



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 7

Tonight 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.

Mrs Fitzalan will be attending from 7:30pm onwards, why not pop in and say farewell.
2018 Fun(d)raising Committee

Dear Parents,

Thank You to our Talented Staff at St Angela's

Today we celebrated International Teachers' Day here at St Angela's (official date was earlier this term). Christ's blessings are clearly evident in our amazing staff. They are truly a gift to be celebrated. Our sincere appreciation for their commitment, generosity of time and talents, and their love for the children in their care. The dedication and passion to their teaching ministry is a challenge but one full of rewards. While acknowledging that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children, teachers are asked to join in that privilege of assisting the child to grow and develop. It is the partnership between home/school/parish that nurtures the child and allows them to grow into their full potential.

As teachers/staff, we try to educate the total person - spiritually, academically, socially, physically, culturally and emotionally. It is an enormous task to take a class of children into your care and develop each one individually. The children come to us in Kinder with all their personalities, attitudes, values, skills and knowledge well established. The first 5 years at home is crucial to what kind of person they are going to be. From this foundation we continue the journey of learning here at St Angela's until they leave us at the end of Year 6.

The teachers' role is vital to society. International Teachers' Day celebrates teachers/staff and their vocation in Catholic Education. We are blessed here at St Angela's to have such outstanding, generous and caring teachers/staff.

Teachers/staff were today 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.



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

Tony Calabria
Principal



As communicated, congratulations to Mrs Yager who has been appointed as the Assistant Assistant Principal of St Angela's, commencing from 2019. Michelle is well known to our community and comes with a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise as an educator and leader. Michelle has been teaching for 23 years and has previously held the positions of Religious Education Coordinator here at St Angela's and Religious Education Coordinator and Assistant Principal at Chisholm Bligh Park. Our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Yager on this appointment.



ST ANGELA'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER



TICKET COST IS \$2.00 EACH

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOK TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 7TH
DECEMBER. GOOD LUCK!**

PRIZES INCLUDE:

**BICYCLE, MICHAEL KORRS WATCH, HYPOXI GIFT VOUCHER,
MEN'S DIRTY DOG EYEWEAR, RODEN AND FIELDS VOUCHER,
MISS CONFETTI BISCUIT VOUCHER, FRESH PRODUCE BASKET,
LAPTOP BAG, CAR CARE, PANDORA EARRINGS, GAMES PACK,
AND MANY, MANY MORE.**

**FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS TECHNOLOGY AND
LITERACY RESOURCES FOR ST ANGELA'S STUDENTS
(Ticket books were sent home earlier this week).**

Farewell Assembly

Join us as we say farewell and show our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Fitzalan, 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.

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Religious Education

Sunday, 2 Dec 2018: First Sunday of Advent - Year C
Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

Be ready for the second coming.

We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an 'in-between time'. From this week's first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah – the fulfilment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realisation that perhaps Jesus' return will not occur within the current generation. This realisation had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realised that Jesus' words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn't mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven't really got the house in order.

Q. How does the concept of being a people of Hope sit with this passage?

Q. How can you make the most of this season of Advent?

Advent Reconciliation

This week Father Alejandro invited the children from Grades 2 - 6 to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation as we enter the season of Advent. It is an important time of preparation which includes asking for forgiveness for our sins to know that we are right with God. Fr Al and Fr Gerard heard confessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children were just beautiful, reverent and prayerful.

Year 4 Religion PBL

This week each class welcomed a number of Year 4 students as they visited their rooms to introduced their Religion PBL and presented an Advent Liturgy. They also shared with students posters with Christmas Hamper items that children are invited to bring in next week, for collection on Friday 14th of December.

Mrs Michelle Yager
 Religious Education Coordinator

Theme for the Week:

"Always be prepared"

Our theme this week is related to the special time of Advent which begins this Sunday as we begin our preparations for the coming of Christ at the special time of Christmas. This theme also reinforces in children the need to be well prepared in their everyday life, from having their school learning materials to being able to plan ahead for events, etc. as opposed to last minute panic and parent rescues. A lot can be learnt from the old saying of: "In failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

Readers and Library Books

Could all Guided Readers, books from class Browser Boxes and all Library books please be returned to school by the end of next week (Week 8). This will allow teachers and librarians to do a stocktake and ensure that all resources are ready for next year. Many thanks for your support.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 7

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 for Kinder 2019 in the St Maximilian 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

Week 9

Monday 10th December

Year 6 Motivate Day

Wednesday 12th December

**6:30 Christmas Concert under the Big
 Top - All Welcome
 Christmas Raffle Drawn**

Thursday 13th December

9:00am Shine Quest All Welcome

Friday 14th December

School Swimming Carnival
 Blacktown Pool Grades 2 - 5
 All Welcome

Mt St Benedict Orientation #2

Sunday 16th December

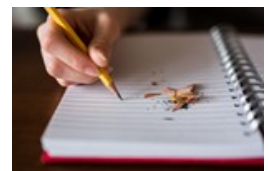
3rd Sunday in Advent

2018 ST ANGELA'S WRITERS FESTIVAL

This year our K-6 children used a visual stimulus to compose their texts for the St Angela's Writers festival. Our young authors wrote engaging, interesting, well-structured pieces. The teachers found it difficult to choose the winners from so many wonderful writing samples. Keep your eye on next week's SHINE for some of the winning pieces.

We are proud to announce our 2018 Winners:

Kindergarten - Lauren Spragg
 Year 1 - Dominic Jodlowski-Tan
 Year 2 - Gia Anonical
 Year 3 - Lilliana Sacco
 Year 4 - Luke Watson
 Year 5 - Alexandra Santos
 Year 6 - Kiara Lee



Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 23/11/18)

Academic Excellence

James Lang KB
Gabriella Chehade KG
Mason Stopps KY
Jake Perkins 1B
Jai Powell 1G
Louis Caparros 1Y
Jacob Crawford 2B
Owen van Egdom 2G
Alexander El-Rahi 2Y
Carlo Scida 3B
Georgia Lee 3G
Riley Roditis 3Y
Benjamin McNamara 4B
Yasmin Davie 4G
Troy Austen 4Y
Natalie Cerreto 5B
Narelle Barker 5G
Jake Burgess 5Y
Erin Green 6B
Cameron McCranor 6G
Emerson McDonald 6Y

St Angela's Award

Skye Doyle KB
Samaan AbuDuhou KG
Lucas Merhi KY
Isabella Ciantar 1B
Mia Cordi 1G
Giovanni Anastasio 1Y
Jacob David 2B
Nathaniel Botic 2G
Isaac Cassab 2Y
Sophia Raad 3B
Zachary Brook 3G
Masen De Carlo 3Y
Logan McDonald 4B
Max Bourne 4G
Brandon D'Silva 4Y
Tia Post 5B
Arielle Henwood 5G
Tara Bishop 5Y
Flynn Jamer 6B
Holly Di Staso 6G
Nikolaj Knevitt 6Y

Happy Birthday!



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

DECEMBER

Sun 2nd Dec
Lucas Rothwell

Fri 7th Dec
Ned Cane
Adalyn Lewis
Noah Tyler-Ottolino

Mon 3rd Dec
Alana Laird
Christian Mendoza
Jessica Stewart

Sat 8th Dec
Emma Lang

Tues 4th Dec
Penelope Jokic

Wed 5th Dec
Christian Nasr



TOMORROW 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.

Sports News

Congratulations to Oshi Kirkley (6 Blue) who competed at the Primary Schools National Athletics Championships from the 24th November to 27th November in Victoria. To say this is an amazing achievement is an understatement. As previously mentioned Oshi does not even do Little Athletics. He received 2 sessions of coaching so that he was able to use the starting blocks at NATIONALS. Oshi has nerves of steel, 2 days out from leaving for Victoria he received a phone call to inform him he would now be running the 200m as well as the 100m and 4x100 Relay as a competitor had broken his leg. Oshi finished 11th in the 200m, 12th in the 100m and he was a member of the NSW team that finished 3rd in the 4x100 Relay. Oshi's relay changeovers were like a pro. The St Angela's community are so proud of you Oshi I can only imagine what you could do if you trained full time or even just 1 day a week.

On behalf of Oshi I would like to thank everyone who supported Oshi by purchasing raffle tickets.

Andra Hemmings

K - 2 Swimming Program

Our 2018 Swimming Program was a huge success. Our K-2 children enjoyed their week at The Castle Hill Swimming Centre and all showed pleasing progress in the pool. The children were well behaved on the buses and around the pool and the Swimming Centre complimented our St Angela's children on their effort and participation in the program. Well done!

Grazie...Tanto... Bellissimo!!



On behalf of all the students at St Angela's, a huge thank you to Mishelle Brittain, Joanne Cassab, Donna Collins, Wayne Davie, Erin Kennedy, Louisa Laird, Belinda Muscat, Sonia O'Rourke, Donna Ortlepp, Natalie Powell and Michelle Rambow for organising and serving pizza at our Special Food Day on Tuesday. The time you give is very much appreciated.

Grade Assemblies

Please note our final whole school assembly for Term 4 is as follows:

Week 8 - Monday 3rd Dec at 2.15pm led by Year 3
All parents are most welcome to join us.

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Stavropoulos family, Sienna 3Y and Alexander 6B, due to the passing into eternal life of their Grandfather.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

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.

Years 3 and 4 Surf Lifesaving

On Friday 23rd November, all students from Year 3 and 4 participated in training exercises with Surf Lifesaving Australia. They learnt valuable skills about how to be safe and save others in water rescue situations. They also learnt how to put someone in the recovery position and practised their CPR skills on the mannequins provided. The students discussed the meaning of the acronym DRSABCD and how important it is to check for Danger, see if the patient can Respond, and Send for help in an emergency situation. Valuable lifelong lessons were learnt by all with some great information to take home and share with the family.



Year 1 Mini Beast Incursion

Read what Year 1 had to say about the Mini Beast incursion on Monday!

"Jacqui told us lots of information. I got to look at a huntsman spider through a magnifying glass, I touched a big millipede and I got to hold a mother stick insect. It was so much fun!" Mia Cordi, 1G

"I saw lots of small mini-beasts. My favourite part was when I got to hold the stick insect because I have never held one before. I liked when the stick insect flew onto Ms Driver's shoulder". Dominic Jodlowski-Tan 1B

"I discovered that stick insects come in many different colours and that some spiders don't use webs to catch their prey. The rhinoceros beetle looked very strange because it had a pointy horn" Sebastian Dinsdale, 1Y



Band Showcase Evening

All are invited to come along and listen to the band students perform in an entertaining evening of music. Details of the showcase are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 5th December

Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Time: 7:00pm (students are asked to arrive by 6.30pm)

Dress: Summer school uniform

The evening will run for approximately one hour and we would love to see you there. Students will have a dress rehearsal at school on Wednesday morning 5th December, the children will need to bring their instruments to school on this day.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of music.

Mr Walton
Band Director

Sent Home This Week

Emailed: Assistant Principal Appointment, Year 6 Disco

Hard Copy : Christmas Raffle Tickets

End of Year Reports

Reports will be coming home soon. Our reports (Years 1 to 6) by law are required to award an achievement level to each child using a mandated A to E scale for each Key Learning Area. It is imperative to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently **the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.**

The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.

Example One: Half Year Achievement level of C
End of Year Achievement level of C

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Example Two: Half Year Achievement level of B
End of Year Achievement level of C

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

As you can appreciate, these reports present many challenges including determining what on average constitutes an A, B, C, D or E given the achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area.

As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This will apply to all Diocesan schools.

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**

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)

St Vincent de Paul Society – OLOR Kellyville Conference Christmas Hampers Appeal for 2018



It's not too early to be thinking of Christmas

Especially for many families who are less fortunate than us

A Christmas message Peace ... Joy Love

While Christmas is a time of joy for many, it can also be a stressful and emotional period for some families in our community who will struggle with basic necessities like food, clothing, buying gifts for the children, payment of electricity and gas bills, day-to-day expenses and isolation. There are many families in Kellyville and surrounding areas that are experiencing these problems and disadvantage.

Your school communities are invited to donate items for our Christmas Hampers. Through your generous support, we will be able to offer Christmas Hampers to these disadvantaged families and give them the opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with their loved ones and give them the gift of hope for a brighter 2019!

We have provided below a list of items which you might like to donate for inclusion in each hamper:

Suggested Items:

- 1 Christmas Cake (preferably in a tin)
- 1 Christmas pudding
- 1 longlife custard
- 2 packets Aeroplane jelly
- Chocolates (preferably in a tin or box)
- A packet/box of shortbread biscuits
- Packets of assorted mixed dried fruits and nuts (cashews. Almonds, walnuts sultanas etc)
- 1 tin Pringles
- 1 tin baked beans
- 2 tins of canned fruit

- 2 packets lollies/fudge
- 1 packet Christmas bob-bons
- A Christmas card and greeting .. would be lovely if it is created and designed by the students
- A Christmas candle.

OPTIONAL (at your discretion)!!

- Unbreakable Christmas ornaments
- Festive paper serviettes
- A plastic festive Christmas table cloth
- Plastic festive plates or bowls
- **A CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD WOULD BE A WONDERFUL INCLUSION WITH EACH HAMPER...** It would help each family buy little gifts for their children.

NO BOTTLES OR GLASS PLEASE!!

We hope to raise at least twenty (20) hampers from each school – OLOR Kellyville & St Angela's Castle Hill.

We suggest that the items be packed in large cloth shopping bags (instead of cardboard boxes). A large ALDI, COLES or WOOLWORTHS shopping bag would be ideal! The bag can be made to look quite festive ... its amazing how creative our young students are.

Hampers from *St Angela's School* will be collected by a member/s of our Kellyville SVDP Conference on Friday 14th December.

The hampers will be delivered to deserving families by members of Our Lady of the Rosary - St Vincent de Paul Society, Kellyville Conference.

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU! Wishing your School Community, teachers, students and families all the Blessings, Peace and Joy of Christmas 2018!



Happy
Holidays!