



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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FAREWELL

Saturday 7th December, 2019

Parent function to farewell
Tony Calabria

6:30 pm here at St Angela's

Invitation/ Google Form/RSVP sent home on
Wednesday 13th November

RSVP by Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank You to our Talented Staff at St Angela's

Today we celebrated International Teachers' Day here at St Angela's (official date was earlier this term). Christ's blessings are clearly evident in our amazing staff. They are truly a gift to be celebrated. Our sincere appreciation for their commitment, generosity of time and talents, and their love for the children in their care. The dedication and passion to their teaching ministry is a challenge but one full of rewards. While acknowledging that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children, teachers are asked to join in that privilege of assisting the child to grow and develop. It is the partnership between home/school/parish that nurtures the child and allows them to grow into their full potential.

As teachers/staff, we try to educate the total person - spiritually, academically, socially, physically, culturally and emotionally. It is an enormous task to take a class of children into your care and develop each one individually. The children come to us in Kinder with all their personalities, attitudes, values, skills and knowledge well established. The first 5 years at home is crucial to what kind of person they are going to be. From this foundation we continue the journey of learning here at St Angela's until they leave us at the end of Year 6.

The teachers' role is vital to society. International Teachers' Day celebrates teachers/staff and their vocation in Catholic Education. We are blessed here at St Angela's to have such outstanding, generous and caring teachers/staff.

Teachers/staff were today 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 special for the staff.



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

Tony Calabria
Principal



See our St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hampers Appeal insert in this week's SHINE

Special Food Day Thanks!

Our appreciation and thanks to Wayne Davie, Donna Collins, Maria Fernandes, Rob Hall, Louisa Laird, Heidi Lee, Belinda Muscat, Donna Ortlepp, Kris Petersen, Michelle Rambow and Lucy Smith for all their help with our Special Family Week 'Sausage Sizzle' Food Day on Wednesday. Thank you on behalf of the 600+mouths you fed. Your help was very much appreciated.



SAVE THE DATE

Monday 16th December at 8:45am

Join us to farewell for Miss Joice and Mr Losurdo as part of our St Angela's Day Celebration prayer.

Tuesday 17th December at 8:45am

Join us as the students say farewell and show their appreciation and thanks to Mr Calabria at a special farewell, whole school assembly.

Swimming Carnival

Please ensure you have completed the swimming carnival google form (sent via email 22/11/19) for each individual child by tomorrow Friday 29th November .

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass **Next Thursday 5th December**

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass next Thursday 5th December at 9:00am in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. This is also an opportunity for the school community to farewell our Year 6 children and those leaving St Angela's. Our student leaders for 2020 will be officially presented during the Mass.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 1st December 2019: First Sunday of Advent - Year A

Gospel

[Mt 24:37-44](#)

The Lord is coming when we least expect.

Gospel Reflection

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

Historical Context – The Advent Wreath

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.



OLOR Parish Mass

We wish to thank the Year 3 students and their families who attended and assisted at the 9am Mass on Sunday 24th November. Fr Al appreciates your presence and participation in the celebration of the Eucharist with our parish community.



Mrs Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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



TOMORROW 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 in the library.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 7

Friday 29th November

Family Week

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 in the library

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

School Disco
4:30 - 6:00pm K to Year 2
6:30 - 8:00pm Years 3 to 6
(All proceeds donated to drought relief).

Sunday 1st December

6:00pm Year 6 Disco - Castle Hill RSL

Week 8

Tuesday 3rd December

12:00 Captains announced to Year 5 Cohort

Wed 4th December

6:00pm Diocesan Sports Awards - Rooty Hill

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/RSVP sent home on Wednesday 13th November) All Welcome

Sunday 8th December

2nd Sunday in Advent
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Week 9

Monday 9th December

Year 6 Motivate Day at St Angela's

Wed 11th December

6:30pm St Angela's Christmas Concert - All Welcome

Thursday 12th December

9:00am Shine Quest - All Welcome

Friday 13th December

St Angela's Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Pool for Years 2-5 All Welcome

Sunday 15th December

3rd Sunday in Advent

K - 2 Swimming Program

Our 2019 Swimming Program was a huge success. Our K-2 children enjoyed their week at The Castle Hill Swimming Centre and all showed pleasing progress in the pool. The children were well behaved on the buses and around the pool and the Swimming Centre complimented our St Angela's children on their effort and participation in the program. Well done!

Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 22/11/19)

Academic Excellence

Sienna Glass KB
Sophia Arreza KG
Joshua Losco KY
Gabiella Chehade 1B
Ray Zhang 1G
Penelope Jokic 1Y
Noah Tyler-Ottolino 2B
Ivy Smith 2G
Oliver Como 2Y
Joshua Van Egdom 3B
Lucas Trimboli 3G
Zachary Vujnovich 3Y
Ariya Sunner 4B
Carlo Scida 4G
Adam Hochstetter 4Y
Eva Lawlor 5B
Madeline Nasso 5G
Domenic Stornelli 5Y
Jeremy James 6B
Misha Vujnovich 6G
Mia Jacobs 6Y

St Angela's Award

Aiden Theoharous KB
Patrick Young KG
Domenic Trimboli KY
Livia Gigliucci 1B
Sofia Muscardo 1G
Rafferty Castillo 1Y
Jack Norris 2B
Henry Phelan 2G
Oliver Hewlett 2Y
Kirealea Crowe 3B
Adalyn Lewis 3G
William O'Neill 3Y
Jared Suarez 4B
Lilliana Sacco 4G
Emeline Fitzsimons 4Y
Isabella Cameron 5B
Jack Hall 5G
Olivia Ochudzawa 5Y
Lauren Evans 6B
Jayden Sampol 6G
Clarissa Burgess 6Y

Theme for the Week:

"Always be prepared"

*Our theme this week is related to the special time of Advent which begins this Sunday as we begin our preparations for the coming of Christ at the special time of Christmas. This theme also reinforces in children the need to be well prepared in their everyday life, from having their school learning materials to being able to plan ahead for events, etc. as opposed to last minute panic and parent rescues. A lot can be learnt from the old saying of: **"In failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."***

Happy Birthday!

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

December

Sun 1st
Oliver Gerrettson-Cornell

Thurs 5th
Christian Nasr

Mon 2nd
Lucas Rothwell

Sat 7th
Adalyn Lewis
Ned Cane
Noah Tyler-Ottolino

Tues 3rd
Christian Mendoza
Alana Laird

Wed 4th
Penelope Jokic



School Disco TOMORROW

Friday 29th November

DJ and music by 'Dance Fever'

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.**

Readers and Library Books

Please check at home for any overdue books.

Could all Guided Readers, books from class Browser Boxes and all Library books please be returned to school by the end of next week (Week 8). This will allow teachers and librarians to ensure that all resources are ready for next year. Many thanks for your support.

Mark Taylor Shield Cricket Final

What a ride the St Angela's Cricket team have enjoyed this year, culminating in the final which was held yesterday at the immaculate grounds of St Joseph's Hunters Hill.

The St Angela's team consisted of Harry Valenzisi, Ned Cane, Joel Foxe, Noah Andrew, Ben Smith, Aimon Fitzsimon, Matthew Foley, Yorick Lee, Logan McDonald, Josh McDermott, Lucas Seda and Jarvis Hemmings. It is worth noting that 5 out of the 12 boys don't play cricket yet here they were in the final of the Mark Taylor Shield. In contrast, St Angela's opponents yesterday were St Augustine's Brookvale (yes, the school Mr Calabria went to as a young boy) who have over 160 Year 5 and 6 boys who play weekend cricket to select from.

All 12 boys should be so proud of the way they played in the true spirit of the game. It was a nail biter with St Angela's needing 6 runs off the last over. Unfortunately, the boys finished 3 runs short but, hold your heads up boys you were great!

It was very exciting to have ex Australian cricket captain Mark Taylor at the game and to have him umpire our 2nd innings is something the boys will never forget.

Congratulations to Jarvis who was named by the umpires as the player of the final.

Special thanks to

Mr Lee who volunteered his time and expertise to coach the boys throughout the year.

Mr Valenzisi who scored at the games and Mr Calabria for his support on the day.

The parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles who supported and transported the boys to the ground.

Thank you to Mr Lee for his time and efforts in this facilitating this opportunity for the children.



This award ceremony is held every year to recognise students across our 54 diocesan primary schools who have excelled in sporty endeavours. To be invited, a student needs to represent MacKillop in at least two different sports.

- MacKillop AFL
- NSW PSSA AFL (Captain)
- MacKillop Touch Football

We are all very proud of you.

Mr Calabria

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.

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

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

All parents are most welcome to join us.



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

☆☆☆ Congratulations to Annabelle Sprem who won 1st prize in the Green Life Star Competition, which included a music scholarship. The overall score was based on self-introduction, performance, and several other criteria. Annabelle received the most points overall, with a score of 8.4 Well done!



Sent Home This Week:

Hard Copy:

Reports will be coming home soon. Our reports (Years 1 to 6) by law are required to award an achievement level to each child using a mandated A to E scale for each Key Learning Area. It is imperative to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently **the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.**

The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.

Example One:	Half Year Achievement level of C End of Year Achievement level of C
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Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Example Two:	Half Year Achievement level of B End of Year Achievement level of C
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In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

As you can appreciate, these reports present many challenges including determining what on average constitutes an A, B, C, D or E given the achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area.

As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This will apply to all Diocesan schools.

On Friday 22nd November, all students from Year 3 and 4 participated in training exercises with Surf Lifesaving Australia. They learnt valuable skills about how to be safe and save others in water rescue situations. . Valuable lifelong lessons were learnt by all with some great information to take home and share with the family.

We learnt how to perform CPR on mannequins. Firstly, we checked to see if they could respond by using C.O.W.S.

Can you hear me?
Open your eyes
What is your name?
Squeeze my hands

We then performed 30 compressions by pushing on the chest of the mannequin and then gave 2 breaths.

This was important to learn in case we ever need to help save someone. By Camila Diaz

We learnt how to be safe around water by using the AQUA code.

Go together
Reach and Rescue
Stay afloat and wave

These are important when swimming around pools, oceans and lakes.
By Brendan Khoudair

We learnt how to save people in the ocean by throwing them objects to pull them in. We used _____

A paddleboard
A rope
A noodle

By Zachary Vujnovich



St Vincent de Paul Society – OLOR Kellyville Conference
Christmas Hampers Appeal for 2019



It's not too early to be thinking of Christmas

Especially for many families who are less fortunate than us

A Christmas message Peace ... Joy Love

While Christmas is a time of joy for many, it can also be a stressful and emotional period for some families in our community who will struggle with basic necessities like food, clothing, buying gifts for the children, payment of electricity and gas bills, day-to-day expenses and isolation. There are many families in Kellyville and surrounding areas that are experiencing these problems and disadvantage.

Our school community is invited to donate items for the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hampers. Through your generous support, they will be able to offer Christmas Hampers to these disadvantaged families and give them the opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with their loved ones and give them the gift of hope for a brighter 2020!

We have provided below a list of items which you might like to donate for inclusion in each hamper:

Suggested Items:

- 1 Christmas Cake (preferably in a tin)
- 1 Christmas pudding
- 1 longlife custard
- 2 packets Aeroplane jelly
- Chocolates (preferably in a tin or box)
- A packet/box of shortbread biscuits
- Packets of assorted mixed dried fruits and nuts (cashews. Almonds, walnuts sultanas etc)
- 1 tin Pringles
- 1 tin baked beans
- 2 tins of canned fruit

Many thanks for your generous support.

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- 2 packets lollies/fudge
- 1 packet Christmas bon-bons
- A Christmas card and greeting .. would be lovely if it is created and designed by the students
- A Christmas candle.
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OPTIONAL (at your discretion)!!

- Unbreakable Christmas ornaments
- Festive paper serviettes
- A plastic festive Christmas table cloth
- Plastic festive plates or bowls
- **A CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD WOULD BE A WONDERFUL INCLUSION WITH EACH HAMPER...** It would help each family buy little gifts for their children.

NO BOTTLES PLEASE!!

We suggest that the items be packed in large cloth shopping bags (instead of cardboard boxes). A large ALDI, COLES or WOOLWORTHS shopping bag would be ideal! The bag can be made to look quite festive ... its amazing how creative our young students are.

Hampers from *St Angela's Primary School* will be collected by a member of the Kellyville SVDP Conference during the week beginning 9th December 2019.

The hampers will be delivered to deserving families by members of Our Lady of the Rosary - St Vincent de Paul Society, Kellyville Conference.

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU! Wishing your School Community, teachers, students and families all the Blessings, Peace and Joy of Christmas 2019!



Happy
Holidays!