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Dear Parents,

What an Amazing Year!

As 2017 comes to a close, we reflect on what an amazing year of faith, fun and learning we have had. We have been blessed in 'letting our light shine' in so many ways throughout the 2017 journey.

Thank you to the children. They are the reason we are here. Their enthusiasm for life and learning is a wonderful example to us all.

To you, our parents, the primary educators of your children, I give thanks for your support and partnership in providing so much for the children. No matter what your contribution over the year, big or small, it is appreciated and has benefitted the children.

We wish all those venturing on from St Angela's the best that life has to offer and welcome new families to our community for next year. In particular, farewell and thank you to Matthew Tindiglia, our IT Trainee for all his work in ensuring our technology has run smoothly over his two year traineeship. We wish him the best in his next journey. We welcome our new Trainee, Andrew Losurdo. To Mrs Helen Boerma, our School Counsellor, we say thank you for supporting our children and their families. Your dedication to your role has benefitted so many. Next year, Helen moves to another Diocesan school and we welcome Monique Beglinger to St Angela's as our new Counsellor. Congratulations and thank you to Miss Guerlin (1Y teacher in Terms 3 and 4) who has been appointed to Our Lady of Lourdes at Baulkham Hills. Thank you to Mrs Lucy Kaelin (6B teacher in Term 4) who replaced Mrs Newbury. Thank you also to Mrs Bernadette Berg (5Y REC Release) and Mrs Lisa Brown (Teachers' Aide) who will return in 2018 on a casual basis.

Whether you have been with us a little or a long while, we will miss you. Your contribution to St Angela's has been very much appreciated. We wish you God's blessings for the journey that lies ahead.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past year.

Together they facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic and human excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, themselves and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day but it is in their giving so much that they receive.

Our sincere thanks to our clerical ladies and support teachers. Their smiles greet so many and their support for the children, parents and staff is uncompromising. To our grounds and maintenance staff who have kept our school looking so good and functioning as a learning environment, we say thank you.

I would like to also sincerely thank St Angela's Assistant Principal, Mrs Fitzalan, for her outstanding support to myself, the teachers, the children and school community. Her expertise, dedication and leadership are very much appreciated.

We are blessed to have had Father Alejandro guiding our parish community in its spiritual journey and relationship with Christ. We thank him for his faith, love and care.

I look forward to another year of faith, fun and learning in 2018. May God's blessings be with you and your families. This beautiful photo celebrates the magic and spirit of the Christmas season. Merry Christmas to one and all.



Photo of sunset on our back oval taken by Ned Botic (Nathaniel 1Y and Izaak KB)

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 24 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent):
Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am and

Christmas Vigil (also on 24 December): 6pm
(Children are invited to dress up as nativity figures and process in with Fr. Alejandro.)

8pm and
Midnight Mass - 11:30pm
(Christmas Carols begin at 11pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25 December
7am, 9am and 11am

Please Note: There is no Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed and Hard Copy: Letter from OLOR Parish



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 10

Thurs 14th Dec

7:00pm Year 6 Graduation in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 15th Dec

Last day of school for the students - Christmas mufti

Week 11

Mon 18th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Tues 19th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Last Day of School for 2017

Tomorrow, Friday 15th December is the last day for all students in Kindergarten to Year 6. The children are welcome to wear Christmas Mufti to help celebrate this joyous time of year. Staff will be at school on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December.



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Religious Education

*Sunday, 17 Dec 2017: Third Sunday of Advent
- Year B*

Gospel Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

The priests and Levites question John's identity.

This Sunday's gospel presents John as a 'witness'. John the Baptist is witnessing 'to speak for the light'. He makes a very clear distinction between himself and the Christ, his mission is simply to point towards the light; the Christ.

Our common understanding of the word 'witness' tends to be related to legal situations: providing a witness statement or acting as a witness to a fact in court. The use of witness in this gospel carries a different connotation: to provide witness through action and lifestyle that draws others to wonder about and perhaps come to accept the motivating belief. It is this understanding of witness that all Christians are called to provide. We are called to witness to our beliefs in the way that we live our lives, engage with others.

Q. Is there someone you know who witnesses to their faith through their actions? How do they do it?

Q. How can you effectively witness to your faith?

In classrooms throughout the school purple prayer cloths and Wreaths symbolise the Season of Advent. Students are engaged in deep focus and reflection on the Gospel Readings, read at each of the Sunday masses in Advent.

Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for
He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) advent
candles and the third (pink) of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of
salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen

St Angela's Social Justice Outreach

- Helping Those Less Fortunate

Last Thursday the teachers' staffroom was bursting with Christmas Spirit as the hampers were assembled ready for pick up from St Vincent De Paul on Friday. The generosity of the community was overwhelming as we packed 53 hampers from the donations at St Angela's. Thank you for your thoughtfulness towards the less fortunate. It will make a difference for many this Christmas season.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

St Angela's Feast Day Celebrations

What a wonderful day was had by all on Tuesday for our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations. Below are some thoughts about the day:

"St Angela's Day is great!" - Simone Laird (KB)

"St Angela's Day was so amazing! The gelatos were delicious. The big yellow slide was so extraordinary and there was also a bouncing jumping castle. The chair-o-plane was so cool!" - Ella Solomon (1B)

"St Angela's Day was a fun day for everyone!" - Alex Pace (2Y)

"St Angela's Day is the most exciting day ever!" - Cooper Mills (3Y)

"St Angela's Day is fun and always enjoyable with awesome rides!"

- Mia Jacobs (4B)

"St Angela's Day is amazing. It's the best day of the year!"

- Ashley Davie (5Y)

Year 6 - "St Angela's Day was fun and a great way to end Year 6!"

- Sophie Rodger (6G)

School Leaders for 2018

*Congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders for 2018,
as announced at this week's end of year Mass:*

School Captains

Alexander Palmer Joan Bautista

School Vice Captains

Oliver Vujnovich Keira Murphy

Brescia

Dylan Manio Annika Benning

Garda

Harry Clarke Rylee Callaghan

Merici

Riley Hogan Charlotte Hogan

Salò

Flynn Jamer Dana Adan

Thank you

Our gratitude and thanks to Mr Wayne Davie (Ashley 5Y, Yasmin 3B and Zoe 1B) for being our Chairperson for all our General Parent Meetings, along with being involved in so many committees and also representing St Angela's on different occasions.

Your support to the community is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Cherille Paton (Connor 2B) for being our Secretary at our General Parent Meetings.

Thank you to our Fun(d)raising/Social Committee listed in last week's newsletter. We appreciate all you have done.

On behalf of all the students, thank you to Mrs Norris (Thomas 5B, Liam 3G and Jack KY) for being our canteen coordinator.

Her time and effort in looking after the canteen all for the children has been very much appreciated.

Thank you to the large number of parents who have given generously of their time and support in so many ways this term at St Angela's. This includes helping with excursions, sporting events, literacy, classrooms, parent meetings, library assistance, home readers, special food days, graduation supper, second hand uniforms, Year 6 celebrations, debating, special events, fun(d)raising, discos, canteen, morning teas, book club and so much more.

Term Dates for 2018

Term 1	Years 1-6 - Tuesday 30th January to Friday 13th April
	Kindergarten - Thursday 1st February to Friday 13th April
Term 2	Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July
Term 3	Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September
Term 4	Monday 15th October to Wednesday 19th December



*The Staff of St Angela's wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Simone Laird KB
Ava Vengoa KG
Maddison File KY
Zara Fernandez 1B
Stirling Post 1G
Hamish Geoghegan 1Y
Sean Phung 2B
Jasmine Oakey 2G
Olivia Miletic 2Y
Matthew Despoges 3B
Freya Begg 3G
Lucas Rothwell 3Y
Ella Peterson 4B
Emma Heanes 4G
Victoria Pinna 4Y
Anna McEneaney 5B
Alannah Bridge 5G
Matteo Muscardo 5Y
Jack McDonald 6B
Zoe Dimitriadis 6G
Jessica Portelli 6Y

St Angela's Award

Finnegan Brook KB
Christian Nasr KG
Serenna Urizar KY
Alicia Holt 1B
Chloe Eltakchi 1G
Ava Chapman 1Y
Savannah Morsillo 2B
Oliver Milicevic 2G
Liam Evans 2Y
Eva Lawlor 3B
Brayden Manio 3G
William Schenko 3Y
Aiden Crowley 4B
Ava Bizzanelli 4G
Alexandra Knight 4Y
Zoe Byrne 5B
Benedict Solomon 5G
Jamie Ella 5Y
Juliusz Jonski 6B
Abigail Madayag 6G
Gabriel Van Jour 6Y

Star Spot

Congratulations to Joseph Brouillard (1Y) who recently won 'Junior Dancer of the Year' at his dance school, Base 181 Studios.



Congratulations to Joan Bautista (5Y) and Jessica Brincat (5G) who are performing as part of the mass ensemble in GREASE - THE ARENA EXPERIENCE which will be shown in the Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney, on 19th January (8pm) and 20th January (2pm and 8pm).

Kindergarten Holiday Playdates

Holiday playdates have been arranged for Kindergarten 2017 families on the following two dates:

When: Thursday 28th December at 9:30am

Where: Bernie Mullane playground, located at Marella Avenue, Kellyville

When: Sunday 21st January at 9:00am

Where: Lollipops Playland, 8/10 Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill.

Enquiries: Teresa Sprem on 0408 765 301. Please note the playdate at Bernie Mullane will be cancelled if weather is not suitable. Socks must be worn at Lollipops Playland. Please refer to their website for details regarding entry prices, rules and conditions - castlehill.lollipopsplayland.com.au.

All welcome. Hope to see you there!

Year 6 Graduation

Tonight, Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm, Year 6 and their families will gather in our hall to celebrate God's many blessings on them during their time at St Angela's. Grandparents/siblings are welcome. We ask that siblings are fully supervised so that the evening's focus is on our Year 6 graduates. A light supper organised by our Year 5 parents will be held after Mass. Many thanks to the generous Year 5 parents who have volunteered to provide food and/or assist.

Our thanks for the many years the following families have been consistently, without a break, associated with St Angela's as their youngest child leaves Year 6 -

Arends (10 yrs)	Hennessy (9 yrs)	Pearson (11 yrs)
Atchison (11 yrs)	Holm (9 yrs)	Perez Magnaye (7 yrs)
Brangwin (10 yrs)	Jonski (7 yrs)	Portelli (10 yrs)
Carr (7 yrs)	Lenferna (10 yrs)	Rankin (7 yrs)
Cignarella (10 yrs)	Lim (5 yrs)	Saul (8 yrs)
Dimitriadis (9 yrs)	Losco (7 yrs)	Sultana (11 yrs)
Edwards (9 yrs)	Madayag (6 yrs)	Tadianman (7 yrs)
Egiziano (9 yrs)	Mu (7 yrs)	Tandy (10 yrs)
Folkard (14 yrs)	O'Meara (3 yrs)	Tenn (10 yrs)
Gattini (9 yrs)	Olivera (1 yr)	Wilson (11 yrs)
Henao (2 yrs)	Pace (15 yrs)	Yeung (7 yrs)

Farewell and thank you from our St Angela's community.

Year 6 Parent Helpers

A big thank you to the following parents (listed in alphabetical order) who have assisted with the Year 6 dinner/disco, and/or Yearbook.

Dinner Dance Committee - Jo Evans, Karen Foxe, Jaime Mackay, Michelle McEneaney, Toni Phelan, Jenni Rodger and Tara Shepherd. Dinner Dance Helpers - Kristy Como, Sarah Losco, Bec McDonald, Jill Metcalfe, Mona Mu, Grace Olivera, Donna Ortlepp, Doreen Saul, Yasna Suefong.

Yearbook - Bec McDonald, Mona Mu, Donna Ortlepp and Tara Shepherd.

Your generosity is very much appreciated and valued. The children had one of their most memorable nights thanks to you:

Thank you, from all of us to you

Year 6 Gift to St Angela's

Many thanks to our departing Year 6 students who will be gifting the school with a new letterbox as a sign of their appreciation for the Catholic Education they have received over their time at St Angela's. This gift will always be visible to all who enter our grounds for many years to come. There will be a plaque placed on the letterbox to acknowledge this gift from Year 6, 2017.

NEW FAMILIES BBQ CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS

Next year, as is tradition at St Angela's, we will welcome all the Kinder 2018 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ and drinks early in the new school year. We ask that available parents from this year's Kinder and/or any grade who would be willing to help organise the occasion please email the school office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au. We aim to have the event on **Friday, 9th February at 5:00pm**.

Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.

2018 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2018, were recently emailed to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. Please notify the school via email at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if your child's medical requirements have changed and they no longer require medication to be permanently stored at school. We thank you for your attention to this important matter.



Happy Birthday!



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday during the holidays and the first week back at school:

December

Sun 17th

Sascha Blefar

Tues 19th

Anna McEneaney

Freya Begg

Isabella Hall

Narelle Barker

Shiloh Aguas

Wed 20th

Monte Piotto

Thurs 21st

Finnian Christie

Tanya Benedict

Jai Powell

Mrs Newbury

Sun 24th

Veronica Cheng

Jessica Lester

Tues 26th

Indigo Read

Thurs 28th

Connor Khoury

Noah Andrew

Sat 30th

Riley Roditis

Sun 31st

Nathan Adj

January

Tues 2nd

Max Lukjanenko

Wed 3rd

Javin Chugh

Thurs 4th

Dineth Jayakody

Lucas Borg

Lachlan McDermott

Fri 5th

Cameron McCranor

Matteo Muscardo

Joseph Brouillard

Sat 6th

Kate McEvoy

Sun 7th

Caitlin Bagtas

Harrison Lee

Isabella Tadiaman

Lachlan Hall

Mon 8th

Mikayla Martin

Wed 10th

Miss Joice

Fri 12th

Joel Woodhead

Raymond Saade

Sun 14th

Jordan Hanza

Annelise Guirrerri

Mon 15th

Brinley Lewis

Abbey Glass

Tues 16th

Katarina Costa

Enrique Hanza

Madlen Gunasekera

Wed 17th

Jessica Portelli

Fri 19th

Mikayla White

Sat 20th

Tara Bishop

Elishia Singh

Zachary Brook

Ashton Yu

Tues 23rd

Tiani Layoun

Wed 24th

Zara Abeyaratne

Giselle Mendiola

Kiara Lee

Harry Clarke

Giovanni Anastasio

Thurs 25th

Finn Wheatley

Mrs Simpson

Fri 26th

Alyssa Frasca

Sat 27th

Bastien Milicevic

Sun 28th

Macey Holmes

Tues 30th

Mikaela Southwood

Mrs Hynes

February

Thurs 1st

Jessica O'Meara

Tristen Gunawardhana

Arielle Henwood

Izaak Botic

Fri 2nd

Benedict Solomon

Congratulations

Congratulations to the flyam family as Mrs flyam's son, Brenden, marries his fiancée, Ally, this Sunday 17th December.

May Christ continue to bless them each and every day.

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon

Sydney - 4th February

Central Coast - 18th February

For further details and to enter visit tryathlon.com.au

Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 1st December from 12 noon to 2.30pm, selling all uniform items. There will also be some sample sizes to view on this day. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms on the following days in January in our school hall:

Monday 8th January from 12 noon to 2:00pm

Saturday 13th January from 10:00am to 12 noon

Thursday 18th January from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Please also see information recently emailed regarding a new app for ordering uniforms.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Oz Fashions directly on 0421 216 414.