



# St Angela's Primary School

## Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

## We Love Our Grandparents

Last Friday, the drizzle did not deter another record number of grandparents gathering for our annual Grandparents' Day to celebrate the gift of grandparents in our lives. The hall, big top and surrounds were crammed to capacity with those older and wiser and those younger and willing to learn.

Our assembly in honour of our much loved guests was outstanding. My sincere thanks to all the staff of St Angela's for their efforts in making the morning so memorable and opening their classrooms to our visitors. Thank you to all our students, they were just beautiful. Thank you to Mrs Yager for co-ordinating the celebrations, to Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton for leading the band, Mrs Lean and Miss Joice for leading the choir and to Miss Joice, Mrs Aberley and Mrs Moller for the dance crew. Our appreciation and gratitude for the lovely morning tea, coordinated by Mrs Martin, that was generously supplied by all of you. Thank you also to all of our delightful parent helpers, Pat Azzopardi, Kristy Como, Debbie Geraghty, Bec Nati, Donna Orlepp, Antonella Tesoriero, Katherine Vassallo, Vicki Watson and Darshini Wettasingle, who all contributed toward setting up the hall, serving and packing up etc. The words of appreciation from visitors were extremely appreciative of the welcoming atmosphere and of the quality Catholic Education that takes place at St Angela's.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the multitude of grandparents who purchased books for their grandchildren. A percentage of the sales will be donated back to the school to purchase books for the library (the amount is still being finalised). Thank you to Mrs North for coordinating the book fair opportunity so that grandparents and their children can enjoy the love of literature and reading together.

## Our Beautiful Children

Our first priority at St Angela's are our children. We aim to develop each child according to their ability. We strive to develop the whole child, that is to develop each child spiritually, emotionally, physically and academically. For our school to do its job effectively, the ongoing interest and involvement of parents is vital. Teachers and parents working as partners means common goals can be established and developed more effectively and efficiently. It is important that the children see teachers and parents supporting each other. Working together assists the children's development and learning in so many ways.

A happy, supportive and harmonious link between teachers and parents with realistic common goals creates a unified approach. When a child perceives a breakdown in communication of this vital link a child experiences conflict and may play one off against the other. We are very fortunate at St Angela's to have supportive and caring parents, not only supportive in developing fantastic community spirit, raising

funds, but more importantly loyal and supportive in helping and assisting their children's learning.

Sometimes with today's busy and hectic lifestyles it is easy to leave school to the teachers but when we reflect on the points below it is well worth remembering that the link between teachers and parents is paramount in our children's education.

- *A child's performance is strongly influenced by his or her parents' attitude to the school.*

- *Achievement levels tend to rise when parents are seen to be interested and involved in their child's schooling.*

- *Parents have many ideas and skills that can be very useful to their school community.*

## Wow!

Thank you to our Kindergarten children and their teachers for such a lovely assembly last Monday. I was extremely surprised as they unveiled a very large, amazing 'Mr Calabria' artwork, certainly an Archibold prize contender. Each child contributed one square to bring their artwork to life which was not pieced together until the last moment. What an amazing team effort. Thank you so much.



## First Reconciliation

We keep in our prayers the Year 2 children who, this coming week, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Parish have decided to move forward this Sacrament to Year 2, as is the practice in the majority of parishes to avoid two sacraments being received in Year 3. The children will be celebrating this special Sacrament for the first time on Wednesday 8th (OLOR students) and Thursday 9th November (St Angela's students) at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church. God's unconditional love through reconciliation is a true gift He gives to all. The message that God will forgive us always because he loves each one of us unconditionally will be truly present. Thank you to the many parents who will also participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their children on the evening. What a powerful role model you are to your children.

## Mission Week

Congratulations to our Year 5 teachers and students who are truly making a difference by supporting refugees as part of their Project Based Learning Mission focus. We are all very proud of their outreach to others. The market stalls at lunchtime this week have surpassed all expectations. The entire school participated in this wonderful initiative to support the Jesuit Refugee Service. Keep an eye on next week's Shine for a full wrap up.

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

*Tony Calabria*  
Principal

**A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 3rd November is a Staff Development/Pupil Free Day.  
Staff will gather for professional learning in the Key Learning Area of Literacy.**



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## Religious Education

*Sunday, 5 Nov 2017: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*

**Gospel Mt 23:1-12**

**Those who humble themselves shall be exalted.**

This Sunday's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

**Q. How do you respond to someone you feel is not 'practising what they preach'?**

**Q. What everyday opportunity do you have to follow Jesus' style of leadership?**

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I was so very proud of our Year 4 students who last Sunday, took the leading role at the 11am, Our Lady Of The Rosary Parish Mass. This included The Readings, the Offertory, greeting families, serving on the altar and taking up the collection. They were a credit to themselves their families and St Angela's.



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The First Reconciliation Preparation Day for Year 2 students along with any other children in the grades above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of November. It will be in the hall at Our Lady of the Rosary School at 3.45pm followed by the 6pm Vigil Mass for all children and their parents.

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator

### Quote of the Week

*"Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think."*



### Welcome

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

*The Chugh family - Javin (2 Green)*

*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.*



### TERM 4 Week 4

**Fri 3rd Nov**

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**Staff Development/Pupil Free Day**  
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### Week 5

**Mon 6th Nov**

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 5 - All welcome

**Thurs 9th Nov**

First Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Session  
9:00-10:30am Surnames A-E and F-L  
11:00am-12:30pm Surnames M-P and Q-Z

7:00pm Reconciliation ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

**Fri 10th Nov**

St Angela's celebrates International Teachers' Day

11:00am Remembrance Day Ceremony - All welcome

**Sat 11th Nov**

Remembrance Day

### Week 6

**Mon 13th Nov**

K-2 Swimming Program at C2K

**Tues 14th Nov**

K-2 Swimming Program at C2K

**Wed 15th Nov**

K-2 Swimming Program at C2K

**Thurs 16th Nov**

K-2 Swimming Program at C2K

**Fri 17th Nov**

K-2 Swimming Program at C2K

Years 3 and 4 Surf Lifesaving Skills in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

### Grade Assemblies

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

Week 5 - This 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.

### International Teachers' Day

Next Friday 10th November, we celebrate International Teachers' Day (official date earlier this term) here at St Angela's. Christ's blessings are clearly evident through our wonderful teachers. They are truly a gift to be celebrated.

Teachers will be treated to a delightful morning tea from the class parent reps. Appreciation and thanks to your Class Parent Representatives for their efforts in making the day so special for the staff.

### Theme for the Week:

*"Work, Rest and Play"*

*Our children's days (as with adults) alternate between work, rest and play. Unfortunately balancing these three important areas is indeed a challenge. For most the main area that research seems to indicate as suffering is the 'rest' component. Many children tend to avoid sleep or don't get enough of it. Lack of sleep perpetuates itself in a child who lacks concentration, is always tired and doesn't have the energy to do their best. Why not take time to discuss and revise bed times.*

### Remembrance Day

**11th Day of the 11th Month at the 11th Hour**



We will celebrate Remembrance Day on Friday 10th November. We keep in our thoughts and prayers on this day all those who died at war in the name of peace. We will pause and reflect at 11.00 with a short prayer ceremony.

Parents are welcome to attend.

## Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

### Academic Excellence

Louis Caparros KB  
Lachlan McDermott KG  
Lachlan Thew KY  
Aiden Cabezas 1B  
Gia Anonical 1G  
Brendan Khoudair 1G  
Cayleigh Mantua 1Y  
Domenic Laird 2B  
Christian Mendoza 2G  
Noah Sweeney 2Y  
Evan Hunt 3B  
Lucas Seda 3G  
Yorick Lee 3Y  
Lucas Borg 4B  
Jason Fahmy 4G  
Cairo Piotto 4Y  
Kiara Lee 5G  
Aaliyah Netana 5Y  
Caitlin Mu 6B  
Philippa Gattini 6G  
Leon Reyes 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Ryan Shepherd KB  
Liam Nicholls KG  
Madeline Pace KY  
Myah Ciccia 1B  
Lincoln Brown 1G  
Zoe Davie 1G  
Samuel Jesuorobo 1Y  
Zane Benning 2B  
Angelina Catalano 2G  
Max Vallejo 2Y  
Yasmin Davie 3B  
Madeline Nasso 3G  
Jessica Araneda 3Y  
Bernadette Laird 4B  
Lauren Evans 4G  
Mischa Vujnovich 4Y  
Ijah Colet 5B  
Emerson McDonald 5B  
Madlen Gunasekera 5G  
Isabella Polic 5G  
Alexander Stavropoulos 5Y  
Kaleb Brett 6B  
Noah Yeung 6G  
Tanya Benedict 6Y



### Year 1 Mini-Beasts Incursion



Last week, Year 1 had an incursion. It was all about Mini-beasts and it was in the school hall. When we were in the hall, we saw a stick insect and a rhinoceros beetle and lots more. The person's name was Jackie and she is an expert on insects. We got to hold mini-beasts in our hand!

Myah Ciccia (1B)

### KINDERGARTEN 2018 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

#### This coming Thursday 9th November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-E, F-L

11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname M-P, Q-Z

#### Thursday 23rd November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-E, M-P

11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname F-L, Q-Z

#### Friday 1st December

9:00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday 1st December, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 2:30pm.

## Happy Birthday!

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

### NOVEMBER

#### Sun 5th

Mrs Moller

#### Thurs 9th

Olivia Miletic  
Riley Mackay

#### Mon 6th

Aidan Siney  
Alexandra Knight  
Gabriella Way  
Leonardo Blefari

#### Fri 10th

Isiah Lorenzo  
Mrs Kaelin  
Mrs Yager

#### Tues 7th

Dylan Gularte

#### Sat 11th

Dominique Gularte

#### Wed 8th

Anika-Klara Muller

### St Angela's Disco

### Next Friday 10th November

K-2 4:30-6:00pm

Years 3-6 6:30-8:00pm

Flyer sent home and emailed earlier this week.

Please return slip with payment by this Tuesday 7th November.

### 2017 Swimming Program

Please find outlined below details for this year's swimming program.

#### 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.

### Are you still regularly late?

School begins at 8.30am. Thank you to the parents who ensure their children are at school on time. Students who are late miss important announcements and, more significantly, vital learning in the classroom. Additionally, late children disturb the learning of others and are very self conscious of entering after everyone else. Surprisingly the children blame Mum or Dad not being ready while Mum or Dad tend to say it's the children. If your child is arriving at school after 8.30am, please ensure that you accompany them to the office to sign a partial absence slip. A reminder that parents entering the grounds other than for assemblies, celebration events etc., must sign in and out through the office. Thank you.

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Kindergarten Homework, Ltr to 2 Blue Parents, Disco Flyer. Hard Copy: Disco Flyer

## Fundraising for Variety

Hi Everyone,

I've decided to make a difference by cutting my long hair and donating it to Variety - the Children's Charity. My hair will be used to make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to Chemotherapy, Cancer and other sicknesses.

Did you know it takes 10-14 ponytails to make just 1 wig!! (each ponytail has to be 35cm in length). Sadly due to the costing of wigs, this places a large financial strain on families, so Variety - the Children's Charity donate wigs after they have been made. I have been told it gives sick children more confidence and better self-esteem about themselves. If you would like to know more, please visit:

<https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/victoria-s-hair-with-heart-donation>



Keep an eye out for me with short hair (the big chop is taking place on Thursday 9th November!) Thank you.

Victoria Pinna (4Y)

## Mark the Dates Year 6 Celebrations

Year 6 Disco  
Sunday 3rd December  
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony  
7:00pm Thursday 14th December

## When contacting St Angela's ...

If you need to contact the school, we ask that you please use the school office number or email address. Please do not make enquiries via the number used to send notification of student absences, as this is an automated facility.

Many thanks.

## Band News

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The **School Band** is now taking enrolments for 2018 and participation is open to all students who are **currently in Years 2-5**. No prior experience is required.

Students are attending (or may just have) a **Demo Concert** by the band and **Teaching Services Australia (TSA)** staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will have received a *green* **Instrumental Band Program-Introduction** with a tear-off **Expression of Interest** form. Students who return this tear-off form asap will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive *Enrolment Pack* with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This *green* **Expression of Interest** form is due back to the school office **within 5 days**. You can download this note at [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) or for more information email [info@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:info@teachingservices.com.au)

## Assessment Strategies

Teachers employ a variety of assessment strategies. One of the initial strategies is by **Observation**. Teachers are able to gauge the children's levels of understandings through observation of their practices and behaviours when undertaking a task. Checklists and anecdotal records help in the recording of these observations. **Anecdotal records** are a more informal form of assessment where the teacher takes observational notes on a student's achievements, beliefs, attitudes and skills as they are engaged in a task. **Questioning** is another form of assessment and can be either written or oral. Higher order questions indicate not only facts retained by the student but also if the student is able to apply the known facts. Open ended questioning allows for more than one answer to a problem and involves thinking beyond facts or skills. Another assessment strategy widely used by teachers is **Testing**. **Diagnostic tests** assess specific concepts through written or oral questioning. They are used to diagnose areas of difficulty so that suitable teaching can take place. **Performance based testing** involves a practical test where the teacher assesses the student as they are involved in an activity. **Pen and paper tests** are used to assess skills and facts recently taught and are designed to assess a variety of outcomes. **Multiple choice tests** are generally included in more formal tests such as the NAPLAN test completed by the Years 3 and 5 students. **Problem solving** requires the student to reach a solution to a problem without the need to use a normal procedure or algorithm. Finally, teachers often ask the students to self reflect on their learning by recording their thoughts and experiences. This and other forms of self evaluation help the teacher to understand how a child feels about their learning and any difficulties they may be experiencing.

Mrs Monica Fitzalan  
Assistant Principal

## Keep Us Informed

For our 'Star Spot' or 'Keep in our Prayers' newsletter sections, please convey in writing to the office via your child or email, any significant achievements or experiences that as a community, we can acknowledge, celebrate or pray for together.

## Support Services for Students and Parents

As part of the pastoral care program provided by the Catholic Education Office, counselling is available to students and their parents, if required. Our Counsellor, Mrs Helen Boerma, is at St Angela's on Thursdays and alternate Mondays. Mrs Boerma works with children who may require support, coping and managing due to some of life's challenges, including loss of a loved one, divorce, dealing with friendships, behaviour (home and/or school), anxiety, depression, anger etc. Counselling opportunities can be discussed with Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria or your child's class teacher.

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

## WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: Wesley Uniting Church Grounds  
32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.  
Dates/Times: Friday November 3rd and Saturday November 4th  
2017 (operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm)