



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Term 1, Week 9

Dear Parents,

## Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children on their outstanding participation in the Cross Country on Tuesday morning. We were indeed blessed with fine weather and a track to run on that was green and lush. Our strong school spirit was clearly evident, as children cheered on their peers regardless of which colour house they represented. I was particularly proud of their enthusiastic support of our youngest members of the school, our Kindies. Many thanks to Mrs Hemmings for coordinating the day, to the teachers and to the many parents who assisted and supported the children on the day. All children ran with determination with many improving from last year. Congratulations to the winning colour house, Brescia.

## The A Team

Our talented and gifted staff team at St Angela's undertake numerous additional responsibilities and studies in order to help provide a high level of learning and an up-to-date curriculum for all children in all Key Learning Areas. Teachers regularly meet to share, develop and discuss teaching and learning strategies and new innovations in learning. Staff meetings for this purpose are held each Wednesday afternoon. We also hold staff prayer and reflection on a Friday morning before school. In all, it is the commitment that the staff give to their role in Catholic Education at St Angela's that helps make the difference.

## Holy Week

The special time of Holy Week gives us an opportunity to reflect on the unconditional love God has for us, so much so that He sent His only Son to be our Saviour. Our Holy Week Celebrations have been a wonderful reflective experience for all the children. Please take the time to share with your child their reflections. Special thanks to Mrs Yager, Religious Education Coordinator, for organising a 'Holy' week of prayerful opportunities.

We are indeed blessed to be part of such a faith filled, Christ Centred community. I encourage you to participate in your Parish Easter Celebrations and, in conversation with your children, share with them the true spirit, meaning and symbols of Holy Week and Easter.

### Easter Parish Masses at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish



**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**

Upon our return from the Easter break, we will hold a Resurrection Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 3rd April at 2:15pm to signify Christ's love for each and every one of us. All parents are welcome.

On behalf of the staff of St Angela's, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Holy Easter. God bless.

*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:

### "Saying 'Thank You'"

*Fostering a culture of appreciation towards others is an important value. Too often children (and yes even adults) can take for granted what others do for them. It is wonderful to see children who take the time to acknowledge and thank their parents, relatives, friends, teachers, peers etc. either verbally or in writing. In a world where we sometimes take people and the things they do for granted or expect so much from others it is amazing just how much a 'thank you' can do.*

## Grade Assemblies

Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, the remaining whole school assembly for Term 1 is as follows:

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

All parents are most welcome to join us.

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



**Gates open at 5:30pm. Movie 6:15pm**  
**Please bring your own chairs, rugs, food, soft drinks etc.**  
**Coffee, pizza and popcorn carts will also be available.**  
**See flyer coming home soon for further details.**

## Mark the Dates

**Monday 30th April - First day of Term 2 for students**  
**Friday 11th May - Mothers' Day Assembly**  
**Monday 21st May - 7:00pm General Parent Meeting**

**Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Year 1 Body Smart Program, Mothers' Day Wrapping, Grade Contact Lists, Outdoor Movie Night**



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## Religious Education

*Sunday, 1 Apr 2018: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

### Gospel Jn 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

The discovery of the empty tomb - although so simply told - is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple - the one whom Jesus loved - who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

**Q. Why is the passion, death and resurrection central to Christian belief?**

**Q. What message do you take from the beloved disciple who 'saw and believed'?**

At sunset on this Holy Thursday, the church begins the great three days. In Latin this time is called the Triduum. Beginning with the Lord's Supper tonight and in a continuing vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we rehearse the great story of our redemption. For this reason we end each service in silent departure, since the liturgy does not so much end as it breaks for a while and then continues through the Easter Vigil service that begins at sunset on Saturday.

*Our Passover, Son of God's passion, Story Weaver:*

*On this day you directed two disciples to follow a man carrying a water jar and so to know where to eat the Exodus meal.*

*We bless you that Lent's journey now brings us to the waters of baptism and to the Paschal Mystery.*

*Gather us together for story, footwashing, and Eucharist so that we may proclaim anew your saving deeds, your cross-shaped glory.*

*In these three days enfold your church in the central story of your passion: the arrest, "trial," crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection.*

*Birth new disciples in the rites of initiation and let us be awestruck at the wonder of our shared dying and rising with Christ.*

*Reconcile penitents with towel and basin, and mutual forgiveness for hurt we have caused one another.*

*Draw seekers to observe and be amazed at these dramatic acts of your extravagant grace.*

*In all our ritualizing and reflection, remember the suffering ones among us and touch them with our hands in your name.*

This week, as a school community, we have followed in the footsteps of Jesus to his death on the cross on Good Friday. Classes have visited prayer focuses around the school each day in Holy Week and through drama, meditation and reflection they have explored the scriptures and 'lived' the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion. Using the Three Senses - Literal, Spiritual and Application, students have explored both the message in the scriptures and what God is asking them to do in their lives.

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 1

#### Week 9

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

Children return from Easter long weekend

2:15pm Easter Resurrection Liturgy - All welcome

7:00pm Mothers' Day Wrapping 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

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**St Angela's Movie Night - Captain Underpants. All welcome. See flyer coming home today.**  
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#### 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

## Quote of the Week

*"Every day brings a new beginning and a new ending."*

## Easter Eggs at School

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.

## 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                      |
|        | (Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December are Staff Development Days) |

## Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

### Academic Excellence

Lauren Spragg KB  
Nina George KG  
Saoirse McGowan KY  
Blake D'Silva 1B  
Jai Powell 1G  
Elijah Moses 1Y  
Charlotte Thompson 2B  
Aidan Rambow 2G  
Kara Piperata 2Y  
Brayden Geraghty 3B  
Sophie Wallace 3G  
Bronte Woodhead 3Y  
Jessica Araneda 4B  
Ryan Sloan 4G  
Maddison Eastwood 4Y  
Georgia Zeid 5B  
Narelle Barker 5G  
Sophie Milas 5Y  
Giselle Mendiola 6B  
Ivana Alilovic 6G  
Benedict Solomon 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Jamie Morr KB  
Levi Liu KG  
Antonia Khoudair KY  
Levi Lawlor 1B  
Courtney Lean 1G  
Monte Piotto 1Y  
Lachlan Murphy 2B  
Alicia Holt 2G  
Kiara Krishnan 2Y  
Adam Hochstetter 3B  
Luca Bercich 3G  
Gabriella Fernandes 3Y  
Matthew Metcalfe 4B  
Tyra Moc 4G  
Ariana Sarmiento 4Y  
Sienna Van Jour 5B  
Rachel Agius 5G  
Matthew Foley 5Y  
Aaron Malcolm 6B  
Alexander Palmer 6G  
Lachlan Pillon 6Y

## Integrated Unit Workbooks

(English Books Coming Home Tomorrow)

Next week the children will be bringing home their Integrated Unit workbooks. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. What new skills have they learnt? What new ideas/information did they find out about? The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so to read a comment from their greatest role models, you their parents.

Below are just a few comments from parents about the children's Maths and Religion books sent home last week:

*"Such great work! So happy to see you learning about our Catholic faith. We are loving how hard you are trying and your neat bookwork."*

*"Well done! So proud of how hard you're working in Maths. Amazing effort brings a great reward - A Learning Excellence Award! Well deserved!"*

*"Great work, keep trying hard. Your work is improving so much. I'm very proud of you. Remember to read the question carefully and stay neat!"*

## Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping Night

Calling all Year 1 Parents and other parent helpers

**Tuesday 3rd April at 7.00pm in the school library**

Many hands needed!

Please contact Toni Phelan at [toniphelan72@bigpond.com](mailto:toniphelan72@bigpond.com) or the school office [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) if you are able to assist. Please bring scissors with you.



## Happy Birthday!



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

### APRIL

#### Sun 1st

Nitika Nirmalan

#### Wed 4th

Shannon Aneksothpan

Piero Colosimo

Sebastian Miletic

#### Mon 2nd

Sarah Tesoriero

#### Thurs 5th

Sebastian Dinsdale

Hannah Kennedy

Hannah Lambert

#### Tues 3rd

Rita Dabit

Mrs Di Stefano

#### Sat 7th

Mrs Rubelj



## Year 1 Grandparent Visit

This term, Year 1 has been learning about Indigenous Australian Families in History. In order to complete a compare and contrast activity, Year 1 invited their grandparents to come to St Angela's yesterday to talk about what life was like when they were children. We had over a dozen volunteers and learnt many things, for example:

- ◆ There were dial phones that were connected to the wall.
- ◆ No Foxtel, mobile phones or colour TV.
- ◆ The photographs were all in black and white.
- ◆ Milk bottles were glass and were delivered by horse and cart.
- ◆ There were no exercise books at school. Slate boards were used.
- ◆ Music was played by records and cassette tapes.

Many grandparents brought photos and other artefacts with them to help tell stories from their past. The Year 1 teachers and students would like to sincerely thank all those involved. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did!

Year 1 Teachers and Students



**Daylight saving ends this weekend.**  
**Turn back clocks 1 hour.**





## St Angela's Cross Country 2018

On Tuesday we were blessed with beautiful weather for our Cross Country Carnival. All the children who competed should be so proud of their determination and effort to complete the course. I know a lot of the children had set themselves goals to achieve in our Cross Country season whether it be to make Diocesan at Eastern Creek, or to improve on their place from last year or just to finish the race. It's so good to see the children work hard towards achieving their goals.

**For the first time since I have been at St Angela's, the champion Cross Country House was Brescia. Congratulations!**

The Official results of the day are:

|                            | <u>Boys</u>   | <u>Girls</u>   |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| <b><u>12 Yrs</u></b>       | 1st Dylan Gularte<br>2nd John Papadimatos<br>3rd Alexander Stavropoulos | 1st Keira Murphy<br>2nd Charlotte Hogan<br>3rd Tiarne Fox            |
| <b><u>11 Yrs</u></b>       | 1st Joel Foxe<br>2nd Aiden Crowley<br>3rd Jarvis Hemmings               | 1st Mia Jacobs<br>2nd Kiara Lee<br>3rd Dana Adan                     |
| <b><u>10 Yrs</u></b>       | 1st Ryan Sloan<br>2nd Ben McNamara<br>3rd Kaija Knevelt                 | 1st Ava De Carlo<br>2nd Jemima Scothern<br>3rd Mia Young             |
| <b><u>9 Yrs</u></b>        | 1st Nicholas Heanes<br>2nd Liam Evans<br>3rd Benjamin Smith             | 1st Ciara Crowley<br>2nd Camryn Lean<br>3rd Zara Phelan              |
| <b><u>8 Yrs</u></b>        | 1st Kai Hall<br>2nd Aidan Cabezas<br>3rd Seamus Burden                  | 1st Tahlia Mearns<br>2nd Emeline Fitzsimons/Ashlee McKnight          |
| <b><u>7 Yrs (Yr 2)</u></b> | 1st Joseph Brouillard<br>2nd Max Lukjanenko<br>3rd Ethan Stewart        | 1st Cassidy Southwood<br>2nd Alana Younan<br>3rd Dominique Southwood |
| <b><u>Year 1</u></b>       | 1st Flynn Wilson<br>2nd Finnegan Brook<br>3rd Finn Wheatley             | 1st Ava Vengoa<br>2nd Mikayla Martin<br>3rd Mikayla White            |
| <b><u>Kindergarten</u></b> | 1st Mason Stopps<br>2nd Sebastian Brook<br>3rd Piero Colossimo          | 1st Willow Neeld<br>2nd Sophie McIntyre<br>3rd Lily Cassar           |



### Congratulations to our Age Champions:

|                          |                  |                 |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Senior Champions:</b> | Dylan Gularte    | Keira Murphy    |
| <b>Runners Up:</b>       | John Papadimatos | Charlotte Hogan |
| <b>11 Yrs Champions:</b> | Joel Foxe        | Mia Jacobs      |
| <b>Runners Up:</b>       | Aiden Crowley    | Kiara Lee       |
| <b>Junior Champions:</b> | Ryan Sloan       | Ava De Carlo    |
| <b>Runners Up:</b>       | Ben McNamara     | Ciara Crowley   |



Days like these don't just happen and I really appreciate the parents who volunteered their time to help with course marshalling, texta marking, place judging, recording and even stayed back to help pack up: Michelle McEneaney, Robert Hall, Marie Catalano, Belinda Crawford, Maria Fernandes, Louise Khoudair, Sharon Hogan, Monica Crowley, Rachel Brook and Michelle Jacobs. Thank you to the teachers who practiced during their sport time and for calming the nerves before the children raced. Thank you to Mr Rick Laird who helped with the carnival set up and pack up. The straight finish line, complete with a smiley face drawn by Mr Laird, was amazing.

Finally, thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to cheer and support the children.

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sport Coordinator

**Save the Date - Friday 22nd June**  
**St Angela's Trivia Night**  
**St Maximilian Kolbe Hall**

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**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.