



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 2

Dear Parents,

It is a Privilege

As educators and parents, we have the wonderful privilege of watching the children change and grow in their formative years of development. Each child is a unique gift nurtured in our care so that they may become independent, hope-filled adults who can make a positive difference to the lives of others. This reflection is for all who nurture our most precious gift, our children.

The Beatitudes of the Child

Blessed is the child who is believed and challenged.

Blessed is the child who can share problems - unafraid.

Blessed is the child whose school is a haven of happiness.

Blessed is the child to whom life is a book of knowledge.

Blessed is the child who is allowed to pursue curiosity into every worthwhile field of information.

Blessed is the child who has someone who understands that childhood griefs are real and call for understanding and sympathy.

Blessed is the child who is led gently by the hand along the pathway of life by someone who is guide, companion and inspiration.

Blessed is the child whose efforts to achieve have found encouragement.

Blessed is the child who has learned freedom from selfishness through responsibility and cooperation.

Blessed is the school, which sees in the child the hope of the future and dedicates itself to the realisation of that hope.

Mercy Changes the World

'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'

John 10:10

This Sunday, we celebrate Mission Sunday. It is a time when we think about those less fortunate than ourselves, particularly overseas and how we can make a difference in their lives. This year for World Mission Day 2017, Pope Francis says "young people are the hope of mission. They seek ways to put themselves at the service of humanity with courage and enthusiasm." Keep an eye on Shine for a 'Mission' initiative for the whole school facilitated by Year 5 as part of their project based learning unit that will aim to raise money for those less fortunate.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



Grade Assemblies

Please note whole school assemblies for Term 4 are as follows:

Week 3 - This Monday 23rd Oct at 2.15pm led by Year 2

Week 4 - Monday 30th Oct at 2.15pm led by Kindergarten

Week 5 - Monday 6th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 5

Week 7 - Monday 20th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 6

All parents are most welcome to join us.

St Angela's, Castle Hill Celebrates Grandparents' Day Next Friday 27th October Commencing at 8:45am

St Angela's School Community invites all grandparents to join us for a celebration of joy and thanksgiving to honour the gift of grandparents to our children. We hope that this day will continue to strengthen the bonds grandparents have with their grandchildren and nurture the unique tradition that we share in each family.

Program outline:

- ☼ 8:45am Morning assembly/Prayer of thanksgiving for our grandparents
- ☼ Classroom visits to join in learning activities with the children
- ☼ Morning tea in the St Maximilian school hall

This is a wonderful event and is a highlight of our calendar for all grandparents who enjoy visiting the school.

As a large number of visitors are anticipated we ask that you bring in a plate to share for morning tea if you have a grandparent attending. Your contribution can be left in the hall on Thursday afternoon, 26th October or the morning of Friday 27th October.

Morning tea/catering arrangements: The morning tea will be in the hall and we kindly ask families to assist with the catering. It would be appreciated if goodies are provided on disposable plates and ready to serve (nut free please). To ensure a balance of food items -

- ▲ all yellow classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring cakes, scones or pikelets;
- ▲ all blue classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring slices or biscuits;
- ▲ all green classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring sandwiches, savouries, dips or cheese & biscuits.

Families with more than one child at school are only required to provide one plate of whichever category they would like to choose. Although we have lots of seating, any additional fold up chairs etc. would be beneficial as we are certainly expecting a large number of visitors. ***If you are able to assist in setting up, serving or packing up, please contact the office or volunteer on the day.***

Parking

To assist with our elderly visitors, the Kiss and Drop may also be used for grandparents to be dropped off. Additionally all car parking at the front of the school and around the hall will be made available for elderly who have restricted mobility etc. (ie. disabled parking).

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: K-6 Road Safety Day, Diocesan School Fees 2018, Year 2 Assembly, K-6 Grade Overviews, St Angela's Writing Festival Pieces, Yr 5 Graduation Supper



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Religious Education

Sunday, 22 Oct 2017: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

Q. What are some of the 'obligations' of society that 'get in the way' of giving to God what belongs to God?

Q. In what ways can you better give to God what belongs to God?

Special Invitation to all at St Angela's Parish Family Mass Sunday 29th October 11am

On Sunday 29th October, Year 4 students at St Angela's are invited to take a leading role at the 11am Our Lady Of The Rosary Parish Mass. The Year 4 students will be reading the Sunday readings and the Universal Prayer, assisting with the Offertory, greeting families and altar serving. We warmly welcome and invite all families of St Angela's to attend this special parish Mass supporting our Year 4 students and sharing in the prayer life of our wider parish family. Year 4 hope to see many of you there.

A note went home this week inviting Year 4 students to participate in this special Mass. Students who would like to be involved are invited to complete the note with their parents and return it to school addressed to Mrs Yager.

St Patrick's Cathedral and Mission Mass

By Alexander Palmer, Annika Benning and Madlen Gunasekera

Last Friday, the Year 5 Class Representatives had the privilege to travel with the 2017 school captains, Bella Shepherd and Joel Woodhead, Mrs Yager and Mr Calabria to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We attended a special Mission Mass and visited mission stalls set up by schools in the Parramatta Diocese.

Fr. Chris De Souza told us that we are all wearing God's uniform of love, no matter who we are. Some people wear fake uniforms over the top of God's uniform of love, pretending to be someone that they're not. We need to always be ourselves not someone that we're not.

The stalls that the children set up in the cathedral courtyard told the stories of those in need. We enjoyed seeing the different ideas and the creativity. Some of the schools ran a café to raise money, others had 360 degree vision goggles showing a classroom from a different country that is less fortunate than us. Another school made little dresses out of pillow-cases. We were very inspired to begin our own Mission initiatives.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"Embrace the gift of a fresh day ahead."



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 2

Fri 20th Oct

NRMA Science and Road Safety
K - 6 Presentation

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Bingo Night in the Parish Hall - see further information in this Shine

Week 3

Mon 23rd Oct

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

Yrs 3 to 6 Basketball Gala Day at Penrith Stadium (6 teams representing)

Wed 25th Oct

7:00pm Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Night in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Thurs 26th Oct

Year 1 Minibeasts Incursion in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Fri 27th Oct

8:45am Grandparents Day Assembly followed by open classrooms and morning tea - see further information in this Shine.

Sun 29th Oct

11:00am Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Family Mass Year 4

Week 4

Mon 30th Oct

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

Wed 1st Nov

7:00pm General Parent Meeting - All welcome

Thurs 2nd Nov

Year 4 Excursion to Bicentennial Park

Friday 3rd Nov

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Davie family (Ashley 5Y, Yasmin 3B and Zoe 1G) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's grandmother.

Please note the Term 4 Calendar will be emailed to all families shortly

Baby Girls

Congratulations to the Khodeir family on the arrival of Ava, a sister for Isabella (2 Green) and Ray (K Blue)

Congratulations to the Morsillo family on the arrival of Valencia, a sister for Savannah (2 Blue)

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

EVACUATION DRILL PRACTICE

Some words of praise from one of our parents who was at school while our fire drill took place last week.

"I just wanted to let you know that I was so impressed by the excellent co-ordination of the fire evacuation last Friday. I have never been involved in a full evacuation like that and I was so impressed on how smoothly it all went. Congratulations to you all."

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Charlize Woodham KB
 Jai Powell KG
 Elijah Moses KY
 Joseph Azar 1B
 Jayden Younis 1G
 Aidan Rambow 1Y
 Tiana Azzopardi 2B
 Riley Roditis 2G
 Sophie Wallace 2Y
 Alvarez Alberti 3B
 Ariana Sarmiento 3G
 Alec Austen 3Y
 Marcus Goodall 4B
 Kate McEvoy 4G
 Victoria Pinna 4Y
 Jessica Tallaridi 5B
 Hannah Kennedy 5G
 Cassandra Davidson 5Y
 Julian Basso 6B
 Sebastian Cignarella 6G
 Bryce Lenferna 6Y

St Angela's Award

Simone Laird KB
 Annelise Guirrerri KG
 Zachary Lane KY
 Olivia Siligato 1B
 Jacob David 1G
 Daniella Zeaiter 1Y
 Luciana Castillo 2B
 Isiah Lorenzo 2G
 Rhys Wilson 2Y
 Taylor Ngo 3B
 Vanessa Tesoriero 3G
 Mia Young 3Y
 Madison Nasr 4B
 Fynn Vander Stok 4G
 Alexandra Knight 4Y
 Emily O'Rourke 5B
 Michael Alibrandi 5G
 Claire Moroney 5Y
 Joel Woodhead 6B
 Abigail Madayag 6G
 Mailee Suefong 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

OCTOBER

Sun 22nd

Euan Adji
 Jason Herbas
 Noah Yeung

Wed 25th

Jason Fahmy
 Riley Azzopardi

Mon 23rd

Alannah Bridge
 Mia Khoudair

Thurs 26th

Courtney Azzopardi
 Tiana Azzopardi
 Marcus Como
 Matthew Foley

Star Spot

Congratulations to Jorja McKnight (3G) who competed in the Showcase Dance Championships last Saturday and won 1st place at the Sunshine Coast Regional. She received the most entertaining award and won the overall Elite Junior Title. She will now compete in Nationals in January.



Congratulations to Genevieve Brouillard (5G) who successfully auditioned for a role in the musical 'The Wolf Has No Teeth'. She will be playing the part of Queen Cordelia and the show will be on at the Bondi Pavilion Theatre in December.

Kindergarten 2018 Information Evening For Parents

A reminder that our Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Evening will be held this Wednesday 25th October at 7.00pm in the school hall.

2017 Swimming Program

Please find outlined below details for this year's swimming program. Permission notes and grading forms were sent home last week.

Kindergarten to Year 2

Swimming lessons will take place in Week 6, Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November. Lessons will be 50 minutes in duration.

Years 3 and 4

Will be visited by Surf Lifesaving Australia on Friday 17th November to undergo lessons at school in the areas of Surf and Sun Safety, First Aid and Resuscitation.

Years 5 and 6

Will visit Newport beach (Year 5 on Friday 1st December and Year 6 on Thursday 30th November) for a hands on day at the surf which will cover First Aid, CPR and Resuscitation, Body Boards, Board Paddling, Tube rescues and body surfing.

Years 2 to 5 will hold their annual swimming carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Monday 4th December.

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Ellia Solomon (1B)

John Papadimitos (5B)

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



St Angela's Writing Festival
 Please see coming home today pieces from our winning writers!

Class Parent Representatives

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend today's meeting as we prepare for the many happenings in Term 4, including International Teachers and Universal Children's Day, Grandparent's Day and school disco. Your support is very much appreciated.

Marian Catholic College
Year 7 Orientation Day for 2018
Thursday 23rd November

Grandparents' Day
Friday 27th October, 2017
Book Fair in the Library!

All grandparents of St Angela's are warmly invited to purchase a book for their grandchildren to enjoy books at home or at school. Grandparents and parents are also welcome to purchase books for their children, perhaps a Christmas gift or summer reading.

We invite grandparents to visit the Library between 8am-8:30am or 9:30-11:30am with their grandchildren, to view the selection of books available.

Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate uniforms, could you please send them to the office by tomorrow, **Friday 20th October**. Many thanks.

FRI 20 OCT 2017
AND EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville
BINGO NIGHT!
\$20 FOR A 6-UP BOOK OF 25 GAMES
Doors Open 6PM
Games Begin 7:30pm sharp - 10PM
WHERE: New Parish Hall
8 Diana Ave, Kellyville
LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!
Book your seat TODAY at:
<https://olorevents.wixsite.com/home>
or the back of the church!
For enquiries contact olor.events@gmail.com
For Gambling Help Call 1800 858 858
CASH PRIZES TO BE WON!
...if sufficient tickets sold.

Important Upcoming Dates to Note

Grandparents' Day
Friday 27th October at 8:45am
Staff Development/Pupil Free Day
Friday 3rd November

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME APPLICATIONS

We have been advised by Transport for NSW that students entering Year 3 are no longer required to reapply for an Opal Card as the system now automatically validates a student's ongoing eligibility if they remain at the same school. Cards for 2018 will be posted to the address nominated on your original application and will be received a week or two prior to the commencement of the 2018 school year. Further information can be found by visiting <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au>.

Important Allergy Information

At St Angela's we have a number of children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for some people the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods.

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit and Nut chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Breakfast cereals containing nuts eg Crunchy Nut/Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutrigrain
- Muesli Bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionery items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt muesli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at St Angela's.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us cater to the health needs of all of our children.

Birthday Treats

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (**purely optional**), we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes or donuts. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send in lollies, chocolates or candy canes. Please note, although a lovely idea, ice blocks are not practical as we have limited freezer space.

If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in for your child, which we will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary.

Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!

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.

Term 4 Dates for 2017

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

18th and 19th December - Staff Development Days