



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 8



FAREWELL

This Saturday 7th December, 2019

Parent function to farewell

Tony Calabria

6:30 pm here at St Angela's

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that in less than two weeks the school year will come to an end for 2020 along with my amazing 10 year journey here at St Angela's. The busyness of this tail end of year in the commercial sector, let alone schools and life itself is often frantic. Many parents I speak to often express how busy they are, not surprisingly the children also talk about how busy they are throughout each week with commitments. I encourage you to intentionally make and take opportunities to spend time as a family. It is this special family time that children crave, cherish and remember. Our children grow up so quickly. The early years are indeed precious. Whether it is a walk in the afternoon, a meal together, sharing a book, or just good conversation, time together is important. We should spend time on what is important. What is more important than family?

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At this time of year the reading from (Matthew 25:31-46) contains a powerful message for our children and for all as adults. Christ's teaching through this passage highlights how our faith can be expressed in practical charity to others. It is a simple and accessible message that as parents we can role model for our children in the way we treat others.

..... "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick and go to visit you?' 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' ....."

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This year we also farewell Andrew Losurdo, our Information Technology trainee. Andrew has successfully completed his 2 year traineeship and has been an amazing asset to our St Angela's team. His expertise, skills, professionalism, commitment and positive attitude are well beyond his years. Andrew has been quickly snapped up by the diocese to continue his IT work across clusters of schools. We wish Andrew all the best for the future and thank him for his contribution to St Angela's.

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

Tony Calabria  
Principal



**Christmas Concert**  
**This Wednesday 11th December**  
**6:30pm**

We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas celebration with all families and friends of St Angela's Primary School this Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm under the Big Top.

The children will need to be at school by 6.00pm. Please refer to the email sent home last week regarding costumes for the children to wear. We ask that when children arrive they go to their classroom to meet their teacher and prepare.

We ask all families to bring blankets, cushions or chairs. Blankets and cushions will be used to sit on the concrete area and chairs will be accommodated at the back of the concrete area. All cars are to be parked outside the school grounds due to safety. Families can enter by either the front or back gates. School gates (front and back) will open at 5.30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our special Christmas Celebration.



**ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY  
CELEBRATION**  
**MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER**



The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations. We will be having excitement filled rides and a complimentary gelato 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. Please be sure to complete the permission google form which was emailed home yesterday so your child can participate.

**School Returns in 2020 for:**  
**Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday 29th January and**  
**Kindergarten on Monday 3rd February**



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## Religious Education

**Sunday, 8th December 2019: Second Sunday of Advent - Year A**

**Gospel**

[Mt 3:1-12](#)

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

**Living the Gospel – Prepare Ye!**

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

**End of Year Mass**

Thank you students for your reverent participation in the mass this morning. Thanks to all families and friends who were able to join us in this celebration.

*Mrs Jocelyn Williams*

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, Kellyville CHRISTMAS AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

*(All dates are for the month of December)*

**7.30PM, 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville

**7.30PM, 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

St. Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills

**CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER**

6pm Vigil Mass

(Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Alejandro.)

8pm Mass

(11pm Christmas Carols sung by Choir)

11.30pm "Midnight" Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER**

7am, 9am and 11am Masses

**(THERE IS NO EVENING MASS  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY)**

**BOXING DAY, THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER**

11 am Mass at the Shrine

**(THERE IS NO MASS AT OLOR TODAY)**

**MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2018

11am in the Parish church

Bring a plate to share afterwards.

**(THERE IS NO 9.15AM MASS AT OLOR TODAY)**

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

TUESDAY, 31 DECEMBER

7pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Church

WEDNESDAY, 1 JANUARY

8am Shrine Mass and 9.15am Parish Mass



## Upcoming Dates

**TERM 4**

**Week 8**

**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  
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

**Week 10**

**Monday 16th December**

St Angela's Celebration Day  
Rides and a Gelato treat

8:45am Farewell Assembly (Miss  
Joice and Mr Losurdo) and prayer.  
All Welcome

**Tuesday 17th December**

8:45am Farewell Assembly for Mr  
Calabria - All Welcome

**2:30pm Year 6 Farewell Parade  
All Welcome**

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

**Wed 18th December**

Students last day of the Year  
Christmas Mufti

**Thursday 19th December**

Staff Development/ Pupil Free Day

**Friday 20th December**

Staff Development / Pupil Free Day

### 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. This will allow teachers and librarians to ensure that all resources are ready for next year. Many thanks for your support.

### Special Assemblies

**Save the Dates:**

**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.

## Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 29/11/19)

### Academic Excellence

Ruby Aquilina KB  
Madeline Dafter KG  
Lilly Green KY  
Alana Laird 1B  
Scarlett Sosa 1G  
Tanyaradzwa Muregerera 1Y  
Adrian Sacco 2B  
Sophie Pickles 2G  
Simone Laird 2Y  
Evanglos Tikellis 3B  
Hamish Geoghegan 3G  
Marcus Ma 3Y  
Bronte Woodhead 4B  
Dominique Gularte 4G  
Alexander Pace 4Y  
Jackson Bercich 5B  
Emma Lang 5G  
Jessica Araneda 5Y  
Jack Tole 6B  
Natalie Cerreto 6G  
Joe Khoudair 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Marcus Eltakchi KB  
Eva Garcia-Loyola KG  
Elissa Zaidan KY  
Sienna Fernandes 1B  
Patrick Crowley 1G  
Harrison Gibbons 1Y  
Sophie McIntyre 2B  
Seth Petersen 2G  
Flynn Wilson 2Y  
Stirling Post 3B  
Bronte Solomon 3G  
Jacob Crawford 3Y  
Isabella Khodeir 4B  
Alexandra Huynh 4G  
Zachary Brook 4Y  
Eva Lawlor 5B  
Dean Aberley 5G  
Finnian Christie 5Y  
Noah Granero 6B  
Radheen Wettasinghe 6G  
Jessica Woolnough 6Y

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jarvis Hemmings 6 Yellow who last night at the Diocesan Sports Awards was recognised for his outstanding sporting achievements by winning the acclaimed Ann D Clark Memorial Award for Excellence in Sport. This award is the highest acknowledgment of any primary sports person in the diocese. We are all very proud of you!



### Meet Your Teacher for 2020

Children will have an opportunity to meet their new class teacher for 2020 this coming Thursday 12th December. A list of class teachers for 2020 will be emailed early next week.

### Year 6 Guard of Honour

The whole school will gather to wish Year 6 all the best next Tuesday 17th December at approximately 2:30pm under the big top. Parents are most welcome to attend.

### Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 17th December at 7:00pm in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. All welcome.

### Last Day of School for 2019

Wednesday 18th December is the last day for all students in Kindy to Year 6 for 2019. The children are welcome to wear Christmas Mufti to help celebrate this joyous time of year. Staff will be at school on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December.



## Happy Birthday!



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community

### December

#### Sun 8th

Maximus Orefice  
Emma Lang  
Joshua Raad

#### Thurs 12th

Victoria Pinna

#### Tues 10th

Riley Dafter  
Tahlia Mackay  
Sohia Millalongo  
Sinera Janaratne

#### Fri 13th

Emmanuel Dib  
Courtney Lean  
Miss McRoberts

#### Sat 14th

Charley Natividad

#### Wed 11th

Sienna Azar

## School Leaders for 2020

*Congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders for 2020, as announced at this morning's end of year Mass:*

### School Captains

Evan Hunt

Ruby Moller

### School Vice Captains

Matthew Despoges

Kathryn Basobas

### Brescia

Brayden Manio

Jemima Scothern

### Garda

Kaija Knevitt

Ava De Carlo

### Merici

Max Bourne

Tyra Moc

### Saló

Ryan Sloan

Hailey Cassettari

## Chess Grand Finals 2019

Congratulations to all students who have taken part in the St. Angela's Junior and Senior Chess Championship this term. Grand Finals will take place in the school library on Tuesday, 10th December at 12.30 pm. We wish our finalists the best of luck and congratulate all the children who have participated in the competition. They displayed wonderful skill and sportsmanship.

Junior Finalists: Gia Anonical vs Sean Phung

Senior Finalists: Jason Herbas vs Aaron Hohn



Many thanks to our Chess Coordinators Mrs Kelly, Mrs Ogilvie and Mrs Sandri, for providing this opportunity to our students.



## 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.

## Theme for the Week:

*"It is in giving that we receive"*

*Our theme this week focuses on the gifts of 'ourselves' that we give to others when we help another person, when we speak a kind word, when we forgive, when we do something for someone else and expect nothing in return. To gain satisfaction from simply living out our gospel values in our interactions with others truly helps us receive Christ in our lives at this special time of Christmas.*



## Christmas Hampers Last Call Next Friday 13th December

The St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to needy families. Thank you to those families who have already donated hampers. Please keep in mind that we are hoping to provide a Christmas dinner for families who otherwise would not have anything special to eat on Christmas Day. A list of suggested items has been sent home to all families. Please send items in to your child's class teacher **Friday 13th December** to allow distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the disco last Friday evening. It was a great night of dance, dance, dancing. Many thanks to all the wonderful helpers who assisted on the night, Ola Callan-Kerkenezov, Wayne Davie, Racelle Fameron, Sonali Fernandez, Jessica Glass, Anissa Gordon, Jane Hewlett, Heidi Lee, Natalie Lewis, Carolyn Manio, Jackie Nasso, Cherille Paton, Lisa Pickles, Michelle Siric, Jenny Tallaridi, Katherine Vassallo, Nicole Worsman, and George Zaidan. Appreciation to Wayne Davie for coordinating the two dance sessions.

### Sent Home This Week:

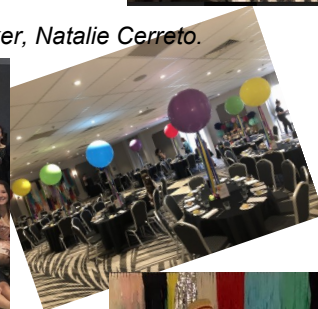
**Emailed:** Kindergarten 2020 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments, Year 6 Christmas Concert Costumes, End of Year Mass, St Angela's Day Google Form

**Hard Copy:** Year 5 Graduation Supper, Christmas Concert Costumes

## Year 6 Dinner Disco

On Sunday the 1st of December Year 6 gathered at Castle Hill RSL for our graduation dinner. As we went into the venue, there was a crowd of excited Year 6 children walking down the red carpet. During the fun and exciting event, we were visited by a humorous magician called Matt Falloon. After he did his iconic balloon animals, we had dessert and began dancing away to the loud music. It was a night that will always be remembered!

By: Ava Bizzanelli, Narelle Barker, Natalie Cerreto.



## A Sacramental Coordinator is needed for Our

Lady or the Rosary Parish in Kellyville to facilitate with the preparation of children and their families for each of three Sacraments/year. The position is paid and offers 15 hours per week. Hours are flexible except when sacraments happen. We need someone who can present to large groups (both children and parents), exudes confidence and knowledge of the Faith, can work with computers, is organized and a self starter, and has a positive attitude and flexibility to support our families. Sacramental program commences April 2020. Please submit an expression of interest to our office administrator at; [admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au](mailto:admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au)

## 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 2020 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 assist at the occasion please email the school office at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au). We aim to have the event on **Friday, 7th 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.*



## Star Spot

Congratulations to Brayden Manio (5G) and Matthew Despoges (5Y) who were selected in the Parramatta Diocese Basketball Team. The boys will compete in Wollongong at the MacKillop trials in February next year. Well Done Brayden and Matthew.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our whole school community evening this year will be held on:

Wednesday 11th December  
6:30pm under the Big Top

**Kindergarten:** White and silver clothing

**Year 1:** Denim (overalls, skirt, shorts) and white with a touch of silver eg; tinsel

**Year 2:** Children to be dressed like a toy – dresses, long socks, bow ties, braces or a toy costume.

**Year 3:** White and denim with something red/green eg; tinsel.

**Year 4:** Denim shorts, Christmas t-shirt and sunglasses

**Year 5:** Red, white, green or black clothing – any combination

**Year 6:** White shirts (can be a t-shirt), black pants/shorts, black shoes

*Unless specified, all children in Kindergarten to Year 6 are asked to wear sneakers or flat sandals.*

Please do not purchase any of these items but rather borrow from others if needed.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

St Angela's Teachers