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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Fortnight 'Every learner, every day: Transforming Learning' St Patrick's Day Assembly

What an amazing celebration of faith, fun and learning we experienced last Friday as we celebrated our final event for our Catholic Schools fortnight at St Angela's. The weather was just right as we held our St Patrick's Day prayer assembly, morning tea and class visits. The parents attended en masse and were very appreciative of the morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Yager for co-ordinating the assembly, assisted by Mrs Kelly, Mr Walton and the band, Mrs Lean, Miss Joice and the choir, which sounded beautiful, Mrs Martin, Mrs Castro and the office team for coordinating the morning tea and all the teachers/staff/children for their roles on the day and for welcoming you into their classrooms. Special thanks to Charlotte Thompson (2B) who shared her amazing Irish dancing skills. Thank you also to one and all for your generous donations to Project Compassion on St Patrick's Day. As a school community we raised in excess of \$1100.00 to support those less fortunate than ourselves. This amount will continue to grow with our Easter Egg raffle and class Project Compassion boxes.

"Holy Week Begins" Our Journey Towards Easter

Christ's unconditional love for each and every one of us is clearly evident as we recall and reflect on the upcoming key events from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday, to Good Friday to the glorious 'Resurrection' on Easter Sunday on 1st April. I hope that the Easter period will be a happy and Holy time for you and your family, full of Christ's blessings and certainly an opportunity for prayer and renewal. The many ceremonies over the coming week and Easter that await us tell the story of Christ's journey to the cross and of new life. Our rich Catholic culture and tradition is very much evident at this pinnacle point of our liturgical year.

Throughout the term we have had many opportunities to gather in prayer as a Christ centred community. Unlike the doubting Thomas, the children's love of their faith is strong and just beautiful to behold. You should be extremely proud of the wonderful work you have begun and continue to do in your children's lives as the primary educators of their faith.

With so much that is happening in our world, the Resurrection of Christ and the story of Easter calls us to be people of peace, joy, compassion, respect, forgiveness and prayer.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Kindergarten Fine Motor Skills Activities, Yr 3 Optional NAPLAN tasks, Yr 4 School Based Design and Make Challenge, Ltr to 2B parents,

Theme for the Week: "Love and Forgiveness"

One of the greatest gifts Jesus left us is a true model of forgiveness. The moving 'Palm Sunday' gospel this coming weekend tells us about the last moments of Jesus' life. In a world where, surprisingly, children and adults sometimes find it difficult to forgive others for whatever reason, take a moment to place yourself in the journey that Jesus experienced as part of Holy Week.

He was innocent and condemned to death, but still He managed to find love in his heart to forgive those who spoke ill of Him, persecuted him and sentenced Him. "Father, Forgive them for they know not what they do". Luke 23:34

Easter Egg Raffle

Once again, this year we are holding an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are on sale under the Big Top at recess and lunch time. All proceeds will be used to help support those less fortunate than ourselves through Project Compassion during this important time of Lent. Tickets are only \$1 each and the prize is an extremely large 5kg chocolate egg.



Please send money to school with your child if you wish to participate in this purely optional raffle. The raffle will be drawn next Thursday 29th March. The lucky family will be contacted to pick up their prize.

Many thanks to the Colosimo family (Ariella 5G and Piero KG) from the Easter Egg Warehouse, 3/5 Hudson Avenue Castle Hill, for their generous and kind donation of this prize.

Grade Assemblies

Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, the remaining whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:
Week 8 - Tomorrow, 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.

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2019 Applications due tomorrow, Friday 23rd March

Enrolment packs have been sent home to those families who have advised (via our google form emailed on 14th February) that they are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings at St Angela's for Kindergarten 2019. Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required **original** supporting documentation, by **tomorrow, Friday 23rd March**. Please phone or email the office if you have any enquiries. Thank you.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 25 Mar 2018: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B

Gospel Mk 14:1-15:47

The Passion

By the time the gospel accounts came to be written, it was more than 35 years after the death of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is now very widely held to have been the first of the four gospels, written in about the year 70 CE. One of the reasons for the writing of the gospels was the fact that those who had walked and talked with Jesus were becoming old and dying. There was a sense of capturing the story before the last eye witnesses were gone. This is very evident in the Passion narrative from the gospel of Mark. One can almost hear an elderly voice dictating the events: 'then this happened ...; then he said ...; then we all thought ...' Like so much of this particular gospel, there is very little embellishment. The gospel of Mark presents the story of the Passion as a sequence of events with little commentary or theological reflection.

The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer's style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story – finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

Q. Why is it important that we continue to 'tell the story' of the Passion?

Q. Which elements of this Passion narrative are challenging / confronting / surprising?

Q. How does Christ's Passion story reflect the reality of human existence?

Holy Week

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

The focus or theme at St Angela's in Holy Week is 'Follow in His footsteps'. Next week the teachers and students will embark on their own in school 'pilgrimage' and walk the events of Holy week from Monday to Holy Thursday. They will visit prayer spaces set up around the school with reflections, prayers, scripture and activities that tell the Passion narrative of Christ.



Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator



TERM 1

Week 8

Fri 23rd March

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 5 in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Sun 25th March

Palm Sunday

Week 9

Tues 27th March

St Angela's Cross Country on school grounds - All welcome.

Thurs 29th March

Holy Thursday

Fri 30th March

Good Friday

Sun 1st April

Easter Sunday

Daylight Savings Ends - Turn clocks back one hour

Week 10

Mon 2nd April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tues 3rd April

2:15pm Easter Resurrection Liturgy - All welcome

7:00pm Mothers' Day Wrapping Night - see further information in this Shine

Thurs 5th April

Our Lady of the Rosary Movie Night - see further information in this Shine

Fri 6th April

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

St Angela's Movie Night - All welcome

Week 11

Tues 10th April

7:00pm Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

12:00 Year 1 Design and Make Activity - Year 1 parents welcome

Wed 11th April

7:00pm Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Thurs 12th April

7:00pm Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Fri 13th April

Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day at St Marys

Term 2

Week 1

Mon 30th April

First day of Term 2 for students and staff

Year 5 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Richards family (Mrs Mary Richards - Staff) due to the passing into eternal life of Mrs Richards' grandmother.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY 5TH APRIL AT 6:30PM

CASTLE TOWERS, EVENT CINEMAS

Come join Fr Alejandro, the friars and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish for an Easter Movie night on Thursday, 5th April at 6:30 pm for the new film *Peter Rabbit* at Castle Towers Event Cinemas. We rent out a whole theatre just for us and profits go to helping with our church renovation. Seats are going fast at \$20 a ticket! Don't miss out on the fun for you and your family. Contact the parish office at 9629 2595 and book your tickets today!



Baby Boy

*Congratulations to the Tedja family
on the arrival of Jason Raphael, a
brother for Jesselyn (2B)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Abby Lukjanenko KB
Scarlett Sosa KG
Oliver Stornelli KY
Ava Vengoa 1B
Jaida Singh 1G
Charlize Woodham 1Y
Euan Adjji 2B
Cassidy Southwood 2G
Cristian Frasca 2Y
Noah Sweeney 3B
Georgia Lee 3G
Liam Evans 3Y
Eimear Kelly 4B
Jemima Scothern 4G
Ruby Moller 4Y
Jia Jung 5B
Mia Russo 5G
Mischa Vujnovich 5Y
Sophie Watson 6B
Jessica Brincat 6G
Hannah Kennedy 6Y

St Angela's Award

Saskia Wallace KB
Samaan AbuDuhou KG
Mia Vassallo KY
Charlotte Lashlie 1B
Christian Nasr 1G
Mary Michelle Younes 1Y
Dominique Southwood 2B
Owen van Egdom 2G
Hannah Lambert 2Y
Shiloh Aguas 3B
Oliver Milicevic 3G
Noah Celano 3Y
Sean Collins 4B
Jonah Singh 4G
Jorja McKnight 4Y
Joel Cartisano 5B
Emily Crowley 5G
Jasmine Shepherd 5Y
Brinley Lewis 6B
Tebo Siwisa 6G
Nathan Adjji 6Y

Star Spot

Congratulations to Holly Di Staso (6G) who has been selected in the 11 year Development Squad (TPD) for the Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association.

ST ANGELA'S OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 'CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS'



Gates open at 6:30pm.

Please bring your own chairs, rugs, food, soft drinks etc.

Coffee, pizza and popcorn carts will also be available.

Easter Eggs at School

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.



Happy Birthday!



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

MARCH

Sun 25th

Kingsley Barnett
Genevieve Brouillard
Alexandra Santos

Fri 30th

Olivia Hoon
Mr Hurst
Fr Alejandro

Wed 28th

Isabella Ciantar
Evan Hunt
Alexis Tadiaman

Sat 31st

Ryan Sloan
Joseph Sultana
Mrs Flelo

Thurs 29th

Ivana Alilovic
Grace Bacon



Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Anjali Hunt 6B
Alexis Foxe KB



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Sport News

Congratulations to Annika Benning (6G), Aiden Crowley (5B) and Joel Foxe (5G) who were selected in the Parramatta Diocese Touch Football team and will compete in the MacKillop trials in May.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sport Coordinator

Thank You

YUM! YUM! YUM!

On behalf of all the students at St Angela's, a huge thank you to Donna Collins, Monica Crowley, Wayne Davie, Joanne Evans, Cecilie Fitzsimons, Donna May, Diana Norris (coordinator), Angela Papadimatos and Michelle Rambow for their help with organising our 'Baker's Delight' Special Food Day last Tuesday. The time you give is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Joyce Bautista, Wayne Davie and Antonella Tesoriero for all their help with organising our second hand uniform sale last Thursday. Your time and efforts in raising funds for St Angela's are very much appreciated.

Colour House Polo Shirts

A reminder that colour house polo shirts are available for purchase through Oz Fashions at a cost of \$22.00. Please note the purchasing of these polo shirts is purely optional. They can be worn for major sporting events such as Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming to build team spirit and give each colour house their own identity.

St Angela's Cross Country 2018 This Tuesday 27th March

Held on our School Grounds

This Tuesday 27th March we will be holding our Cross Country Carnival. The children at St Angela's have been preparing well and training hard at school in preparation for the day. All parents are invited to attend our Cross Country Carnival. We ask that parents park outside the school grounds, eg. Coles or Community Centre car park. The back gate will be left open for parents from 8:30am (after morning drop off). The front gate will be closed for the children's safety at 8:45am. We ask that parents do not congregate near the finish line or recording table.

If there are any parents who are able to assist on the day, please email stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au with your available times.

(Please note - a schedule of races for the day was in last week's newsletter).

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator

Star and a Wish

Once again, you will on occasion, see 'yellow star and wish stickies' in your children's books. These yellow stickies are one additional method of providing feedback to children. When books come home for English and Maths, you will see some of these 'yellow stickies' which will highlight:

1. A Star: Something completed well/strength
2. A Wish: Area for focus/development

These highly visible 'stickies' will allow parents, children and teachers to see/focus on helping to move children forward.



Journey Towards Easter

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

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



Children's Work Books Coming Home

(Tomorrow Religious Education and Maths Work Books)

Next week the children will be bringing home their work books for the Key Learning Area of English. In English, over the course of the term, the children have been engaging in learning experiences to develop their knowledge and skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss their work. It is important to look at the quality of the work as well as their handwriting skills. Remember to praise and encourage your child for their efforts so they will continue to learn with enthusiasm. 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 had the opportunity 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.

Sports Houses

All the children new to St Angela's have joined the other children in our four sports houses. The names of the teams reflect something of the story of St Angela. They are as follows:

Merici

The family name of St Angela.

Garda

A large beautiful lake in the north of Italy which Angela visited very often.

Salo

A town on the shores of Lake Garda. Angela lived in this town as a young girl with her aunt and uncle after her parents died.

Brescia

A big city in the north of Italy. Angela lived and worked here. It was here that her thoughts and ideas were put into writing and she began the order of the Ursuline Sisters in 1535.

The children stay in the same sports house whilst at St Angela's. Siblings are in the same house. In this way we hope the children will develop a loyalty to their special house.

Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping Night Mark this Date

**Calling all Year 1 Parents and other
parent helpers**

Tuesday 3rd April

7.00pm in the school library

Many hands needed!

Please contact Toni Phelan at toniphelan72@bigpond.com or
the school office stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au by
Thursday 29th March if you are able to assist.
Please bring scissors with you.

Save the Date - Friday 22nd June

St Angela's Trivia Night

St Maximilian Kolbe Hall



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. Please note the final date for sending in vouchers is Friday 11th May. Many thanks.