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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

As part of the enrolment process, Mrs Fitzalan, the leadership team and I have begun meeting with new and existing families who wish to enrol their children into our vibrant school. This will continue for a number of weeks. The number of applications for Kindergarten 2018 affirms the high standard of Catholic Education we provide at our school. The school's strong reputation in the local community and beyond is a wonderful accolade to all who are part of St Angela's. As parents you should be justifiably proud of the school you have helped create and promote.

"Forgive Others As I Have Forgiven You"

We are all so very proud of our Year 3 students who last night received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. God's unconditional love is evident through this special sacrament. Thank you to the teachers who attended on the evening and to the parish sacramental team, led by Mrs Kennedy, for preparing the children.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fr Alejandro, who this coming Wednesday celebrates 14 years of Priesthood. His vocation is a gift to the St Angela's and Our Lady of the Rosary communities. We are indeed blessed to have him as our Parish Priest.

Mothers' Day Celebrations

Once again, our Mothers' Day celebrations last Friday were a wonderful example of our Christ centred community of children, parents, teachers, priest and staff who are all part of St Angela's.

It was great to see so many parents, especially mums, visit the classrooms and participate in learning activities with the children. Appreciation to Mrs Yager for her co-ordination of the morning, along with the teachers for creating such a welcoming atmosphere and for the preparation behind the scenes. Thank you to Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton for conducting the band and guitarists. Thank you also to Mrs Lean and Miss Joice, who led the amazing choir. Appreciation also to Mrs Martin who co-ordinated the lovely morning tea and our dads, Patrick Azzopardi, Peter Benning, Robert Hall, Chris Laird, Otto Losco and Darko Milas, along with Mrs Castro who assisted. Many thanks also to LeeAnne Egiziano from Nati Roses for hand delivering the beautiful roses for our mums. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with one of their greatest role models, their mum. Thank you for your overwhelming presence.

Our appreciation and thanks to our Year 1 parents for their wonderful efforts in co-ordinating the beautiful Mother's Day gifts you received from your child on Mother's Day. The children were so proud to choose that 'special' gift beautifully wrapped for their hero, their Mum. Thank you to Sharon Brouillard, Donna Brown, Caitlin Burden, Cathy Cabezas, Joanne Cassab, Belinda Crawford, Wayne Davie (coordinator), Gillian Gunawardhana, Louise Khoudair, Carlene Khoury (coordinator), Amanda Lukjanenko, Felicity McKnight, Kristy Post, Rennee Russo, Maria Siligato, Moya Solomon, Pina Wehmann, Darshini Wettasinghe, Melissa Woodham, Sharon Younan and to all others who assisted on the

day.

We hope that all mothers in our St Angela's community felt special and were spoilt by their families last Sunday morning. It was wonderful to receive so many positive and appreciative comments regarding our assembly, the singing, the flowers, community cuppa, the opportunity to contribute to the Cancer Council, the classroom activities and the lovely gifts from the Mother's Day stall. Thank you to our generous community who raised over \$900.00 on Mothers' Day for the Cancer Council. Below is just one of the lovely comments we received:

"I just wanted to say a HUGE THANKYOU to Mr Calabria, Mrs Fitzalan and to all St Angela's staff and students for making us mummies this morning feel so worthwhile & loved. Every year I look forward to these special assemblies and this morning was just beautiful! You always do such an amazing job, and it was such an honour to stand there & watch our kids put on a great show & show us how much they appreciate & love us."

Prayers Requested

As you would be aware from the email sent home to all families on Friday afternoon that Mrs Marian Polewski passed into eternal life last Thursday. My appreciation and thanks to our beautiful community for all the messages of sympathy, for flowers, for kind words and for your offers of assistance tomorrow. Marian will be dearly missed by all of us. **Below is a copy of the email sent to all parents yesterday:**

As you would be aware from the email sent home last week, as a St Angela's faith community we are keeping in our prayers the Polewski family, due to the passing into eternal life of Marian Polewski. Marian has worked at St Angela's in the office, in a permanent part time capacity, for the past 14 years. The funeral to celebrate her life will be held this Friday 19th May at 2:00pm at Macquarie Park Cemetery. Given Marian has been a long standing member of staff, we have a significant number of staff wishing to attend her funeral.

School on Friday afternoon will be open as normal and arrangements will be made so that the learning will continue. Given the circumstances parents may wish to exercise the option to pick up their children early, anytime from 12:00pm. We kindly ask, if you are opting to pick up your child early on Friday, that you please send in a note/email indicating the time, as soon as possible, so that we can organise staff required for the afternoon.

On behalf of the Polewski family, appreciation and thanks for the many kind words, messages and cards of sympathy for the loss of our friend and colleague. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Please note parents are welcome to attend if they wish to do so. COSHC will operate as normal and band lessons will run as normal for those present.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Religious Education

Sunday, 21 May 2017: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

Congratulations to the students at St Angela's who last night received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Congratulations also to the students who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation tonight. They 'walked through the doors of forgiveness' in order to reunite themselves with God and we keep them in our prayers.

Next Wednesday, the 24th of May is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. Mary is the patroness of our own land, Australia and we look to Mary for her help, protection and guidance.

We celebrate the many gifts God gives us here in Australia – the diversity of our people, the beauty of this land, the values of freedom and peace that we treasure. As Jesus' mother and our mother too, we know that Mary will look after us and Australia with her motherly protection.

The students from Our Lady of the Rosary will travel to St Angela's to celebrate mass with us at 9.30am under The Big Top. This will be a wonderful opportunity to pray together as members of a parish as well as God's family. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"Among the things that you can give and still keep are your word, a smile, and a grateful heart."

***Our Lady Help of Christians Mass
Combined Mass with Our Lady of the
Rosary and St Angela's***

THIS WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY AT 9:30AM

*****Please note new time*****

***St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
All welcome***

Theme for the Week:

"Make Wise Choices"

Our theme this week encourages children to think carefully before they act, giving consideration to the choices they make and how they can impact on others. Making choices and taking responsibility for choices they made is essential grounding for future years. Please take time as a family to discuss the importance of decision making in our lives.



Upcoming Dates

Week 4

Fri 19th May

8:45am Presentation to parents by Senior Constable Rob Paterson on Online Cyber Safety - 'What You Should Know as a Parent.' All welcome.

Week 5

Mon 22nd May

Year 5 Excursion to Museum Discovery Centre

Wed 24th May

****PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**
9:30am Our Lady Help of Christians Mass Combined Mass with Our Lady of the Rosary and St Angela's Mass in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome**

Thurs 25th May

Rugby League Gala Day
Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
7:15pm First Communion Parent Information Night in Our Lady of the Rosary Hall

Fri 26th May

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 3 in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 6

Mon 29th May

7:00pm Diocesan Parent Representative Council Meeting 'Raising Resilient Children' at St Mark's College, Stanhope Gardens (see further information in this Shine)

Wed 31st May

8:45am Parent Mathematics EMU Workshop (Extending Mathematical Understanding) and General Parent Meeting

Thurs 1st June

Year 4 Incursion in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Fri 2nd June

9:45am Interschool Debating Competition
St Angela's vs St Michael's



Welcome

We would like to welcome a new family to our school this week:

The Abeyaratne family - Elliot (6Y) and Zara (1G)

We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

Thank You ...

Appreciation and thanks to our parent representatives who were able to attend our meeting last Tuesday.

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

- Eloise Hansell KB
- Jaida Singh KG
- Adrian Sacco KY
- Claudia Sereni 1B
- Adalyn Lewis 1G
- Alexander El-Rahi 1Y
- Isabella Sultana 2B
- Shiloh Aguas 2G
- Max Vallejo 2Y
- Matthew Metcalfe 3B
- Jessica Lester 3G
- Dominic Piperata 3Y
- Joshua Murphy 4B
- Joe Khoudair 4G
- Harrison Valenzisi 4Y
- Anna McEneaney 5B
- Emily Mitchell 5G
- Alexander Stavropoulos 5Y
- Cora Ledwith 6B
- Noah Yeung 6G
- Sienna Adams-Rodriguez 6Y

St Angela's Award

- Ray Khodeir KB
- Finn Sweeney KG
- Massimo Muscardo KY
- Kem Young 1B
- Ryan Salib 1G
- Misha Belle 1Y
- Alexandra Huynh 2B
- Noah Bercich 2G
- Yasemin Vancuylenberg 2Y
- Nicholas Eric 3B
- Brandon D'Silva 3G
- Max Bourne 3Y
- Natalie Cerreto 4B
- Rebekah Love 4G
- Victoria Pinna 4Y
- Thomas Norris 5B
- Brinley Lewis 5G
- Amalia Araneda 5Y
- Caitlin Mu 6B
- Nicholas Perusich 6G
- Chantelle Mendoza 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MAY

Sun 21st

- James Pearson
- Matthew Metcalfe

Tues 23rd

- Mrs Richards

Mon 22nd

- Hailey Cassettari

Fri 26th

- Brendan Wilson
- Matthew Mizzi

Star Spot

Congratulations to Sascha Blefari (3Y) who recently competed at Jindabyne with her pony, Mischief, at the Snowy Mountains Interschools Equestrian Competition. In a tough competition in the primary schools section, Sascha came in the top 10 out of approximately 25 primary riders from Kindergarten to Year 6 in events including Combined Training, Sporting, Showjumping, Dressage and Showriding. Sascha was also awarded 6th place in the highest dressage test she has competed in.



Congratulations to Brinley Lewis (5G) on the following initiative:

"On Saturday 6th May, I set up a stand at the Centenary of ANZAC Reserve, on Wrights Road to raise money for RSPCA. So far I have raised \$251.40 by selling cupcakes. I made 115 cupcakes and 30 cookies and sold most of them. I am so happy with what I have achieved. I hope to continue selling cupcakes at many more 'Rouse Hill Rhino's' home games."

Brinley Lewis



Parliament House Visit

On the 9th May, we went to Parliament House with Mr Calabria and Mr Como. We met many executive leaders, including the Commissioner of Police and the Fire Brigade. They shared valued leader qualities, such as if a job was never hard there would never be a challenge. We were also fortunate to meet the new Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian, and it was really amazing to have a photo with her. Lastly, we had a scrumptious afternoon tea. Overall it was a phenomenal experience for all of us.

By Joel, Ethan, Claudia and Bella (School and Vice Captains)



Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Best wishes to our Year 6 students who next Thursday and Friday will be in Canberra as part of their studies. Thank you to Mrs Newbury, Mrs Mrs Ogilvie, Ms Lewis-Driver, Mrs Kelly and Mr Stagnitta for generously giving up their time to be with the children.

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

- Elly Gohil-Bozic (1 Blue)
- Narelle Barker (4 Blue)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Sent Home This Week:

- Emailed: Cyber Safety Presentation, First Holy Communion, Paddle Pop Ingredients to Allergy Families

Sport News

Congratulations to Ronan Lee (6B), Alex Arends (6Y), Nikolaj Knevitt (5B) and Harry Clarke (5G) who were selected in the Parramatta Diocese Rugby Union team. The boys will travel to Forbes on the 25th June to participate in the NSWCPs Rugby Trials. Well done boys!

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sport Coordinator

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.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will also have a session with Senior Constable Rob Paterson on the same day.



SPREAD THE WORD!

**BOOK IN THE DATE
FRIDAY EVENING, 16TH JUNE**

TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST ANGELA'S

**Begin organising tables of 8
(or less and we will place you)**

Adults only

Great prizes, great fun, great company

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARENT MATHEMATICS EMU WORKSHOP (EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING) AND COMBINED GENERAL PARENT MEETING 8:45AM WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

The goal of the EMU program is for children to develop the ability to use Mathematics effectively to solve problems. A parent's role in achieving this goal can never be underestimated! The workshop is a fantastic opportunity for parents to gain an insight into children's experiences of Mathematics at school. All those attending will participate in fun warm-up games focusing on mental maths that can be easily played at home and modified for a range of abilities. Those attending will also receive a showbag kit containing instructions and equipment. We ask that you kindly RSVP by emailing the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if you wish to attend. This workshop is particularly beneficial for all parents but, particularly, our new families. We look forward to seeing you there.

News from the Parish ...

BINGO NIGHT FRIDAY 19TH MAY

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL HALL

Doors open 6:00pm

Games begin 7:30pm

Book your seats today at <https://olorevents.wixsite.com/home>

CASH PRIZES TO BE WON!

Call the Parish office on 9629 2595 for more details.

DR JUSTIN COULSON RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



WHEN: Monday, 29 May 2017 (Doors open 6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

WHERE: Catholic Learning Communities of St John XXIII – St Mark's College
Meeting will be held in the staff room – entry via main school foyer
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens (parking available)

The PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our seminar

What others have to say:

"...an engaging and dynamic presenter..."

"...are we getting him back next year? He's fantastic!..."



FREE PARENT/CARER SEMINAR!

Registrations are open – visit:

www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events

One of the most frequent questions Kidspot parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson is asked is "How can I help my child become resilient?" Friendship problems, bullying, physical changes and parenting styles are just some of the issues that can affect our children's ability to bounce back from difficulty and adapt to challenging situations.

Helping our children develop resilience can have lifelong effects

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