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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Fortnight 'Growing Young in Christ' St Patrick's Day Assembly



What an amazing celebration of faith, fun and learning we experienced last Friday as we celebrated our final event for our Catholic Schools fortnight at St Angela's. The rain held off as we gathered for our St Patrick's Day prayer assembly, morning tea and class visits. The massive crowd of parents that attended were extremely appreciative of the morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Williams for co-ordinating the assembly, to Mrs Kelly for her Irish skit, Mr Walton and the band, Miss Claxton and the choir, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Aberley for being our sound technicians, Mrs Martin, Mrs Castro and the office team for coordinating the morning tea, Mr Laird for ensuring our grounds looked great even after the storm the night before and all the teachers/staff/children for their roles on the day and for welcoming you into their classrooms. Thank you also to one and all for your generous donations to Project Compassion and the Kids Cancer Project on St Patrick's Day. As a school community we raised in excess of \$1200.00 to support those less fortunate than ourselves.

These coming holidays, Maureen and I will celebrate the wedding of our eldest daughter Maree to Jeremy. It is hard to believe that I will be "father of the bride", given it feels like just yesterday that I was carrying her on my shoulders and she was running around as a toddler. I am not sure where the years have gone but it is certainly the early years that are so precious, before they spread their wings, be sure to enjoy them.

To spend a bit more time with extended family that are around for the wedding, I will be accessing leave for the first week of Term 2. Mrs Yager will capably steer the St Angela's ship during my absence.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2020

Enrolment packs have been sent home to those families who have advised (via our google form emailed on 25th February) that they are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings at St Angela's for Kindergarten 2020. Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required original supporting documentation, by tomorrow, Friday 22nd March. Please phone or email the office if you have any enquiries. Thank you.

Resilience Keeping it on the Boil

Resilience (or resiliency) is our ability to adapt and **bounce back** when things don't go as planned. Resilient people don't dwell on failures; they acknowledge the situation, learn from their mistakes, and then move forward.

As a school community we are continuing to focus on Resiliency and are encouraging the children to "**Bounce Back**" when things don't go to plan or they face disappointment or difficult situations.

Please take a minute to look at a clip and rap that we have used as part of our whole school approach in order to have a shared understanding and ensure we are all 'speaking the same language' around resilience.

Resilience Animation <https://youtu.be/C1UCI2ZHEqw>

The Playground Craze - Bounce Back Music Video - Rap - <https://youtu.be/9qAC-g596r4>

Mrs Yager
Assistant Principal

Disco Thanks

The children thoroughly enjoyed the disco last Friday evening. It was a great night of "dancing like nobody's watching". Many thanks to all the parents who assisted on the night, Andy Abeyaratne, Danielle Aquilina, Sheridan Barjacoba, Sharon Bouillard, Marie Catalano, Anna Chapman, Naomi Crowley, Racelle Fameron, Sonali Fernandez, Cristina Hoon, Natalie Lashlie, Heidi Lee, Sarah Losco, Nicole Lowe, Rebecca McDonald, Jaclyn Nasso, Melissa Orefice, Kylie Pace, Leesa Pickles, Tony Spren, Tanya Stornelli, Jenny Tallardi, Antonella Tesoriero, and Nicole Worsman.

Appreciation to Wayne Davie for coordinating this opportunity for our children to have an amazing night of dance.

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.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 24 Mar 2019: Third Sunday of Lent - Year C Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

When Jesus is asked about the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem, he seizes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. He challenges all who are listening that unless they repent, they will all perish in a similar fashion. This would have been very confronting to those in the audience who were ingrained in the thinking that 'bad things only happen to bad people'. The purity codes of the day stated that if one maintained purity of action – obeying the Law and respecting the prohibitions on certain actions – then one was fulfilling one's duty and maintaining right relationship with God. Jesus chastises the people for this attitude and tells them that they all must 'repent'. For 1st Century Jews, the word 'repent' had a greater depth of meaning than our current understanding. Rather than simply 'being sorry', to repent meant to completely turn life around – both individually and as a society. His injunction to repent would be seen as a challenge to question motives and actions and set a new direction. To follow this up, Jesus tells his audience a parable about a fig tree that has not borne fruit after three years. There are many interpretations of this parable and it is often interpreted in isolation from the gospel passage that immediately precedes it. Given the challenge to 'repent' that is given so strongly, we can see the parable as an example to the listeners that their time for repenting is running out. The one year reprieve for the fig tree is an indication to the listeners that their change of heart and change of spirit had better take shape in the very near future.

Q. How have 'good' people you know coped with bad things happening in their lives?

Q. Where in your life is there a need for 'repentance' – a change of heart to one of compassion?

Prayer for forgiveness...

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed ourselves, and you. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. Amen.



Mrs Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator

Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping Night

Calling all Year 1 Parents and other parent helpers
Wednesday 3rd April at 7.00pm in the school library
Many hands needed!

Please contact Maria Fernandes at
m_c_cali@yahoo.com.au or the school office
stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if you are able to assist.
Please bring scissors with you.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 8

Fri 22nd March 9.00am Year 6 Committee Meeting - All welcome

2:15pm Whole School Assembly
presented by Year 2 - All welcome

Week 9

Tues 26th March Baker's Delight - Special Food Day
Paul Kelly Cup Kellyville Park

Wed 27th March 2.20pm Kindergarten Liturgy - All Welcome

Thurs 28th March 7:00pm Confirmation Parent Session at OLOR Church

Fri 29th March Year 5 Excursion to The Rocks & State Library

NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST

All schools participating in the NAPLAN Online in 2019 are expected to take part in a practice test between 25th March and 4th April. This requires participation of the entire cohort of NAPLAN, year 3 and 5 students from the school, and will involve a 45 minute Omnibus Test that includes Reading, Conventions of language and Numeracy test items. Writing will not be included in the Omnibus Test. The practice will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online.



Star and a Wish

Once again, you will on occasion, see 'yellow star and wish stickies' in your children's books. These yellow stickies are one additional method of providing feedback to children. When books come home for English and Maths, you will see some of these 'yellow stickies' which will highlight:

1. A Star: Something completed well/strength
2. A Wish: Area for focus/development

These highly visible 'stickies' will allow parents, children and teachers to see/focus on helping to move children forward.

Please note: You may also see blue stickies. These are from your child's peers who on occasion may also give feedback as they work collaboratively.



'Baker's Delight'
Special Food Day
This Tuesday 26th March

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 15/03/19)

Academic Excellence

Sofia Garcia - Loyola KB
 Kelci Reese Anonical KG
 Lilly Green KY
 Gabriella Chehade 1B
 Makaela Daniel 1G
 Harrison Gibbons 1Y
 Olivia Hoon 2B
 Dominic Jodlowski-Tan 2G
 Marcus Khoudair 2Y
 Theodorus Kinsong 3B
 Hamish Geoghegan 3G
 Brendan Khoudair 3Y
 Bronte Woodhead 4B
 Max Vallejo 4G
 Ciara Crowley 4Y
 Jessica White 5B
 Dean Aberley 5G
 Finnian Christie 5Y
 Jack Tole 6B
 Fynn Vander Stock 6G
 Jarvis Hemmings 6Y

St Angela's Award

Ethan Chetty KB
 Lachlan Kelly KG
 Miranda Soliman KY
 Levi Liu 1B
 Ronan Phung 1G
 Alexa Yammine 1Y
 Phoebe Scida 2B
 Charlotte Lashlie 2G
 Georgia - Rose Scoulou 2Y
 Alice Nugent 3B
 Awindee Jayakody 3G
 Camila Diaz 3Y
 Rhys Wilson 4B
 Sophia Raad 4G
 Noah Bercich 4Y
 Mia Young 5B
 Alec Austen 5G
 Patrick Abdow 5Y
 Connor Calleja 6B
 Lucas Borg 6G
 Mia Jacobs 6Y

Easter Eggs at School

*As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, 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.*

2019 Inter School Debating Competition.

During Terms 2 and 3, Year 6 children from St Angela's will compete in the Inter School Debating competition. We require an adult from our school community to volunteer as an adjudicator. The role of the adjudicator is to listen, judge and decide which team has won the debate and offer ways by which the debaters can improve.

In order to take part, you will need to be available on Friday mornings between 9am and 11am. There will be only 5 occasions where you will be needed. All necessary information regarding this role will be provided. It is a great way to get involved and learn about the debating process. If you are interested in being an adjudicator or have any other enquiries please contact Ms Ogilvie via the St. Angela's email.

Many thanks for your support.
 Debating Coordinators
 Ms Ogilvie, Mrs Newbury, Mrs Kelly and Mr Lee

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 24th
 Carlo Scida

Fri 29th
 Grace Bacon

Mon 25th
 Alexandra Santos
 Kingsley Barnett

Sat 30th
 Olivia Hoon
 Father Al
 Mr Hurst

Wed 27th
 Arabella Fameron

Thurs 28th
 Zachary Worsman
 James Rimando
 Alexis Tadianan
 Isabella Ciantar
 Evan Hunt
 Mrs Williams



Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.

*Confirmation Parent Information Session
 Thursday 28th March at 7:00 pm at the Parish*



**MOVIE NIGHT
 FRIDAY 5th APRIL
 Here at St Angela's**

Sports Houses

All the children new to St Angela's have joined the other children in our four sports houses. The names of the teams reflect something of the story of St Angela. They are as follows:

Merici (Yellow)

The family name of St Angela.

Garda (Blue)

A large beautiful lake in the north of Italy which Angela visited very often.

Salo (Red)

A town on the shores of Lake Garda. Angela lived in this town as a young girl with her aunt and uncle after her parents died.

Brescia (Green)

A big city in the north of Italy. Angela lived and worked here. It was here that her thoughts and ideas were put into writing and she began the order of the Ursuline Sisters in 1535.

The children stay in the same sports house whilst at St Angela's. Siblings are in the same house. In this way we hope the children will develop a loyalty to their special house.

Children's Work Books Coming Home

(Tomorrow Religious Education and Maths Work Books)

Next week the children will be bringing home their work books for the Key Learning Area of English. In English, over the course of the term, the children have been engaging in learning experiences to develop their knowledge and skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss their work. It is important to look at the quality of the work as well as their handwriting skills. Remember to praise and encourage your child for their efforts so they will continue to learn with enthusiasm. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book, after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have had the opportunity to 'walk' through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.



St Angela's Golfers!

Congratulations to Rusty (3G), Josh (3Y), Christian (4B) and Mia (5B) who represented Castle Hill Country Golf Club in the Junior League Golf Tournament over the past 5 weeks.

Baby Girl

*Congratulations to the Salib family
on the arrival of Ava Mae Salib, a sister for
Adam (KG), Ryan (3y) & Sean (5B)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Grade Assemblies

Remaining whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 8 - Tomorrow Friday 22nd March at 2:15pm led by Year 2

Week 10 - Friday 5th April at 2:15pm led by Year 4

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Kindergarten Science Design and Make, Naplan Online Brochure, Compulsory School Attendance Procedures

Hard Copy: Bakers Delight Special Food Day, Year 5 The Rocks and The State Library Excursion, The Hills Shire Holiday Guide

St Angela's Cross Country 2019

Kindergarten to Year 6

Held on our School Grounds

Tuesday 2nd April

On Tuesday 2nd April we will be holding our Cross Country Carnival. The children at St Angela's have been preparing well and training hard at school in preparation for the day. All parents are invited to attend our Cross Country Carnival. We ask that parents park outside the school grounds, eg. Coles or Community Centre car park. The back gate will remain open for parents from 8:30am (after morning drop off). Due to the cross country taking place within the school grounds, the front gate will be closed at 8:45am. We ask that throughout the day, parents do not crowd around the finish line, or in front of the recording table as it makes it difficult for those recording.

Details of the day are as follows:

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| 8:45am U/12 Boys & Girls | 3km |
| U/11 Boys & Girls | 3km |
| Followed by U/10 Boys & Girls | 2km |
| U/9 Boys & Girls | 2km |
| U/8 Boys & Girls | 2km |
| U/7 Year 2 Boys & Girls | 700m |
| Year 1 Boys & Girls | 700m |
| Kinder Boys & Girls | 700m |

Please note these times are only a guide and may change on the day if need be

SAFETY: It is important that children eat a good breakfast on the morning of the carnival. All children especially those running 2km and 3km, should hydrate before running.

UNIFORM: Children are to wear their school sports shorts, school hat, school sports top or school colour house polo tops. NO other coloured tops are permitted.

The 2km (3 laps) and the 3km (4 laps) involves the children running along the inside perimeter of the school grounds with marshals being in view the entire course. For the safety of all our children and to help our carnival run smoothly we require parent helpers to assist on the day. If you would like to assist and have completed the child protection requirements, please complete the slip below and return to school by **Friday 29th March**. I would like to be able to roster our helpers so you can watch your child finish the Cross Country. Therefore, I would appreciate offers of help from parents from all grades. I would especially like to ask for help at 8:45am from our Kinder to Year 4 parents to act as marshals while our 3km events are running.

Looking forward to a great day.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Co-ordinator

Please return by this Friday 29th March

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL HELPER

- ☐ I am available to assist as a Parent Helper on Tuesday 2nd April at the Cross Country Carnival.
- ☐ I have completed the Volunteer Child Protection requirements at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CHILD'S CLASS: _____

Times available: _____ to _____