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Dear Parents,

Christmas Concert

Our favourite night of the year, our Christmas concert, was a wonderful evening of Christmas spirit as we gathered as a St Angela's community under the banner of our faith. We were indeed blessed with fine weather.

Our concert inspired us to reflect on the many joys of Christmas and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ. The children certainly were the bright shining stars of the evening. Their performances were just amazing. Our sincere thanks to Miss Joice for beautifully coordinating the evening, assisted by all the teachers. Appreciation and thanks to our sound technician, Mrs Lean. To Miss Claxton and Mrs Lean for the beautiful choir, to Miss Joice, Mrs Aberley and Mrs Murray for preparing the dancers and special thanks to Mr Laird for preparing our staging and grounds. Keep an eye out for an email with winners of our amazing Christmas raffle.

Thank you for your overwhelming presence and support. It was very much appreciated.

What an Amazing Year! We have let our light shine!

As 2018 comes to a close, we reflect on what an amazing year of faith, fun and learning we have had. We have been blessed in 'letting our light shine' in so many ways throughout the 2018 journey.

Thank you to the children. They are the reason we are here. Their enthusiasm for life and learning is a wonderful example to us all.

To you, our parents, the primary educators of your children, I give thanks for your support and partnership in providing so much for the children. No matter what your contribution over the year, big or small, it is appreciated and has benefitted the children.

We wish all those venturing on from St Angela's the best that life has to offer and welcome new families to our community for next year. In particular this year we farewell and thank a number of staff. Some who are retiring and others that are leaving our St Angela's shores. We will miss them all.

To Mrs Moller and Mrs Richards (teacher's aide), thank you for all that you have done for our community, we will see you both back in 2019, as relief staff.

To Mrs Lean and Mrs Hynes, we wish you God's blessings as you both await the birth of your newest family member. Thank you for the care and dedication you have given to St Angela's. We look forward to your return after maternity leave.

To Mrs Murray, we wish you all the best for an exciting life ahead where retirement means the freedom to live each day with your beautiful family and grandchild. Thank you for the many years of service to St Angela's by which so many students, past and present, have benefitted greatly. Enjoy the new journey.

To Mrs Ffello, may the road ahead as an Assistant Principal be full of excitement and joy. The McAuley Catholic School community of Rose Bay are blessed to have you. St Angela's has benefitted greatly from your expertise, dedication, love of the children and professionalism. Thank you for your amazing teaching and leadership that you have shared with so many.

To Mrs Fitzalan, you have been a blessing to the St Angela's community for the past 6 years. Your outstanding support to the students, the parents, to the school parish community, the staff and myself is greatly appreciated and valued. Your expertise, dedication and leadership have been significant in the continued success of our beautiful school. As you begin the next step in your professional career, know that

you have been much loved by all and will be missed dearly. St Patrick's are blessed to have you. We wish you nothing but faith, fun and learning everyday. Be sure to continue to let your light shine.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past year. Together they facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic and human excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, themselves and sharing

of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day but it is in their giving so much that they receive.

Our sincere thanks to our clerical ladies and support teachers. Their smiles greet so many and their support for the children, parents and staff is uncompromising. To Mr Laird (grounds and maintenance) who has kept our school looking so good and functioning as a learning environment, we say thank you.

We are blessed to have had Father Alejandro guiding our parish community in its spiritual journey and relationship with Christ. We thank him for his faith, love and care.

May Christ's blessings be with you during this Holy season. Remember, **it is not what is under the Christmas tree but who is around it**, enjoy this special time with your family. I look forward to another great year of faith, fun and learning in 2019.



(The joy of Christmas captured on our St Angela's oval).

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Farewell Assembly

Join us as we say farewell and show our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Fitzalan, Mrs Ffello, Mrs Murray, Mrs Lean, Mrs Moller, Mrs Hynes and Mrs Richards at a special farewell assembly this Tuesday 18th December at 8:45am.
All are welcome to attend.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 16 Dec 2018: Third Sunday of Advent - Year C
Gospel Lk 3:10-18

John announces the coming of the Messiah.

Is it any wonder that there was a growing sense among the people that John might be the Christ? His teaching in the first part of this week's gospel might just as easily have come from the mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for us just how much John was preparing the way for Jesus: even his teaching was in line with what Jesus would later say. In this instance, the people gathered around John (presumably having been baptised by him) are asking how they should live out their new-found conversion of heart. John's response to the three groups is about the need for generosity and justice. It is about not taking more than your share when someone else does not have sufficient. To the crowd of people, he instructs them to give away a second tunic to someone who doesn't have one at all and to share their food with those who are hungry. To the tax collectors, he cautioned them to collect no more than what they were supposed to. Tax collectors made their profit by overcharging taxpayers. Together with the fact that they worked for the Roman occupiers, this made tax collectors one of the most despised groups in society. John's caution to them is to be just in their dealings. He also cautions the soldiers against intimidation and extorting money from the people to supplement their pay. The themes of justice and hospitality that will echo throughout the gospel of Luke are clearly evident in this episode with John. When the people start to talk about him being the Christ, John is quick to point them to the one who is still to come; the one who will share with them more fully the love of God and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Q. Why might people have thought that John the Baptist was the Messiah that they were awaiting?

Q. How can you respond to John's call for generosity and justice?

The theme for the 34th World Youth Day, 2019 is, **"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."** (Lk 1:38).

The verse comes from Luke's Gospel account of the birth of Jesus being foretold, when the angel Gabriel came to Mary announcing that she would conceive and bear a son that she would call 'Jesus'. Despite the initial confusion ("How can this be, since I have no husband?"), Mary gave her firm assent and trust to God by saying 'May it be done to me according to your word.'

In preparation for WYD 2019, we have spent time pondering what Pilgrimage means to us. It is a journey a pilgrim makes to a sacred place for the purpose of asking for heavenly aid and to come to know God better. In the past, pilgrims would leave their homes, families, and comforts to walk for hundreds of miles with nothing but what they could carry on their backs. Just as the pilgrims from the early centuries, we will also leave our homes, families and comforts in order to journey to sacred places. It is with much excitement, trepidation and wonder that we prepare ourselves for the journey before us to Mexico and Panama in January. I will take the prayers and intentions of the St Angela's community as I travel to WYD and share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ.

Tomorrow we will assemble Christmas hampers ready for pick up by St Vincent De Paul. The generosity of the St Angela's community is overwhelming and we thank you for your thoughtful donations. It will make a difference for many this Christmas season.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 9

Friday 14th December

School Swimming Carnival
Blacktown Pool Grades 2 - 5 and
Year 1 children turning 8 in 2019
All Welcome

Mt St Benedict Orientation #2

Sunday 16th December

3rd Sunday in Advent

Week 10

Monday 17th December

St Angela's Celebration Rides Day

Tuesday 18th December

8:45am Farewell Assembly
All Welcome

2:30pm Year 6 Farewell Parade
All Welcome

7:00pm Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
in Hall. All Welcome

Wednesday 19th December

Students last day of the Year
Christmas Mufti

Thursday 20th December

Staff Development Day

Friday 21st December

Staff Development Day

Thank you

Our sincere gratitude and thanks to Mr Wayne Davie (Ashley 6B, Yasmin 4G and Zoe 2G) for being our Chairperson for all our General Parent Meetings, along with being involved in so many committees, including fundraising, leading our canteen/special food days and also representing St Angela's on different occasions.

His support to the community and always being there for others is very much appreciated. It is Wayne's generosity of his time and of self, his 'nothing is impossible' attitude and his genuine commitment to making a difference for the children, that are a true gift to our community.

Thank you to our Fun(d)raising/Social Committee listed in last week's newsletter. Their outstanding work has helped raise many thousands which have gone to purchasing laptops, ipads and literacy resources for your children and for future children of St Angela's to use. We appreciate all you have done.

Thank you to the large number of parents who have given generously of their time and support in so many ways this term at St Angela's. This includes helping with excursions, sporting events, literacy, classrooms, parent meetings, library assistance, home readers, special food days, graduation supper, second hand uniforms, Year 6 celebrations, debating, special events, fun(d)raising, discos, canteen, morning teas, book club and so much more.



**ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY
CELEBRATION
THIS MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER**



**HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE PERMISSION GOOGLE FORM
EMAILED LAST WEEK TO ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO
PARTICIPATE?**

The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations. We will be having excitement filled rides and a complimentary Calippo ice block 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. The day will begin with a prayer service honouring our patron Saint, St Angela Merici. Children are to wear sensible mufti clothing and a hat, keeping in mind they will be participating in a range of activities including the use of play equipment. The children must wear footwear which they find quick and easy to remove and put back on their feet. No thongs please. Children are required to bring their recess and lunch. Please ensure the children bring along plenty to drink and that sunscreen has been applied before arriving at school.

We are looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable day.

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 07/12/18)

Academic Excellence

Lily Cassar KB
Makaela Daniel KG
Jacob Fam KY
Joshua Vassallo 1B
Flynn Wilson 1G
Abbey Glass 1Y
Lachlan Hall 2B
Marcus Ma 2G
Joshua van Egdom 2Y
Lyla Reyes 3B
Christian Mendoza 3G
Yasemin Vancuylenberg 3Y
Alec Austen 4B
Gabiella Way-Moran 4G
Gabriel Younan 4Y
Cairo Piotto 5B
Ariella Colosimo 5G
Isaac Estera 5Y
Tyler Olan 6B
Finya Begg 6G
Lily Moller 6Y

St Angela's Award

Abby Lukjanenko KB
Levi Liu KG
Ronan Phung KY
Ava Morgan 1B
Mikayla White 1G
Chloe Mowbray 1Y
Olivia Siligato 2B
Ava Russo 2G
Oscar Rule 2Y
Courtney Azzopardi 3B
Zane Benning 3G
Carissa Lewis 3Y
Eimear Kelly 4B
Nicholas Eric 4G
Veronica Cheng 4Y
Marcus Como 5B
Noah Andrew 5G
Emily Lambert 5Y
Claire Moroney 6B
Amalia Araneda 6G
Raymond Saade 6Y

Year 6 Graduation

Next Tuesday 18th December at 7.00pm, Year 6 and their families will gather in our hall to celebrate God's many blessings on them during their time at St Angela's. Grandparents/siblings are welcome. We ask that siblings are fully supervised so that the evening's focus is on our Year 6 graduates. A light supper organised by our Year 5 parents will be held after Mass. Many thanks to the generous Year 5 parents who have volunteered to provide food and/or assist.

Our thanks for the many years the following families have been consistently, without a break, associated with St Angela's as their youngest child leaves Year 6 -

Adan (10 yrs)	Hogan (10 yrs)	O'Rourke (14 yrs)
Aldag (3 yrs)	Jamer (18yrs)	Palmer (8 yrs)
Alibrandi (10 yrs)	Johnston (10 yrs)	Papadimatos (15 yrs)
Alilovic (11yrs)	Lewis (10 yrs)	Perez (9 years)
Bautista (9 yrs)	Kirkley (9yrs)	Pillon (10 yrs)
Bridge (10 yrs)	May (9 yrs)	Polic (3yrs)
Di Staso (13 yrs)	McCranor (13 yrs)	Rae (10 yrs)
Gularte (6 yrs)	Mendiola (10 yrs)	Rodger (3 yrs)
Hanza (7 yrs)	Moroney(8 yrs)	Smales (10 yrs)
Lee (7 yrs)	Murphy (14 yrs)	Smith (10 yrs)
Sade (7 yrs)	Olan (4 yrs)	Nelson (14 yrs)
Kennedy (9 yrs)	Callaghan (9 yrs)	Rodrigues (10 yrs)
Davidson (16 yrs)	Fox (5 yrs)	Malcolm(11 yrs)

Farewell and thank you from our St Angela's community.

Year 6 Parent Helpers

A big thank you to the following parents (listed in alphabetical order) who have assisted with the Year 6 dinner/disco, and/or Yearbook.

Dinner Dance Committee - Mary Araneda, Wayne Davie, leonie Fox, Marga Gunasekera, Laura Hall, Michelle McEneaney, Kirra McNamara, Raquel Murphy, Bec Nati, Lisa Netana, Christine Stavropoulos, Nerida Southwood, Jenny Tallaridi, Gwen Vujnovich and Vicki Watson.

Yearbook - Erin Kennedy, supported by a team of wonderful helpers. Your generosity is very much appreciated and valued. The children had one of their most memorable nights thanks to you:

Thank you, from all of us to you

Keep an eye out for an email next week with our swimming carnival wrap up.

School Leaders for 2019

Congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders for 2019, as announced at this week's end of year Mass:

School Captains

Harry Valenzisi Bernadette Laird

School Vice Captains

Aimon Fitzsimons Ava Bizanelli

Brescia

Aiden Crowley Mia Jacobs

Garda

Keean Holmes Lauren Evans

Merici

Ned Cane Molly Nati

Salo

Joel Foxe Ariella Colosimo

Year 6 Gift to St Angela's

Many thanks to our departing Year 6 students who will be gifting the school with two beautiful, metal artwork crosses as a sign of their appreciation for the Catholic Education they have received over their time at St Angela's. This gift will always be visible to all who enter our grounds for many years to come. There will be a plaque placed next to the crosses to acknowledge this gift from Year 6, 2018.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Andrew Losurdo, our trainee technician, who was recently awarded Trainee of the Year. What an amazing achievement. We are very proud of you.

Shine Quest

Congratulations to the high numbers of absolute budding stars who today participated in our 2018 Shine Quest, both at a grade level and at today's performance. Our appreciation and thanks to Miss Joice for coordinating this opportunity for the children and to Mrs Lean for expertly facilitating the music and sound.

See OLOR Christmas Mass schedule in a separate email being sent home today.

Year 6 Guard of Honour

The whole school will gather to wish Year 6 all the best next Tuesday 18th December at approximately 2:30pm under the big top. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 18th December at 7:00pm in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. All welcome.

Last Day of School for 2018

Wednesday 19th December is the last day for all students in Kindy to Year 6 for 2018. The children are welcome to wear Christmas Mufti to help celebrate this joyous time of year. Staff will be at school on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December.

**St Angela's Swimming Carnival
Tomorrow Friday 14th December 2018
Years 2 to 5 and Year 1 children turning 8 in
2019 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Parents are welcome to attend
See information sent home 12th December**



Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday during in December.

Sun 16th Dec

Lincoln Brown

Mon 17th Dec

Ronan Phung
Miss Claxton

Tues 18th Dec

Amelia Baylis

Wed 19th Dec

Shiloh Aguas
Narelle Barker
Freya Begg
Isabella Hall
Anna McEneaney

Thurs Dec 20th

William Lakeman
Hudson Lukas
Monte Piotto

Fri 21st Dec

Finnian Christie
Jai Powell

Mon 24th Dec

Veronica Cheng
Jessica Lester
Willow Neeld

Tues 25th Dec

Samaan AbuDuhou

Wed 26th Dec

Indigo Read

Thurs 27th Dec

Dayna Mills

Fri 28th Dec

Noah Andrew

Sun 30th Dec

Eden Gliddon
Riley Roditis

Mon 31st Dec

Nathan Adjji



Sent Home This Week

Emailed: Mrs Ffello 2019, Staffing 2019, Swimming Carnival Information
Hard Copy : End of Year 6 Information

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 2019 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, 8th 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.

Pre-Requisite Lists Coming Home Soon

Year 6 Motiv8 Sports Day

On December 10th Year Six took part in a fun day, that was run by Motiv8 Sports. We did water activities that included having paint and corn flour thrown on us. We were able to work as a team to complete challenges and games to win points throughout the day. My group was lucky enough to have finished the day with the most amount of points, causing us to win a medal.

We played games such as sponge wars and challenges that we had around three minutes to complete. At lunch time Motiv8 provided us with a can of soft drink and a sausage sizzle. It was definitely a highlight of my year and I will always remember it.

Rylee Callaghan, 6Y



Chess Grand Finals 2018

Congratulations to all students who took part in the St Angela's Chess Competition this year. The Grand Final took place during lunch on Tuesday 11th December, in the hall.

Special congratulations to the following students:

Junior Champion - Ben McNamara
Junior Runner Up - Sean Phung
Senior Champion - Jason Herbas
Senior Runner Up - Dominic Darmudi



Many thanks to our Chess coordinators

Mrs Kelly, and Mrs Sandri for coordinating this opportunity.



Band Showcase Evening Wrap-up

St Angela's community were treated to a wonderful end-of-year evening concert on Wednesday 5th December. The show kicked off with our Training Band performing several pieces. This Band was only formed in term 2 with our beginner students. Amazing effort. We were then entertained by a number of ensemble groups including our two lovely acoustic guitar groups. Our 40 piece Concert Band then dazzled the audience with some toe tapping pieces. The year 6 band students closed the evening with a surprise farewell piece 'Wipeout' which was well received. Congratulations to our talented musicians. Very proud.
From Mr Walton and Mr Wilson.

A sincere thank you to Mr Walton and Mr Wilson for capably leading our band program.



*The Staff of St Angela's wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

