

St Angela's Primary School Castle Hill

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17th May 2018 Term 2, Week 3

Dear Parents.

Mothers' Day Celebrations

Once again, our Mothers' Day celebrations last Friday were a wonderful example of our Christ centred community of children, parents, teachers, priest and staff who are all part of St Angela's.

It was great to see so many parents, especially mums, visit the classrooms and participate in learning activities with the children. Appreciation to Mrs Yager for her coordination of the morning, along with the teachers for creating such a welcoming atmosphere and for the preparation behind the scenes. Thank you to Mr Walton for conducting the band. Thank you to Miss Joice, Mrs Moller, Mrs Aberley and Mrs Murray for preparing the amazing performance by our St Angela's dance crew. Thank you also to Mrs Lean and Miss Joice, who led the amazing choir. Appreciation also to Mrs Martin who coordinated the lovely morning tea and to our dads, Patrick Azzopardi, Peter Benning, Chris Laird, Ray Manio, Darko Milas, Daniel Sacco and Marc Vujnovich, along with Mrs Castro who assisted. Many thanks to Nati Roses for the beautiful roses for our mums. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with one of their greatest role models, their mum. Thank you for your overwhelming presence.

Our appreciation and thanks to our Year 1 parents for their wonderful efforts in coordinating the beautiful Mothers' Day gifts you received from your child on Mothers' Day. The children were so proud to choose that 'special' gift beautifully wrapped for their hero, their Mum. Thank you to Rachel Brook, Ola Callan-Kerkenezov, Marie Catalano, Jamie Dabit, Jessica Glass, Luke Hogan, Cristina Hoon, Louise Khoudair, Alicia Lane, Natalie Lashlie, Gloria Milicevic, Michelle Mowbray, Sylvia Muscardo, Kristina Perkins, Toni Phelan, Leesa Pickles, Katherine Vassallo, Julie West, Leah Zlomislic and to all others who assisted.

We hope that all mothers in our St Angela's community felt special and were spoilt by their families last Sunday morning. It was wonderful to receive so many positive and appreciative comments regarding our assembly, the singing, the flowers, community cuppa, the opportunity to contribute to the Cancer Council, the classroom activities and the lovely gifts from the Mothers' Day stall. Thank you to our generous community who raised over \$700.00 on Mothers' Day for the Cancer Council. Below is just one of the lovely comments we received:

"Each year I think to myself that the Mothers' Day assembly could not possibly get any better and then somehow it does. With everything that I attend at the school, my heart always fills with pride and admiration for all that you do for our children. Watching the children share their amazing gifts, whether it be singing, dancing or reading or just a beautiful smile with their peers, it certainly makes me a very happy parent. Thank you for always doing such an amazing job with these children and for working tirelessly to make the school such a beautiful place."

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 "Be Enthusíastíc ín all you do"

The words of Ralph Emerson clearly express the focus of this week's theme:

<u>Enthusíasm</u> Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective. Never give up. Nothing is beyond reach. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.



Upcoming Dates

<u>Term 2</u> Week 3	
Fri 18th May	NAPLAN catch up day
	St Angela's Disco (see further information in this Shine).
<u>Week 4</u> Thurs 24th May	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Fri 25th May	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
	Year 5 Excursion to Museum Discovery Centre
<u>Week 5</u> Mon 28th May	8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom
Tues 29th May	Years 5 and 6 Girls Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park
	Rugby League Gala Day at Kellyville Park

Wed 30th May	<u>9:00am</u> General Parent Meeting and Presentation on 'Supporting and Developing Your Child as a Reader' - All welcome (Please note morning timeslot)
Thurs 31st May	9:15am Years 3-6 Combined Mass with Our Lady of the Rosary and St Angela's at Our Lady of the Rosary Church - All welcome
Fri 1st June	2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 3 in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day **Friday 8th June**

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Religious Education

Sunday, 20 May 2018: Pentecost Sunday -Mass during the Day - Year B Gospel Jn 20:19-23

The Spirit will guide the Apostles to all truth. Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. This Sunday's gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this postresurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Q. Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action?

Q. Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

On Monday May 21st, 3 Yellow will lead us in an assembly prayer to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

Let us pray that the flame of the Spirit will descend upon us Father in heaven, fifty days have celebrated the fullness of the mystery of your revealed love. See your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and disperse the divisions of word and tongue. With one voice and one song may we praise your name in joy and thanksgiving. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Religious Education Warm – ups

What is an RE warm-up? Teachers begin lessons in Religious Education with a warm- up game with the learning intention to improving Religious Literacy. These quick, but effective games aim to improve the recall of religious facts, events and messages in our Catholic faith and tradition.

Mrs Michelle Yager Religious Education Coordinator

Combined Mass Years 3 to 6 Our Lady of the Rosary and St Angela's Thursday 31st May at 9:15am Our Lady of the Rosary Church All welcome

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Grade Contact Lists, Term 2 Parent Calendar, Year 2 Head Lice Information Hard Copy: Term 2 Parent Calendar

Quote of the Week

"Just because my path is different, doesn't mean I'm lost."

Baby Gírl

Congratulations to Mr Rick Laird and family on the arrival of Mr Laird's granddaughter, Emma.

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

General Parent Meeting Presentation on 'How to Support and Develop Your Child's Reading' Wednesday 30th May at 9:00am (Please note morning timeslot)

Our General Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th May starting at 9:00am.

This meeting will feature a valuable and informative presentation on 'How to Support and Develop your Child's Reading', along with our regular General Parent Meeting agenda items.

All are welcome. We hope you can join us.

School Disco Tomorrow Friday 18th May

DJ and music by 'Dance Fever'

Theme: "Wear Your Favourite Dance Gear"

Please note new time/grade groupings due to local sports being moved to earlier timeslots.

	Years 4 to 6	6:00-7:30pm	
	Kindergarten to Year 3	4:00-5:30pm	
Times:	The disco will be split into two sessions:		
Where:	St Maximilian Kolbe Hall		
When:	Tomorrow Friday 18th Ma	у	

Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15 per family. This includes an iced donut (from Woolworths) and groovy music. Children are asked to bring along their own labelled drink bottle (can be disposable). Water refilling will be available if need be. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Hall and sign them in. Children at COSHC can be brought up at the appropriate times if needed by COSHC staff. Please let COSHC know if you wish your child to attend the disco. Children from the first session will be returned to COSHC for parents picking up between 5:30-6:00pm.

Please note:

- No glowsticks please
- To avoid congestion there will be no parking on school grounds. Please allow extra time for arrival and pickup time. For convenience, the back gate will also be open.

Parent Representative Meeting Monday 28th May 8:45am

The Term 2 class parent representative meeting will be held on Monday 28th May at 8:45am in the staffroom for those parents available.

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academíc Excellence

Eden Gliddon KB Susie Wang KG Olivia Millalonco KY Ashton Young 1B Marco Catalano 1G Zac Vallejo 1Y Orlando Ruiz-Martinez 2B Ella Solomon 2G Max Lukjanenko 2Y Joshua Hall 3B Taylor D'Silva 3G **Riley Roditis 3Y** Jada Yu 4B Yasmin Davie 4G Luke Di Stefano 4Y Sinera Janaratne 5B Jessica Hohn 5G Ned Cane 5Y Bailey Aldag 6B Saxon Aldag 6G Nikolaj Knevitt 6Y

St Angela's Award

Sienna Reilly KB Charley Natividad KG Mason Stopps KY Sophie Pickles 1B Mikayla White 1G Ivy Tole 1Y Ethan Stewart 2B Joshua Morin 2G Seamus Burden 2Y Alex Milas 3B Mia Khoudair 3G Annika Clarke 3Y Benjamin McNamara 4B Clarissa Gumuljo 4G Troy Austen 4Y Natasha Panganiban 5B Gemma Yager 5G Tahlia Mackay 5Y James Hakme-Bader 6B Owen Sereni 6G Harry Clarke 6Y

Sports News

Congratulations to Charlotte Hogan (6Y) who was selected in the MacKillop girls football (soccer) team to compete at the NSWPSSA Championships in Wollongong in June. What a fantastic achievement!

Mrs Andra Hemmings Sports Coordinator

"We would love to hear from you to help us improve the education we provide"

In the coming weeks, we will be inviting Years 4, 5 and 6 students, teachers and all parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys will be undertaken by every school in the diocese and are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

As we value the role of parents within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Angela's.

The parent survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please keep an eye out for the URL link to access the survey coming home soon via email.

Grade Contact Lists The voluntary grade contact lists advertised in Shine were emailed home on Monday 14th May. Year 6 will be sent out shortly. Thank you again to our Grade Parent Reps for their assistance with compiling the lists.

Happy Birthday!

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

MAY Sun 20th Claire Alcock Carissa Lewis

Carissa Lewis Madeline Nasso

Mon 21st Matthew Metcalfe **Tues 22nd** Hailey Cassettari Sienna Mearns

Wed 23rd Mrs Richards

Star Spot

Congratulations to Courtney Azzopardi (3B) who has been selected to represent the Hills Hornets U10 Girls Touch Football in forming a guard of honour for this Friday's NRL Touch Football Premiership at ANZ Stadium.

Peer Support Initiative

Session 3 - Types of Friends

Types of friends will be the focus in peer Support this coming week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through various activities, children will identify that their friends can fall into the categories of 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons. Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.

2018 Interschool Debating Competition

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the first round of the Inter School Debating Competition against St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills. The children prepared a debate on the topic, "Australia Should Close all of its Zoos". The debaters presented challenging arguments and spoke extremely well, with our Affirmative team experiencing success on the day!

Thank you to all parents involved in supporting their child leading to the debate and for their presence on the day.



Mrs Ogilvie, Mrs Kelly and Ms Lewis-Driver Debating Coordinators

International Competitions and Assessments For Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6

University of NSW Initiative

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

This year, children are again invited to participate in the ICAS English and Mathematics competitions. Dates and the cost of each assessment are listed below.

Both these papers will be sat at 7:30am, so as to not impact upon class learning time. Participation is optional. The test must be done on the designated day at the designated time. Unfortunately, tests not completed during the supervised time cannot be done at an alternative time.

If you would like your child to enter, please complete the form below and return it to school in an envelope marked "ICAS" with your child's name and class by <u>Monday 28th May 2018</u> (Week 5). *The University of New South Wales will not accept late entries*.

Name of Competition	Assessment Date	Cost
English	Tuesday 31st July	\$9.00
Mathematics	Tuesday 14th August	\$9.00

Please complete and return with payment by <u>Monday 28th May</u> (Please note no registrations will be accepted after this date)

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6 2018

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I wish my child

Class ______ to take part in the University of NSW

Schools Competition in the indicated area/s:

English \$9.00	Maths \$9.00								
I enclose \$	cash/cheque	(made	payable	to	St				
Angela's) being payment for the above tests.									

Parent Name:

Signature:

Date:

Two Wolves

Reflection

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all. One is not so good. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

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

Best Wishes

Best wishes to our Year 6 students and their teachers who next Thursday and Friday will be travelling down to our Nation's capital as part of their unit on 'History of a Nation'.

Grade Assemblies

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

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.

> New Telephone Number 9407 6400

As previously advised, St Angela's is transitioning to a new telephone number. This change is due to an upgrade of the telephone system within the CEO. Although our current number will also be available for a limited time, please be advised and update your 'contact number' to reflect our new school number **9407 6400.**

Book Club

A reminder that the last day for placing Scholastic orders is tomorrow, Friday 18th May. Please see last week's newsletter for further information regarding ordering and payment. Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508) Book Club Coordinator

SPREAD THE WORD! BOOK IN THE DATE FRIDAY EVENING, 22ND JUNE TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST ANGELA'S

Begin organising tables of 10 (or less and we will place you) Adults only Great prizes, great fun, great company

St Angela's Annual Golf Day

17th September - Save the Date IT'S ON!

CALLING ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN GOLF (All levels welcome - beginners to experienced) The 2018 Venue will be Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club Keep an eye on Shine for further details

Are you a considerate driver?

Always obey road rules and observe our 40km zone around school for the safety of our children. We have 'no stopping' signs at the front and back of the school. These signs are there for the safety of our children and community.

Thank you for your support in this area.