students. We won three of our games, lost two and tied one.

Thank you to our coach, Mr Murphy, who gave us good advice between each of our games and also to Mrs Hemmings for coaching us at lunchtimes leading up to the Gala Day.

Emerson McDonald (5B)