

St Angela's Primary School

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Newsletter

Dear Parents.

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. I have been extremely proud and impressed with the children's excellent behaviour and their positive attitude to learning. I hope that the holidays were a special time full of Christ's blessings. From the children's accounts, the break was an enjoyable time to just 'be' and to spend time with loved ones. We look forward to an exciting term ahead of faith, fun and learning as we all 'let our light shine'.

Lest We Forget 103 Years

The Anzac tradition was forged 103 years ago on 25 April 1915, when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli

It marked the start of a campaign which lasted eight months and resulted in some 26,000 Australian casualties, including 8,159 who were killed or died of wounds or disease. The bravery and spirit of those who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula shaped a legend, and so the 'Anzac' became a part of the Australian and New Zealand lexicon. In 1916, the first anniversary on the landing was observed in Australia, New Zealand, England and by troops in Egypt. That year, 25 April was named 'Anzac Day'. By the 1920's, Anzac Day ceremonies were held throughout Australia and the states had designated Anzac Day as a public holiday. Commemoration of Anzac Day continued throughout the 1930's and 1940's with World War II veterans joining parades around the country.

Over the ensuing decades, returned Australian servicemen and women from conflicts such as Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan as well as peacekeepers and veterans from allied countries, now march proudly in the parades.

> They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not wear them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

Thank you to our Year 6 teachers, Mrs Ogilvie, Mr Lee and Mrs Lean for coordinating vesterday's reflective Anzac Day ceremony.

The children respectfully and reverently participated in this significant ceremony with the parents and teachers. Thank you to all involved and those who attended. Special thanks to Wing Commander Benjamin Christie, father of Dominic Christie (6B) and Finn Christie (4B), who presented a very informative and relevant ANZAC speech to the children. During the ceremony, we remembered all those who died defending our



country during the wars which Australia has been involved in this century. As has been tradition here at St Angela's after the service each child enjoyed an Anzac biscuit.

First Holy Communion



As a faith community, we congratulate and keep in our prayers the Year 3 students, who for three consecutive weekends starting Saturday 12th May, will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion for the

first time at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. May Christ bless and guide them during this special time.

Thank You!

Secretary's/Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated tomorrow. On behalf of our community, I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our fantastic secretarial staff - Mrs Burke, Mrs Hall, Mrs Martin and Mrs Ross. We appreciate and are grateful for their efficiency, skills, use of technology, public relations, care for the children and generosity of time. So much of their work is behind the scenes but is an essential element to the success of our school. Their attention to detail, care for the children, welcoming manner and expertise in all aspects of their work is to be congratulated. From all of us, we say Thank You.

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



Tony Calabria **Principal**

Theme for the Week

"Keeping Our Children Safe"

At St Angela's, in the last week and the first week of each term, each class takes time to discuss the protective behaviour themes

"We all have the right to feel safe all of the time" "Nothing is so awful that you can't tell someone about it"

This is an opportune time to talk to your children about being safe in the holidays.

Winter Uniform

Children may wear their winter uniform any time from now at the discretion of parents. We would expect that all children are then in full winter uniform by Monday 14th May.

Mark the Dates

Wednesday 9th May - 1:00pm Mothers' Day Stall Friday 11th May - Mothers' Day Assembly Monday 21st May - 7:00pm General Parent Meeting (Online Safety Presentation)

Grade Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies for Term 2 will be as follows:

Week 2 - Friday 11th May at 2:15pm led by Year 6 Week 5 - Friday 1st June at 2:15pm led by Year 3 Week 7 - Friday 15th June at 2:15pm led by Year 1 Week 10 - Friday 6th July at 2:15pm led by Kindergarten

All parents are most welcome to join us.





Religious Education

Sunday, 6 May 2018: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

Live on in Christ.

Love is the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people - even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

Q. Where does Jesus' enormous capacity to love come from? Q. What situation in your life would be changed if you responded out of love?

Let us keep in our prayers the Year 3 children who will soon receive the sacrament of First Eucharist. As a school and parish community we celebrate and share this joyous occasion with our students.

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Mrs Michelle Yager Religious Education Coordinator

<u>Please keep in your prayers</u>

Our prayers are extended to the Sandri family

Our prayers are extended to the Sarmiento family (Ariana 4Y) due to the passing into eternal life of Ariana's grandfather.

Uniform Information

A reminder that school uniforms can be ordered by using the QKR App or by downloading order forms from our website under School Information, School Notes, Whole School. Order forms can be emailed directly to Oz Fashions at elle@ozfashions.com.au or brought to the school office. Oz Fashions collect and deliver orders each Tuesday and Friday.



Upcoming Dates

Week 1 Fri 4th May

Year 6 Electricity Incursion

Week 2 Wed 9th May

1:00pm Mothers' Day Gift Stall - see further

information in this Shine

Thurs 10th May

2:20pm Kindergarten Prayer Liturgy in the St

Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 11th May

8:45am Mothers' Day Assembly followed by morning tea and open classrooms

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 6 in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 3

Tues 15th May

Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Thurs 17th May Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Year 4 Incursion (St Maximilian Kolbe Hall)

Fri 18th May

Wed 16th May

NAPLAN catch up day St Angela's Disco

Quote of the Week

"When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts his peace in our hearts."

ANZAC Day

Members of the St Angela's Student Leadership Team, along with Dominic Christie 6B (2018 Castle Hill RSL ANZAC Day Youth Ambassador), Mr Calabria, Mrs Fitzalan and Mrs Lowden, had the honour of attending the ANZAC Sunday Commemorative Service and the ANZAC Dawn Service at the Centenary of ANZAC

Reserve. A wreath was laid at both ceremonies on behalf of the St Angela's community, in remembrance of the fallen ANZAC soldiers, who paid the supreme sacrifice, while fighting for our country. Both services were very solemn and reverent ceremonies that all the schools in the area participated in.





We would like to welcome a new family to our school this week:

The Bell family - Vanessa (4Y) and Daniel (KG)

We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

Changes to Going Home Arrangements

As previously advised, we ask that any changes to going home arrangements please be emailed to the school office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au on the day the change is taking place. This assists with our process of advising teachers and children.

Many thanks for your support.

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented last day of Term 1)

Academíc

Excellence Emmanuel Dib KB Sienna Fernandes KG Aliana Elizaga KY Ivy Smith 1B

Noah Tyler-Ottolino 1G Isabella Arrastia 1Y Alivah Henwood 2B

Avindee Jayakody 2G Jacob Nasso 2Y

Olivia Miletic 3B Angelina Tallaridi 3G

Amalia Mohan-Ram 3Y Liam Norris 4B

Matthew Despoges 4G Lucas Rothwell 4Y Keean Holmes 5B Jessica Stewart 5G

Harrison Valenzisi 5Y Rachael Rodrigues 6B

Madlen Gunasekera 6G

Emily Mitchell 6Y

St Angela's Award

Jacob Lee KB Sienna Mearns KG Anika Vujnovich KY Isabella Ciantar 1B Madeline Pace 1G Zachary Lane 1Y Olivia Siligato 2B Ashlee McKnight 2G Alexander El-Rahi 2Y Aidan Siney 3B Savannah Morsillo 3G Miha Knevitt 3Y Mia Young 4B Gabriella Way-Moran 4G Vanessa Tesoriero 4Y Natalie Cerreto 5B Kate McEvoy 5G Katarina Mabic 5Y Flynn Jamer 6B Saxon Aldag 6G

Lily Moller 6Y

Peer Support Initiative

Session 1 - Being Friendly

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this coming week. The whole school will participate in peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Our year 6 peer leaders will facilitate a small group of seven younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 3-4 groups in their classroom. We will be working on a module called Keeping Friends, that helps us explore the concepts of friendship, building relationships and developing skills in empathy and critical thinking. This module will run for the whole term and comprises of eight sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Term 2 Parent Calendar

The Term 2 Calendar will be emailed soon. Please keep in mind every effort is made to have firm dates and publish these as early as possible but changes are sometimes necessary due to circumstances beyond our control.

St Angela's Disco - Friday 18th May See information coming home soon



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

MAY

Sun 6th Ariana Sarmiento

Mon 7th Zoe Davie Alexandra Huynh

Zavier Stornelli

Tues 8th Camryn Lean Rusty Smith

Mrs Lowden

Wed 9th Angelina Catalano Thurs 10th

Kirealea Crowe Aiden Crowley Hamish Geoghegan Mary Michelle Younes

Fri 11th Anthony El-Rahi Nicholas Heanes

Sat 12th Gabriella Chehade



Birthday Treats

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (purely optional), we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes (nut free) or donuts. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send in lollies, chocolates or candy canes. Please note, although a lovely idea, ice blocks are not practical as we have limited freezer space.

If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in for your child, which we will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary.

Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES NIGHT OUT **Tomorrow, Friday 4th May 2018**

We made it though term 1, so let's celebrate! Bring the family and come and enjoy a night out at the Castle Hill RSL from 5pm onwards (outdoor area).

No need to RSVP, just come along!

Your Parent Reps look forward to seeing you! Rachel, Caroline, Belinda and Marlena



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 next Friday 11th May. Many thanks.

Mothers' Day Stall

We will be holding our St Angela's Mothers' Day Stall for the children this coming Wednesday 9th May 2018.

The children will be able to choose from a variety of beautifully packaged gifts for their mums, grandmothers etc. The children will be given an opportunity to view the gifts in advance. To make the stall more affordable, all gifts will cost \$5. We will not be collecting money in advance. Children are to bring their money on the day in an envelope clearly marked with "Mother's Day Stall", their name and class so it doesn't get lost. The money will be exchanged for a token at the entrance to the stall. Any children who forget their money on the day will still be able to select a gift, which will be put away and can be collected from the school office on Thursday once money is received. If there are gifts left over after all classes have visited the stall, children will be given the opportunity to purchase extra gifts.

Year 1 Parents Helpers for Mothers' Day Stall

Wednesday 9th May, 1:00-3:00pm (Please note afternoon time slot) Many hands needed!

If you are available to help out on the stall day, please contact Toni Phelan at toniphelan72@bigpond.com or Marie Catalano on 0402 533 511 with your name, email address and time you are available.

All help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you from the Year 1 Parent Reps

Mothers' Day is coming! Friday 11th May

Next Friday 11th May we will celebrate Mothers' Day at St Angela's. Our celebrations will begin with a special Mothers' Day Assembly at 8:45am, followed by a Mothers' Day cuppa and then a visit to the classrooms for a learning activity, with those who admire you most. We hope you can join us.

Calling Any Available Men!

For the Mothers' Day celebrations it would be fitting to have all mums able to enjoy a cuppa. We, therefore, are seeking any available and willing men who could assist in setting up and/or serving morning tea on Friday 11th May. Please email the office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if you are able to share some time for the wonderful mums in our community.

Mothers' Day Cancer Council Fundraising

Many of our families have been touched by this terrible disease. Once again, this year we will be participating in fundraising for the Cancer Council during our Mothers' Day morning tea next Friday 11th May. Should you wish to make a donation, collection boxes will be placed on tables for morning tea in the school hall.

Marian Catholic College Year 7, 2019 Enrolments Closing date: Tomorrow, Friday 4th May 2018

See separate special Sports Edition

Living Alongside our Neighbours

Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours, and the safety of everyone. In particular, in surrounding streets around our back gate area. Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and **parents must not park across driveways** or drive in an unsafe manner. A reminder that police and council officers regularly patrol (as has been the case recently) and fine drivers. See below for information regarding penalties and demerit points.

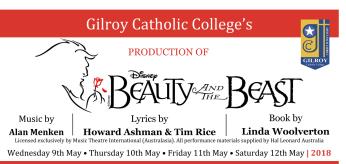
There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.



Save the Dates

Friday 22nd June St Angela's Trivia Night St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Sunday 2nd December Year 6 End of Year Dinner Disco at Castle Hill RSL



Tickets available from: www.trybooking.com/345002

Sports Edition

Stage 3 Parramatta Diocese Touch Gala Day

On Friday 13th April, we had 4 teams participate in the Parramatta Diocese Stage 3 Touch Gala Day at the Kingsway St Marys. I think that this would have to be one of my favourite touch gala days I've been to over the years not just because we had so much success but more the way in which the teams came together as a school community. Who would believe that half way through April you would be playing a gala day in 35 degree heat.

The Year 5 and 6 girls and boys were an absolute pleasure to take out and represent St Angela's. The Boys Gold team consisted of John Papadimatos, Alex Stavropoulos, Dylan Manio, Thomas Norris, Kyle Brett, Riley Hogan, Nikolaj Knevitt, Alex Petras, Lachlan Pillon and Tom Smales. The boys played some excellent touch football, losing only 1 game by a try and finished 2nd in their pool.

The Boys Green Team consisted of Aiden Crowley, Anthony El-Rahi, Blake Cassettari, Joel Foxe, Jarvis Hemmings, Kingsley Barnett, Ethan Cabezas, Ned Cane, Aimon Fitzsimons and Harry Valenzisi. As the day went on, the boys' superior fitness shone through, going through the day **undefeated and winning their pool**.

The Girls Gold Team consisted of Annaliese Borg, Joan Bautista, Ashley Davie, Tiarne Fox, Claire Moroney, Keira Murphy, Emily O'Rourke, Sophie Watson, Annika Benning, Laura Nati and Sarah Tesoriero. This team of girls were definitely the best cheerers on the day but also back that up with being the best touch players by going through the day **undefeated and winning their pool**.

The Girls Green team consisted of Nikki Chanel, Emma Heanes, Clarissa Burgess, Jeanette Khoudair, Molly Nati, Lauren Evans, Rebekah Love, Tahlia Mackay, Caity McNamara and Charlotte Hogan. I was so proud to coach this team of girls, some of whom have never played touch but they were prepared to get in and have a go and learn. The girls also went through the day undefeated winning their pool.

A special thanks to Wayne Davie who had everything but the kitchen sink to keep the children hydrated and energized. It was like our own little camp site with shelters etc. To the coaches Di Morris (boys Gold), Hayley Cane (boys green) and Peter Benning (girls Gold). To Holly McNamara and Ava Foxe (ex students) who refereed for St Angela's and once people found out how good they were at refereeing were soon put on back to back games.

Finally, thank you to the parents, grandparents and siblings for your support transporting the children to the ground and cheering the boys and girls.

Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to our St Angela's Cross Country team who competed on Tuesday at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek. All 46 of you should be so very proud of yourselves. It is the St Angela's spirit that shines through on days like this. You all gave it your very best effort, not only with competing, but also your cheering and support for each other. You were AMAZING!

The following students are to be congratulated on being selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials, which are to be held at Eastern Creek on the 15th June:

Ciara Crowley (1st), Tahlia Mearns (5th), Nicholas Heanes (6th) Ryan Sloan (3rd), Joel Foxe (4th) Keira Murphy (2nd) Charlotte Hogan (3rd) and Dylan Gularte (5th). At the time of going to press, the results for the winning age groups have not been advised. Keep an eye on upcoming editions of Shine.

Special thank you to Mrs Lean who managed the team and Mrs Fitzsimons who assisted on the day. To the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, thank you for your constant support of the children as individuals and as a team and for their ready assistance with marshalling, cheering and organisation during the day.

Finally, thank you to the students for doing their personal best and being such amazing representatives of St Angela's.

Mrs Andra Hemmings Sports Coordinator

Star Spot

Congratulations to Nikolaj Knevitt (6Y) and Harry Clarke (6Y) who were selected yesterday in the Parramatta Diocese Rugby Union team to compete in Forbes at the end of July.