



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 3, Week 6

Dear Parents,

## Fathers' Day Celebrations Next Friday 1st September

We invite all Dads to come to our special 'DAD' morning assembly in their honour at 8:45am next Friday morning which will be followed by a morning tea and then a visit to the classrooms. We hope dads (or significant males) and parents are able to join us. Although it is termed Fathers' Day, it is appreciated that many other significant adults and mothers play the role of 'dad' in the children's lives. All are most welcome.

## Drop Everything and Read, Read, Read!

Last Tuesday, hundreds of parents with their favourite books joined the children to enjoy a good read. Our classrooms, playground, hall and library were buzzing and overflowing. It was just wonderful to see children, parents and grandparents in groups and individually reading to each other. Your extremely positive feedback of this event has once again been very much appreciated.

## Family Week

As a regular feature now in Week 7 of each term, 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 may include 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.

## Welcome

We welcome Mrs Natalie Guerin to our St Angela's community, who will be assuming the role of classroom teacher for 1 Yellow as Mrs Hyam enters retirement. Mrs Hyam's last day will be next Friday 1st September.

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

Tony Calabria  
Principal



## 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.

## Theme for the week:

*"Honesty and Trustworthiness"*

*Our theme this week encourages us to be honest and trustworthy at all times. To be honest with each other means expressing our feelings, respecting others and accepting responsibility for our actions. Being honest, sincere and seeking the truth are essential characteristics for being in harmony with ourselves and those with whom we interact.*



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 3

#### Week 6

**Thurs 24th August** 7:00pm Year 5 Personal Development Night for parents and their child in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

**Fri 25th August** 9:45am Interschool Debating Competition St Angela's vs St Bernadette's

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

**Sat 26th August** Confirmation Preparation Day at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

#### Week 7

**Tues 29th August** 9:00am-12:30pm K-2 Athletics Carnival on St Angela's grounds - All welcome

**Wed 30th August** Fathers' Day Stall - \$5 per gift to be brought in on the day together with a shopping bag

**Thurs 31st August** Special Food Day - Pies and Sausage Rolls

**Fri 1st Sept** 8:45am Fathers' Day Assembly, morning tea and open classrooms - All welcome

1:30pm Farewell Assembly for Mrs Hyam in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

**Sun 3rd Sept** Happy Fathers' Day

## FATHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

We invite all Dads to come to a special DAD morning assembly in their honour starting at 8:45am on

**Friday, 1st September** which will be followed by a light breakfast and then a visit to the classrooms.

We hope all dads (or significant males) are able to join us.  
All are most welcome.

## Sent Home This Week:

**Emailed:** Golf Day Reminder, Kindergarten re Chick Hatching Program



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## Religious Education

*Sunday, 27 Aug 2017: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*

### **Gospel Mt 16:13-20**

**Jesus asks, "Who do people say I am?"**

Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives.

**Q. How would you answer Jesus' question, 'Who do you say I am?'**

**Q. What are different ways in which people answer Jesus' question?**

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This Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Year 5 students will take a leading role at the 11am Our Lady Of The Rosary Parish Mass. They will be reading the Sunday readings and the Universal Prayer, assisting with the Offertory, greeting families and altar serving. We warmly welcome and invite all families of St Angela's to attend this special parish Mass supporting our Year 5 students and sharing in the prayer life of our wider parish family. Year 5 hope to see many of you there.

The Confirmation Preparation Day will be this Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm followed by the 6pm mass with families. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are required to attend.

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator

**Special Food Day**  
**Pies and Sausage Rolls**  
**Thursday 31st August**

**Optional Dance Fever Challenge Night**  
**Held at Homebush**  
**Thursday 14th September**

If there are any children in Years 3 to 6 who would like to attend the Optional Dance Fever Challenge Night it is not too late. Please return the note to their class teacher this Monday 28th August.  
Thank you.

## News from the Parish

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Preparation Day for this Sacrament will be held this Saturday 26th August 2017 followed by Mass with families at 6:00pm. Any questions, please contact the Parish office on 9629 2595.

## Important Dates to Note this Term

### Father's Day Celebrations

*Friday 1st September*

### St Angela's Annual Golf Day

*Friday 8th September*

***A reminder that the Year 5 Personal Development night for parents and their child is being held tonight at 7:00pm in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall***

## Grade Assemblies

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

Week 6 - Tomorrow, 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.

**Thank you** .....

*A huge thank you to all who attended our Father's Day wrapping session on Tuesday night in the library. It was great to see mums enjoying each other's company whilst expertly wrapping that special gift for the dads in our community. (Keep an eye on future Shine's for a full list of thank you acknowledgements after our Father's Day celebrations).*

**St Angela's Annual Golf Day**  
**Friday 8th September**  
**Lynwood Country Club**  
**All levels of golf welcome**

**Submit your registration or contact the office if you still wish to join us. We have many teams registered plus we have spots for singles or pairs.**

**Registrations due tomorrow.**

**Kindergarten to Year 2 Athletics Carnival at St Angela's**  
**This Tuesday 29th August from 9:00am to 12:30pm**

On Tuesday 29th August all Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in our annual Infants Athletics Carnival here at St Angela's. Children are to arrive at school as normal on the day and are asked to bring their normal recess and lunch. Children are asked to wear their sports uniform or their colour house shirt. It is essential that they wear their school hat and bring a labelled water bottle to take with them from station to station. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to sharing this fun and exciting day with the children.

## Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

### Academic Excellence

Mathis Ma KB  
Isabella Ciantar KG  
Bastien Milicevic KY  
Aliyah Henwood 1B  
Ryan Salib 1G  
Caitlin Bagtas 1Y  
Sean Phung 2B  
Oliver Milicevic 2G  
Leonardo Blefari 2Y  
Taylah Khoudair 3B  
Clarissa Gumuljo 3G  
Sascha Blefari 3Y  
Melina Catalano 4B  
Ava Bizzanelli 4G  
Jia Jung 4Y  
Enrique Hanza 5B  
Oshi Kirkley 5B  
Bianca May 5G  
Keira Murphy 5Y  
Sarah Perez Magnaye 6B  
Lara Atchison 6G  
Noah Hemmings 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Isabella Arrastia KB  
Amelie Sprem KG  
Levi Lawlor KY  
Joshua van Egdom 1B  
Tianna Farah 1G  
Zachary Vujnovich 1Y  
Masen De Carlo 2B  
Ava O'Brien 2G  
Olivia Miletic 2Y  
Matthew Despoges 3B  
Veronica Cheng 3G  
Lucas Rothwell 3Y  
Noah Wheatley 4B  
Emma Heanes 4G  
Jake Burgess 4Y  
Saxon Aldag 5G  
Aaron Malcolm 5Y  
Samantha Hohn 6B  
Marcus Fonseca 6G  
Jackson Folkard 6Y



## Happy Birthday!

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

### AUGUST

#### Mon 28th

Liam Norris  
Isaac Gunasekera  
Leon Reyes

#### Tues 29th

Abigail Madayag

#### Wed 30th

Connor Calleja

#### Thurs 31st

Ava Chapman  
Jared Suarez  
Mrs Lean

### SEPTEMBER

#### Fri 1st

Mailee Suefong

#### Sat 2nd

Charlotte Thompson  
Ruby Chapman



## Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Mathis Ma KB  
Riley Azzopardi 6B



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

## Inter School Debating Competition

The fifth and final round of our Inter School Debating Competition will be held tomorrow, Friday 25th August against St Bernadette's Castle Hill. The topic for this debate is "We need a sugar tax".

The team has been working hard to prepare for this very challenging debate, coming up with some interesting and thought-provoking points. Our Affirmative team will travel to St Bernadette's Castle Hill, while our Negative team will compete at St Angela's.

### Affirmative

Ava Foxe  
Sophie Rodger  
Olivia Pinna  
Chantelle Mendoza

### Negative

Robert Kelly  
Sofia Losco  
Jessica O'Meara  
Tanya Benedict

We wish the debating team the best of luck for tomorrow's debate.

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, Mrs Kelly and Ms Lewis-Driver  
Debating Coordinators

## Sports News

### Zone Athletics Carnival

On the 17th of August the St Angela's athletics team went to Blacktown International Sports Park to compete at the Hills Zone Athletics carnival. The children, as they always do, showed fantastic sportsmanship and were rewarded for the effort they put into each of their events.

Congratulations to all 44 team members. It was a fantastic effort to have 16 children progress on to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival.

Congratulations to Ariella Colosimo who was Junior Girls Runner Up.

A big thank you to the parent helpers Michelle McEneaney, Natalie Seda, Yasna Suefong, Tanya Brangwin, who helped with the smooth running of long jump. Thank you to Mrs Kaelin who managed the team on the day and ensured the children made it to their events

Thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to come and cheer on the children.

Best wishes to Jack Tole, Brandon Suefong, Ben McNamara, Aiden Crowley, Pip Gattini, Mailee Suefong, Sarah Crowley, Keira Murphy, Joel Foxe, Aoife Collins, Ella Evans, Nicholas Murdocca, Joseph McEneaney, Oshi Kirkley, Bella Shepherd and Ariella Colosimo who will be competing at the Parramatta Diocese Carnival tomorrow at Blacktown - 'Let your light shine'.

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sports Coordinator



## FATHERS' DAY STALL - This Wednesday 30th August 2017

**'A variety of fantastic gifts for Dad - \$5 per gift'**



We will be holding a Fathers' Day Stall for the children this **Wednesday 30th August**. The gifts will be purchased **on the day**. All gifts will only cost \$5. We will not be collecting money in advance. Children are to bring their money in **on the day**. The children will receive a token for the stall once they have paid. Any children who forget their money on the day will still be able to select a gift which will be put away and can be collected from the school office on Thursday once money is received. Children are asked to bring in a bag on the day to take their gift home. If there are gifts left over after all classes have visited the stall, children will be given the opportunity to purchase extra gifts for their grandfathers etc.

## FATHERS' DAY

### YEAR 2 HELPERS FOR THE FATHERS' DAY STALL (AND ANY OTHER PARENTS)

Parents are also needed to sell gifts at the stall on **Wednesday 30th August**. If you are available anytime between 9am and midday to help out on the day, please contact Marlena Muscardo on 0403 245 440 so a roster can be compiled. You will then be notified of your allotted time. All help will be greatly appreciated.

### CALLING YEAR 4 HELPERS FOR FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER (AND ANY AVAILABLE PARENTS)

We are in need of help to set up, prepare and serve morning tea to our dads on **Friday 1st September** from approximately 8.30am. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Michelle Jacobs on 0413 026 922. Many thanks.

## Values Matter at St Angela's

How are values taught? Our Catholic schools have, at the centre of all learning and teaching, core Catholic values which are based on Christ's Gospel values. It is about making the core values explicit in all school activities through modelling, discussion and critical reflection.

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This week we are focussing on the value of:  
*Honesty and Trustworthiness* – Be honest, sincere and seek the truth.

#### **This value includes the following characteristics:**

- \* Being honest
- \* Being truthful to self and others
- \* Not deceiving, cheating, or stealing – exercising ethical judgements
- \* Being reliable - doing what you say you'll do
- \* Having the courage to do the right thing
- \* Building a good reputation: *Being loyal - standing by your family, friends and country*

#### **What you can do to promote trustworthiness:**

\*Teach children the importance of trustworthiness by word and example. Ask yourself "what message am I sending?" Avoid dishonesty, especially in front of your child ("A child's ticket, please, he is only 11.") Never ask your child to lie for you ("Tell Grandma I'm in the shower.")

\*Encourage honesty even when it may cause your child to get into trouble. Praise efforts to be honest and point out good examples whenever you see them. Express disappointment for dishonesty.

\*Keep your commitments, be on time and do what you say you will do, especially when your child is involved.

\*Teach that people need the courage to say "no" when friends ask them to do something that seems wrong. Explain that it is disloyal to ask a friend to be untrustworthy."

Are you a good role model to your children? Do you model honesty and integrity at all times?

The overall message:

***Honesty and trustworthiness is about being honest, telling the truth, keeping promises, and being loyal so people can trust you. Trustworthy people don't lie, cheat or steal. They have integrity and the moral courage to do the right thing and to stand up for their beliefs even when it is difficult to do so.***

## 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 and opportunities at school.

In Mathematics, 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.**

## National Safe Schools Framework

The National Safe Schools Framework assists school communities to take a whole-school approach to creating safe, supportive and respectful teaching and learning environments that promote student wellbeing.

At St Angela's we are committed to providing a safe and supportive school for all our children. This is reflected in the following items from The School's Mission Statement:

Our school environment reflects

- ◆ Safety in the whole school precinct.
- ◆ Respect for oneself, others, property and the school.

The Learning Programs reflect

- ◆ Processes and strategies to facilitate positive student management.
- ◆ An emphasis on the development of social skills and the ability to relate positively and effectively with each other.

Today the children completed a Safe and Caring School survey with their teachers. The survey will provide teachers with helpful information about the children's feelings about school, challenges with peer relationships and will identify any issues that need to be addressed.

Items in the survey include:

At playtime I like to play with .....

The places I like to play are .....

Are there any places in the playground where you don't feel safe?

Name anyone who you think cares for, and respects others.

Is anyone taking away your right to be happy and safe, or to learn at school?

The children's responses will be collated by the teachers and addressed.

We thank you for your support and partnership as we continue to provide a safe and caring learning environment where relationships are positive and fruitful for our children.