



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Term 1, Week 4

Dear Parents,

## The Season of Lent

Last Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday. During this important time of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter, the following reflection has the potential to speak to each one of us:

### Lent

*What to give up .....*

*Give up complaining*

*Give up pessimism*

*Give up harsh judgement*

*Give up gloom*

*Give up gossiping*

*Give up sin*

*Give up giving up*

*Focus on gratitude*

*Become an optimist*

*Think kindly thoughts*

*Enjoy the beauty that is around you*

*Control your tongue*

*Turn to virtue*

*Hang in there!!!*

## General Parent Meeting

Many thanks to the parents who were present on Tuesday night at our first General Parent Meeting for 2018. The evening provided an ideal opportunity to discuss and share ideas about working together in partnership, for the good of our children. Additionally, our presentation on the learning taking place at St Angela's was positively received. We are blessed to have a very supportive community of parents at St Angela's who help to ensure its success. Being part of a committee and/or helping with your child's grade's allocated activities is a great way to meet new people and, of course, help the children at St Angela's. Your time, big or small, during the year is very much appreciated as we work together to provide the best possible Catholic Education and environment for your child and to build upon our wonderful Christ centred community.

## Fun(d)raising

My appreciation and thanks to the talented and committed group of parents who gathered to form our Fun(d)raising team for 2018. We

have a number of great events that are in the pipeline for this year, including an outdoor movie night on Friday 6th April. (Keep an eye out for further details in future editions of Shine about how you can be involved or support any of our events).

## Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented St Angela's at the Zone Carnival this week. Feedback on their sportsmanship, beautiful behaviour and achievements has been wonderful. Best wishes to the large number of children who will now compete tomorrow at the Diocesan Carnival. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings (Sports Coordinator) who leads all of our sporting endeavours with enthusiasm, expertise and such commitment. In all, helping each child to reach their personal best and, together as a team, achieve outstanding results. Thank you also to Mr Laird who assisted at the carnival.

## Letters of Appreciation

We have had a lovely start to the year. Thank you for the kind letters of appreciation. Below is just one example:

*"What a beautiful, safe, caring and loving environment you are providing for our children - thank you. We couldn't be happier with our decision to send our child to St Angela's."*

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Next week I will be away at a number of events. Mrs Fitzalan will be steering the St Angela's ship during this time. Although only a week, I will certainly miss the beautiful children and our Christ centred community of St Angela's.

*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:

### "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.*

## Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate school uniforms, could you please send them to the office tomorrow, Friday 2nd March.  
Many thanks.

## KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Friday 9th March at 9:00am  
St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

## Grade Assemblies

Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 6 - Friday 9th March at 2:15pm led by Year 4

Week 8 - Friday 23rd March at 2:15pm led by Year 5

Week 10 - Friday 6th April at 2:15pm led by Year 2

All parents are most welcome to join us.



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## Religious Education

*Sunday, 25 Feb 2018: Second Sunday of Lent - Year B*

### Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop – setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mould as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mould and creating a new vision, a new tradition – one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

**Q. Can you recall an experience of God that occurred to you at a mountaintop location?**

**Q. Have you ever had the experience of not wanting to 'go back down the mountain'?**

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Preparation Day will be on Saturday 10th March at 3:45pm at OLOR followed by the 6pm mass with families. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are required to attend.

### Lenten Penance with children

Before praying the prayer below with your child, you may want to point out one or two things about Lent:-

- We don't just give something up for Lent. The reason we give it up is to get closer to God. For example, if we have given up chocolate for Lent, when we want some, we remember that we have given it up so we can pray instead.

- We can give anything up for Lent - it doesn't have to be food, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a "bad" thing or an "indulgent" thing. But it **does** need to be something that we will miss, and is important to us. So for children a favourite T.V. cartoon or a computer game might be a difficult (and good!) thing to give up.

#### A Children's Prayer for Lent

**Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent  
And when I've given it up  
Remind me to pray to You instead  
To thank You  
To love You  
To hear from You  
Each and every day in Lent  
Amen**

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator

## *Save the Date*

**St Angela's Outdoor Movie Night  
Friday 6th April  
Top Oval**



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 1

#### Week 4

**Fri 23rd Feb**

Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Pool

#### Week 5

**Wed 28th Feb**

Paul Kelly Cup at Blacktown Sports Park

**Thurs 1st March**

Year 6 Surf Education

**Fri 2nd March**

Year 6 Surf Education

#### Week 6

**Mon 5th March**

7:00pm Diocesan Parent Representative Council Meeting at Patrician Brothers Blacktown - see further details in this Shine

**Tues 6th March**

2:00pm Reading afternoon at St Angela's - All welcome

**Wed 7th March**

10:00am-12 noon Lenten Reconciliation Yrs 3-6

**Thurs 8th March**

8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

10:00am-12 noon Lenten Reconciliation Yrs 3-6

**Fri 9th March**

**9:00am Kindergarten 2019 Information Session and School Tour**

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Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House & Farm

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

## *Quote of the Week*

*"If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."*

### Please keep in your prayers

*Our prayers are extended to the Hansell family (Eloise 1Y) due to the passing into eternal life of Eloise's grandma.*

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*Our prayers are extended to the Aneksothman family (Shannon 3G) due to the passing into eternal life of Shannon's grandma.*

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*Our prayers are extended to the Anastasio family (Giovanni 1Y) due to the passing into eternal life of Giovanni's uncle.*

## **Diocesan Parent Representative Council Meeting**

**Monday 5th March at 7:00pm  
Annual General Meeting**

Patrician Brothers College, Flushcombe Road, Blacktown  
Presentation Topic - Parents Matter  
Presented by Danielle Cronin, Chief Governance & Strategy, CEDP.

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

**Emailed:** Information on 2018 School Fee Statements, Year 3 Gymnastics Program **Hard Copy:** Kindergarten Parent Helpers for Reading Groups

## Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

### Academic Excellence

Lily Cassar KB  
Gabriella Chehade KG  
Sienna Andrew KY  
Bastien Milicevic 1B  
Oskar Callan-Kerkenezov 1G  
Lachlan McDermott 1Y  
Leah Benedict 2B  
Zoe Davie 2G  
Joshua van Egdom 2Y  
Aaron Zlomislic 3B  
Max Vallejo 3G  
Rhys Wilson 3Y  
Riley Petersen 4B  
Jack O'Neill 4G  
Emma Lang 4Y  
Mia Jacobs 5B  
Jarvis Hemmings 5G  
Jessica Woolnough 5Y  
Matteo Muscardo 6B  
Estavan Alberti 6G  
Alannah Bridge 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Anthony Mittiga KB  
Sophie Kenny KG  
Annelise Araneda KY  
Luca Basso 1B  
Mikayla Martin 1G  
Isabella Arrastia 1Y  
Alice Nugent 2B  
William O'Neill 2G  
Kirealea Crowe 2Y  
Ella West 3B  
Amelia Blackwell 3G  
Isabella Khodeir 3Y  
Patrick Abdow 4B  
Nitika Nirmalan 4G  
Stefan Geoghegan 4Y  
Aaron Hohn 5B  
James O'Donnell 5G  
Jake Burgess 5Y  
Annaliese Borg 6B  
Ijah Colet 6G  
Tom Smales 6Y

## Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Anika Vujnovich KY  
Tom Smales 6Y

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



## 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 all curriculum areas. 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 are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity 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 partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.



## Happy Birthday!



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

### FEBRUARY

**Sun 25th**  
Sienna Fernandes  
Bronte Woodhead

### Mon 26th

Jacob Fam

### Wed 28th

Louis Caparros

### MARCH

#### Thurs 1st

Liam Evans

#### Sat 3rd

Emeline Fitzsimons  
Theodorus Kinsong  
Chanel Nasr

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Courtney Azzopardi (3B) who has been selected in the Sydney Scorpion U10 Girls Touch Football merit team. This is a wonderful achievement for Courtney who is 8 years old and competing against 10 year old girls.

## St Angela's Library Café

To start the year with bang, we transformed the library into a book café to expose children to new books and genres. We decorated the tables to make it look like a real café. There was a different genre on every table. Children explored the different genres recording information about their favourite books. At the end children voted on their favourite books and genres.

K-2 had a taste of the café as well as playing musical chairs. On each seat there was a different book. Children found a book they liked and sat down. They explored the book. When the music started they placed the book on the seat and walked around. When the music stopped they sat down and explored the new book. We continued playing musical chairs as well as discussing the different types of books on their seats and their genres.

Children were very excited to attend St Angela's Cafe and taste different books. Below are a couple of comments:

"I really loved this café because you can read books and eat delicious food as well. My favourite books are humour and animal books."

Joan Bautista (6G)

"I liked the café a lot because there was a lot of different books to choose from. My favourite is the biography books."

Anna McEneaney (6G)



Please see flyer emailed today from The Hills Shire Council regarding parking rules and penalties.

## Sport News

### HILLS ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at The Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. What a pleasure it was to have you represent St Angela's in the manner that you did. All of our swimmers did extremely well, in particular Zalia Ritchie, who was Junior Girls Runner Up Age Champion. Congratulations to the following children who made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival which is being held tomorrow at Blacktown Pool.

**For individual events:** Ned Cane, Aaron Hohn, Jessica Hohn, Kaija Kneivitt, Kiara Lee, Zalia Ritchie, Angelina Tallaridi, Noah Wheatley, Mia Young and Sophie Young. Although there was some individual brilliance, St Angela's really stepped it up to another level when it comes to relays. We were very excited to be the only school to have three of our four relay teams make it through to Diocesan.

**Junior Girls:** Mia Young, Jessica Hohn, Ariana Sarmiento and Zalia Ritchie finished a very convincing 1st.

**Senior Girls:** Keira Murphy, Kiara Lee, Lauren Evans and Sophie Young. The girls were very excited to learn that being in the faster heat paid off when they finished 3rd.

**Senior Boys:** Aiden Crowley, Tom Smales, Noah Wheatley and Ned Cane. The boys finished 3rd, all with very consistent times.

Special thanks to Mr Laird who did an amazing job in the very serious job of place judging.

Thank you to Hayley Cane, Jenny Tallaridi, Fiona Hohn, Ray Manio, Jo Wheatley and Lauren Jacobs who helped with timekeeping. To the parents, thank you for your cheering and support of the children. Well done!

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sports Coordinator

**THE RACE IS ON**  
to collect vouchers for sports gear



**Coles Sports for Schools Program 2018 has commenced.**

If you are shopping at Coles, we ask that children bring in the vouchers and place them in the Coles box on the stage under the Big Top.

**Many thanks.**

### Council of Catholic School Parents Employment Opportunity

The Council of Catholic School Parents is looking for a part-time 'Communications and Development Manager', working 3 days per week. For a confidential discussion about this opportunity please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055 or at [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au)

### Mount St Benedict College Open Day

Sunday 4th March 10am-2pm

Prospective Parent Information Evening

Year 7, 2020 - Thursday 8 March 7pm

449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills/Phone: 9980 0444

See [www.msb.nsw.edu.au](http://www.msb.nsw.edu.au) for further details.

## JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

at the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary  
(8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville)

**Fridays during Lent**

9.15am Mass in Parish Church followed by

10.15am **Stations of the Cross**

at the Shrine (8 Greyfriar Pl, Kellyville)

7pm Mass in Parish Church

followed by Confessions and

**Stations of the Cross**

**DEANERY COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION:**

**MONDAY, 26 MARCH**

7pm at St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills

**TUESDAY, 27 MARCH**

7pm at OLOR, Kellyville followed by a special

8pm Mass of Thanksgiving.

**EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Sacred Triduum**

**Holy Thursday, 29 March,**

7pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** in Parish Church

Adoration in the old hall until 10pm

**Good Friday, 30 March,**

10am **Stations of the Cross** by Youth Group at the Shrine (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville)

3pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** in Parish Church

**Holy Saturday, 31 March,**

**No Confessions**

**Easter Vigil Mass, 31 March at 8pm**

**Easter Sunday, 1 April**

Masses at 7am, 9am, 11am

**Please Note: There will be NO 6PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

**Open Evening**

Tuesday 6 March, 2018  
4pm or 6pm

There will be two information sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered at the College.

Enrolment packages will be available at the Open Evening, or for collection from the College Reception. Information about the College is available online at [www.mariancollege.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mariancollege.nsw.edu.au)

**EACH SESSION WILL:**

Commence in the College Hall, where the Principal and students from Year 7 and 12 will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.

Be followed by guided tours of the school. Visitors will be able to view activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.

Follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you (4pm or 6pm).

Applications for Year 7, 2019 close on Friday 4 May, 2018.

Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer: [marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au) 9654 6700

## Gilroy Catholic College Open Evening for Enrolments

Gilroy Catholic College is holding it's annual Open Evening for Enrolments on Wednesday 21st February 2018. There will be tours of the College at 5:00pm and 7:00pm and the Principal, Cheryl Merryweather, will give a talk in the school hall at 6:15pm. To make a tour booking, please phone 8853 8200 with your preferred tour time. Application packages will be available on the night. Applications close on Thursday 8 March 2018.

### Oakhill College Open Day

Sunday 11th March 2018

11:00am-3:00pm

423-513 Old Norther Road, Castle Hill

For further details visit [www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au)