



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 6

Dear Parents,

Resilience

Each day our children grow and learn. They are on an exciting journey that is yet to unfold. Fostering resilience in our children is essential for their success in life.

Resilience is:

- ♦ The capacity to cope and feel competent
- ♦ The ability to accept life's disappointments and bounce back from hard times.
- ♦ A generally positive attitude to life
- ♦ A mixture of attitude, skills, abilities and character.

Some are born with a more resilient spirit, others have resilience fostered by early childhood experiences.

What does a resilient child look like?

- ♦ Healthy thinking habits
 - Realistic/Detective thinking
 - Helpful thinking
 - Being optimistic
- ♦ Independent and resourceful
- ♦ Good problem-solvers
- ♦ Able to mix well with others

Children need the freedom to:

- ♦ Grow up free from having to please their parents all the time (hopefully they will want to please you because of shared values)
- ♦ Be free to make their own mistakes (making mistakes is how we learn)
- ♦ Be free to feel discomfort and learn from life's disappointments

"Prepare our children for the path, not the path for our children."

The 'Flash'

Congratulations and best wishes to Oshi Kirkley who this weekend will compete at the National Primary School's Athletics Carnival in Melbourne. He sprints into this competition as the fastest boy in NSW out of every primary school. He will be representing St Angela's, the Diocese of Parramatta and the state. Go Oshi!

Making A Difference to Others

Thank you to our Year 5 students and their teachers for their amazing efforts through their Mission Markets. What a wonderful example of being Christ to others by helping make a difference for those less fortunate.

Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank you, our parents for your support in ensuring your child is dressed and presented beautifully for school each day. During the last week we have reminded the whole school regarding expectations such as, only plain studs or sleeper earrings for the girls, correct coloured hair bands, ie. Blue, yellow, green (school colours), no hair cuts with buzz marks, maintaining tidy hair, having polished shoes and no nail polish and jewellery other than a watch or medical alert band. Our children are certainly proud of their uniform and appearance. We also ask that sports shoes are predominantly white. If purchasing new sports shoes we ask for your support in this area.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass Friday 7th December

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass. This is also an opportunity for the school community to farewell our Year 6 children and those leaving St Angela's. All welcome.

Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Time & Date: 9:00am, Friday 7th December

Children are to wear full school uniform. Sport uniform will not be required by any classes on this day.



Disco Thanks

The children thoroughly enjoyed the disco last Friday evening. It was a great night of dance, dance, dancing. Many thanks to all the wonderful helpers who assisted on the night, Andy Abeyaratne, Sandy Abu-Duhou, Ola Callan-Kerkenezov, Marie Catalano, Wayne Davie, Karen Foxe, Cristina Hoon, Rosanne Javidi, Erin Kennedy, Andrew Kenny, Nicole Love, Belinda Muscat, Bec Nati, Olivia Nati, Greta Read, Jenni Rodger, Katrina Sosa, Jenny Tallaridi, Antonella Tesoriero and Annette Vassallo. Appreciation to Wayne Davie for coordinating the two dance sessions.

Farewell Assembly

Join us as we say farewell and show our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Fitzlan, Mrs Murray, Mrs Lean, Mrs Moller and Mrs Hynes at a special farewell assembly on Tuesday 18th December at 8:45am. All are welcome to attend.

St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2018

Parents are invited to come and take some time out to celebrate a fantastic year at St Angela's.

Date: Thursday 29th November

Time: 7:00pm onwards

Venue: Castle Hill RSL Terrace Bar

No need to RSVP. Just drop in or come along with other parents and stay a little, or stay a while, we would love to see you. (Drinks and/or food available to purchase as you wish) We hope you can join us for this casual gathering.
2018 Fun(d)raising Committee



Religious Education

Sunday, 25 Nov 2018: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B
Gospel Jn 18:33-37

Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

Q. How are we called to continue to bear witness to this truth?

Q. What does it mean for us that Jesus is 'king' of a kingdom filled with the sick, poor and outcast?

Advent Reconciliation

Next week Father Alejandro has invited the children from Years 2 - 6 to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare to enter the season of Advent. The children are called to recognise the importance of preparing for this new season and this can include asking for forgiveness for our sins to know that we are right with God. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

This week I received details of the purchases that were made with our donations for the children of Little Angels Care Home (Orphanage) in the Philippines. The money raised last term through our mufti day, purchased goods for the babies including cots, bottles, food, walkers.... Thank you for your support in meeting the needs of the most needy.



Mrs Michelle Yager
 Religious Education Coordinator

Sent Home This Week

Emailled: Kindergarten Shine Quest, Swimming Carnival Google Form
Hard Copy : Special Food Day



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 6

Thursday 22nd November K-2 Swimming - C2K

Friday 23rd November K-2 Swimming - C2K

Year 6 Vision Valley 7am - 5pm

Surf Education at School

Year 3 9:00am - 10:30am

Year 4 11:00am - 12:30pm

Week 7

Monday 26th November Year 1 Minibeast Incursion in St Maximillian Kolbe Hall

Tuesday 27th November **Special Food Day - Pizza**

10:00am - 12:00 Reconciliation
 Grades 2-6

Wednesday 28th November 2019 Years 1-6 Orientation Day

9:00am Year 5 Captain speeches and voting. All Welcome.

10:00am - 12:00 Reconciliation
 Grades 2-6

11:00am Year 5 Colour Captains speeches and voting. All Welcome.

2:20pm Kindergarten Liturgy All Welcome

Thursday 29th November International Teacher's Day Celebrations at St Angela's

7:00pm Parent Christmas Social Drinks Evening Castle Hill RSL Terrace Bar All Welcome

Friday 30th November 9:00am -12:00 Final Kindergarten Orientation Session 3. Parents to stay for the first hour.

12:00 - 2:30pm Oz Fashions Uniform Sales - Kinder 2019 in St Maximillian Kolbe Hall

Sunday 2nd December 1st Sunday in Advent

Year 6 Disco
 Castle Hill RSL

Week 8

Monday 3rd December 2:15pm Year 3 Assembly All Welcome

Tuesday 4th December 2:20 Year 2 Liturgy - All Welcome

Year 7 2019 Gilroy College Orientation

Wednesday 5th December 2:20 Year 1 Liturgy - All Welcome

7:00pm Band Night - All Welcome

Thursday 6th December 2:00pm Year 4 Science PBL Presentations in Hall. All Welcome

Friday 7th December **9:00am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass at St Angela's**

Sunday 9th December 2nd Sunday in Advent

*Please see coming home early next week
 St Angela's Christmas raffle tickets to raise funds for
 technology and literacy resources for the children.*

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 16/11/18)

Academic Excellence

Anthony Mittiga KB
Nina George KG
Dylan Putra KY
Marcus Khoudair 1B
Izaak Botic 1G
Isabella Arrastia 1Y
Cayleigh Mantua 2B
Ashlee McKnight 2G
Zachary Vujnovich 2Y
Adam Hochstetter 3B
Christian Scott 3G
Amalia Mohan-Ram 3Y
Patrick Abdow 4B
Nitika Nirmalan 4G
Jackson Bercich 4Y
Bernadette Laird 5B
Alexandra Santos 5G
Brandon Suefong 5Y
Keira Murphy 6B
Ivana Alilovic 6G
Sarah Tesoriero 6Y

St Angela's Award

Livia Gigliucci KB
Lexi Khoury KG
Grace Bacon KY
Sienna Azar 1B
Madeline Pace 1G
Elijah Moses 1Y
Alicia Dib 2B
Mason Kelly 2G
Matthew Karam 2Y
Shiloh Aguas 3B
Angelina Catalano 3G
Isabella Khodeir 3Y
Taylah Khodeir 4B
Dean Aberley 4G
Jackson Bercich 4Y
Ava De Carlo 4Y
Molly Nati 5B
Joel Foxe 5G
Emma Heanes 5Y
Aaron Malcolm 6B
Tebogo Siwisa 6G
Mikaela Southwood 6Y

SPORTS NEWS

Best Wishes to Oshi Kirkley (6 Blue) who will represent NSW at the Australian PSSA Athletics Championships in Victoria 24th to 27th November. The St Angela's community are so proud of you Oshi and we can't wait to hear how you go. 'May the wind be always at your back'.

Congratulations to Jarvis Hemmings (5 Green) who was selected in the Parramatta Diocese Basketball team. Jarvis will compete at the MacKillop trials in Wollongong in 2019

Christmas Treats

In these last weeks of school, children like to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks. This is a lovely gesture. As there are a number of children at St Angela's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



Happy Birthday!



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

NOVEMBER

Sun 25th Nov
Daniella Zeaiter

Mon 26th Nov
Mason Kelly

Tues 27th Nov
Kathryn Basobas
Emerson McDonald
Mr Stagnitta
Mrs Stuardo

Wed 28th Nov
Annaliese Borg
Mrs Martin

Thurs 29th Nov
Connor Paton
Tia Post
Jonah West

Fri 30th Nov
Lilly Celano
Sophie Kenny
Jack Norris
Jasmine Shepherd

Sat 1st Dec
Holly Brincat
Oliver Gerrettsen-Cornell



Special 'Pizza' Food Day Tuesday 27th November

All orders to be returned by tomorrow
Friday 23rd November

Student Leaders 2019

A letter to Year 5 parents outlining this process was recently emailed. Best wishes to the many Year 5 children who next week will be presenting speeches as candidates for student leadership positions. We have such a depth of leadership with over 57 students nominating themselves to be Captains. The first round of the short listing process now sees 16 candidates presenting their speeches. The speeches are only a minor part of this process. The speeches for School Captain will be held coming Wednesday 28th November commencing at 9.00am. Congratulations and well done to the children who have been nominated. Children in Year 5 and teachers are involved in the voting for School Captains, Vice Captains and Colour Captains. Speeches and voting for Colour Captains will take place at 11.00am on the same day. Parents are most welcome to attend any of the speeches.

2018 Swimming Program



Tomorrow Years 3 and 4

Will be visited by Surf Lifesaving Australia on Friday 23rd November to undergo lessons at school in the areas of Surf and Sun Safety, First Aid and Resuscitation.

Thank you for your lovely words of appreciation....

"This is the second year that I have been able to attend Grandparents Day and I just wanted to say, that this school is a credit to you and your staff. I was most impressed when two young boys (men), I would think from year 6, came to us and shook our hand and thanked us for coming, and also welcomed us to the school – such manners are rare in this day and age".

When contacting St Angela's ...

If you need to contact the school, we ask that you please use the school office number or email address. Please do not make enquiries via the number used to send notification of student absences, as this is an automated facility.

Many thanks.

International Teachers' Day

This coming Thursday 29th November, we celebrate International Teachers' Day (official date earlier this term) here at St Angela's. Christ's blessings are clearly evident through our wonderful teachers. They are truly a gift to be celebrated.



Teachers will be treated to a delightful morning tea from the class parent reps. Appreciation and thanks to your Class Parent Representatives for their efforts in making the day so special for the staff.

Assessment Strategies

Teachers employ a variety of assessment strategies. One of the initial strategies is by Observation. Teachers are able to gauge the children's levels of understandings through observation of their practices and behaviours when undertaking a task. Checklists and anecdotal records help in the recording of these observations. Anecdotal records are a more informal form of assessment where the teacher takes observational notes on a student's achievements, beliefs, attitudes and skills as they are engaged in a task. Questioning is another form of assessment and can be either written or oral. Higher order questions indicate not only facts retained by the student but also if the student is able to apply the known facts. Open ended questioning allows for more than one answer to a problem and involves thinking beyond facts or skills. Another assessment strategy widely used by teachers is Testing. Diagnostic tests assess specific concepts through written or oral questioning. They are used to diagnose areas of difficulty so that suitable teaching can take place. Performance based testing involves a practical test where the teacher assesses the student as they are involved in an activity. Pen and paper tests are used to assess skills and facts recently taught and are designed to assess a variety of outcomes. Multiple choice tests are generally included in more formal tests such as the NAPLAN test completed by the Years 3 and 5 students. Problem solving requires the student to reach a solution to a problem without the need to use a normal procedure or algorithm. Finally, teachers often ask the students to self reflect on their learning by recording their thoughts and experiences. This and other forms of self evaluation help the teacher to understand how a child feels about their learning and any difficulties they may be experiencing.

Mrs Monica Fitzalan
Assistant Principal

Swimming - Parent Viewing

Parents are welcome to attend Castle Hill Swimming Centre to observe the swimming program tomorrow Friday 23rd November. Times for each class are as per email sent Monday 29th October.

St Angela's Swimming Carnival
Friday 14th December 2018
Years 2 to 5 and Year 1 children turning 8 in 2019
at Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Parents are welcome to attend



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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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0410 621 791
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SHOW TIMES:
DEC 16th at 12pm & 6.30pm
DEC 17th at 6.30pm

nextmovestudios.com.au

Genevieve Brouillard from St Angela's will be playing
Lumiere in this production.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our whole school community evening
this year will be held on
Wednesday 12th December
6.30pm under the Big Top

It is an expectation that all children attend the Christmas concert to celebrate as a St Angela's community, this special time of year. Please inform your class teacher immediately if your family is unavailable, as some roles and parts are currently being assigned to children.



Support Services for Students and Parents

As part of the pastoral care program provided by the Catholic Education Office, counselling is available to students and their parents, if required. Our Counsellor, Miss Monique Beglinger, is at St Angela's on Tuesdays and alternate (even weeks) Fridays. Miss Beglinger works with children who may require support, coping and managing due to some of life's challenges, including loss of a loved one, divorce, dealing with friendships, behaviour (home and/or school), anxiety, depression, anger etc. Counselling opportunities can be discussed with Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria or your child's class teacher.

FINAL KINDERGARTEN 2019 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Friday 30th November

9:00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday 30th November, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 2:30pm.

Christmas at the Shrine

8 Greyfriar Place
Kellyville

Saturday, 8th December 2018

1pm to 5.30pm

Event Schedule

1pm Opening and blessing
followed by multi-cultural food
Sausage Sizzle, Asian Street
Foods, Indian Wraps, Cakes,
Fairy Floss

Plants and Produce, Gifts,
Treasure Chest, Face Painting,
Jumping Castle, Piety

4pm Christmas Carols
processing from the Shrine
Chapel to the St Anthony Chapel
and Visit from Santa

4.30pm Raffle Draw

4.45pm On the steps of the
Shrine Chapel: Religious Carols
and Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
Blessing of Religious Articles
and Crib Infants

5.15pm Procession to Our
Lady of the Rosary Parish
Church for Eucharist
Benediction

6pm Vigil Mass – 2nd Sunday of
Advent, Our Lady of the Rosary
Church

(Live entertainment from 1 – 4pm)