



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 4

Dear Parents,

The Season of Lent

Last Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday. During this important time of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter, the following reflection has the potential to speak to each one of us:

Lent

What to give up

Give up complaining

Give up pessimism

Give up harsh judgement

Give up gloom

Give up gossiping

Give up sin

Give up giving up

Focus on gratitude

Become an optimist

Think kindly thoughts

Enjoy the beauty that is around you

Control your tongue

Turn to virtue

Hang in there!!!

General Parent Meeting

Many thanks to the parents who were present on Tuesday night at our first General Parent Meeting for 2018. The evening provided an ideal opportunity to discuss and share ideas about working together in partnership, for the good of our children. Additionally, our presentation on the learning taking place at St Angela's was positively received. We are blessed to have a very supportive community of parents at St Angela's who help to ensure its success. Being part of a committee and/or helping with your child's grade's allocated activities is a great way to meet new people and, of course, help the children at St Angela's. Your time, big or small, during the year is very much appreciated as we work together to provide the best possible Catholic Education and environment for your child and to build upon our wonderful Christ centred community.

Fun(d)raising

My appreciation and thanks to the talented and committed group of parents who gathered to form our Fun(d)raising team for 2018. We

have a number of great events that are in the pipeline for this year, including an outdoor movie night on Friday 6th April. (Keep an eye out for further details in future editions of Shine about how you can be involved or support any of our events).

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented St Angela's at the Zone Carnival this week. Feedback on their sportsmanship, beautiful behaviour and achievements has been wonderful. Best wishes to the large number of children who will now compete tomorrow at the Diocesan Carnival. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings (Sports Coordinator) who leads all of our sporting endeavours with enthusiasm, expertise and such commitment. In all, helping each child to reach their personal best and, together as a team, achieve outstanding results. Thank you also to Mr Laird who assisted at the carnival.

Letters of Appreciation

We have had a lovely start to the year. Thank you for the kind letters of appreciation. Below is just one example:

"What a beautiful, safe, caring and loving environment you are providing for our children - thank you. We couldn't be happier with our decision to send our child to St Angela's."

Next week I will be away at a number of events. Mrs Fitzalan will be steering the St Angela's ship during this time. Although only a week, I will certainly miss the beautiful children and our Christ centred community of St Angela's.

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:

"Doing your best"

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.

Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate school uniforms, could you please send them to the office tomorrow, Friday 2nd March.
Many thanks.

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.

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.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 25 Feb 2018: Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop – setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mould as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mould and creating a new vision, a new tradition – one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

Q. Can you recall an experience of God that occurred to you at a mountaintop location?

Q. Have you ever had the experience of not wanting to 'go back down the mountain'?

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Preparation Day will be on Saturday 10th March at 3:45pm at OLOR followed by the 6pm mass with families. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are required to attend.

Lenten Penance with children

Before praying the prayer below with your child, you may want to point out one or two things about Lent:-

• We don't just give something up for Lent. The reason we give it up is to get closer to God. For example, if we have given up chocolate for Lent, when we want some, we remember that we have given it up so we can pray instead.

• We can give anything up for Lent - it doesn't have to be food, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a "bad" thing or an "indulgent" thing. But it **does** need to be something that we will miss, and is important to us. So for children a favourite T.V. cartoon or a computer game might be a difficult (and good!) thing to give up.

A Children's Prayer for Lent

**Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent
And when I've given it up
Remind me to pray to You instead
To thank You
To love You
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent
Amen**

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Save the Date

**St Angela's Outdoor Movie Night
Friday 6th April
Top Oval**



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 4

Fri 23rd Feb

Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Pool

Week 5

Wed 28th Feb

Paul Kelly Cup at Blacktown Sports Park

Thurs 1st March

Year 6 Surf Education

Fri 2nd March

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Week 6

Mon 5th March

7:00pm Diocesan Parent Representative Council Meeting at Patrician Brothers Blacktown - see further details in this Shine

Tues 6th March

2:00pm Reading afternoon at St Angela's - All welcome

Wed 7th March

10:00am-12 noon Lenten Reconciliation Yrs 3-6

Thurs 8th March

8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

10:00am-12 noon Lenten Reconciliation Yrs 3-6

Fri 9th March

9:00am Kindergarten 2019 Information Session and School Tour

Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House & Farm

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 4 in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Quote of the Week

"If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Hansell family (Eloise 1Y) due to the passing into eternal life of Eloise's grandma.

Our prayers are extended to the Aneksofphan family (Shannon 3G) due to the passing into eternal life of Shannon's grandma.

Our prayers are extended to the Anastasio family (Giovanni 1Y) due to the passing into eternal life of Giovanni's uncle.

Diocesan Parent Representative Council Meeting

**Monday 5th March at 7:00pm
Annual General Meeting**

Patrician Brothers College, Flushcombe Road, Blacktown
Presentation Topic - Parents Matter
Presented by Danielle Cronin, Chief Governance & Strategy, CEDP.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Information on 2018 School Fee Statements, Year 3 Gymnastics Program **Hard Copy:** Kindergarten Parent Helpers for Reading Groups

Sport News

HILLS ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed on Monday 19th February at The Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. What a pleasure it was to have you represent St Angela's in the manner that you did. All of our swimmers did extremely well, in particular Zalia Ritchie, who was Junior Girls Runner Up Age Champion. Congratulations to the following children who made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival which is being held tomorrow at Blacktown Pool.

For individual events: Ned Cane, Aaron Hohn, Jessica Hohn, Kaija Kneivitt, Kiara Lee, Zalia Ritchie, Angelina Tallaridi, Noah Wheatley, Mia Young and Sophie Young. Although there was some individual brilliance, St Angela's really stepped it up to another level when it comes to relays. We were very excited to be the only school to have three of our four relay teams make it through to Diocesan.

Junior Girls: Mia Young, Jessica Hohn, Ariana Sarmiento and Zalia Ritchie finished a very convincing 1st.

Senior Girls: Keira Murphy, Kiara Lee, Lauren Evans and Sophie Young. The girls were very excited to learn that being in the faster heat paid off when they finished 3rd.

Senior Boys: Aiden Crowley, Tom Smales, Noah Wheatley and Ned Cane. The boys finished 3rd, all with very consistent times.

Special thanks to Mr Laird who did an amazing job in the very serious job of place judging.

Thank you to Hayley Cane, Jenny Tallaridi, Fiona Hohn, Ray Manio, Jo Wheatley and Lauren Jacobs who helped with timekeeping. To the parents, thank you for your cheering and support of the children. Well done!

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator



THE RACE IS ON
to collect vouchers for sports gear

coles
SPORTS for SCHOOLS
2018

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.

Start collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers today!

10 = 1 VOUCHER

Council of Catholic School Parents Employment Opportunity

The Council of Catholic School Parents is looking for a part-time 'Communications and Development Manager', working 3 days per week. For a confidential discussion about this opportunity please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055 or at anthony@reachhr.com.au

Mount St Benedict College Open Day Sunday 4th March 10am-2pm Prospective Parent Information Evening Year 7, 2020 - Thursday 8 March 7pm

449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills/Phone: 9980 0444
See www.msb.nsw.edu.au for further details.

JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER at the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary (8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville)

Fridays during Lent

9.15am Mass in Parish Church followed by
10.15am **Stations of the Cross**
at the Shrine (8 Greyfriar Pl, Kellyville)

7pm Mass in Parish Church
followed by Confessions and
Stations of the Cross

DEANERY COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION: MONDAY, 26 MARCH

7pm at St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH

7pm at OLOR, Kellyville followed by a special
8pm Mass of Thanksgiving.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, 29 March,

7pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** in Parish Church
Adoration in the old hall until 10pm

Good Friday, 30 March,

10am **Stations of the Cross** by Youth Group at the Shrine (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville)

3pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** in Parish Church

Holy Saturday, 31 March,

No Confessions

Easter Vigil Mass, 31 March at 8pm

Easter Sunday, 1 April

Masses at 7am, 9am, 11am

Please Note: There will be NO 6PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Open Evening
Tuesday 6 March, 2018
4pm or 6pm

There will be two information sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered at the College.

Enrolment packages will be available at the Open Evening, or for collection from the College Reception. Information about the College is available online at www.mariancollege.nsw.edu.au

EACH SESSION WILL:
• Commence in the College Hall, where the Principal and students from Year 7 and 12 will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.
† Be followed by guided tours of the school. Visitors will be able to view activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.
✗ Follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you (4pm or 6pm).

Applications for Year 7, 2019 close on Friday 4 May, 2018.

Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer: marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au 9654 6700

Gilroy Catholic College Open Evening for Enrolments

Gilroy Catholic College is holding its annual Open Evening for Enrolments on Wednesday 21st February 2018. There will be tours of the College at 5:00pm and 7:00pm and the Principal, Cheryl Merryweather, will give a talk in the school hall at 6:15pm. To make a tour booking, please phone 8853 8200 with your preferred tour time. Application packages will be available on the night. Applications close on Thursday 8 March 2018.

Oakhill College Open Day Sunday 11th March 2018

11:00am-3:00pm
423-513 Old Norther Road, Castle Hill
For further details visit www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au