



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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**My heart felt thanks and appreciation** to the many parents that attended last Saturday evening's farewell celebration. My Sincere thank you to Antonella Tesoriero who co-ordinated the event and to the team of parents and staff who assisted to make the night possible.

It was wonderful to catch up with so many parents, share a laugh and spend time together.

Sadly, in less than a week, my 10 year journey here at St Angela's will come to an end. It has been an honour and privilege to serve this amazing community.

This is my final newsletter to you after 10 years, although next week, you will receive a final farewell and thank you message as I officially sign off as the Principal of this amazing St Angela's community.

Dear Parents,

## Christmas Concert

Our favourite night of the year, our Christmas concert, was a wonderful evening of Christmas spirit as we gathered as a St Angela's community under the banner of our faith. We were indeed blessed with good weather.

Our concert inspired us to reflect on the many joys of Christmas and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ. The children certainly were the bright shining stars of the evening. Their performances were just amazing. Our sincere thanks to Miss Joice for beautifully coordinating the evening, assisted by all the teachers. Appreciation and thanks to our sound technician, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Criss for the beautiful choir, Miss Joice, Mrs Aberley and Mrs Smith for preparing the dancers and special thanks to Mr Laird for preparing our staging and grounds.

Thank you for your overwhelming presence, support and well wishes. It was very much appreciated.

## What an Amazing Year! Let alone 10! Together, we have let our light shine!

As 2019 comes to a close, we reflect on what an amazing year of faith, fun and learning we have had. We have been blessed in 'letting our light shine' in so many ways.

Thank you to the children. They are the reason we are here. Their enthusiasm for life and learning is a wonderful example to us all.

To you, our parents, the primary educators of your children, I give thanks for your support and partnership in providing so much for the children. No matter what your contribution over the year, big or small, it is appreciated and has benefitted the children.

We wish all those venturing on from St Angela's the best that life has to offer and welcome new families to our community for next year. This year, along with myself, we also farewell Miss Joice and Mr Losurdo (IT) and Mrs Kennedy (counsellor).

To Miss Joice, thank you for all you have done for St Angela's over the last 7 years. Your dedication, care for the students, expertise and achievements have been very much valued and appreciated. We wish you all the best as you start your new journey at Loretto, Kirribilli.

To Mr Losurdo, thank you for all things 'technology' in the last 2 years, during your traineeship here at St Angela's. You are an outstanding young man, with a big future. We wish you every success in your new role at the Catholic Education Office.

We also thank Mrs Sara Kennedy who has been our Catholic Education Office appointed school counsellor for 2019. Sara will continue her work in other diocesan schools. Our new counsellor is yet to be announced by the Catholic Education Office.

I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute and thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past year. Together they facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic and human excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, themselves and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day but it is in their giving so much that they receive.

My sincere thanks to our clerical ladies and support teachers. Their smiles greet so many and their support for the children, parents and staff is uncompromising. To Mr Laird (grounds and maintenance) who has kept our school looking so good and functioning as a learning environment, thank you.

My thanks to Mrs Yager, our amazing Assistant Principal, for her support to not only myself, but to the entire St Angela's community. She is an outstanding leader and educator whose love of the children, expertise and gentle nature are a true blessing to all.

We are blessed to have had Father Alejandro guiding our parish community in its spiritual journey and relationship with Christ. Many thanks for his faith, love and care.

May Christ's blessings be with you during this Holy season. Remember, **it is not what is under the Christmas tree but who is around it**, enjoy this special time with your family. I will miss you all immensely. God bless and keep you safe always.



(The joy of Christmas captured on our St Angela's oval).

**And for the last time.....'have a great day of faith, fun and learning'.**

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

Tony Calabria  
Principal



**St Angela's Swimming Carnival**  
**Tomorrow Friday 13th December 2019**  
**Years 2 to 5 and Year 1 children turning 8 in**  
**2020 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre**  
**Parents are welcome to attend**  
**See information sent home 22nd November**



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## Religious Education

**Sunday, 15th December 2019: Third Sunday of Advent - Year A**

### Gospel

[Mt 11:2-11](#)

*John asks, 'Are you the one who is to come?'*

### Living the Gospel – Gaudete!

The third Sunday of Advent was traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. The word, gaudete, (pronounced gow-day-tay) is from Latin and means Rejoice! The name was given to this Sunday because the entrance antiphon for the day is: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.' When Advent was observed as a more penitential season, this third Sunday was a break from the sombre mood and was more celebratory. The rose-coloured candle in the Advent wreath and rose-coloured vestments convey a mood of joy and celebration.

*Mrs Jocelyn Williams*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

### 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

**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

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

### 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.

### Pre-Requisite Lists \* Coming Home Soon

**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)

### 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 06/12/19)

### Academic Excellence

Sebastian Raad KB  
 Oliver Dinsdale KG  
 Scarlet Joukhadar KY  
 Havana Seydler 1B  
 Annelise Araneda 1G  
 James Lang 1Y  
 Isabella Ciantar 2B  
 Mia Cordi 2G  
 Chloe Mowbray 2Y  
 Aiden Cabezas 3B  
 David Gigliucci 3G  
 Myah Ciccica 3Y  
 Tiana Azzopardi 4B  
 Olivia Miletic 4G  
 Ryan McDermott 4Y  
 Lara Gomes Pestana 5B  
 Lachlan Burden 5G  
 Patrick Abdow 5Y  
 Aaron Hohn 6B  
 Natalie Cerreto 6G  
 Emily Lambert 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Eloise Hoon KB  
 Chloe Barbara KG  
 Annabelle Sprem KY  
 James Morr 1B  
 Alexis Foxe 1G  
 Aliana Elizaga 1Y  
 Jack Norris 2B  
 Massimo Muscardo 2G  
 Patrick Netana 2Y  
 Leah benedict 3B  
 Awindee Jayakody 3G  
 Lachlan Hall 3Y  
 Zane Benning 4B  
 Taylor D'Silva 4G  
 Isabella Sultana 4Y  
 Clarissa Gumuljo 5B  
 Chanel Nasr 5G  
 Cooper Mills 5Y  
 Anthony El-Rahi 6B  
 Radheen Wettasinghe 6G  
 Noah Andrew 6Y

## Shine Quest

Congratulations to the high numbers of absolute budding stars who today participated in our 2019 Shine Quest, both at a grade level and at today's performance. Our appreciation and thanks to Miss Joyce for coordinating this opportunity for the children and to Mrs Simpson for expertly facilitating the music and sound.

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Liam Nicholls (2B) who, last Sunday competed in the Sydney Cup Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Circuit and was awarded the silver medal. Well done!

Congratulations also to Brandon D'Silva (5B) who achieved his black belt in karate this week. Well done!

## 2020 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2020, will be soon emailed to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. Please notify the school via email at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) if your child's medical requirements have changed and your no longer require medication to be permanently stored at school. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

## Year 6 Gift to St Angela's

Many thanks to our departing Year 6 students who will be gifting the school with colour house tear drop banners for use at and away from school. Each banner will also acknowledge that it was donated by Year 6 2019, as a sign of their appreciation for the Catholic Education they have received over their time at St Angela's.



**Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday during December:**

<p><b>Mon 16th</b>                  Ruby Aquilina                  Lincoln Brown                  Oliver Newbury</p> <p><b>Tues 17th</b>                  Ronan Phung                  Miss Claxton</p> <p><b>Wed 18th</b>                  Amelia Baylis</p> <p><b>Thurs 19th</b>                  Shiloh Aguas                  Freya Begg                  Narelle Barker</p> <p><b>Fri 20th</b>                  Hudson Lukas                  Beth Kenny                  William Lakeman                  Monte Piotto</p> <p><b>Sat 21st</b>                  Jai Powell                  Miranda Soliman                  Finnian Christie                  Mrs Newbury</p>	<p><b>Tue 24th</b>                  Veronica Cheng                  Jessica Lester                  Willow Neeld</p> <p><b>Wed 25th</b>                  Flynn Manning                  Samaan Abu Duhou</p> <p><b>Thurs 26th</b>                  Indigo Read</p> <p><b>Fri 27th</b>                  Dayna Mills</p> <p><b>Sat 28th</b>                  Noah Andrew</p> <p><b>Mon 30th</b>                  Eden Gliddon                  Norah Siountris                  Riley Roditis</p>
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### 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.



## 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.

## Chess Grand Finals 2019

Congratulations to all students who took part in the St Angela's Chess Competition this year. The Grand Final took place during lunch on Tuesday 10th December.

Special congratulations to the following students:

- Junior Champion - Sean Phung
- Junior Runner Up - Gia Anonical
- Senior Champion - Jason Herbas
- Senior Runner Up - Aaron Hohn

*Many thanks to our Chess coordinators Mrs Kelly, and Mrs Sandri for coordinating this opportunity.*

## Year 6 Graduation

Next Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm, Year 6 and their families will gather in our hall to celebrate God's many blessings on them during their time at St Angela's. Grandparents/siblings are welcome. We ask that siblings are fully supervised so that the evening's focus is on our Year 6 graduates. A light supper organised by our Year 5 parents will be held after Mass. Many thanks to the generous Year 5 parents who have volunteered to provide food and/or assist.

Our thanks for the many years the following families have been consistently, without a break, associated with St Angela's as their youngest child leaves Year 6 -

Farewell and thank you from our St Angela's community.

Agius (5 yrs)	Hemmings (5yrs)	Nati (10 yrs)
Bizzanelli (11yrs)	Herbas (8yrs)	O'Donnell (10yrs)
Barker (16yrs)	Jacobs (15yrs)	Sampol (12yrs)
Borg (8yrs)	James (13yrs)	Suefong (9yrs)
Calleja (7yrs)	Knight (7yrs)	Valenzisi (12yrs)
Cerreto (12yrs)	Mackay (9yrs)	Van Jour (10yrs)
Darmudi (11yrs)	McDonald (9yrs)	Woolnough (13yrs)
Goodall (14yrs)	McEvoy (12yrs)	Zeid (7yrs)
Granero (15yrs)	Mendoza (9 yrs)	Bishop (6 yrs)
Burgess (11yrs)	Cane (9 yrs)	Cartisano (12 yrs)
Fahmy (11 yrs)	Hemmings (7yrs)	Hohn (9 yrs)
Janaratne (12yrs)	Jung (7yrs)	Kadam (11yrs)
Knight (11yrs)	Love (12yrs)	Mabic (7yrs)
Murdocca (14yrs)	Oh (2yrs)	Peterson (11yrs)
Pinna (9yrs)	Santos (2yrs)	Simunic (7yrs)
Thian (7yrs)	Vander Stok (12yrs)	Wettasinghe (3yrs)
Yager (7 Yrs)		

### Year 6 Parent Helpers

A big thank you to the following parents (listed in alphabetical order) who have assisted with the Year 6 dinner/disco, and/or Yearbook.

*Dinner Dance Committee - Marie Catalano, Linda Cerato, Julie Colosimo, Jo Evans, Alli Holmes, Louisa Laird, Nicole Love, Jaime Mackay, Vicki McEvoy and Bec Nati, assisted on the evening by Kristy Como, Naomi Crowley, Cecile Fitzsimmons, Michelle Jacobs, Louise Khoudair, Annette Peterson and Kerry Valenzisi,*

*Yearbook - Michelle Jacobs, Rebecca McDonald, Annette Peterson and Tara Shepherd.*

*Your generosity is very much appreciated and valued. The children had one of their most memorable nights thanks to you:*

**Thank you, from all of us to you**

## Year 6 Motiv8 Sports Day

The Year 6 Motiv8 day on Monday, was so much fun! We completed numerous exciting team building activities, such as Japanese Blindfolds and challenging obstacle courses. Our favourite part of the day was when we got to throw flour at people and watch them get paint all over themselves!



Arielle Henwood  
6B

## 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. 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.*

## Registrations Open for Castle Hill Sports Netball Club

Registrations for Castle Hill Sports Netball Club open on the 7<sup>th</sup> January for the 2020 Netball Winter season. What we run:

**5-6 years old** – 10-week skills program  
**7-9 years old** – Friday Night games and one night training  
**10+ years** – Saturday games and one night training

We train at Bernie Mullane and play at Wellgate Avenue in Kellyville starting in May. If your child is interested in playing please check our website [chsnethball.com.au](http://chsnethball.com.au) or our Facebook page for further details and the link to register.

## Band Showcase Evening Wrap-up

St Angela's community were treated to a wonderful end-of-year evening concert on Wednesday 4th December. The show kicked off with our Training Band performing Surprise Symphony, Old MacDonald had a Band and Power Rock. An amazing effort that had the crowd toe tapping along. We were then entertained by a number of ensemble groups including our two amazing acoustic guitar groups. Our 40 piece Concert Band then dazzled the audience with Limbo Rock, Happy and Hunger Games Piece. The evening was closed with a beautiful rendition of Counting Stars. Congratulations to our talented musicians.

From Mr Walton, Mr Wilson and Mr Masman.

*A sincere thank you to Mr Walton and Mr Wilson and Mr Echevarria (our guitar tutor) for capably leading our band program.*



## Thank you

Our sincere gratitude and thanks to Mr Wayne Davie (Yasmin 5Y and Zoe 3Y) for being our Chairperson for all our General Parent Meetings, along with being involved in so many committees, including fundraising, leading our canteen/special food days and also representing St Angela's on different occasions.

His support to the community and always being there for others is very much appreciated. It is Wayne's generosity of his time and of self, his 'nothing is impossible' attitude and his genuine commitment to making a difference for the children, that are a true gift to our community.

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Thank you to our Fun(d)raising/Social Committee.

Their outstanding work has helped raise many thousands which have gone to purchasing laptops, ipads and literacy resources for your children and for future children of St Angela's to use. We appreciate all you have done.

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Thank you to the large number of parents who have given generously of their time and support in so many ways this term at St Angela's. This includes helping with excursions, sporting events, literacy, classrooms, parent meetings, library assistance, home readers, special food days, graduation supper, second hand uniforms, Year 6 celebrations, debating, special events, fun(d)raising, discos, canteen, morning teas, book club and so much more.

### Sent Home This Week:

**Emailed:** Help Covering Books, Staffing 2020, Swimming Carnival  
**Hard Copy:** Year 6 Graduation



*The Staff of St Angela's wish you all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*