



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 2, Week 2

Dear Parents,

Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

Our enrolment process for Kindergarten enrolments for 2018 has well and truly begun. To date, including siblings, well over 100 enrolment packages have been collected. This is a true testimony and affirmation of the wonderful St Angela's community, the high standard of quality Catholic Education we provide and the outstanding educators and staff present. Our school certainly has a great reputation, thanks to all of you. You, as parents, are our best ambassadors and we hope you are as proud of St Angela's as we are.

When prospective enrolment families for 2018 visited St Angela's in Term 1 for a school tour and information session, they stated how impressed they were and are certainly looking forward to their young ones starting in 2018.

Why True Gratitude Improves Our Lives

Teaching our children to say "thank you" is important, but truly instilling a sense of gratitude in them is another matter entirely. Gratitude goes beyond good manners - it's a mindset and a lifestyle. Studies show that children who count their blessings reap concrete benefits, including greater life satisfaction and a better attitude about school.

Why Is It Important To Cultivate An Attitude Of Gratitude?

First of all, gratitude is healthy for us, adults and children alike. Cultivating gratitude increases happiness levels. Gratitude can also help individuals live happier, more satisfied lives and enjoy increased levels of self-esteem, hope, empathy and optimism. Children who practise grateful thinking have more positive attitudes toward school and family.

Gratitude gives perspective. When you take into account the sheer number of opportunities, privileges and material possessions most children enjoy through no effort of their own, it's easy to see why

many of them feel entitled. After all, they get used to getting stuff without knowing or caring where it comes from. Practising gratitude, on the other hand, underscores the fact that all those toys and creature comforts don't just pop out of thin air. When children recognise that the things they own and the opportunities they have come from someone other than themselves, it helps them develop a healthy understanding of how interdependent we all are. Then they may be more inclined to treat others with genuine respect.

Gratitude improves relationships. Would you rather be around people who freely acknowledge and appreciate your contributions, or people who take your efforts for granted with a perfunctory grunt of thanks? It's a simple principle: gratitude fosters stronger, more positive and more genuine relationships.

Gratitude counteracts the 'gimmies'. Fundamentally, gratitude is about being aware of who or what makes positive aspects of our lives possible, and acknowledging that. When children learn to think in those terms, they can be less apt to make mindless, self-centred demands. Plus, they begin to appreciate what they have rather than focusing on what they wish they had.

Acknowledgement: Andrea Reiser

Thank You!

Secretary's/Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated tomorrow. On behalf of our community, I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our fantastic secretarial staff - Mrs Burke, Mrs Hall, Mrs Martin and Mrs Poleweski. We appreciate and are grateful for their efficiency, skills, use of technology, public relations, care for the children and generosity of time. So much of their work is behind the scenes but is an essential element to the success of our school. Their attention to detail, care for the children, welcoming manner and expertise in all aspects of their work is to be congratulated. From all of us, we say Thank You.

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:

"Together we can make a Difference"

This week's theme helps reinforce the notion that when people cooperate and work together valuing each other with mutual respect, greatness can be achieved. Supporting each other in an environment underpinned by gospel values assists us all in being able to make a difference in our lives, the lives of others and our society.

Winter Uniform

Given that we are experiencing out of season warmish weather, change over to winter uniform can be any time from now onwards, at the discretion of parents.

Mothers' Day Celebrations Next Friday 12th May

Next Friday 12th May we will celebrate Mothers' Day at St Angela's. Our celebrations will begin with a special Mothers' Day Assembly at 8:45am, followed by a Mothers' Day cuppa and then a visit to the classrooms for a learning activity, with those who admire you most. We hope you can join us.

Calling Any Available Men!

For the Mothers' Day celebrations it would be fitting to have all mums able to enjoy a cuppa. We, therefore, are seeking any available and willing men who could assist in setting up and/or serving morning tea on Friday 12th May. Please email the office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if you are able to share some time for the wonderful mums in our community.



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Upcoming Dates

Week 3

- Tues 9th May** Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- Wed 10th May** Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN
1:00-3:00pm Mothers' Day Stall
- Thurs 11th May** Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- Fri 12th May** 8:45am Mothers' Day Assembly followed by morning tea and class visit
NAPLAN Catch Up Day (if needed)

Week 4

- Tues 16th May** 8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom
- Wed 17th May** 7:30pm First Reconciliation Ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church
- Thurs 18th May** 7:30pm First Reconciliation Ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church
- Fri 19th May** 8:45am Presentation to parents by Senior Constable Rob Paterson on Online Cyber Safety - 'What You Should Know as a Parent.'

Quote of the Week

"Groundless hope, like unconditional love, is the only kind worth having."

Grade Assemblies

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

- Week 5 - Friday 26th May at 2:15pm led by Year 3
Week 6 - Friday 2nd June at 2:15pm led by Year 5
Week 7 - Friday 9th June at 2:15pm led by Year 2
Week 8 - Friday 16th June at 2:15pm led by Kindergarten

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Reflection of the Week "Dream"

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| Dream your dreams
<i>Envision excellence</i> | Enjoy the gift and privilege of life
<i>Cherish and support your friends</i> |
| Give enthusiasm to others
<i>Be inspiring</i> | Know that you make a difference
<i>Tell those that you love how you feel</i> |
| Live with passion
<i>Aim for the stars</i> | Discover the gifts of everyday life
<i>Smile and radiate your love</i> |
| Think and live healthy
<i>Take pride in yourself</i> | Recognise your inner beauty
<i>Think bigger than ever before</i> |
| Live your vision every day
<i>Practice what you preach</i> | Appreciate the good things in life
<i>Be greater than your highest thought</i> |
| Appreciate yourself
<i>Live with integrity</i> | Think only the best of others
<i>Make your dreams come true</i> |
| Enjoy the journey
<i>Live for today</i> | |

Mothers' Day

Cancer Council Fundraising

Many of our families have been touched by this terrible disease. Once again, this year we will be participating in fundraising for the Cancer Council during our Mothers' Day morning tea next Friday 12th May. Should you wish to make a donation, collection boxes will be placed on tables for morning tea in the school hall.

From the Library ...

May is National Family Reading Month. Now in its 21st year, it is designed to get more kids reading with their families. We are encouraging children to read for at least 10 minutes each night with, and as a family, during this month.

Once again, by popular demand and for a little fun, we would like you to take a photo of your child/ or family reading in the month of May. If you wish, please print off a copy of the photo and send it to the office addressed to Mrs North (library), as we would love to display them around the school. Please write child's name and class clearly on the back. Keep in mind the books they read in May can also help towards the Premier's Reading Challenge. Just a reminder to record all books read on the PRC Log In Sheet which can be found on the website.

Reading role models and shared reading time are extremely important to a child's learning and literacy development. Family reading time is a fabulous way to develop a child's love of books.

Kids who read succeed!

Mrs Rosanne North
Teacher Librarian

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2017 (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. These assessments will be conducted across Australia for all students this week on 9th, 10th and 11th May.

Friday 12th May - A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Tuesday 9th May	Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) Writing	Reading	Numeracy

8th September - Save the Date

IT'S ON AGAIN!

CALLING THOSE INTERESTED IN GOLF (ALL LEVELS WELCOME - BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED)

St Angela's Annual Golf Day

Lynwood Country Club

Keep an eye on Shine for further details

entertainment™ Books

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

Happy Birthday!

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

MAY

Sun 7th

Alexandra Huynh
Zoe Davie
Zavier Stornelli

Wed 10th

Aiden Crowley
Hamish Geoghegan
Kirealea Crowe
Mary Michelle Younes

Mon 8th

Camryn Lean
Rusty Smith

Thurs 11th

Anthony El-Rahi
Nicholas Heanes

Tues 9th

Angelina Catalano
Jackson Folkard
Mrs Lowden

Sat 13th

Ashlee McKnight
Brayden Geraghty
Ethan Gunawardhana

Mothers' Day Stall

We will be holding our annual Mothers' Day Stall for the children this **Wednesday 10th May 2017**.

The children will be able to choose from a variety of beautifully packaged gifts for their mums, grandmothers etc.

The children will be given an opportunity to view the gifts in advance. To make the stall more affordable, all gifts will cost \$5. We will not be collecting money in advance.

Children are to bring their money on the day in an envelope clearly marked with "Mother's Day Stall", their name and class so it doesn't get lost. Children are also asked to bring a plastic bag or similar to place their gifts in.

The money will be exchanged for a token at the entrance to the stall. Any children who forget their money on the day will still be able to select a gift, which will be put away and can be collected from the school office on Thursday once money is received. If there are gifts left over after all classes have visited the stall, children will be given the opportunity to purchase extra gifts.

Year 1 Parents Helpers for Mothers' Day Stall to be held on the afternoon of

Wednesday 10th May

1:00-3:00pm

(PLEASE NOTE AFTERNOON TIMESLOT)

Many hands needed!

If you are available to help out on the stall day, please contact either Wayne Davie 0404 924 166/
davie.family6@bigpond.com or Carlene Khoury 0414 247
500/carlene.khoury@gmail.com with your name, email
address and time you are available.

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you from the Year 1 Parent Reps

Sent Home This Week:
Emailed:

Star Spot

Congratulations to Aidan Siney (2Y) who has been selected in the GHFA Spirit Academy football squad for 2017. Over 120 players were invited to trial and Aidan was one of 25 players offered a place in the squad.

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Jacob Crawford (1 Yellow)
Sanjana Kadam (4 Yellow)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Interschool Debating Competition 2017

During Terms 2 and 3, St Angela's will compete in the Interschool Debating Competition. Many Year 6 students have volunteered to participate in the debates against other local schools.

Sienna Adams-Rodriguez	Samantha Hohn	Sophie Rodger
Lara Atchison	Robert Kelly	Freya Scothern
Tanya Benedict	Ronan Lee	Bella Shepherd
Sebastian Cignarella	Jake Lim	Nicholas Stornelli
Zoe Dimitriadis	Annaliese Losco	Anthony Tedros
Charlotte Edwards	Sofia Losco	Joel Woodhead
Ella Evans	Chantelle Mendoza	
Jackson Folkard	Emily Nasso	
Ava Foxe	Jessica O'Meara	
Ethan Gunawardhana	Olivia Pinna	
Thomas Hennessy	Felicity Rankin	

The first round of the competition will be held tomorrow, Friday 5th May at 9:45am in the St Maximillian Kolbe hall. The topic will be "Devices have destroyed the playground." The affirmative team will travel to St Madeleine's, Kenthurst while the negative team will compete at St Angela's. Good luck to all students involved in our first debate of 2017!

Affirmative Team
(at St Madeleine's)

Olivia Pinna
Joel Woodhead
Lara Atchison
Ella Evans

Negative Team
(at St Angela's)

Zoe Dimitriadis
Robert Kelly
Jessica O'Meara
Samantha Hohn

A special thank you to Mrs Julie Pinna for giving up her Friday mornings to adjudicate the debates in this year's competition. Her assistance is very much appreciated. Parents are welcome to attend the debates at either venue.

Mrs Newbury, Mrs Kaelin, Ms Lewis-Driver and Mrs Kelly
Debating Co-ordinators

Sport News

Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations St Angela's Cross Country team who competed on Tuesday at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek. All 48 of our representatives should be so very proud. It is the St Angela's spirit that shines through on days like this. You all gave it your very best effort. You were AMAZING! Again, we had teachers, parents and children from other schools compliment you on not only your athletic ability.

Our results as a team and as individuals were outstanding, we were the champion school in 6 of the 8 age groups.

8/9yr Boys (Ryan Sloan, Ben McNamara, Liam Evans, Kaija Knevit, Joey Khoudair and Kingsley Barnett)

10yr Boys (Joel Foxe, Aiden Crowley, Jarvis Hemmings, Jack Tole, Noah Wheatley and Fynn Vander Stok)

10yr Girls (Mia Jacobs, Dana Adan, Jessica Woolnough, Tia Post, Emma Heanes and Jeanette Khoudair)

11yr Girls (Keira Murphy, Aoife Collins, Charlotte Hogan Pip Gattini, Caity McNamara and Claire Moroney). Our 11 year old girls finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 25th - JUST AWESOME!

12yr Girls (Sarah Crowley, Ava Foxe, Chantelle Mendoza, Isabella Seda, Emily Ortlepp and Lara Atchison)

12yr Boys (Joseph McEneaney, Connor Khoury, Kaleb Brett, Riley Mackay, Noah Hemmings and Robert Kelly)

The following students are to be congratulated on being selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials, which are to be held at Eastern Creek on 16th June:

Joseph McEneaney (1st), Keira Murphy (1st), Aoife Collins (2nd), Ryan Sloan (2nd), Sarah Crowley (2nd), Joel Foxe (3rd), Charlotte Hogan (3rd), Ava Foxe (3rd), Aidan Crowley (4th), Philippa Gattini (6th), Connor Khoury (6th) and Caity McNamara (7th).

A special thank you to Mrs Lean who managed the team on the day. To the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, thank you for your constant support of the children as individuals and as a team and for their ready assistance with marshalling, cheering and organisation during the day. Finally, thank you to the students for doing your personal best and being such amazing representatives of St Angela's.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Hemmings for training and leading our team. Her expertise and dedication to all things 'sport' at St Angela's sees so many of our students, time and time again, achieve personal bests and our school being very much admired for our achievements.

National Rugby League Knockout Competition

St Angela's are entering one or more teams in the NRL Knockout competition to be held on Wednesday 24th May at Kellyville Park (Memorial Ave). Any interested players from U9, U10, U11 and U12 please email Gareth Holmes at gholmes@seaeagles.com.au with your NAME, DATE of BIRTH, PARENTS NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS and CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER by **Tuesday 9th May**. Many thanks to Gareth who will be coordinating the teams. **This will be a parent run event.**



DON'T MISS IT!

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

- 'What You Should Know'

By Senior Constable Rob Paterson

Friday 19th May at 8:45am

St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

'Digital Security' is a Police presentation covering privacy/reputation management and cyber bullying. Cyber safety is the primary non-academic problem that schools and young people experience today. Online behaviour often affects students' self-esteem, learning and relationships. Children are now exposed to images, words and behaviours that are often inappropriate for their age, and this can be accessed through the internet, social networking and online gaming. Parents and carers must know how to use technology and should know what to avoid, where to seek help and what their children are doing online.

Some topics covered:

- The latest social networking sites
- Online gaming
- Cyber bullying
- 'Sexting and sextortion'
- Cyber luring
- Facebook/ Instagram /Snapchat
- Relevant laws and police action.

Presented by Senior Constable Rob Paterson, Youth Liaison Officer at The Hills Local Area Command. As YLO, Rob works with Young Offenders, at-risk children and delivers educational programs and safety information to 65 schools in The Hills LAC. Rob has a BA (Education) and Associate Degree in Policing Practice, along with a number of police qualifications, specialising in Cyber Safety.



Grade Contact Lists

The voluntary grade contact lists advertised in Shine will be sent home shortly. Thank you again to our Grade Parent Reps for their assistance with compiling the lists.

SAVE THE DATE

**Year 6 Student Dinner Dance at
Castle Hill RSL
Sunday 3rd December**

**Gilroy College Year 7 2018 Enrolments
Closing date for applications is
Wednesday 10th May 2017**

Term Dates for 2017

Term 2 Monday 24th April to Friday 30th June
Term 3 Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September
Term 4 Monday 9th October to Friday 15th December (last day for students)
(Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December are Staff Development/Pupil Free days)