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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,



Thank You to our Talented Staff at St Angela's

Tomorrow we celebrate International Teachers' Day here at St Angela's (official date was earlier this term). Christ's blessings are clearly evident in our amazing staff. They are truly a gift to be celebrated. Our sincere appreciation for their commitment, generosity of time and talents, and their love for the children in their care. The dedication and passion to their teaching ministry is a challenge but one full of rewards. While acknowledging that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children, teachers are asked to join in that privilege of assisting the child to grow and develop. It is the partnership between home/school/parish that nurtures the child and allows them to grow into their full potential.

As teachers/staff, we try to educate the total person - spiritually, academically, socially, physically, culturally and emotionally. It is an enormous task to take a class of children into your care and develop each one individually. The children come to us in Kinder with all their personalities, attitudes, values, skills and knowledge well established. The first 5 years at home is crucial to what kind of person they are going to be. From this foundation we continue the journey of learning here at St Angela's until they leave us at the end of Year 6.

The teachers' role is vital to society. International Teachers' Day celebrates teachers/staff and their vocation in Catholic Education. We are blessed here at St Angela's to have such outstanding, generous and caring teachers/staff.

Teachers/staff will tomorrow 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.

Religious Literacy Assessments

Congratulations to our Year 4 and Year 6 students who recently undertook the Diocesan wide Religious Literacy Assessment. The results are most impressive with St Angela's being above the Diocesan average in all seven strands in both Year 4 and Year 6. The seven strands are God, Jesus, Church, Scripture, Prayer, Sacraments and Christian Life. It is lovely to see that our students have an excellent knowledge of our faith. I wish to acknowledge Mrs Michelle Yager for the wonderful work that she does as Religious Education Coordinator at St Angela's. Her leadership in this important area is very much appreciated. To the entire staff who provide the students with such rich faith experiences and role modelling, we say thank you.

"Forgive Others As I Have Forgiven You"

We are all so very proud of our Year 2 students who tonight will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. God's unconditional love is evident through this special sacrament. Thank you to the many teachers attending this evening and to the parish sacramental team, led by Mrs Kennedy, for preparing the children.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2017

Parents are invited to come and take some time out to celebrate a fantastic year at St Angela's.

Date: Thursday 30th November

Time: 7:00pm onwards

Venue: Castle Hill RSL Terrace Bar

No need to RSVP. Just drop in or come along with other parents and stay a little, or stay a while, we would love to see you. (Drinks and/or food available to purchase as you wish) We hope you can join us for this casual gathering.

2017 Fun(d)raising Committee



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Religious Education

Sunday, 12 Nov 2017: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Parable of the ten bridesmaids

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an example of living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

Q. What message comes out of this gospel for a modern audience?

Q. In what ways are some Christians today like the foolish bridesmaids?

Let's keep in our prayers our Year 2 students as well as any others in our School and Parish community who will make their First Reconciliation this week. We pray that they and their families truly experience the love, forgiveness, and grace of this special sacrament of healing.

A Prayer for our Children Receiving The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally.

Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive.

Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A very big Congratulations to our Year 5 students who last week answered God's *call to compassion and justice* at their Mission Markets at lunch time. The response from the wider school community was overwhelming and the students are very grateful for the support they received for their initiatives. (please see details in this Shine).

'Young people are the hope of mission. The person of Jesus Christ and the Good News he proclaimed continue to attract many young people. They seek ways to put themselves with courage and enthusiasm at the service of humanity.' Taken from MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2017

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Remembrance Day

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

We will celebrate Remembrance Day **tomorrow, 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.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 4

Thurs 9th Nov

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

St Angela's Disco - see further details in this Shine

Remembrance Day

Sat 11th Nov

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

Week 7

Mon 20th Nov

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 6 - All welcome

Tues 21st Nov

Special Food Day - Pizza

Wed 22nd Nov

9:00am-2:30pm Orientation for 2018 Years 1 to 6 students

7:00pm Band Performance Night at St Angela's - band lessons held today instead of Friday 24th November

Thurs 23rd Nov

Second Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Session

9:00-10:30am Surnames A-E and M-P

11:00am-12:30pm Surnames F-L and Q-Z

Marian Catholic College Year 7 2018 Orientation

Fri 24th Nov

Year 6 at Vision Valley



**Please see coming home today
St Angela's Christmas raffle tickets to
raise funds for technology resources**

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Jonah West KB
Jaida Singh KG
Marcus Khoudair KY
Oscar Rule 1B
Camila Diaz 1G
Holly Brincat 1Y
Courtney Azzopardi 2B
Lucca Piotto 2G
Joshua Norman 2Y
Lachlan Burden 3B
Veronica Cheng 3G
Hailey Cassettari 3Y
Jason Herbas 4B
Joe Khoudair 4G
Dominic Darmudi 4Y
Lachlan Pillon 5B
Nathan Adji 5G
Finya Begg 5Y
Alexia Henao 6G
Noah Hemmings 6Y

St Angela's Award

Mateja Knevit KB
Chloe Mowbray KG
Bastien Milicevic KY
Ashton Yu 1B
Simon Marabut 1G
Euan Adji 1Y
Taylor D'Silva 2B
Taylor Brett 2G
Annika Clarke 2Y
Tyra Moc 3B
Liam Norris 3G
Finnian Christie 3Y
Natalie Cerreto 4B
Tia Post 4G
Brayden Sampol 4Y
Dominic Christie 5B
Lara Perez 5G
Annaliese Borg 5Y
Samantha Hohn 6B
Joseph McEnearney 6B
Jayden Carr 6G
Jessica Portelli 6Y



Swimming Program Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2

Our Swimming Program for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will commence this Monday 13th November until Friday 17th November (Week 6). The program will take place at the indoor pool at **C2K Aquatic Centre at Castle Hill RSL**.

We ask that each child bring the following items **in their excursion bag**: Plastic bag, swimmers, goggles, towel, T-shirt, hat from home, thongs/sandals. The children will be given a swimming cap at the pool during their first lesson, please ensure your child brings this with them each day. **PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS.**

Mrs Meegan Fello
Co-ordinator

REMAINING KINDERGARTEN 2018 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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 12th

Cairo Piotto
Stella Powell

Thurs 16th

Isabella Khodeir
Sophie Young
Oliver Como

Mon 13th

Joshua Morin

Fri 17th

Sophie Pickles

Tues 14th

Aliyah Henwood
Bianca Jandrlic
Taylah Khoudair

Sat 18th

Jagger Woodham
Oliver Chapman

Wed 15th

Aaron Malcolm
Keira Murphy
Mrs Murray



Years 3 and 4 Surf Lifesaving Program

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.

Surf Safe Program - Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 will be participating in a Surf Safe program as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. The program will be held at Newport Beach and is conducted by qualified surf lifesaving instructors. Year 5 children will be attending on Friday 1st December and Year 6 children on Thursday 30th November. The children will learn about rips, waves, flags and signs, marine stingers, sun safety, lifesavers and rescuing techniques. Through practical experiences, the children will also learn body board skills, basic first aid, board paddling, CPR and Resuscitation, tube rescuing and body surfing. We are looking forward to another successful Surf Safe program this year.

School Disco

Tomorrow Night, Friday 10th November

DJ and music by 'Dance Fever'

Theme: "Christmas"

When: Tomorrow, Friday 10th November 2017

Where: St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Times: The disco will be split into two sessions:
Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30-6.00pm
Years 3 to 6 6.30-8.00pm

Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15 per family. This includes an iced donut (from Woolworths) and groovy music with children asked to bring along their own labelled drink bottle (can be disposable). Water refilling will be available if need be. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Hall and sign them in. Children at COSHC can be brought up at the appropriate times if needed by COSHC staff. Please let COSHC know if you wish your child to attend the disco.

Please note: To avoid congestion there will be no parking on school grounds. Please allow extra time for arrival and pickup time. **For convenience, the back gate will also be open.**

Year 5 Mission Market Stalls

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who have done an outstanding job, living the message of Jesus at our Mission Markets last week. Their Project Based Learning Initiatives have raised much needed funds and awareness of the Jesuit Refugee Service who accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. Their unique efforts have been very much appreciated and acknowledged by the Diocese and the JRS.

"We wish to thank the school community for their enthusiasm and support. We would like to thank everyone for your support of the JRS during Mission Week. We are pleased to announce that together we raised \$1934.15, 6 large garbage bags full of pyjamas, 152 messages of hope, many cans of food and blankets, 110 clothing items, 145 books and 64 toiletry packs for the JRS."



Grade Assemblies

Please note our remaining whole school assembly for Term 4 is as follows:

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

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Band Showcase Evening

All are invited to come along and listen to the band students perform in an entertaining evening of music. Details of the showcase are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 22nd November
 Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
 Time: 7:00pm (students are asked to arrive by 6.30pm)
 Dress: Summer school uniform

The evening will run for approximately one hour and we would love to see you there. If your child is unable to attend this performance, please email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Please note: Due to the showcase evening, band lessons will be held on Wednesday 22nd November (Week 7) instead of Friday 24th November. Children are asked to bring in their instruments on Wednesday.

We look forward to a wonderful evening of music.

Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton
 Band Directors



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 FUTURE READY!
 WHERE TO NEXT?**



Monday, 13 November 2017

The Parent Representative Council Diocese of Parramatta
 welcomes

Mr Mark Holyoake

DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE - CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE PARRAMATTA

Term 4 PRC Meeting

Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW

When: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

(PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)

Register FREE at PRCParra on Facebook or at
<https://goo.gl/forms/m7vK9Tv210A0qLf2>



Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Parent Reps re International Teachers' Day, Pizza Day Ingredients to Allergy Families, Christmas Raffle
Hard Copy: Special Food Day Order Form, Year 5 and 6 Surf Safe Program, Year 6 Vision Valley, Christmas Raffle