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Castle Hill

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'TONIGHT'

St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2017

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

Date: This evening, 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

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that in less than two and a half weeks the school year will come to an end for 2017. The busyness of this tail end of year in the commercial sector, let alone schools and life itself is often frantic. Many parents I speak to often express how busy they are, not surprisingly the children also talk about how busy they are throughout each week with commitments. I encourage you to intentionally make and take opportunities to spend time as a family. It is this special family time that children crave, cherish and remember. Our children grow up so quickly. The early years are indeed precious. Whether it is a walk in the afternoon, a meal together, sharing a book, or just good conversation, time together is important. We should spend time on what is important. What is more important than family?

At this time of year the reading from (Matthew 25:31-46) contains a powerful message for our children and for all as adults. Christ's teaching through this passage highlights how our faith can be expressed in practical charity to others. It is a simple and accessible message that as parents we can role model for our children in the way we treat others.

.....*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick and go to visit you?" "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*.....

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Christmas Concert This Wednesday 6th December 6:30pm

We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas celebration with all families and friends of St Angela's Primary School this Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm under the Big Top.

The children will need to be at school by 6.00pm. Please refer to the email sent home last week regarding costumes for the children to wear. We ask that when children arrive they go to their classroom to meet their teacher and prepare.

We ask all families to bring blankets, cushions or chairs. Blankets and cushions will be used to sit on the concrete area and chairs will be accommodated at the back of the concrete area. All cars are to be parked outside the school grounds due to safety. Families can enter by either the front or back gates. School gates will be open at 5.30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our special Christmas Celebration.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Theme for the Week:

"Always be prepared"

Our theme this week is related to the special time of Advent which begins this Sunday as we begin our preparations for the coming of Christ at the special time of Christmas. This theme also reinforces in children the need to be well prepared in their everyday life, from having their school learning materials to being able to plan ahead for events, etc. as opposed to last minute panic and parent rescues. A lot can be learnt from the old saying of: ***"In failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."***



ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY
CELEBRATION
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER



The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations. We will be having excitement filled rides and a complimentary gelato for each child. These treats are all free to say thank you to our children for a great year of faith, fun and learning and to celebrate St Angela's Day. See the permission google form which will be emailed home soon.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 3 Dec 2017: First Sunday of Advent - Year B
Gospel Mk 13:33-37

We know not the hour the Lord will come.

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus cautions his disciples to be constantly vigilant and to be alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent. Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this Advent is also a call to stay awake and stay alert in faith. One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. When life is comfortable, the perceived need for faith appears to diminish. The gospel call to stay awake in preparation for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Over the last three weeks, the gospel passages from Matthew 25 were reminders about continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. This week, with the beginning of Advent, it is the gospel of Mark that also reminds us that we cannot take the Kingdom for granted and must remain vigilant in working to realise the Kingdom. This vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing our own faith life as well as making a difference in the lives of those around us and the needy in society. Rather than 'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to pay closer attention to faith and perhaps this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

Q. What does the call to 'Stay awake!' mean for your life?

Q. During this time of Advent, how can you encourage others to properly prepare for Christmas?

Advent Prayer

*In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in mission,*

*that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.*

Advent Reconciliation

This week Father Alejandro invited the children from Years 3 - 6 to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare to enter the season of Advent. He spoke to Year 5 on Friday about the importance of preparing for this new season and explained that this should include asking for forgiveness for our sins to know that we are right with God. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ. Fr Al and Fr and Gerard heard the confessions on Tuesday and Wednesday and the children were reverent and prayerful.

Kindergarten Green will lead us in a prayer for the 1st Week of Advent at Friday Morning's assembly.

End of Year Mass

Our End Of Year school mass will be on Monday 11th of December at 9am. We will gather in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall as a school community to celebrate the year that has been and all the blessings we are grateful for. All are most welcome.

At this time, students are thinking about replenishing their stationery for the coming school year. The fundraising parent committee, would like to invite you to donate pencils, clean pencil cases, erasers, sharpeners etc that are no longer need, but still in good working condition. Donations will be collected over the next two week and sent to Baclayon Central Elementary School, Mary Immaculate Parish Bohol, Philippines where Mrs Lean and I participated in our mission encounter for World Youth Day last year. As a school, we continue our challenge to 'reach out' in order to be of love and service especially in this Advent season.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 8

Thurs 30th Nov

TONIGHT

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

Fri 1st Dec

Year 5 Surf Lifesaving Program at Newport Beach

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 welcome

Tues 12th Dec

St Angela's Feast Day Celebration - Mufti

Thurs 14th Dec

2:30pm Year 6 Farewell Parade - All welcome

7:00pm Year 6 Graduation in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 15th Dec

Last day of school for the students - Christmas mufti

Week 11

Mon 18th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Tues 19th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Quote of the Week

"Beginnings are only difficult without any action."

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.

Venue: 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.

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.

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Claire Alcock KB
Ivy Smith KG
Massimo Muscardo KY
Joshua van Egdom 1B
Jesselyn Tedja 1G
Samuel Jesuorobo 1Y
Nicholas Heanes 2B
Romik Gulumian 2G
Aidan Siney 2Y
Keeley Rule 3B
Jackson Bercich 3G
Luke Wehrmann 3Y
Marcus Thian 4B
Oliver Simunic 4G
Sanjana Kadam 4Y
Enrique Hanza 5B
Genevieve Brouillard 5G
Owen Sereni 5Y
Sarah Perez Magnaye 6B
Nicholas Stornelli 6G
Sofia Losco 6Y

St Angela's Award

Valeria Muliadi KB
Flynn Wilson KG
Abbey Glass KY
Aliyah Henwood 1B
William O'Neill 1G
Aidan Rambow 1Y
Lilliana Sacco 2B
Carissa Lewis 2G
Mia Khoudair 2Y
Stefan Geoghegan 3B
Riley Petersen 3G
Kathryn Basobas 3Y
Clarissa Burgess 4B
Sienna Van Jour 4G
Jeanette Khoudair 4Y
Jessica Tallaridi 5B
Rylee Callaghan 5G
Jessica Herbas 5Y
Tessa Phelan 6B
Claudia Como 6G
Harrison Tandy 6Y

Chess Grand Finals 2017

Congratulations to all students who have taken part in the St Angela's Junior and Senior Chess Championship this term. Grand Finals will take place in the school library on Tuesday, 5th December at lunch time. We wish all our finalists the best of luck and congratulate all children who have participated in the competition. They have shown wonderful skill and sportsmanship.

Junior Finalists: Ben McNamara vs Jason Herbas

Senior Finalists: Xavier Ruiz-Martinez vs Joel Woodhead



OUR FINAL KINDERGARTEN 2018 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION

Tomorrow, Friday 1st December

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

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.

Surf Safe Program - Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 are participating in a Surf Safe program as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. The program is held at Newport Beach and is conducted by qualified surf lifesaving instructors. Year 6 attended today and the Year 5 children will be attending tomorrow, Friday 1st December. The children 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.

Happy Birthday!

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

DECEMBER

Sun 3rd

Christian Mendoza
Jessica Stewart

Fri 8th

Emma Lang

Tues 5th

Christian Nasr

Sat 9th

Justin Younis

Thurs 7th

Adalyn Lewis
Ned Cane
Noah Tyler-Ottolino



'Shine Quest'

St Angela's 17th Annual Talent Quest

This Thursday 7th December 2017 from 9:00-11:00am we will conduct the final of our annual Shine Quest. We have 22 acts performing this year. This is not a competition but rather a celebration of talent. As a result, places etc. are not awarded. All welcome to attend.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Riley Azzopardi (6B), Riley Mackay (6G), Joseph McEneaney (6B), Charlie Saul (6Y) and ex students Owen Azzopardi, Raphael Saul, Michael Taouk and Yianni Paras who won their U13 Touch Football Grand Final.

Year 6 Visit to Wesley Vision Valley

A day filled with adrenaline, excitement and fun...

Last Friday, Year Six visited Wesley Vision Valley and were involved in many jaw-dropping activities including the flying fox, giant water slide, archery, canoeing and a vertical playpen. It was one of the best days we've had all year (And that's saying something because Year 6 is AWESOME!).

The water slide was definitely an all-round favourite! Mats (that we were supposed to stay on) flying everywhere, water splashing and squeals echoing. We slipped and slid all over the place, shooting down the spiralling, red and yellow slide.

Arrows flying, bows being loaded, hits and misses, squeals of joy and groans of disappointment. We all learnt so much about aim, strength and skill during archery.

Straps on our backs, our shoulders, our waists, and our legs. The flying fox and vertical playpen required extreme safety equipment, but it was definitely worth it. The thrill of feeling the warm wind rushing past your face while suspended in mid-air and the heart-stopping height of the climbing frame was amazing. But it was all over too soon!

A paddle in your hand streaming through the water with your friends around you. Canoeing was so much fun! We played tip, raced each other and had free time canoeing around the lake. At first, it was hard to get the hang of... some of us ended up paddling into bushes. After some time though, we were all canoeing like pros!

Our trip to Wesley Vision Valley was certainly a day to remember.

Thank you to all our teachers for taking us on this memorably day!

By Emily Nasso (6Y), Freya Scothern (6Y) and Pippa Gattini (6G)



Christmas Raffle Winners

What a great success!



Congratulations to our winners! Many thanks to you, our parents, for so generously purchasing tickets. Thank you also to our fun(d) raising committee for coordinating our Christmas Raffle. Appreciation to our many sponsors who donated goods or services. All funds raised will go towards technology resources for St Angela's students.

See email coming home tomorrow for a full list of winners and sponsors.

2018 Student Leadership Process

Congratulations to our 14 Year 5 students who presented leadership speeches on Tuesday for School Captain and Colour House Captains. This year, the successful candidate will be announced at a special Year 5 gathering on Friday 8th December at 2:30pm. This is a student cohort suggestion that we will trial. The leadership team will then be officially presented at the End of Year Mass on Monday 11th December at 9:00am in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall.

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

Please also see an email sent home today regarding a new app for ordering uniforms.

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

Readers and Library Books

Could all Guided Readers, books from class Browser Boxes and all Library books please be returned to school by this **Tuesday 5th December**. This will allow teachers and librarians to do a stocktake and ensure that all resources are ready for next year. Many thanks for your support.

Please see email sent home today with information from our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, regarding a new app for uniform orders.

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 September
Term 4	Monday 15th October to Wednesday 19th December

End of Year Reports

Reports will be coming home soon. Our reports (Years 1 to 6) by law are required to award an achievement level to each child using a mandated A to E scale for each Key Learning Area. It is imperative to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently **the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.**

The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.

Example One: Half Year Achievement level of C
End of Year Achievement level of C

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Example Two: Half Year Achievement level of B
End of Year Achievement level of C

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

As you can appreciate, these reports present many challenges including determining what on average constitutes an A, B, C, D or E given the achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area.

As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This will apply to all Diocesan schools.

NEW FAMILIES BBQ CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS

Next year, as is tradition at St Angela's, we will welcome all the Kinder 2018 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ and drinks early in the new school year. We ask that available parents from this year's Kinder and/or any grade who would be willing to help organise the occasion please email the school office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au. We aim to have the event on **Friday, 9th February at 5:00pm.**

Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.

**Please note school is open until
Friday 15th December for all students in
Kindergarten to Year 6**



Sent Home This Week: Emailed: OLOR Art Auction, Christmas at the Shrine and Carols, Parents' Social Gathering, Christmas Concert Costumes, New Uniform Ordering App
Hard Copy: Hills Bulls Clinic, Hills Shire Guide

St Angela's Swimming Carnival

Monday 4th December

Blacktown Aquatic Centre

Boyd Street, Blacktown

Years 2 to 5

Just a few reminders regarding Monday's swimming carnival:

- ♦ Children attending need to be at school on time as buses will be leaving at 8:40 SHARP.
- ♦ If you have nominated your child to enter the 100m Freestyle they are required to go directly to the pool for 8:30am marshalling.
- ♦ Children are to come to school dressed in their swimmers, school HAT, school sport shorts, school sport top or school colour house tops only. No other types of tops are permitted.
- ♦ Children are encouraged to wear their own colour house swimming cap in all their races. Please ensure all swimming caps have your child's name clearly marked.
- ♦ Children may wear beach shoes/thongs on the day.
- ♦ Children will need to bring recess, lunch, snacks and plenty of drinks. NO child will be allowed to use the canteen. Parents are asked not to purchase food, drinks or ice blocks to take to the children in their colour house.
- ♦ Children will also need a towel and goggles. Please label all items clearly with your child's name.
- ♦ Children are to remain in their colour house at all times with the teachers. Children are to use toilets at the shallow end of the pool which are not shared with the public and parents are asked to use the toilets at the deep end that are shared with the public.
- ♦ The parent area is on the car park side of the pool. Parents are asked to keep the marshalling area and both recording areas clear. We also ask that the pool deck on both sides be kept clear for the lifesavers. This is a WH&S requirement from Blacktown Aquatic Centre Management.
- ♦ Children are asked to get into the spirit of the day with cardboard posters etc but pool management has asked that there is no crepe paper, streamers, balloons, body paint, coloured hairspray, silly string or tinsel wigs or anything that may cause pollution to the pool allowed.
- ♦ Presentation of Age Champions and winning Colour House will be presented at the carnival (time permitting).
- ♦ At the conclusion of the day parents are able to take their children home from the pool. All children will need to have their name marked off by their class teacher before leaving the pool. The remaining children will be transported back to school in time for normal dismissal.
- ♦ A running program for the carnival is also attached.
- ♦ Any parents who are willing, wanting and able to swim 50m in the parents/teachers vs students race, please bring your swimmers and see Mrs Hemmings on the day for our race strategy. Remember we are defending champions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sport Coordinator

ST ANGELA'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Monday 4th December 2017

Years 2 to 5

EV1	Open Male 100m Free	38	Junior F 50m Breast
2	Open Female 100m Free	39	11yrs M 50m Breast
3	8yrs M 25m Free	40	11yrs F 50m Breast
4	8yrs F 25m Free	41	Senior M 50m Breast
5	9yrs M 25m Free	42	Senior F 50m Breast
6	9yrs F 25m Free	43	Junior M 50m Fly
7	10 yrs M 25m Free	44	Junior F 50m Fly
8	10 yrs F 25m Free	45	11yrs M 50m Fly
9	11 yrs M 25 Free	46	11yrs F 50m Fly
10	11 yrs F 25m Free	47	Senior M 50m Fly
11	12 yrs M 25m Free	48	Senior F 50m Fly
12	12yrs F 25m Free	49	Junior M 200m IM
13	8yrs M 50m Free	50	Junior F 200m IM
14	8yrs F 50m Free	51	Senior M 200m IM
15	9yrs M 50m Free	52	Senior F 200m IM
16	9yrs F 50m Free	53	Open M House Relay
17	10 yrs M 50m Free	54	Open F House Relay
18	10 yrs F 50m Free	55	Students v Parent Teacher Relay
19	11yrs M 50m Free		
20	11yrs F 50m Free		
21	12yrs M 50m Free		
22	12yrs F 50m Free		Approximate Times
23	13yrs M 50m Free		12:30pm Indoor Swimming
24	13yrs F 50m Free		Games
25	Junior M 25m Back		
26	Junior F 25m Back		First event will start at
27	11yrs M 25m Back		8:45am
28	11yrs F 25m Back		
29	Senior M 25m Back		War Cries will take
30	Senior F 25m Back		place throughout the day
31	Junior M 50m Back		
32	Junior F 50m Back		Presentations will take
33	11yrs M 50m Back		place at the pool (time permitting)
34	11 yrs F 50m Back		
35	Senior M 50m Back		2:00pm Buses depart
36	Senior F 50m Back		for school
37	Junior M 50m Breast		