

# St Angela's Primary School

**Castle Hill** 

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**Newsletter** 

Dear Parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the parents of St Angela's for the wonderful support you give to this community, the staff and myself. We are blessed to have so many parents who are involved in so many aspects of our school, not just leaving it up to others. Never underestimate the vital role each one of you plays whether through word or action in contributing towards the benefit of all the children in our care and in building our special community. St Angela's has an excellent reputation for the outstanding education it provides throughout the diocese. You should be justifiably proud of the catholic school you as parents have helped create.

Together you are working in partnership with the school to make a difference for all the children, not just yours or theirs, but every child presently in the school and those of the future. It is very much a family looking after all of its members. Whether your contribution is big or small it is very much appreciated and valued. As a result of your efforts our Christ Centred community continues to grow and our children continue to have nothing short of the best. So, on behalf of all the children and those to join us in years ahead, THANK YOU to you, our parents who really are making a difference.

#### Thank You

Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Carvalho who has been teaching 2 Blue whilst Mrs Bateman has been overseas on leave. We are indeed blessed to have quality educators available to assume the role of class teacher whilst they are on leave

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 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE **DRAWN NEXT** THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

TICKET COST IS \$2.00 EACH PLEASE RETURN YOR BOOK TO SCHOOL BY NEXT FRIDAY 24TH

> NOVEMBER. GOOD LUCK! PRIZES INCLUDE:

MICHAEL KORRS WATCH, READY TO READ TERM VOUCHER, GOLF BAG & PASSPORT, GATI VOUCHER, MILLONES RESTAURANT VOUCHER, SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL BRACELET, EVENTS CINEMA VOUCHER, LIFE SKILLS CENTRE FOR KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY VOUCHERS AND MANY, MANY MORE. FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR ST ANGELA'S STUDENTS

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Our Lady of the Rosary Carols by Candlelight, Year 1 re classes, Year 6 Dinner Dance, Updated Christmas Hampers, Year 5 Student Leadership Process



# **Upcoming Dates**

Week 7 Fri 24th Nov

Year 6 at Vision Valley

Week 8 Tues 28th Nov

Year 5 Student Leadership Speeches 9:00am Captain and Vice Captain Speeches 11:00am Colour House Captain Speeches All welcome

Thurs 30th Nov

Year 6 Surf Lifesaving Program at Newport

Beach

7:00pm St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering at Castle Hill RSL - All welcome

Fri 1st Dec

Year 5 Surf Lifesaving Program at Newport

Final Kindergarten 2018 Orientation 9:00am to 12 noon - All students (Parents are asked to remain for the first

hour)

Sun 3rd Dec

Year 6 Disco at Castle Hill RSL

Week 9

Mon 4th Dec

Year 6 Motiv8 Day at St Angela's

Years 2-5 Swimming Carnival at Blacktown

**Aquatic Centre** 

Wed 6th Dec

6:30pm St Angela's Christmas Concert - All

welcome

Thurs 7th Dec

9:00-11:00am Shine Quest in St Maximilian

Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 10

Mon 11th Dec

9:00am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in St

Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All

Thurs 14th Dec

2:30pm Year 6 Farewell Parade - All

Last day of school for the students -

welcome

7:00pm Year 6 Graduation in St Maximilian

Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Christmas mufti

Fri 15th Dec

Week 11 Mon 18th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Tues 19th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

#### **Band Showcase Evening**

Congratulations to all our children who performed in our Band Showcase last night. It was an amazing display of musical talent! Many thanks to Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton for their expertise and time in organising this wonderful event.





## **Religious Education**

Sunday, 26 Nov 2017: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative - the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom - a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person - and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

#### **Christmas Hampers**

Fr Al has invited the St Angela's community to support St Vincent DePaul with Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested items that can be donated is attached to the newsletter. Donations can be left in the bins at the back of OLOR church or sent to school to be placed in boxes in the classrooms until Friday 8th December. Thank you for your generosity supporting those in need this Christmas season.

Mrs Michelle Yager Religious Education Coordinator

### Quote of the Week

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

#### **End of Year Thanksgiving Mass** Monday 11th December

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass. This is also an opportunity for the school community to farewell our Year 6 children and those leaving St Angela's. All welcome.

St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall Time & Date: 9:00am, Monday 11th December

Children are to wear full school uniform. Sport uniform will not be required by any classes on this day.

#### **OUR FINAL KINDERGARTEN 2018 STUDENTS** TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION

#### Friday 1st December

9:00am-12 noon All students (students 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.

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our whole school community evening this year will be held on Wednesday 6th December 6.30pm under the Big Top

It is an expectation that all children attend the Christmas concert to celebrate as a St Angela's community this special immediately some roles and passigned to children. time of year. Please inform your class teacher immediately if your family is unavailable, as some roles and parts are currently being

#### News from the Parish

#### Christmas Hampers

As recently advised, the St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to needy families. Please keep in mind that we are hoping to provide a Christmas dinner for families who otherwise would not have anything special to eat on Christmas Day. Please note, updated information was emailed home yesterday from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville. Please take items to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish or send to school to your child's class teacher by Friday 8th December to allow distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.





# Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

#### Academíc Excellence

Sebastian Dinsdale KB Chloe Mowbray KG Sienna Azar KY

Ella Solomon 1B

Dominique Southwood 1G

Caitlin Bagtas 1Y

Elishia Singh 2B

Giulio Muscardo 2G

Amelia Blackwell 2Y

Maddison Eastwood 3B

Benjamin McNamara 3G

Harrison Petras 3Y

Arielle Henwood 4B

Georgia Zeid 4G

Ethan Cabezas 4Y

Emerson McDonald 5B

Flynn Jamer 5G

Raymond Saade 5Y

Maks Tole 6B

Jessica O'Meara 6G

James Brangwin 6Y

#### St Angela's Award

Mikayla White KB Lachlan McDermott KG Levi Lawlor KY Kirealea Crowe 1B Owen van Egdom 1G

> Misha Belle 1Y Kai Hall 2B

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Alannah Lane 2G

Tiani Layoun 2Y

Sean Collins 3B

Jessica Mitchell 3G

Chanel Nasr 3Y

Adam Mendoza 4B

Ariella Colosimo 4G

Grace Karam 4Y

Laura Nati 5B

Jessica Brincat 5G

Ashley Davie 5Y

Aeven Mendoza 6B

Anthony Tedros 6G

Sarah Crowley 6Y

## 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

# **Star Spot**

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Congratulations to Sascha Blefari (3Y) who was awarded Reserve Champion at Pony Club Zone 26 Jamboree for Under 9's at the end of year Pony Club Competition.

Congratulations to Keira Murphy (5Y) who won a Gold medal at the NSW State Relay Championships at Homebush on Saturday. Keira was part of the Mixed Under 11 4 x 400m relay team from the Hills District Little Athletics Club.

#### **Sport News**

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Congratulations to Ava Foxe (6B) who will receive recognition for her success in soccer and touch football at the Diocesan Sports Awards to be held this Wednesday 29th November.

Children who have represented in a minimum of two sports at the MacKillop level are recognised at this level.

#### **Years 3 and 4 Surf Lifesaving**

On Friday 17th November, all students from Year 3 and 4 participated in training exercises with staff from Surf Lifesaving Australia. They learnt valuable skills about how to be safe when saving others in water rescue situations and practised their CPR skills on mannequins provided. The students discussed the meaning of the anacronym DRSABCD and how important it is to check for Danger, see if the patient can Respond, and Send for help in an emergency situation. Valuable life ling lessons were learnt by all!





# Happy Birthday!

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

#### **NOVEMBER**

Sun 26th Mason Kelly

#### Mon 27th

Emerson McDonald Kathryn Basobas Mr Stagnitta Mrs Stuardo

Tues 28th Annaliese Borg

Mrs Martin

Wed 29th Connor Paton Tia Post Jonah West

#### Thurs 30th

Jasmine Shepherd Lilly Celano Jack Norris

#### DECEMBER

Fri 1st

Annaliese Losco Sofia Losco Holly Brincat Oliver Gerrettson-Cornell

#### Sat 2nd

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Lucas Rothwell



#### 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.

#### Thank You .....

#### YUM! YUM! YUM!

On behalf of all the students at St Angela's, a huge thank you to Suzanne Cauchi, Donna Collins, Monica Crowley, Wayne Davie, Cristina Gerrettson-Cornell, Donna May, Diana Norris (coordinator), Sonia O'Rourke and Christine Stavropoulos for organising and serving pizza at our Special Food Day last Tuesday. The time you give is very much appreciated.

# St Angela's Swimming Carnival Monday 4th December 2017 Years 2 to 5 and Year 1 children turning 8 in 2018 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre Parents are welcome to attend

To enter your children in this year's Swimming Carnival, please see the email containing a google form that was recently sent home. If you have yet to complete this form, we ask if you could please do so by this **Monday 27th November**.

# *'Shine Quest' St Angela's 17th Annual Talent Quest*

On Thursday 7th December 2017 from 9:00-11:00am we will conduct the final of our annual Talent Quest. To ensure that this event is enjoyable for the children we have set out our guidelines:

- Each child is invited to participate in one individual and/ or one group item.
- Items can include dancing, singing, playing an instrument, movement or a comedy act.
- Parents are asked to supply the necessary music, instruments and costumes etc.
- Children are asked to collect an entry form from the office or their class teacher and return the completed form to their class teacher by <u>Friday 24th November</u>.
- Each grade will have a mini quest and this will be the audition for the whole school 'SHINE Quest', at which we will have a limited number of performances.
- Parents are welcome to attend the whole school Shine Quest on Thursday 7th December.

This is not a competition but rather a celebration of talent. As a result places etc. are not awarded.

#### **Student Leaders 2018**

Best wishes to the Year 5 children who this coming week will be presenting speeches as candidates for student leadership positions. The speeches are only a minor part of this process. The speeches for School Captain will be held on Tuesday 28th November commencing at 9:00am with speeches and voting for Colour Captains taking place at 11:00am. Parents are most welcome to attend any of the speeches.

#### Mark the Dates

<u>Christmas Concert</u> Wednesday 6th December <u>Year 6 Disco</u> Sunday 3rd December

<u>Year 6 Graduation Ceremony</u> 7:00pm Thursday 14th December

#### **Christmas Treats**

In these last weeks of school, children like to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks. This is a lovely gesture. As there are a number of children at St Angela's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

#### Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 1st December from 12 noon to 2.30pm, selling all uniform items. There will also be some sample sizes to view on this day. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms on the following days in January in our school hall:

Monday 8th January from 12 noon to 2:00pm Saturday 13th January from 10:00am to 12 noon Thursday 18th January from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Oz Fashions directly on 0421 216 414.

#### Term Dates for 2018

Term 1	Years 1-6 - Tuesday 30th January to Friday 13th
	April
	Kindergarten - Thursday 1st February to Friday
	13th April
Term 2	Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July
Term 3	Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th Sentember

Term 4 Monday 15th October to Wednesday 19th

December