



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Term 3, Week 3

Dear Parents,

**Mary MacKillop Feast Day**  
**Tuesday 8th August**  
**Australia's First Saint**  
**Born January 15, 1842**  
**Died August 8, 1909**  
**Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995**  
**Canonised in Rome on October 17, 2010**

*'Never see a need without doing  
something about it'*

*Mary MacKillop encourages us to be of service to others.  
Each one of us has the potential to help others if we so choose. Being  
able to see a need and know what to do is often the challenge, a  
challenge that Mary MacKillop modelled for us in her life. Why not,  
along with the children, make the effort this week and always do  
something about a need you may be aware of.*

Mary MacKillop is a wonderful role model to us all. She was indeed a woman of faith and devotion. Her attitude of **'never see a need without doing something about it'** inspires us to reach out to others and to truly make a difference.

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. Mary cared about people who had no-one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people. Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tension Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St. Joseph's School in an old stable. On 19th March, 1866 - St Joseph's Day - Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start

more schools. All children were welcomed at their schools, even if they couldn't pay. In Adelaide they opened a place for women who had nowhere to live, an orphanage for children who had no parents to look after them and a house where poor people could come and stay. The Sisters visited people who were in gaol and those who were poor and sick. Mary MacKillop was kind to all people. She died on 8 August, 1909 in North Sydney. Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first Saint.

St Angela's has its own distant relatives of Mary MacKillop. The Evans family tree is indeed blessed with a link back to Mary MacKillop. What an amazing bloodline Ella (6B), Lauren (4G) and Liam (2Y) have.

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

We continue to keep in our prayers our Year 3 students, along with those throughout the parish, who over the next two weeks will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**Combined Our Lady of the Rosary and  
St Angela's Communities Mass held at Our  
Lady of the Rosary Parish for the Feast of the  
Assumption**

**Tuesday 15th August at 9:30am**  
**Years 3 to 6**  
**All welcome**

We look forward to travelling to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, as we join with Our Lady of the Rosary Primary students on this special Feast Day to celebrate Mary in our lives. We hope you are also able to join us on this Holy Day of Obligation.

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

*Tony Calabria*  
Principal



**Tomorrow**  
**Jeans for Genes®**  
**Denim Mufti Day**

Tomorrow, Friday 4th August, St Angela's as part of its social justice outreach program, will be supporting the Jeans for Genes Day appeal. Children are invited to wear full mufti with their jeans/denim on the day. We ask that each child brings in a donation of gold or fold in support of this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

## Theme for the week:

**"Doing your best"**

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.



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## Religious Education

*Sunday, 6 Aug 2017: The Transfiguration of the Lord*

**Gospel Mt 17:1-9**

### **The transfiguration**

In the midst of *Ordinary Time* we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour. The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

Let us keep in our prayers the children who received the sacrament of First Eucharist last weekend and those preparing to receive this weekend. As a school and parish community we celebrate and share this joyous occasion with our students.

*Lord Jesus,*

*Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

*Thank you for their innocence and goodness.*

*May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.*

Parents of Year 4 students were reminded last week that their children are preparing for the Religious Literacy Part B Extended Task. This is a valuable opportunity for students to show not only what they know about scripture, but also demonstrate their ability to work with and apply what they have learnt. Over the coming week the students will begin planning their responses. Please spend some time discussing with your child their ideas and what they will need to creatively present their learning. Teachers will inform the children of materials available to them at school. It is a requirement that the children come prepared with the resources that they will need. These should be sourced at home without expense. All work is to be completed in school hours.

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator



## Grade Assemblies

Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, whole school assemblies for Term 3 are as follows:

Week 4 - Friday 11th Aug at 2:15pm led by Year 1

Week 6 - Friday 25th August at 2:15pm led by Year 4

Week 9 - Friday 15th Sept at 2:15pm led by Year 3

All parents are most welcome to join us.

### **Sent Home This Week**

**Emailled:** Year 6 Pyjama Day, Year 5 Excursion, Year 4 Religious Literacy, Parent Calendar, Annual Golf Day

**Hard Copy:** Annual Golf Day



## Upcoming Dates

### **TERM 3**

#### **Week 3**

**Fri 4th August**

Genes for Jeans. Gold or Fold donation.  
Children to wear denim.

#### **CENSUS DAY**

**Sat 5th August**

4:00pm Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Rosary Parish

**Sun 6th August**

11:00am Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Rosary Parish

#### **Week 4**

**Thurs 10th August**

8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

11:00am St Angela's Year 6 Voice of Youth Competition in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Year 5 excursion to OLOR Parish and Shrine

**Fri 11th August**

Year 6 excursion to The Observatory

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

**Sat 12th August**

4:00pm Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Rosary Parish

**Sun 13th August**

11:00am Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Rosary Parish

## **Parent Representative Meeting This Thursday 10th August 8:45am**

The Term 3 class parent representative meeting will be held this Thursday 10th August at 8:45am in the staffroom for those parents available.

## *Quote of the Week*

*"Lift up your hearts. Each new hour holds new changes for new beginnings."*

## **School Census Day Tomorrow, Friday 4th August**

**Tomorrow, Friday 4th August** 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 tomorrow, please email [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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.



## **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

The Woolworths "Shop For Your School" is back. The program started yesterday, 26th July and runs until 29th September 2017. Bring your stickers earned, from what you spend at Woolworths, to school and place them in your classroom office bag or place them in the box labelled St Angela's at Woolworths Kellyville Plaza.

## Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

### Academic Excellence

Kyla Hogan KB  
Giovanni Anastasio KG  
Abbey Glass KY  
Rusty Smith 1B  
Chloe Eltakchi 1G  
Cayleigh Mantua 1Y  
Alexandra Huynh 2B  
Carlo Scida 2G  
Miha Knevitt 2Y  
Maddison Eastwood 3B  
Luke Watson 3G  
Finnian Christie 3Y  
Arielle Henwood 4B  
Ariella Colosimo 4G  
Jeanette Khoudair 4Y  
Sophie Watson 5B  
Estavan Alberti 5G  
Ivana Alilovic 5Y  
Ava Foxe 6B  
Isaac Tenn 6G  
Brendan Wilson 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Olivia Hoon KB  
Ivy Smith KG  
Alfonso Costa KY  
Theodorus Kinsong 1B  
Orlando Ruiz-Martinez 1G  
Jacob Nasso 1Y  
Isabella Sultana 2B  
Jasmine Oakey 2G  
Joshua Hall 2Y  
Ryan Sloan 3B  
Lara Gomes Pestana 3G  
Ruby Moller 3Y  
Joel Foxe 4B  
Oliver Simunic 4G  
James O'Donnell 4Y  
Laura Nati 5B  
Tebogo Siwisa 5G  
Alexander Palmer 5Y  
Juliusz Jonski 6B  
Riley Mackay 6G  
Thomas Hennessy 6Y

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday during the coming week.

### AUGUST

#### Sun 6th

Alannah Lane  
Joshua McDermott  
Laura Nati

#### Thurs 10th

Misha Belle  
Orlando Ruiz-Martinez

#### Mon 7th

Alvarez Alberti  
Emily Mitchell  
Matthew Despoges  
Sanjana Kadam  
Amelie Sprem

#### Fri 11th

Mrs Kelly  
Hanna Ngo

#### Sat 12th

Zara Phelan

#### Wed 9th

Mia Russo  
Ryan Shepherd



## Star Spot

Congratulations to Charlotte Thompson (1Y) who recently competed at the Camden Country Feis and was awarded first place out of 15 dancers for both dances she performed. Charlotte will also compete in the State Championships on Sunday 13th August.



## Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Zachary Lane KY  
Mailee Suefong 6Y

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



## DIOCESAN VOICE OF YOUTH

As featured in last week's Shine, students from Year 6 will be competing in the Parramatta Diocese Voice of Youth Contest. Our children are all busy writing and practising their speeches to present to their classes. Three winners will be chosen from our school level final to be held on **Thursday 10th August at 11:00am**. These children will then represent St Angela's at a Cluster Final on **Monday 14th August at 9:30am at St Angela's**. One winner from the cluster will progress to the Semi Final and perhaps the Grand Final following later in the term. This diocesan speech contest is being conducted so that children with a flair for public speaking have an opportunity to use this talent. Good luck to all our Year 6 students. Parents are most welcome to come along and support our students on either of these days as audience involvement is a major part of their speaking process.

Mrs Newbury, Mrs Ogilvie and Mrs Rubelj  
Year 6 Teachers



## Values Matter at St Angela's

This week we are focussing on the value of:

**DOING YOUR BEST** - Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, and pursue excellence.

This value includes the following characteristics:

- Having a go! - How do you as parents, encourage this characteristic?
- Being positive about learning
- Learning from your mistakes - Tell them how proud you are of their efforts
- Discovering what you're good at and enjoy doing it
- Doing things to the best of your ability
- Using your talents - Discuss your children's God given talent/s with them and how these gifts should be used to the best of their ability.
- Setting worthwhile goals and making plans to achieve them. Do you have goals?

The overall message:

*Attaining personal success in a range of human endeavours, pursuing individual excellence and displaying pride and satisfaction in personal achievement.*

## Change of School for 2018

To estimate enrolments for 2018, 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.



## Sport News

### Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day Wednesday 2nd August

*Yesterday, three Soccer teams represented St Angela's at the Parramatta Diocese Stage 2 Gala Day at Penrith.*

*It was a great day for soccer with the warm sun shining brightly and lots of great goals being scored by our St Angela's teams.*

*Our girls team played extremely well and finished in second place.*

*Our boys teams gave their all and finished in first and second place in their pools.*

*All students represented the school with pride and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day.*

*A big thank you to all of our coaches and teachers for their support on the day and for all their hard work in training our teams leading up to the Gala day.*

*It was a fantastic day playing with friends, being competitive and enjoying ourselves.*

**Harrison Valenzisi (4Y)**



The girls and boys were fantastic representatives of St Angela's with beautiful behaviour and sportsmanship on and off the field. All 3 teams should be very proud of their efforts. It was a huge day that saw over 100 teams competing.

Boy's Team Gold won their pool. Congratulations to Brandon Suefong, Jeremy James, Joshua Murphy, Marcus Thian, Noah Andrew, Connor Calleja, Lucas Borg, Joel Cartisano, Joe Khoudair, Jack Tole, Anthony El-Rahi and Ethan Cabezas.

Boy's Team Green came second in their pool. They only had one goal scored against them all day, which was a free kick.

Congratulations to Noah Jenkins, Ben McNamara, Lucas Seda, Luke Watson, Matthew Despoges, Ryan Sloan, Luke Younis, Harrison Valenzisi, Harrison Petras, Jarvis Hemmings, Blake Cassettari, Aiden Crowley and Joel Foxe.

The Girl's Team had no goals scored against them all day and came second in their pool.

Congratulations to: Taylah Khoudair, Yasmine Davie, Jemima Scothern, Sascha Blefari, Jeanette Khoudair, Lauren Evans, Mia Jacobs, Hailey Cassettari, Eimear Kelly, Arielle Henwood, Rebekah Love, Sienna Van Jour.

Special thanks must go to our coaches: Mario Petras, Brett Despoges, Chris Thian, Wayne Davie, Mr Stagnitta and Mr Laird. They spent their own time coaching the children before the day and on the day. Also, ex student Ben Watson who refereed and Ella Sievwright.

Finally, thank you to the parents who gave up their time to get the children to Penrith and support all the teams throughout the day.

Congratulations on a fun and exciting day of soccer!

Mrs Jenny Petras

Year 3 Teacher



## ARE YOU JOINING US?

### St Angela's Inaugural Golf Day

Friday 8th September

Lynwood Country Club

All welcome

**Be sure to complete the official registration form recently emailed home or contact the office for more information.**

### *If you are ever unsure*

*A sincere thank you to the parents who take the time to make contact to clarify rumours, stories, perceived events, playground experiences etc. that they may hear from their children or misinformed others. Children love to sensationalise events, and as a result their accounts can sometimes be a mixture of truth and many opinions of others.*

If you are ever unsure about any school event, activity, procedure, learnings or in particular anything that may have involved your child etc. you are encouraged to please take the time to seek clarification, as your first port of call with the school i.e. with class teachers, the office, Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria to get information first hand as opposed to relying on heresay or other's interpretations or perceptions.

**Please also note it is never appropriate to approach other school children for clarification of an issue or event etc. Matters are always best handled by the teachers and school. Additionally, contacting other parents who you do not know well to discuss children's friendships etc is not always beneficial.**

## Important Dates to Note this Term

### General Parent Meeting

Friday 18th August at 8:45am

### Father's Day Celebrations

Friday 1st September

### St Angela's Annual Golf Day

Friday 8th September



## Oakhill College Year 7, 2019

Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2019** close on **Friday 18 August, 2017**. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September, 2017. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College in 2019, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing date **Friday 18 August** on 9899 2288 or [registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au) Applications are also being taken now for Years 8-11, 2018.