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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Good to Better to Best - 1st Place in both Hills Cluster Debating and Diocesan Voice of Youth

**"Intellectuals Can Debate.
Others Just Argue"**

Debating is a valuable life skill that empowers our young learners to excel. St Angela's participates in the Hills Cluster Interschool Debating Competition. Congratulations to St Angela's on being awarded 1st place in this prestigious competition. Our debating team consists of over 25 children who have been impressive from the start in all their debates. A great team has been the key to this victory. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Newbury, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Kaelin and Mrs Lewis Driver for facilitating this amazing opportunity for the students and for helping the debaters prepare. Thank you also to our parent transport team and Julie Pinna for being St Angela's adjudicators at other school's debates.



Diocesan Voice of Youth Grand Final 1st Place

Congratulations to Ava Foxe (6 Blue) for an excellent presentation of her outstanding speech on 'Gender Equality'. Ava was awarded first place at the Diocesan Grand Final yesterday. This is an amazing achievement! This Voice of Youth public speaking competition involves thousands of Year 6 students across the 57 primary schools in the diocese of Parramatta. Congratulations, we are all very proud of you.



What a Great Term!

It is hard to believe that Term 3 concludes today. I would like to thank our outstanding St Angela's community of children, parents, priests and staff for making every school day an opportunity to 'Let Your Light Shine' and a place where faith, fun and learning take place every day. I wish to also thank the many people who give so generously of their time and so much more, all for the children, knowing that it is in giving that they truly receive. To the dedicated staff of St Angela's who, together with you, provide an outstanding level of Catholic education and care for the children, we say thank you for a wonderful Term 3. I look forward to Term 4. Take care over the holiday period. I encourage you to take time out with your family to enjoy and appreciate each other. There is never a better time than right now to spend time with those you love.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



Upcoming Dates

TERM 3
Week 10
Fri 22nd Sept

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day - Focus:
Religious Education

TERM 4
Week 1
Mon 9th Oct
Wed 11th Oct

First day of term for students and staff
Kindergarten to Year 6 - Camp Quality
Visiting St Angela's

Week 2
Thurs 19th Oct

8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in
the staffroom

Change of School for 2018

To estimate enrolments for 2018, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Angela's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.

**A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 22nd
September is a Staff Development/Pupil
Free Day**

**Staff will gather for a day of spirituality.
Today is the last day of term for the
children. School resumes for staff and
students on Monday 9th October.**

***Mark the Date
Grandparents' Day
Friday 27th October
All welcome***

Sent Home This Week

Emailled: Yr 1 Term 4 Spelling List, Holiday Fun, Christmas Card
Competition



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Religious Education

Sunday, 24 Sep 2017: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Parable of the workers in the vineyard.

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

Q. Why do you think Jesus always portrayed the kingdom as challenging the norm?

Q. What is a situation today where we could apply this parable?

Diocesan Mission Mass

On Friday 13th October, our two school captains, Year 5 representatives, Mr Calabria and myself will attend the Diocesan Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. This is an opportunity for school leaders to celebrate their role in the mission of the church and to show their support of Catholic Mission for the work they carry out in Australia and other countries throughout the world.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary

On behalf of our school community, we congratulate Mrs Lisa Martin and her husband, Larry, on their 30th wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate this coming Tuesday 26th September.

May Christ continue to bless them each and every day.

Thank you ...

Thank you to the large number of parents who have given generously of their time and support in so many ways this term at St Angela's. This includes helping with fun(d)raising, excursions, sporting events, literacy, numeracy, parent meetings, library assistance, special food days, infants athletics carnival, uniform sales, debating, canteen and book club.

Daylight Saving

A reminder that Daylight Saving starts Sunday 1st October. Clocks are put forward one hour.



Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion

Reflection

As always, parents teach by example

- ◇ Notice your own attitudes.
- ◇ Remember that children are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself. Do not make jokes that perpetuate stereotypes.
- ◇ Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully.
- ◇ Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in media
- ◇ Answer children's questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- ◇ Acknowledge and respect differences within your own family. Demonstrate acceptance of your children's differing abilities, interests, and styles. Value the uniqueness of each member of your family
- ◇ Help your children feel good about themselves.
- ◇ Honour your family's traditions and teach them to your children.

Parent Representative Meeting

The parent representative meeting for Term 4 for those who are available will be held in Week 2, Thursday 19th October, at 8:45am in the staffroom. We will be discussing planned activities for Term 4 and future initiatives.

St Angela's Writing Festival

Please find coming home soon the winners of the 2017 Writing Festival and samples of writing.

Theme for the week:

"Keeping Our Children Safe"

At St Angela's, in the last week and the first week of each term, each class takes time to discuss the protective behaviour themes of:

"We all have the right to feel safe all of the time"

"Nothing is so awful that you can't tell someone about it"

.... So that children feel comfortable at all times to approach people on their network.

This is an opportune time to talk to your children about being safe in the holidays.

Holiday Fun!

Our St Angela's Holiday Writing Challenge is a fabulous opportunity for the children to write during these holidays. The challenge is for all the children, Kindergarten to Year 6. Details were emailed to all families today. There will be some prizes for each age group and we are looking forward to reading some wonderful writing on our return to school.



Chess

St Angela's Chess Club will commence for all students in Years 3-6 next term. Interested children will be given details in Week 1 of Term 4. This is a fun and exciting opportunity for students to become involved in an extracurricular activity which promotes critical and strategic thinking. We are looking forward to an exciting competition. Get practising over the holidays!



Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Ray Khodeir KB
Noah Tyler-Ottolino KG
Marco Catalano KY
Lachlan Hall 1B
Alana Younan 1G
Ava Chapman 1Y
Kai Hall 2B
Noah Bercich 2G
Annika Clarke 2Y
Tristen Gunawardhana 3B
Sullivan Harris 3G
Zalia Ritchie 3Y
Noah Andrew 4B
Aaron Hohn 4G
Jack Tole 4Y
Emily O'Rourke 5B
Alannah Bridge 5G
Mitchell Smith 5Y
Mikey Roditis 6B
Nicholas Perusich 6G
Cooper Metcalfe 6Y

St Angela's Award

Kaeden Hochstetter KB
Joshua Vassallo KG
Zac Vallejo KY
Kem Young 1B
Seamus Burden 1G
Harrison Lee 1Y
Alex Milas 2B
Dominique Gularte 2G
Liam Evans 2Y
Indigo Read 3B
Riley Petersen 3G
William Schenko 3Y
Connor Calleja 4B
Priya Tulsi 4G
Mia Russo 4Y
Matthew Rae 5B
Isabella Hall 5G
Riley Hogan 5Y
Jack McDonald 6B
Sophie Rodger 6G
Cooper Andrew 6Y

Star Spot

Congratulations to Kate McEvoy (4G) and Eva Lawlor (3B) who will be touring Los Angeles with their dance school, In The Spotlight. They will be performing at Universal Studios, on Hollywood Boulevard and at Disneyland. They will also be attending numerous dance workshops in Los Angeles and at Disneyland. With over 50 performers and a tour group of over 150 it will certainly be an experience!

ICAS Competitions

Congratulations and very well done to the following children who received a distinction, credit or merit in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools optional English and Mathematics competitions:

English

Distinction: Amalia Araneda, Kiara Lee, Emily Nasso

Credit: Veronica Cheng, Lara Gomes Pestana, Kathryn Basobas, Arielle Henwood, Katarina Costa, Jessica Herbas, Dylan Manio, Emily O'Rourke, Alexander Palmer, Tanya Benedict, Zoe Dimitriadis, Charlotte Edwards

Mathematics

Distinction: Nitika Nirmalan, Jason Herbas, Alexander Palmer,
Credit: Veronica Cheng, Kathryn Basobas, Dominic Darmudi, Jia Jung, Harrison Valenzisi, Jessica Herbas, Kiara Lee, Emily O'Rourke, Tanya Benedict

Merit: Lara Gomes Pestana, Zoe Byrne, Katarina Costa, Isabella Polic

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday during the holidays and the first week of next term:

SEPTEMBER

Sun 24th

Emily Nasso

Thurs 5th

Tyler Olan

Mon 25th

Mia Young

Fri 6th

Jessica Tallaridi
Natasha Egiziano
Ijah Colet

Tues 26th

Clarissa Gumuljo

Sat 7th

Alexander Arends
Caitlin McNamara
Jada Yu
Sienna Fonseca
Mrs Castro

Wed 27th

Ava Foxe
Bella Shepherd
Jack O'Neill
Samantha Hohn

Thurs 28th

Olivia Sultana

Sun 8th

Zarah Ciccio
Nicholas Stornelli
Mrs Powell

Fri 29th

Rhys Wilson
Yorick Lee
Mrs Sandri

Mon 9th

Alex Milas
Domenic Stornelli
Marcus Ma
Olivia Siligato
Sarah Perez Magnaye

Sat 30th

Michael Alibrandi
Dominic Jodlowski-Tan

OCTOBER

Sun 1st

Aidan Rambow
Madison Tedros

Tues 10th

Isabella Polic

Mon 2nd

Vaughn Bagus
Ivy Tole

Wed 11th

James O'Donnell
Zachary Lane

Tues 3rd

Max Bourne
Nicholas Eric

Thurs 12th

Madison Nasr
Taylor Brett



Fri 13th

Jasmine Oakey

Sat 14th

Seth Petersen

Summer Uniform Term 4

Summer uniforms can be ordered through our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, via the order form on our website under School Information, School Notes, Whole School, School Uniform Order Form and either send it into school or email the form directly to Elle at Oz Fashions at elle@ozfashions.com.au. We would expect that all children are in their summer uniform by the first day of next term, Monday 9th October.

Dance Fever

Congratulations to all involved in our recent Dance Fever Evening. Our individual winners on the evening were:

TANGO

1st Place

Jorja McKnight
Ned Cane
Tia Post
Lucas Borg

2nd Place

Harrison Valenzisi
Yasmin Davie
Oliver Vujnovich
Sarah Tesoriero

3rd Place

Zachary Pace
Alyssa Frasca

JIVE

1st Place

Ben McNamara
Zoe Ortlepp
Joel Foxe
Ariella Colosimo
Dominic Christie
Dana Adan

2nd Place

Alannah Bridge
Aliyah Netana
Ava Foxe
Zoe Dimitriadis

3rd Place

Rachel Agius
Kaija Kneviit

Congratulations to these and all the children who participated in such a fun night. St Angela's shone on the night, winning a trophy and overall best Year 5. This is an amazing effort. Thank you to the team of dedicated teachers who attended, the supportive parents and, of course, all of the children.



We also thought we would share with you a message we received from a spectator on the evening about our wonderful children:

"I was at the Dance Fever concert this evening watching my little cousins school perform, and I kept noticing how well behaved your students were and how beautifully they moved in and out of performances.

You should be proud of the students at this school."

Our infants dance session last Monday morning was very well attended with children enjoying a dance with each other and their mum or dad (their number 1 dance partner). Photos of the Dance Fever evening are available on our school Facebook page.



Term 4 Dates for 2017

9th October to 15th December (last day of school for the children).

18th and 19th December - Staff Development Days

Sport News

Stage 2 Parramatta Diocese Touch Gala Day

Last Friday we were back out at the Kingsway St Marys this time for the Stage 2 Touch Gala Day. Although it was a little windy we had a beautiful day to play some fantastic touch football. The year 3 and 4 girls and boys were an absolute pleasure to take out and represent St Angela's and they should be just as proud of their sportsmanship as their results.

The Boys Gold team consisted of Joel Foxe, Blake Cassettari, Joshua McDermott, Ethan Cabezas, Jarvis Hemmings, Ned Cane, Jake Tole and Aiden Crowley. It was clear from the first game that the boys were going to be the team to beat in their pool. The boys played some outstanding touch going through the day undefeated and winning their pool on the day.



The Boys Green Team consisted of Logan McDonald, Ben McNamara, Harrison Petras, Aimon Fitzsimons, Harrison Valenzisi, Kingsley Barnett, Evan Hunt and Ryan Sloan. The boys came together really well with every boy scoring at least one try on the day. The boys finished 3rd in their pool.



The Girls Team consisted of Yasmin Davie, Taylah Khoudair, Clarissa Burgess, Mia Jacobs, Tahlia Mackay, Lauren Evans, Jeanette Khoudair and Molly Nati. The girls were amazing, playing some really good touch with the ability to have some great passes and safe hands. The girls also won their pool going through the day undefeated. Special mention must go to Ava Foxe and Ella Evans who gave up their Tuesday lunch times to coach the girls while I coached the 2 boys teams.



Special thanks to Kylie Cane and Karen Foxe (Gold), Greg Hunt (Green) and Glenn Mackay (girls) who were fantastic coaching the teams on the day. Also to Holly McNamara and Ben Watson who were very confident referees.

Finally, thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunties for your support transporting the children to the ground and cheering the boys and girls.

MacKillop Athletics Championships 2017

On Monday, 12 St Angela's students competed in the MacKillop Athletics Championships. The girls and boys should be really proud of such an achievement to compete at such a high level.

The results were as follows:

Junior Boys Relay (Jack Tole Brandon Suefong, Ben McNamara and Aiden Crowley) 7th

Senior Girls Relay (Pip Gattini, Mailee Suefong, Sarah Crowley and Keira Murphy) - 9th

Sarah Crowley - 4th 800m

Aoife Collins - 12th 800m

Aiden Crowley - 9th 100m, 11th 200m, 9th High Jump

Oshi Kirkley - 6th 100m

Mailee Suefong - 12th

Ariella Colosimo - 10th 100m, 14th 200m

Congratulations on a fantastic Athletics season.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator

Thank you once again to Mrs Hemmings for another outstanding term of sporting success, achievements and fun participation for all students.