

St Angela's Primary School



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Term 1, Week 4

Dear Parents,

General Parent Meeting

Many thanks to the parents who were present on Tuesday night at our first General Parent Meeting for 2019. 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 2019. We have a number of great events that are in the pipeline for this year, including a disco on Friday 15th March and an outdoor movie night on Friday 5th 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.

What an Amazing Journey

As you would be aware, in 2017 Alec was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer. After a major operation and many months of treatment, he returned in Term 2, 2018 to St Angela's ready to get back into his learning and to play with his school friends. Alec has been selected to feature in a number of clips to promote and support 'The Kids Cancer Project'. Follow the link below to see the ad and read his story. <u>https://www.thekidscancerproject.org.au/stories/february-2019/behind-the-cheeky-smile</u> We are all very proud of him.

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As communicated last week, we wish Mrs Kerry Powell (music) all the best as she transitions into retirement. We will be holding an assembly on Wednesday morning at 8:45am to say thank you for her wonderful contribution to St Angela's for the last 18 years. All are welcome. We hope you can join us.

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

Tony Calabria Principal

First Holy Communion - Year 3 Parent Information Evening Tonight Thursday 21stFebruary 7:00pm Held at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church (Repeat Session Wednesday 27th Feb 10:00am)

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

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Thank You

Thank you to the following parents for all their help with organising, serving etc., at our Kindergarten and New Families BBQ on Friday 8th February: Gary Aberley, Marie Catalano, Maria Fernandes, Michelle Jacobs, Chris Laird, Michelle Phung, Kristy & Mick Post, Brooke & Todd Seydler and Antonella Tesoriero (coordinator).

Thank you also to members of our student leadership team, along with the many members of staff, who were also present. Your time is very much appreciated.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 24 Feb 2019: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

The radical teaching that was begun in last week's gospel as the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. As with the blessings and curses of the Beatitudes passage, this teaching continues the challenge to act against cultural and social expectations. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for an enemy or for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to love their enemies and to do good to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things - and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity.

In this passage we find one version of the Golden Rule that appears repeatedly throughout the gospels (as well as most other religious traditions): 'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.' It is followed up with a comment that it takes no effort to treat well people whom you like - anybody can do that. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind also that there was an occupying army in the country and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching!

Q. What consequences can flow from treating others as you would like to be treated?

Q. What does it mean to truly be compassionate?

Ash Wednesday Mass

St Angela's Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated by Fr Alejandro in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall on the 6th of March at 11:15am. All are invited to attend this special occasion which marks the start of Lent.

Mrs Jocelyn Williams Religious Education Coordinator

Upcoming Dates

Week 4	
Fri 22nd Feb	Year 5 Surf Education
Week 5	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Wed 27th Feb	10:00am First Holy Communion Parent Repeat session at OLOR Church
Fri 1st March Week 6	Year 3 Excursion to Brewongle
Tue 5th March	8:45am Parent Rep Meeting
	Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm
Wed 6th March	11:15am Ash Wednesday Mass All Welcome
	4:30 First Holy Communion Preparation Session at OLOR Church
Fri 8th March	9:00am Open day and tour for 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments
	2:15 Whole School assembly presented by Year 3. All Welcome

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 r participation. The first parent representative meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 8:45am.

Mark Taylor Shield Cricket

For the first time St. Angela's will be entering a team in the Mark Taylor Shield Cricket Competition. This is a knockout competition played between Catholic primary school across Parramatta, Sydney, Broken Bay & Wollongong Dioceses. Our first match will be against Redfield College, Dural taking place next Thursday 28th February. We had 25 children trial for the team and the following 12 children were selected to represent St. Angela's. Jarvis Hemmings, Harry Valenzisi, Noah Andrew, Ned Cane, Aimon Fitzsimons, Matthew Foley, Joel Foxe, Yorick Lee, Joshua McDermott, Logan McDonald, Lucas Seda & Ben Smith. We wish the team the best of luck next Thursday.

Stephen Lee - Year 6 Teacher



Disco: 15th March 2019 Movie Night: 5th April 2019 St Angela's Anniversary 2D year Celebration : 19th September 2020

Celebrating Our Gifts (Awards presented on Friday 15/02/19) Academíc St Angela's Excellence Award

Tiahna Barjacoba KB Selena Bianca KG Isla Colet KY Grace Despoges 1B Abby Lukjanenko 1G Aliana Elizaga1Y Jack Norris 2B Madeline Pace 2G Sebastian Dinsdale 2Y Vaughn Bagus 3B Kara Piperata 3G Gia Anonical 3Y Zane Benning 4B

Yasemin Vancuylenberg 4G Chelsea Mowbray 4Y Brandon D'Silva 5B Ava De Carlo 5G Gabriel Younan 5Y Emma Heanes 6B Nicholas Murdocca 6G Ned Cane 6Y

Marcus Eltakchi KB Chloe Barbara KG Chase Panganiban KY Eden Gliddon 1B Ray Zhang 1G Saoirse McGowan 1Y Abbey Glass 2B Giovanni Anastasio2G Ava Morgan 2Y Kirealea Crowe 3B Ashton Yu 3G Jacob Crawford 3Y Zoe Crowley 4B Tahlia Mearns 4G Isabella Sultana 4Y Benjamin McNamara 5B Sean Collins 5G William Schenko 5G Maddison Eastwood 5Y Jake Burgess 6B Olivia Sultana 6G Harrison Valenzisi 6Y

Changing Going Home Arrangements A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8:30am

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.

Medical Bracelets

An email was sent home last week 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 advised to assist us in caring for your child at St Angela's.



Grade Assemblies

Whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 6 - Friday 8th March at 2:15pm led by Year 3 Week 8 - Friday 22nd March at 2:15pm led by Year 2 Week 10 - Friday 5th April at 2:15pm led by Year 4

All parents are most welcome to join us.

HILLS ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed on Monday 18th 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 Ned Cane Senior Boys age champion, Zalia Ritchie Junior Girls age champion and Jessica Hohn 11yrs Girl Runner Up.

Congratulations to the following children who made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival which will be held this Friday at Blacktown Pool. For individual events Ned Cane, Zalia Ritchie, Jessica Hohn, Noah Wheatley, Ciara Crowley, Mia Young, Aaron Hohn, Mia Khoudair, Jasmine Oakey, Angelina Tallaridi, Ryan Shepherd and Finn Wheatley.

Although there was some individual brilliance St Angela's really love the relays. We were very excited to be the only school to have 3 of our 4 relay teams make it through to Diocesan.

Junior Girls- Angelina Tallaridi, Mia Khoudair, Ciara Crowley and Zalia Ritchie. The girls finished 1st.

Senior Boys- Aiden Crowley, Aaron Hohn, Noah Wheatley and Ned Cane. The boys finished 2nd.

Senior Girls- Jessica Hohn, Ariella Colosimo, Lauren Evans and Mia Young. The girls finished 3rd.

Special thanks to Mrs Williams who did an amazing job time keeping and to Matt Young, Michelle Jacobs, Jenny Tallaridi, Monica Crowley and Fiona Hohn who volunteered their time to time keep as well.

To the parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, baby brothers and sisters thankyou for your cheering and support of the children. Well Done!

Mrs Andra Hemmings Sports Coordinator



Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.



Year 5 FIZZICS Incursion

Year 5 attended an incursion on Monday, which was presented by Fizzics Education. The purpose of this incursion was to learn about materials and discover their different properties in order to help us design our play equipment for a playground. This is part of our Term 1 PBL. We also learnt about the impact weather and usage has on these materials, so we can identify what happens to these materials. Fun Facts: Ice melts quicker on metal as it attracts heat. The incursion was very helpful for our project. We loved it.

Ava and Evan - Year 5 Students



Emailed: 2019 School Fee Schedule, First Holy Communion - Year 3, General Parent Meeting **Hard Copy**: Year 2 Rouse Hill and Farm Excursion



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Star Spot

- Congratulations to Touch Stars Ned Cane, Joel Fox, Jarvis Hemmings, Gabriella Fernandes, Stella Powell, Mateja Knevitt, Courtney Azzopardi and Miha Knevitt who have travelled to Wagga Wagga today to play Touch Football for Hills Hornets Representative Team. Congratulations also to Lauren Evans, Jasmine Shepherd
- and Tahlia Mackay who last week participated in the State Touch Football Carnival in Port Macquarie. Well done!!

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



Quote of the Week

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