



# St Angela's Primary School

## Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Term 4, Week 3

Dear Parents,

**St Angela's, Castle Hill  
Celebrates Grandparents  
Tomorrow, Friday 27th October  
Commencing at 8:45am  
All welcome**

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This is a wonderful event and is a highlight of our calendar for all grandparents who enjoy visiting the school. Please see additional information in this newsletter regarding morning tea and parking.

There will also be a book fair operating in the library.

We hope you can join us.

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Each year, I like to publish the following extract which always receives very positive feedback. I thought it would be once again timely to repeat it, especially given that tomorrow so many wise, experienced and extraordinary people will be visiting our school for Grandparent's Day.

### Some Good Advice From a 90 Year Old

To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 40 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written (by Regina Brett, 90 years of age).

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

- ◇ Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- ◇ When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- ◇ Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- ◇ Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
- ◇ Pay off your credit cards every month.
- ◇ You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- ◇ Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
- ◇ It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
- ◇ Save for retirement starting with your first pay cheque.

- ◇ When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- ◇ Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
- ◇ It's OK to let your children see you cry.
- ◇ Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- ◇ Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
- ◇ Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
- ◇ Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- ◇ Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- ◇ It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
- ◇ When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
- ◇ Over prepare, and then go with the flow.
- ◇ Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
- ◇ No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- ◇ Frame every so-called disaster with these words "In five years, will this matter?"
- ◇ Always choose life.
- ◇ Forgive everyone everything.
- ◇ What other people think of you is none of your business.
- ◇ Time heals almost everything. Give time.
- ◇ However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
- ◇ Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- ◇ Believe in miracles.
- ◇ God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
- ◇ Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
- ◇ Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
- ◇ All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
- ◇ Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
- ◇ If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- ◇ Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- ◇ The best is yet to come.
- ◇ No matter how you feel, get up, dress and show up.
- ◇ Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

### All Saints and All Souls

This coming week we celebrate All Saints and All Souls. We keep in our prayers all those who have gone before us who are now at eternal rest with Christ by their side.

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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*

## **Grandparents' Day Tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 Book Fair in the Library!**

*All grandparents of St Angela's are warmly invited to purchase a book for their grandchildren to enjoy at home. Grandparents and parents are also welcome to purchase books for their children, perhaps a Christmas gift or summer reading.*

*We invite one and all to visit the Library between 8am-8:30am or 9:30-11:30am with their grandchildren, to view the selection of books available. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to St Angela's) or EFTPOS.*



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## Religious Education

*Sunday, 29 Oct 2017: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*

**Gospel Mt 22:34-40**

**A lawyer asks Jesus which commandment is greatest.**

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

**Q. In your local situation, who are the 'neighbours' not loved as we love ourselves?**

**Q. What actions can you take to better love your neighbour as you love yourself?**

The message in Sunday's Gospel to *love our neighbour as ourselves* is an appropriate theme as we prepare for Mission Week at St Angela's. Next week year 5 will launch their Project Based Learning Initiatives that will raise much needed funds and awareness of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

The **Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)** is an international Catholic organisation with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. JRS programmes are found in 51 countries, providing assistance to: refugees in camps and cities, individuals displaced within their own countries, asylum seekers in cities, and to those held in detention centres. The main areas of work are in the field of education, emergency assistance, healthcare, livelihood activities and social services.

Year 5 students are answering Jesus' *call to compassion and justice* and invite the St Angela's school community to do the same. The Mission Markets will be set up in the playground and hall, Tuesday to Thursday and the children are encouraged to support Year 5's initiatives. (please see the flyer attached for further details) A maximum of \$5 per child in total, for those wishing to participate is to be brought to school on either of the three market days. Students will be given a Mission Market Card which will be marked according to their donation.

***Special Invitation to all at St Angela's  
Parish Family Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
11am***

This Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Year 4 students at St Angela's will take a leading role at the 11am Our Lady Of The Rosary Parish Mass. The Year 4 students 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 4 students and sharing in the prayer life of our wider parish family. Year 4 hope to see many of you there.

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator

### ***Please keep in your prayers***

*Our prayers are extended to the Crowley family (Emily 4Y and Zoe 2B) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's grandmother.*

## Quote of the Week

*"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows.  
For love is the beauty of the soul."*



## Upcoming Dates

### **TERM 4**

#### **Week 3**

**Thurs 26th Oct**

Year 1 Minibeasts Incursion in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

**Fri 27th Oct**

**8:45am Grandparents Day Assembly followed by open classrooms and morning tea - see further information in this Shine.**

**Sun 29th Oct**

11:00am Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Family Mass Year 4

#### **Week 4**

**Mon 30th Oct**

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Kindergarten - All welcome

**Wed 1st Nov**

**7:00pm General Parent Meeting - All welcome**

**Thurs 2nd Nov**

Year 4 Excursion to Bicentennial Park

**Fri 3rd Nov**

**Staff Development/Pupil Free Day**

#### **Week 5**

**Mon 6th Nov**

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 5 - All welcome

**Wed 8th Nov**

7:00pm Reconciliation ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

**Thurs 9th Nov**

First Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Session  
9:00-10:30am Surnames A-E and F-L  
11:00am-12:30pm Surnames M-P and Q-Z

7:00pm Reconciliation ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

**Fri 10th Nov**

International Teachers' Day at St Angela's

**Sat 11th Nov**

Remembrance Day

## Theme for the Week:

***"Learning is Living"***

*Our theme this week encourages children to learn from everything they do. Whatever the experience, giving thought to what has been learnt or taken place allows the children to prepare for future situations. Our theme this week also implies that we can learn so much from those who have the wisdom that comes with living through experiences. The grandparents and elderly who will visit our school tomorrow have a wealth of experience to share with us.*

## Grade Assemblies

Please note whole school assemblies for Term 4 are as follows:

Week 4 - This Monday 30th Oct at 2.15pm led by Kindergarten

Week 5 - Monday 6th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 5

Week 7 - Monday 20th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 6

All parents are most welcome to join us.

### ***Mark the Dates***

***Year 6 Celebrations***

***Year 6 Disco***

***Sunday 3rd December***

***Year 6 Graduation Ceremony***

***7:00pm Thursday 14th December***

## Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

### Academic Excellence

Mikayla Zlomislic KB  
 Ashton Young KG  
 Luca Basso KY  
 Kem Young 1B  
 Eva Aguilar 1G  
 Alice Nugent 1Y  
 Sophia Raad 2B  
 Ryan McDermott 2G  
 Emeline Fitzsimons 2Y  
 Aiden Petersen 3B  
 Jorja McKnight 3G  
 Jack O'Neill 3Y  
 Ella Peterson 4B  
 Rebekah Love 4G  
 Noah Granero 4Y  
 Mikaela Southwood 5B  
 Giselle Mendiola 5G  
 Will Johnston 5Y  
 Connor Khoury 6B  
 Angus Gibbons 6G  
 Gabriel Van Jour 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Patrick Netana KB  
 Jake Perkins KG  
 Zac Vallejo KY  
 Max Lukjanenko 1B  
 Ethan Stewart 1G  
 Alexander El-Rahi 1Y  
 Zoe Crowley 2B  
 Stella Powell 2G  
 Isaac Gunasekera 2Y  
 Zoe Ortlepp 3B  
 Brayden Manio 3G  
 Nitika Nirmalan 3Y  
 Dylan Crowe 4B  
 Brandon Suefong 4G  
 Emily Crowley 4Y  
 Amelia Piperata 5B  
 Madlen Gunasekera 5G  
 Sophie Young 5Y  
 Emily Ortlepp 6B  
 James Pearson 6G  
 Patrick Sultana 6Y

## 2017 Swimming Program

Please find outlined below details for this year's swimming program. Permission notes and grading forms for Kindergarten to Year 2 were due at school this week.

### Kindergarten to Year 2

Swimming lessons will take place in Week 6, Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November. Lessons will be 50 minutes in duration.

### Years 3 and 4

Will be visited by Surf Lifesaving Australia on Friday 17th November to undergo lessons at school in the areas of Surf and Sun Safety, First Aid and Resuscitation.

### Years 5 and 6

Will visit Newport beach (Year 5 on Friday 1st December and Year 6 on Thursday 30th November) for a hands on day at the surf which will cover First Aid, CPR and Resuscitation, Body Boards, Board Paddling, Tube rescues and body surfing.

**Years 2 to 5 will hold their annual swimming carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Monday 4th December.**

## FINAL GENERAL PARENT MEETING FOR 2017 WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 7:00PM

### AGENDA

- \* Prayer & Welcome
- \* Review minutes of last meeting
- \* Committee Reports
- \* Naplan feedback
- \* 2017 in Review
- \* 2018 Future Planning

Come along and join us for our final General Parent Meeting for the year. All are welcome.

## Happy Birthday!

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

### OCTOBER

#### Sun 29th

Ava Russo  
 Sophie Wallace  
 Yasmin Davie

#### Tues 31st

Fynn Vander Stok



### NOVEMBER

#### Wed 1st

Logan McDonald  
 Sarah Crowley

#### Thurs 2nd

James Hakme-Bader  
 Julian Basso  
 Lucas Trimboli

#### Sat 4th

Masen De Carlo

## Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Kate McEvoy 4G  
 Ryan McDermott 2G

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



## KINDERGARTEN 2018 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

### Thursday 9th November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-E, F-L  
 11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname M-P, Q-Z

### Thursday 23rd November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-E, M-P  
 11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname F-L, Q-Z

### Friday 1st December

9:00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

**On Friday 1st December, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 2:30pm.**

## Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in areas such as technology. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers also have entitlements such as long service leave, maternity leave, family leave etc., sick leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partner to liaise with the relief teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept.

We thank you for your support in this matter.



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**As a large number of visitors are anticipated we ask that you bring in a plate to share for morning tea if you have a grandparent attending.** Your contribution can be left in the hall this afternoon or tomorrow morning, Friday 27th October.

**Morning tea/catering arrangements:** The morning tea will be in the hall and we kindly ask families to assist with the catering. It would be appreciated if goodies are provided on disposable plates and ready to serve (nut free please). To ensure a balance of food items -

- ▲ all yellow classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring cakes, scones or pikelets;
- ▲ all blue classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring slices or biscuits;
- ▲ all green classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring sandwiches, savouries, dips or cheese & biscuits.

Families with more than one child at school are only required to provide one plate of whichever category they would like to choose. Although we have lots of seating, any additional fold up chairs etc. would be beneficial as we are certainly expecting a large number of visitors. ***If you are able to assist in setting up, serving or packing up, please contact the office or volunteer on the day.***

### **Parking**

To assist with our elderly visitors, the Kiss and Drop may also be used for grandparents to be dropped off. Additionally all car parking at the front of the school and around the hall will be made available for elderly who have restricted mobility etc. (ie. disabled parking).

## Important Upcoming Dates to Note

### Grandparents' Day

*Tomorrow, Friday 27th October at 8:45am*

### Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

*Friday 3rd November*

**A reminder that next Friday 3rd  
November is a Staff Development/Pupil  
Free Day.  
Staff will gather for professional learning  
in the Key Learning Area of Literacy.**

### **Sent Home This Week:**

**Emailed:** Grandparents' Day and Book Fair, Term 4 Calendar, Yr 5 Student Leadership, Mission Market Flyer

**Hard Copy:** Term 4 Calendar

## Parramatta Diocesan Primary School Basketball Gala Day

Last Monday six teams headed out very early to Penrith Basketball Stadium to represent St Angela's. I couldn't be more proud of the girls and boys and the way in which they represented themselves and St Angela's. The children played hard but were fair to their opponents and referees and understood what it really means to play as a team.

The Year 3/4 Girls team consisted of Taylah Khoudair, Yasmin Davie, Mia Jacobs, Tahlia Mackay, Jasmine Shepherd, Rebekah Love, Natasha Panganiban and Bernadette Laird. The girls really improved throughout the day after they realized it was a little more physical than netball and finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to ex student Georgia Newell who coached the girls and Nicole Love who scored.

The 3/4 Boys consisted of Braydon Manio, Jarvis Hemmings, Jonah Singh, Joel Foxe, Noah Andrew, Adam Mendoza, Connor Calleja, Kingsley Barnett and Jeremy James. The boys were amazing coming 1<sup>st</sup> in their division and going through the day undefeated. The boys should be really proud of the way they played as a team and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Thank you to David Hemmings who coached the boys and to Mr Calleja and Mrs Barnett who scored for the team.

The Year 5 Girls consisted of Annika Benning, Dana Adan, Tiarne Fox, Emily O'Rourke, Sophie Watson, Anjali Hunt and Keira Murphy. The girls had some great games, losing only 1 game by a basket to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division. Thank you to Greg Hunt who coached on the day and to Peter Benning and Sonia O'Rourke who helped with scoring and first aid duties.

The Year 5 boys consisted of Tom Smales, John Papadimitos, Saxon Aldag, Ijah Colet, Dylan Manio, Cameron McCranor, Alexander Palmer and Alexander Stavropoulos. The boys played some great games in a division that had some tough opposition and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to Ray and Carol Manio who coached on the day and to Nicola Palmer for scoring.

The Year 6 girls consisted of Charlotte Edwards, Ella Evans, Ava Foxe, Bella Shepherd, Sarah Crowley, Annaliese Losco, Chantelle Mendoza and Aoife Collins. The girls only lost one game all day and played in the right spirit of the day finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division. Thank you to Tara Shepherd for coaching the girls and to Donna Collins for scoring.

The Year 6 Boys consisted of Joseph McEneaney, Ethanael Lorenzo, Riley Mackay, James Pearson, Noah Yeung, Noah Hemmings, Leon Reyes and Harrison Tandy. The boys were successful in achieving a 3<sup>rd</sup> place, meaning they have been undefeated for the last 3 years and again won their division. Such a talented team of boys who understand how to play as a team not as a team of individuals. Thank you to David Hemmings for coaching the boys and to Mary Jane Lorenzo and Mr Tandy for scoring.

Finally thank you to the parents for getting the children out to Penrith for a very early start, for always encouraging the children and for tolerating the numerous basketballs that were bounced throughout the day.



Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sports Coordinator

***Thank you to Mrs Hemmings for all things 'Sport'. The children have enjoyed many gala days throughout the year thanks to Mrs Hemmings.***