

St Angela's Primary School



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Term 1, Week 3

<u>Sending Home Information and News about Education</u> Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

Dear Parents,

Opening School Mass

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend yesterday's Opening School Mass. The Mass was a wonderful celebration of faith and of our Christ centred community at St Angela's. Appreciation to Mrs Williams, our Religious Education Coordinator, for her dedication in coordinating our celebrations and to the staff for their efforts in making the morning so special. Thank you to Fr Blowey for his blessings for a fruitful year ahead.

Kindergarten and New Families Welcoming BBQ

Our Kindergarten and new families to the school enjoyed a wonderful night of community and hospitality last Friday afternoon at our welcoming BBQ. The storm came and stayed and so did the crowd, as we moved into the hall out of the driving rain and wind. A great time was had by all but, in particular, the children. See inside this Shine for further acknowledgements.

Grade Information Sessions

My appreciation and thanks to the many parents who attended the Kindergarten and Year 1 grade evenings, along with the combined Year 2 to 6 presentation. Your support is very much appreciated. On your behalf many thanks to all the teachers for their time and commitment to working with you. It is working in partnership that we value, as it truly benefits your child's learning.

Getting to Know Your Child

At St Angela's, assessment of the children's learning plays an important role in ensuring that teaching is matched to the children's learning needs. When assessing, the teachers collect, analyse and record information about the children's progress in their learning. While assessment occurs across all grades throughout the year, we place a particular focus on the early years of their formal schooling.

Over the first few weeks of this term, teachers have been assessing the children's literacy and numeracy abilities. Kindergarten and Year 1 children also complete the Literacy Early Years Assessment (EYA) and the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI). Additionally, Years 2-6 along with other literacy assessments complete an MAI. These assessments allow the teachers to individually assess each child, learn about how they think, and to find out what they know and can do in literacy and numeracy. The information gathered from these assessments assists the children's teachers to plan learning experiences that best support the children's abilities and needs. So that the children's growth in their learning can be measured and monitored, many of these assessments will be administered again at the end of the school year.

Working in Partnership

Appreciation and thanks to you, our wonderful parents, for your attendance at the parent teacher interviews. It was wonderful to see the teachers and parents working in true partnership with the children as the priority. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving so generously of their time to meet with you. The hall was certainly alive with a buzz of conversation.

We are very fortunate at St Angela's to have a depth of leadership within our staff. In 2019, Mrs Simpson will be our Learning Technologies Support Teacher and Miss Joice and Mrs Kelly will head up a number of special projects as 1 point coordinators.

Thank You

I wish to inform our community that Mrs Powell, (music teacher), has decided to access her long service from the end of week 5 and at the conclusion of her leave, move into retirement.

Kerry has been an educator for approximately 40 years, 18 of which have been spent at St Angela's in a permanent part time capacity. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kerry for her amazing contribution to not only St Angela's, but to Catholic Education. Her commitment, gentle personality, good humour and expertise are gifts that she has shared with our St Angela's community and beyond. We will certainly miss her and wish her all the best for the future and the exciting journey that awaits.

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

Tony Calabria Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Friday 8th 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 wonderful school.





Religious Education

Sunday, 17 Feb 2019: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C Gospel

Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew

version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

Q. Why does Jesus regard the poor and rejected as being favoured by God?

Q. What comfort can the poor and rejected take from this sermon?

Thanks to all parents and grandparents for joining us in our Opening School Mass on Monday. A huge thanks to our students who were reverend throughout the liturgy and engaged in Fr David's message of the Gospel.

Mrs Jocelvn Williams **Religious Education Coordinator**

School Census Day This Monday 18th February

This Monday 18th 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, 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

<u>TERM 1</u>	
Week 3	

8:45am Kindergarten 2019 presented to th	ıe
school community - All welcome	

Week 4

Fri 15th Feb

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Mon 18th Feb	CENSUS day
	Hills Zone Swimming Carnival
	Year 5 Fizzics Incursion
Tues 19th Feb	7:00pm General Parent Meeting All welcome.
Thurs 21st Feb	Year 6 Surf Education
	7:00pm First Holy Communion Parent Session at OLOR Church
Fri 22nd Feb	Year 5 Surf Education
	Diocesan Swimming

Class Parent Representatives

At the grade information sessions for Kindergarten and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we asked for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. If you are able to volunteer for your class, please contact the office (if you have not already let the teacher know at the grade sessions or parent/teacher interviews). Aspects of the role include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. The first parent representative meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 8:45am.

First Holy Communion - Year 3 Parent Information Evening Thursday 21stFebruary 7:00pm Held at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

Theme for the Week:

"Support Each Other"

Our theme this week highlights the importance of supporting others in life. This support can come in many forms from a kind word to being there to help and encourage others. The children's support of each other's attempts and achievements is always a pleasure to behold. In our community we encourage supporting each other at all

Celebrating Our Gifts (Awards presented on Friday 08/02/19)

Academíc Excellence

Maisie Brown KB Phoenix Fisher KG Jessica Guirreri KY Alana Laird 1B Sophie Kenny 1G Sophie McIntyre 1Y Finn Wheatley 2B Valeria Muliadi 2G Jake Perkins 2Y Dominique Southwood 3B Mason Kelly 3G Lincoln Brown 3Y Jasmine Oakey 4B Oliver Milicevic 4G Domenic Laird 4Y Jessica Lester 5B Taylah Khoudair 5G **Riley Petersen 5Y** Lauren Evans 6B Dominic Darmudi 6G Sienna Van Jour 6Y

St Angela's Award Jack Clarke KB Arianna Vallejo KG Jake Gardiner KY Havana Seydler 1B Lucas Merhi 1G Rafferty Castillo1Y Harper Eastwood 2B Zavier Stornelli 2G Mateja Knevitt 2Y Stirling Post 3B Grace Diaz 3G Claudia Sereni 3Y Jared Suarez 4B Grace Mares 4G Alannah Lane 4Y Luke Younis 5B Jonah Singh 5G Domenic Stornelli 5Y James O'Donnell 6G Isaac Estera 6Y

Changing Going Home Arrangements

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8:30am until 2:50pm, with a 5 minute dismissal zone, and that your child is required to be present between these times. Children should not be taken out of school early unless it is for an important reason (ie. Appointment for specialists etc.) Likewise, any changes of going home arrangements should only be made in cases of emergencies. As you can appreciate, contacting classes for children to come to the office for early departures or to advise going home changes is disruptive to the learning, in particular to the whole school if the class is not in their room and an announcement needs to be made. We ask that all early departures and changes to going home arrangements are advised in writing to stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au before 2.30pm.

Please note children will only be called to the office when you arrive to collect them. We ask that you do not contact the office requesting your children be ready and waiting for your arrival as delays in traffic etc. may result in children waiting for long periods. We thank you for your support in this area.

Congratulations to Lucca Piotto (4B) who is playing the role of Picture Double for the character, Liam, in the feature film preter Rabbit 2, currently filming here in Sydney.



All parents are most welcome to join us.

Have You Returned Your Medication Forms and Action Plan?

Thank you to those parents who have returned St Angela's forms and action plans if your child has medication stored or administered at school due to anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma. If you have not updated your paperwork, could you please do so <u>as a</u> <u>matter of importance</u>. If you require forms to be resent, please contact the school office. If your child no longer requires medication to be stored at school, please email stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au and we will remove your child's name from our records. It is essential that these forms and action plans are updated annually by your child's doctor so that our records are accurate and reflect the needs of each individual child. As noted, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child's medication remains current, ie. not expired. Please note this in a diary or on your phone. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Medical Bracelets

An email has been sent home today to all our families whose children suffer from anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, diabetes and heart conditions regarding the ordering of medical bracelets. In the interests of your child/children's safety, please note the wearing of medical bracelets is <u>compulsory</u> at St Angela's.

We look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to our school community tomorrow, Friday 15th February at 8:45am. All parents are most welcome. We hope you can join us.

<u>Please keep in your prayers</u>

Our prayers are extended to the Bressi family (Sienna 1G) due to the passing into eternal life of Sienna's Great Grandmother.

Gilroy Catholic College Open Evening for Enrolments Year 7 2020 Wednesday 20 February 2019

College Tours will be conducted at 5.00pm and 7.00pm To book a tour http://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/community/announcements For further information Email mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu

School Fees

School fee accounts for 2019 will soon be mailed out by the Catholic Education Office. As in the past, families will be given a choice to either pay their account under the current school fee payment terms of 30 days or by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments over a 6 month period from March to August. This payment arrangement is known as a flexible payment plan (FPP). To make FPP payments families will complete and lodge a direct debit authority with the Catholic Education Office. There is no additional administration fees to families accepting the FPP offer, however if a payment rejects fees may be incurred and if a payment rejects twice it is automatically cancelled. Alternatively, accounts may also be paid via BPay allowing parents to set up their own periodic payment and select a period (eg. Monthly) to pay their fees by instalments. There is no cost to parents using BPay. At the school office, accounts can be paid by cheque, cash and Eftpos. Detailed information regarding FPP along with the

appropriate application forms will be included with your school fee account. As per last year we have also included the majority of school based fees for 2019 into the annual account so that these costs are incorporated into FPP arrangements. Term 1 fees, unless undertaking a FPP arrangement, are due on 20th March 2018. Please refer to the 2019 School Fees information emailed today.

If you have any further enquiries please contact the school office on 9407 6400.



Emailed: Year 3 Head Lice Information, Whooping Cough Information, Term 1 Parent Calendar **Hard Copy**: Year 3 Brewongle Excursion, Term 1 Parent Calendar

Some photos from our Kindergarten and New Families Welcoming BBQ.



<u>General Parent Meeting</u> This Tuesday 19th February at 7:00pm School Library

AGENDA

- Principal's Report
- 2019 Initiatives
- Parent Inservicing Topics for 2019
- General Business

All welcome. We hope you can join us.

Do You Have the Information You Need?

Thank you to the many parents who contact the teachers, the office, Mrs Yager or Mr Calabria directly with questions, concerns, issues or more importantly to seek clarification. Society is such that information is often misconstrued or acts like 'chinese whispers'. Common sense should always prevail. Today's sensationalistic media does not help with the dissemination of accurate information. It is always paramount that if you are unsure that you speak to the people that know and have the correct information.

Disabled Parking Space

Please only use these spaces if you are the holder of a disability parking scheme permit. This must be displayed on your windscreen.

Thank you for your co-operation in supporting members of our community.

Please send in any unwanted uniforms for our Preloved Uniform Sale coming up soon

