



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 2

Dear Parents,

As always, I am very proud of our beautiful children. They are treating each other with respect and understanding, focusing on their learning and working together as a faith community. Each morning in class the children start their day by reciting our school prayer. It is a lovely way to begin each day of faith, fun and learning.

'St Angela's School Prayer'

As I begin a new day

Help me to act as you did while you were here on earth.

Help me to pray as you did thanking God for His many gifts

*Most of all help me to use my talents to make the world a better place
as you did Saint Angela.*

May I Let My Light Shine always.

AMEN

Our fantastic start to the school year continues as we 'Let Our Light Shine' each and every day. Our children are very settled and enthusiastic about their learning. Our new Kindergarten students have been particularly impressive and are well and truly already part of our St Angela's community.

Grade Information Sessions

My appreciation and thanks to the many parents who attended the Kindergarten and Year 1 grade evenings. The combined Year 2 to 6 general information parent session will be held tomorrow morning at 8:45am. We hope you can join us. Your support is very much appreciated. On your behalf many thanks to all the teachers for their time and commitment. It is working in partnership that we value, as it truly benefits your child's learning.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Next Tuesday evening, 13th February, we look forward to seeing you at the Parent/Teacher Meetings. These will be held in the hall.

These meetings provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's needs with their teacher. Parents know their children better than anyone else and sharing this knowledge gives teachers a valuable resource to assist them in progressing your child's learning. Bookings are undertaken online. Information has been sent home today via email and hard copy.

Kindergarten and New Families BBQ Tomorrow, Friday 9th February

We look forward to gathering with our new families across Years 1 to 6 and all Kindergarten families tomorrow afternoon for a welcoming BBQ, commencing at 5:00pm under the Big Top. We also look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to the school community on Friday 16th February at 8:45am. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us.

Combined Ash Wednesday/ Opening School Mass This Wednesday 14th February at 11:15am St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Our combined Ash Wednesday/Opening School Mass will be held this Wednesday 14th February in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall commencing at 11.15am. Everyone is most welcome to come and to be part of this wonderful celebration of our Faith. The children really enjoy having their parents present, if it is possible. We hope you can attend on this special occasion as we gather to pray for a safe and enriching year for everyone in our school community.

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:

"Together we are a Community"

Our theme this week helps acknowledge and appreciate our wonderful St Angela's community, in which each one of us plays a vital role. Together we gather, bonded by our Catholic values and relationships. As a community we examine just how we treat each other so as to continue to foster our sense of community and create harmony.

We look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to our school community next Friday 16th February at 8:45am. All parents are most welcome.

YEARS 2 TO 6 GRADE INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS TOMORROW, FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AT 8:45AM

The remaining grade information session for Years 2-6 will be held for parents in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall at 8:45am tomorrow, Friday 9th February (please see email sent home last week).

**PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
THIS TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
DETAILS WERE SENT HOME TODAY**



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Religious Education

Sunday, 11 Feb 2018: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time - Year B

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

Jesus cures a leper.

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy. It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

Q. Who are the 'lepers' of your community? Why?

Q. What can we learn from Jesus' response to the man with leprosy?

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Parents of Year 6 students who have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are invited to attend an information session on Thursday 8th of February in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church. This is a meeting for parents only. Registration begins at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

The parents of Year 3 students are invited to a First Communion information evening at OLOR Church on Thursday 15th of February at 7.30pm.

Opening School Mass & Ash Wednesday

We will celebrate the beginning of the 2018 school year and mark the beginning of the Season of Lent on **Ash Wednesday** at our Opening School Mass. We will gather for mass in our hall on Wednesday 14th of February at 11.15am. Our school leaders will receive their badges and we will ask God's blessings of strength and grace to guide our way this year. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. We will receive ashes on our foreheads which symbolise the dust from which God made us.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. We focus on our relationship with God, choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

School Census Day

Tomorrow, Friday 9th February

Tomorrow, Friday 9th February is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary. **If you know your child will be absent tomorrow, please email stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au advising the reason for the absence and when they will return, otherwise, simply respond to the text sent from St Angela's on the day by **10.00am** explaining their absence and their date of return to school.**

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 2

Thurs 8th Feb

7:15pm Registration for 7:30pm start
Sacrament of Confirmation Parent
Information Evening at Our Lady of the
Rosary Parish

Fri 9th Feb

School Census Day (see further information
below)

Band lessons begin

8:45am Years 2 to 6 General Parent
Information Session - All welcome

5:00pm Kindergarten and New Families
Welcoming BBQ - All welcome

Week 3

Tues 13th Feb

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Wed 14th Feb

11:15am Opening School/Ash Wednesday
Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Thurs 15th Feb

8:45am Fun(d)raising Meeting in the
staffroom - All welcome

7:15pm Registration for 7:30pm start
Communion Parent Information Evening at
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Fri 16th Feb

8:45am Kindergarten 2018 presented to the
school community - All welcome

Year 5 Local Parks Excursion

Please keep in your prayers

*Our prayers are extended to the Gunasekera family
(Madlen 6G and Isaac 3G) due to the passing into eternal
life of the children's grandmother.*

*Our prayers are extended to the Hogan family (Kyla 1B)
due to the passing into eternal life of Kyla's Nan.*

*Our prayers are extended to the Lashlie family (Charlotte
1B) due to the passing into eternal life of Charlotte's great
grandmother.*

*Our prayers are extended to the Mills family (Cooper 4G
and Dayna KB) due to the passing into eternal life of the
children's great grandmother.*

*Our prayers are extended to the Murdocca family
(Nicholas 5G) due to the passing into eternal life of
Nicholas' grandfather.*

**Combined Ash Wednesday and
St Angela's Opening School Mass in our
St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Wednesday 14th February at 11:15am**

**Band lessons begin tomorrow,
Friday 9th February**

**Please see coming home shortly the
parent calendar and grade overviews**



Happy Birthday!



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

FEBRUARY

Mon 12th

Harrison Valenzisi

Thurs 15th

Alexander Palmer

Tues 13th

Benjamin Smith

Fri 16th

Eva Lawlor

Wed 14th

Rachel Agius

Jasmine Hackett

Oshi Kirkley

Holly McGaulley

Olivia Ochudzawa

Fri 17th

Taylor D'Silva

Eloise Hansell

Grade Assemblies

Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 6 - Friday 9th March at 2:15pm led by Year 4

Week 8 - Friday 23rd March at 2:15pm led by Year 5

Week 10 - Friday 6th April at 2:15pm led by Year 2

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Peer Support Program

This year, St Angela's will be participating in The Peer Support Program during Terms 2 and 3.

The Peer Support Program is a peer led, skills based program where students are placed into groups across K-6. This vertical grouping encourages peer connections throughout the school and assists students in developing practical skills, to enhance social and emotional wellbeing. The Peer Support program provides opportunities and an environment for students to further develop skills for building relationships and encourage participation. It also promotes collaboration and cooperation between students by actively involving them in group tasks, developing confidence, building resilience and making new connections within their group. The year 6 students' will all participate in a training program which will empower them to be effective leaders of their groups.

If you are available, we would like some parents to assist with organising the materials into packs for The Peer Support Program. If you are able to assist with this on Tuesday 13th or 20th between 8.30 -10.30, please email the office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au and we will contact you.

Thank you.

Mrs Theresa Lowden

Years 5 & 6 Coordinator

KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Friday 9th March at 9:00am

St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

School Leaders for 2018

Congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders for 2018, as announced at this week's end of year Mass:

School Captains

Alexander Palmer

Joan Bautista

School Vice Captains

Oliver Vujnovich

Keira Murphy

Brescia

Dylan Manio

Annika Benning

Garda

Harry Clarke

Rylee Callaghan

Merici

Riley Hogan

Charlotte Hogan

Salo

Flynn Jamer

Dana Adan

Submitting an Item for our Newsletter

A reminder to parents that if you would like to submit an item for approval to be printed in Shine, eg. A child's achievement in Star Spot, we ask that you email your item to the school by 12 noon on Tuesday of the week you would like your item printed. As you can appreciate, children often inform us of achievements, however, we ask that achievements be advised in writing by a parent as children often miss important details. We thank you for your assistance.

School is Cool - but not if you're late

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child's learning is often disadvantaged if they are late. They also often feel embarrassed arriving after everyone else. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons. In all their learning results suffer. If on the odd occasion you arrive after 8.30am (**you will know it is after 8:30 if the teacher is no longer on duty at the kiss and drop**) you, as the parent, must visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class.

Many thanks for your support in this area.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Year 6 Parent Information Evening Tonight, Thursday 8th February 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Student Information Forms

Thank you for completing the Student Information Forms sent home last week. A reminder if you have not already done so, please return forms tomorrow, Friday 9th February. Thank you.

Are you receiving emails?

As information, various notes and google forms are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email address on our system.

Many thanks.

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Reminder to Families re Updating Medication Forms, Yr 6 Confirmation, Yr 3 First Holy Communion, Kindergarten Sight Words, Yr 1 - Spelling, Literacy Group Helpers, Home Learning **Hard Copy:** Yr 6 Polo Shirts, Yr 5 Local Parks Excursion

Some photos of our Kindergarten children on their first day of school



General Parent Meeting
Tuesday 20th February at 7:00pm
School Library
All welcome
We hope you can join us

We would love your assistance in the Library.
Please see coming home soon an online form for
you to complete if you would like to assist.

Fun(d)raising Committee
 If you would like to be part of our exciting Fun(d)raising committee that organises events for the children and/or parents, please let the office know and/or if available join us for a meeting on **Thursday 15th February at 8:45am** in the staffroom. We have a core group of parents who are more than happy to lead this committee again in 2018. Whether your contribution is big or small, all are most welcome to attend.

THE RACE IS ON to collect vouchers for sports gear
Coles Sports for Schools Program 2018 commences today, 8th February. If you are shopping at Coles, we ask that children bring in the vouchers and place them in the Coles box on the stage under the Big Top.
Many thanks.

Canteen Helpers 2018

Our school canteen will open this Tuesday 6th February and then each Tuesday and Friday. It does not open on rainy days.
 We require some helpers each Tuesday and Friday from 12:25 to 1:25pm to be put on a 6 month roster. **The canteen roster will commence Friday 16th February.** If you are able to help, please fill out the canteen helper form below and return by **next Friday 9th February** (no babies or toddlers please).
 Enquiries: Diana Norris on 0408 440 213.
 Thank you
 Canteen Committee

Please return to the school office by Friday 9th February

I would like to help in the canteen once a month on the following day:

Tuesday or **Friday** (please circle)

Name:

Phone: (mobile)

Email:

Child's Name: Class:

Any dates not available:

School Counsellor

As you are aware, we have a new School Counsellor at St Angela's this year, Ms Monique Beglinger. Please see below for a brief introduction:

meet the
school counsellor
St Angela's Primary School

a little about me



I am a Registered Psychologist having completed my studies at Macquarie University and Western Sydney University. I have over 10 years experience having worked in child protection, out of home care, intensive family support, domestic violence, disability support and school counselling.

my role



My days at St Angela's are every Tuesday and every second Friday (even weeks). I am at other schools the rest of the week. I provide short term individual counselling, small groups, teacher and parent consultations, classroom observations, behaviour assessments and external community referrals. Referrals to me are through your child's classroom teacher.

Try Football with Hills Spirit FC!

Hills Spirit FC will be conducting an 8 week Mini Roos Kick Start program designed for children who would like to come and try and play football. Sessions will be held weekly commencing 20 February 2018.

Time: 6pm
 Date: Every Tuesday from 20 February 2018
 Length of Program: 8 weeks
 Duration: 45 minutes
 Price: \$70
 Register online at: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos-kick-off-program-finder>
 Type in "2155" in the Post Code search then click on Hills Spirit FC. This will take you to the registration links.
 or go directly to:
<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=65688&programID=40195>
 Location: Kellyville Park Field [7, Memorial Avenue, Kellyville](#)