



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 9

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Fortnight 'Learning Connected' 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 weather was surprisingly kind to us as we held our St Patrick's Day prayer assembly, morning tea and class visits. The parents attended in record numbers and were very appreciative of the morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Yager for co-ordinating the assembly, assisted by Mrs Kelly, Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton for the band, Mrs Lean, Miss Joice and Mrs Newbury for the choir, which sounded beautiful, and all the teachers/staff/children for their roles on the day and for welcoming you into their classrooms. Thank you to one and all for your generous donations to Project Compassion on St Patrick's Day. As a school community we raised in excess of \$1200.00 to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Well done St Angela's!

Journey Towards Easter Our Lady of the Rosary Parish 8 Greyfriar Road, Kellyville Thursday 6th April at Friary grounds

During Lent, the children have been praying and reflecting on the Journey towards Easter. Praying the Stations of the Cross is an especially powerful way to enter into the meaning of Christ's Passion and is a longstanding Lenten devotion which involves both our imagination and emotions. This year we have secured the opportunity to visit the Friary grounds which have life size Stations of the Cross statues in a prayerful and reflective setting. Please see the note coming home shortly outlining the timetable for each class and details of this unique opportunity to pray the Stations and visit the Shrine in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish's beautiful acreage. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend, particularly if you have never visited the friary grounds, they are just beautiful. As Easter falls during the school holidays, we look forward to making the Journey to Easter a quiet, reflective and meditative experience.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



St Angela's Disco
Friday 31st March
See ticket order form sent home
earlier this week

Theme for the Week:

"Forgive Others"

How often do adults and children really forgive others or more importantly themselves. Jesus truly teaches us the meaning of forgiveness through His life, death and resurrection. Forgiving others means taking the time to reconcile and rebuild relationships to move forward and not dwell on the past. As a parish school community we should always strive to model forgiveness to those around us.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 9

Fri 24th March

Year 3 Excursion to Brewongle

Week 10

Mon 27th March

St Angela's Cross Country on school grounds K - Year 6. All Welcome

Tues 28th March

School Photo Day Classes - Please bring envelopes on the day

Wed 29th March

2:20pm Year 2 Liturgy in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

7:00pm Mums and Friends Movie Night 'Beauty and the Beast' at Reading Cinemas

Thurs 30th March

Specialty Group Photos and Family Photos - Please bring envelopes on the day

Fri 31st March

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 1 in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

St Angela's Disco in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
4:30-6:00pm Kindergarten to Year 2
6:30-8:00pm Years 3 to 6

Week 11

Tues 4th April

Year 5 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm

Wed 5th April

7:00pm Mother's Day Gift Wrapping in the library

Fri 7th April

Stage 3 Touch Gala Day

Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Mon 24th April

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Tues 25th April

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Wed 26th April

First day of Term 2 for students

Sent Home This Week: Disco Note, Entertainment Book Flyer, QCS Parent Surveys, and Year 5 Excursion Note for Rouse Hill House and Farm



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Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

St Angela's Award

Isabella Arrastia KB	Sebastian Dinsdale KB
Anika-Klara Muller KG	Henry Phelan KG
Chloe Halpin KY	Oskar Callan-Kerkenezov KY
Kirealea Crowe 1B	Ashton Yu 1B
Camila Diaz 1G	Jude Moller 1G
Holly Brincat 1Y	Isaac Cassab 1Y
Taylor D'Silva 2B	Nicholas Heanes 2B
Macey Holmes 2G	Giulio Muscardo 2G
Yasemin Vancuylenberg 2Y	Tiani Layoun 2Y
Stefan Geoghegan 3B	Taylah Khoudair 3B
Freya Begg 3G	Troy Austen 3G
Hailey Cassettari 3Y	Jack O'Neill 3Y
Madison Nasr 4B	Jasmine Shepherd 4B
Kate McEvoy 4G	Matthew Foley 4G
James O'Donnell 4Y	Kean Holmes 4Y
Laura Nati 5B	Oshi Kirkley 5B
Alexandra Gerrettson-Cornell 5G	Benedict Solomon 5G
Riley Hogan 5Y	Jamie Ella 5Y
James Baylis 6B	Isabella Seda 6B
Ethanael Lorenzo 6G	Philippa Gattini 6G
Jackson Folkard 6Y	Gabriel Van Jour 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Mon 27th

Jack McDonald

Tues 28th

Alexis Tadiaman

Evan Hunt

Zoe Mizzi

Isabella Ciantar

Wed 29th

Ivana Alilovic

Thurs 30th

Olivia Hoon

Mr Hurst

Fr Alejandro

Fri 31st

Joseph Sultana

Ryan Sloan

Mrs Fieello

APRIL

Sat 1st

Nitika Nirmalan

News from Oz Fashions

Our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be selling winter uniforms during the upcoming school holidays on **Wednesday 19th April between 11:00 and 1pm**. Online orders are still being accepted and last delivery day for the term will be Friday 7th April. Deliveries will resume Friday 28th April. Any enquiries, please contact Elle on 0421 216 414 or elle@ozfashions.com.au

Star Spot

Congratulations to Roisin Kelly (ex student 2016) for receiving 1st place at the Catholic Schools Debating Association (CSDA) - Public Speaking Competition. Well done, Roisin.

Year 6 Committee Meeting

We are looking at organising any Year 6 parents who wish to join the committee to organise Year 6 events such as end of year celebrations, yearbook etc. All are welcome. If you would like to join please contact Tara Shepherd on 0408 117 850. A meeting will be organised once a core group has been established. Thank you.

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.

entertainment™ Books

Entertainment Books are now available to purchase. Flyers were sent home with your child today. To order your book or digital membership, please visit www.entbook.com.au/2144d46. For further information please contact the school office.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thursday 30th March 1:30-2:30pm

Our second hand uniform sale for this term will be held next Thursday 30th March from 1:30-2:30pm outside the canteen. All items will be sold for \$5 or \$10, with profits going towards the school. It is really just a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need!

Studyladder

St Angela's has negotiated a contract with Studyladder (online program your child has been using) whereby students will be able to have unlimited access both at home and at school to complete unlimited activities. Studyladder is a curriculum based online program that covers Mathematics, Literacy as well as other subjects, that we have been accessing for home learning and to support learning at school. The contract with St Angela's school is now active. Parents who have already signed up for Studyladder in the past 3 months are eligible for a refund. To arrange a refund, please notify the school via email. We will then forward your email address to Studyladder for them to process your refund.

Mrs Theresa Lowden
Coordinator

Integrated Unit Workbooks

(English Books Coming Home Tomorrow)

Next week the children will be bringing home their Integrated Unit workbooks. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. What new skills have they learnt? What new ideas/information did they find out about? The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so to read a comment from their greatest role models, you their parents.

Kindergarten Holiday Playdate

A holiday playdate has been arranged for Kindergarten families on Thursday, 20th April at 10:00am at Bernie Mullane playground located at Marella Avenue, Kellyville. All welcome. Please note this will be cancelled if weather is not suitable. Enquiries: Teresa Spren 0408 765 301 or Natalie Lashlie 0421 418 287. Hope to see you there!

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. Due to a low number of students participating in other exams in previous years, these two papers are the only ones that will be offered in 2017 (as per 2016).

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 **Friday 7th April 2017 (Week 11)**. *The University of New South Wales will not accept late entries.*

Name of Competition	Assessment Date	Cost
English	Tuesday 1st August	\$9.00
Mathematics	Tuesday 15th August	\$9.00

*Please complete and return with payment by **Friday 7th April** (Please note no registrations will be accepted after this date)*

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6 2017

I wish my child _____ of

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: _____

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

The family name of St Angela.

Garda

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

Salo

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

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.

Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) Survey

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey. The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community, and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement.

Between now and 31st March 2017 all staff, Years 3 - 6 students and 60 randomly-selected parents by the survey organisers will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

This year we will again be able to gain even more information about the link between student wellbeing and learning outcomes. To do this we will need to include a student identifier in the student survey. The survey will still remain confidential and individual survey responses will not be accessible by the school or the Catholic Education Office. An independent survey consultant (Insight SRC) who manages the data collection will ensure the survey data is kept strictly confidential. Each school will receive a de-identified information report at the end of May to help them to develop strategies for further improvement. This will definitely assist the school in working with all students to further improve their learning.

As a parent if you are randomly-selected to complete the survey, you are encouraged to participate as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement. If you have any questions please free to contact the school office, Mr Calabria or Mrs Fitzalan.

Oakhill College 'Art in the Hills' 46th Annual Art Exhibition

Opening Night Gala: Tomorrow night Friday 24th March
7pm-10.30pm Tickets \$35 online or \$40 at the door.

Exhibition Continues: Saturday 25th March 10am-5pm
Sunday 26th March 10am-4pm
Entry Fee - Gold coin donation

Oakhill College, Old Northern Road, Castle Hill
www.artoakhill.com.au