



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Resilience

Each day our children grow and learn. They are on an exciting journey that is yet to unfold. Fostering resilience in our children is essential for their success in life.

Resilience is:

- ♦ The capacity to cope and feel competent
- ♦ The ability to accept life's disappointments and bounce back from hard times.
- ♦ A generally positive attitude to life
- ♦ A mixture of attitude, skills, abilities and character.

Some are born with a more resilient spirit, others have resilience fostered by early childhood experiences.

What does a resilient child look like?

- ♦ Healthy thinking habits
 - Realistic/Detective thinking
 - Helpful thinking
 - Being optimistic
- ♦ Independent and resourceful
- ♦ Good problem-solvers
- ♦ Able to mix well with others

Children need the freedom to:

- ♦ Grow up free from having to please their parents all the time (hopefully they will want to please you because of shared values)
- ♦ Be free to make their own mistakes (making mistakes is how we learn)
- ♦ Be free to feel discomfort and learn from life's disappointments

"Prepare our children for the path, not the path for our children."

Making A Difference to Others

Thank you to our Year 5 students and teachers for their amazing effort during Mission Markets. What a wonderful example of being Christ to others by helping make a difference for those less fortunate.

We keep in our prayers, all those who are affected by the bush fires across NSW. The extreme smoky weather conditions have seen our children moving straight into classes as soon as they arrive in the morning and then staying indoors for the remainder of the day.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



See our Parent Portal insert on how to correctly enter student absence.



Saturday 7th December, 2019

Parent function to farewell

Tony Calabria

6:30 pm here at St Angela's.

Invitation/ Google Form sent home on
Wednesday 13th November

RSVP by Friday 22nd November 2019



*Join us as the students say farewell and show their appreciation and thanks to Mr Calabria at a special farewell, whole school assembly on
Tuesday 17th December at 8:45am.*



**Special Family
Week Food Day
Sausage Sizzle
this Tuesday 26th
November**

*All orders to be returned by
tomorrow
Friday 22nd November*

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass Thursday 5th December

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass. This is also an opportunity for the school community to farewell our Year 6 children and those leaving St Angela's. All welcome.

Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Time & Date: 9:00am, Thursday 5th December

Children are to wear full school uniform. Sport uniform will not be required by any classes on this day.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 24th November 2019: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C Gospel

[Lk 23:35-43](#)

The Crucifixion.

Scriptural context – Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

OLOR Parish Mass

We invite all families to join us at the 9am mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church this Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This mass will be led by our Year 3 students and their families.

Mrs Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator

Year 5 Leadership

As communicated via email to all Year 5 families on Tuesday 19th November, the children will soon be voting for suitable leadership candidates for leadership positions at St Angela's 2020.

Tuesday 26th November

9:00am School Captain speeches and voting

11:00am Colour Captain speeches and voting.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Positions of Captains, Vice Captains and Colour Captains for 2020 will be announced to the Year 5 cohort on Tuesday December 3rd at 12:00pm. This will be prior to the end of year Thanksgiving Mass as this allows students who are disappointed to be better supported and students are not sitting through mass feeling anxious. The 2020 Student Leadership Team will then be officially presented at the end of year Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am on Thursday 5th December, in front of the whole school community.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our whole school community evening this year will be held on Wednesday 11th December 6.30pm under the Big Top

It is an expectation that all children attend the Christmas concert to celebrate as a St Angela's community, this special time of year. Please inform your class teacher immediately if your family is unavailable, as some roles and parts are currently being assigned to children.



FINAL KINDERGARTEN 2020 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION

Friday 29th November

9:00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday 29th November, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 2:30pm.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Friday 22nd November

K-2 Swimming C2K
Castle Hill RSL

Year 6 Excursion
Vision Valley

Surf Education at School
Year 3 - 9-10.30
Year 4 - 11-12.30

Sunday 24th November

Feast of Christ the King
9.00am School invited to Parish
Mass led by Year 3

Week 7

Tuesday 26th November

Special Food Day

9:00am Year 5 School Captain
speeches and voting for 2020.
All Welcome

11:00am Year 5 Colour Captain
speeches and voting for 2020.
All Welcome

Wed 27th November

2020 Years 1 to 6 Orientation

Thursday 28th November

2:20pm Year 1 Liturgy in the hall.
All Welcome

Friday 29th November

9:00am - 12:00 Kindergarten 2020
Orientation Session 3 All Students
Parents to remain for first hour
(9:00 -10am)

12:00 - 2:30 pm Oz Fashions
Uniform Day

2:15pm Whole School Assembly
presented by Year 4 - All Welcome

School 'Farmer's' Disco
4:30 - 6:00pm K to Year 2
6:30 - 8:00pm Years 3 to 6

Sunday 1st December

Year 6 Disco - Castle Hill RSL

Week 8

Tuesday 3rd December

12:00 Captains announced to Year
5 Cohort

Wed 4th December

7:00pm Band Showcase Evening
All Welcome

Thursday 5th December

9:00am End of Year Thanksgiving
Mass at St Angela's. All Welcome

Friday 6th December

Year 4 Energy Showcase in Hall
1:30pm to 2:30pm - All Welcome

Saturday 7th December

Parent Farewell for Mr Calabria
6:30pm at St Angela's
(see Google form sent home on
Wednesday 13th November)
All Welcome

Sunday 8th December

2nd Sunday in Advent
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 15/11/19)


Academic Excellence

Aria Martyn KB
Maximus Orefice KG
Dylan Crawford KY
Grace Bacon 1B
Giada Genio 1G
Daniel Bell 1Y
Courtney Lean 2B
Chloe Khairy 2G
Mateja Knevitt 2Y
Olivia Joukhadar 3B
Cayleigh Mantua 3G
Gia Lorelle Anonical 3Y
Joseph Sultana 4B
Max Vallejo 4G
Domenic Laird 4Y
Veronica Cheng 5B
Gabriel Younan 5Y
Emma Heanes 6B
Lucas Borg 6G
Isaac Estera 6Y



St Angela's Award

Amalie Cordi KB
William Hall KG
Alexander Diaz KY
Amelia Baylis 1B
Abby Lukjanenko 1G
Emmanuel Dib 1Y
Olivia Hoon 2B
Zachary Lane 2G
Oliver Como 2Y
Ella Solomon 3B
Matilda Scothern 3G
Joshua Morin 3Y
Aaron Zlomislac 4B
Tahlia Mearns 4G
Chelsea Mowbray 4Y
Vanessa Bell 5B
Ava De Carlo 5G
William Schenko 5G
Jack O'Neill 5Y
Jake Burgess 6B
Katarina Mabic 6G
Gemma Yager 6Y



Happy Birthday!

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

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| November Sun 24th Mia Vassallo Elly Gohil-Bozic Mon 25th Daniella Zeaiter Tues 26th Mason Kelly Mrs Criss Wed 27th Kathryn Basobas Mr Stagnitta Mrs Stuardo | Thurs 28th Mrs Martin Fri 29th Tia Post Jonah West Connor Paton Lewis Norrish Sat 30th Jasmine Shepherd Jack Norris Sophie Kenny Lilly Celano |
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School Disco Friday 29th November DJ and music by 'Dance Fever' Theme: "Farmers"



Cost: \$5.00 per child or \$15.00 per family
All proceeds will be donated to help our drought stricken farmers.

When: Friday 29th November
Where: St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Times: The disco will be split into two sessions:
 Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30-6.00pm
 Years 3 to 6 6.30-8.00pm

This includes an iced donut (from Woolworths) and groovy music with children asked to bring along their own labelled drink bottle (can be disposable). Water refilling will be available if need be. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Hall and sign them in.

Please note: To avoid congestion there will be no parking on school grounds. Please allow extra time for arrival and pickup time. **For convenience, the back gate will also be open.**

Mark Taylor Shield - Cricket Semi-Final

On Monday St. Angela's competed in their semi-final of the Mark Taylor Shield Cricket competition against St. Clare's, Narellan Vale. In an extremely high scoring, close match St. Angela's came out as the winners with just seven balls to spare. Each of the boys knew and played their role in the team and it was our teamwork and sportsmanship that saw us through to the final next Wednesday, which will be played at St Joseph's Hunters Hill. A big thankyou to all the parents who came along and supported and helped the boys on the day. Hopefully we will see you all again next week.



Mission Markets

Thank you for all of your kind donations and support in assisting Year 5 answer God's call to compassion and justice, making a difference to the refugees through their recent Mission Markets. Over \$2000 will be donated to the Jesuit Refugee Service along with all of the donations of goods we received.



THANK YOU

On behalf of our St Angela's school community, our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs Woolnough (Jessica 6Y) who, for the past 10 years has coordinated our Scholastic Bookclub service. We are extremely grateful for her generosity of self and time over such a long period. She has helped provide the students with a great service to purchase books and read, read, read! We are very blessed to have had the Woolnough family in our community.

As Mrs Woolnough's youngest daughter finishes Year 6 this year, we are in need of a new Scholastic Bookclub co-ordinator. If you are able to assist or would like to inquire about this voluntary role, please contact the office.

When contacting St Angela's ...

If you need to contact the school, we ask that you please use the school office number or email address. Please do not make enquiries via the number used to send notification of student absences, as this is an automated facility.

Many thanks.

"Hay" Can you Help?

Our Christmas event is fast approaching. To complete the props for our big event, we are seeking to borrow 2 hay bales. If you are able to assist, please contact the school office on 9407 6400. Many thanks.



Are you still regularly late?

School begins at 8.30am. Thank you to the parents who ensure their children are at school on time. Students who are late miss important announcements and, more significantly, vital learning in the classroom. Additionally, late children disturb the learning of others and are very self conscious of entering after everyone else. Surprisingly the children blame Mum or Dad not being ready while Mum or Dad tend to say it's the children. If your child is arriving at school after 8.30am, please ensure that you accompany them to the office to sign a partial absence slip. A reminder that parents entering the grounds other than for assemblies, celebration events etc., must sign in and out through the office. Thank you.

Christmas Treats

In these last weeks of school, children like to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks. This is a lovely gesture. As there are a number of children at St Angela's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

St Angela's Swimming Carnival

Friday 13th December 2019

at Blacktown Aquatic Centre for Years 2 to 5.

Year 1 children who turn 8 in 2019, who are able to swim 50m in under 1 min 20 sec, will also be invited.

Parents are welcome to attend

Grade Assemblies

Please note our remaining whole school assembly for Term 4 is as follows:

Week 7 – Friday 29th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 4

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Band Showcase Evening

All are invited to come along and listen to the band students perform in an entertaining evening of music. Details of the showcase are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 4th December

Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Time: 7:00pm (students are asked to arrive by 6.30pm)

Dress: Summer school uniform

The evening will run for approximately one hour and we would love to see you there. If your child is unable to attend this performance, please email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Please see further information forthcoming soon.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of music.

Mr Walton

Band Director

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Year 4 Parent Survey, Year 5 Leadership 2020, K- Year 2 Swimming Program Parent Viewing, Special Family Week Food Day. Mr Calabria's Farewell, Year 6 Motiv8 Google Form

Hard Copy: Special Food Day note

International Teachers' Day

On Thursday 28th November, we celebrate International Teachers' Day (official date earlier this term) here at St Angela's. Christ's blessings are clearly evident through our wonderful teachers. They are truly a gift to be celebrated.



Teachers will be treated to a delightful morning tea from the class parent reps. Appreciation and thanks to your Class Parent Representatives for their efforts in making the day so



2019 Swimming Program

Tomorrow Years 3 and 4

Will be visited by Surf Lifesaving Australia on Friday 22nd November to undergo lessons at school in the areas of Surf and Sun Safety, First Aid and Resuscitation.

Assessment Strategies

Teachers employ a variety of assessment strategies. One of the initial strategies is by Observation. Teachers are able to gauge the children's levels of understandings through observation of their practices and behaviours when undertaking a task. Checklists and anecdotal records help in the recording of these observations. Anecdotal records are a more informal form of assessment where the teacher takes observational notes on a student's achievements, beliefs, attitudes and skills as they are engaged in a task. Questioning is another form of assessment and can be either written or oral. Higher order questions indicate not only facts retained by the student but also if the student is able to apply the known facts. Open ended questioning allows for more than one answer to a problem and involves thinking beyond facts or skills. Another assessment strategy widely used by teachers is Testing. Diagnostic tests assess specific concepts through written or oral questioning. They are used to diagnose areas of difficulty so that suitable teaching can take place. Performance based testing involves a practical test where the teacher assesses the student as they are involved in an activity. Pen and paper tests are used to assess skills and facts recently taught and are designed to assess a variety of outcomes. Multiple choice tests are generally included in more formal tests such as the NAPLAN test completed by the Years 3 and 5 students. Problem solving requires the student to reach a solution to a problem without the need to use a normal procedure or algorithm. Finally, teachers often ask the students to self reflect on their learning by recording their thoughts and experiences. This and other forms of self evaluation help the teacher to understand how a child feels about their learning and any difficulties they may be experiencing.

Mrs Michelle Yager

Assistant Principal

Support Services for Students and Parents

As part of the pastoral care program provided by the Catholic Education Office, counselling is available to students and their parents, if required. Our Counsellor, Mrs Sara Kennedy, is at St Angela's on Tuesdays and alternate (even weeks) Thursdays. Mrs Kennedy works with children who may require support, coping and managing due to some of life's challenges, including loss of a loved one, divorce, dealing with friendships, behaviour (home and/or school), anxiety, depression, anger etc. Counselling opportunities can be discussed with Mrs Yager or Mr Calabria or your child's class teacher.

Kindergarten Mum's Catch Up!

Come and join us for some food, wine & fun as Kindy Mums come together for a night off!

Where: Bella Vista Hotel. 13-15 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista

When: Friday Nov 22nd

Time: 6.30pm

Who: All the Mums of current Kindergarten Students

As we will be booking tables, please RSVP by Sunday 17th November to Kylie Pace on 0417458400 or Emma Raad on 0413 044 655

Hope to see you there!!



Reminder

Student Absence – Parent Portal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for using our Parent Portal to update your child's absence note.

Please ensure you add information in the Details/Comments area. This field must be completed as it is used to verify the reason you have selected.

The final step is to click on “Add Attendance Note”. (This is the ‘submit’ button.)

The screenshot shows the 'Add Attendance Note' form in the Parent Portal app. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Name:** Martha MACARTHUR
- Reason:** Medical - Illness (selected from a dropdown menu)
- Details / Comments:** Unwell with the flu
- Start Date:** 7 Aug 2019 at 8:00 am
- End Date:** 7 Aug 2019 at 5:00 pm
- Missed:** HROOM (Homeroom)
- Buttons:** 'Add Attendance Note' (blue) and 'I don't want to put an attendance note in' (grey)

Annotations and instructions:

- Details must be added:** A yellow arrow points to the 'Details / Comments' field.
- Select the Reason:** A red arrow points to the 'Reason' dropdown menu, which lists: Medical Illness, Medical Appointment, Holiday, Other Explained Absence, and Natural Disaster.
- Enter the Details:** A red arrow points to the 'Details / Comments' field.
- The Date will default to today:** A red arrow points to the 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields.
- Please add information:** A yellow arrow points to the 'Details / Comments' field, with a list of examples: Sick with the flu, Grandfather's funeral, Family commitment, and Special family event eg wedding.
- Final Step:** A large red arrow points to the 'Add Attendance Note' button.
- Final step – you must click on Add Attendance Note:** A large red arrow points to the 'Add Attendance Note' button.