



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 1, Week 7

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week - Education for Today and Tomorrow and St Patrick's Day Celebrations - Green Mufti Tomorrow, Friday 13th March

We are looking forward to our Catholic Schools Week (including St Patrick's Day) celebrations tomorrow Friday 13th March. The day will begin with a whole school assembly at 8.45am, followed by a community morning tea for parents. The children will then welcome parents into their classrooms to share a learning activity with them. All parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Children are invited to wear green mufti and are asked to bring in a donation of 'gold or fold' to support our social justice outreach through Caritas Project Compassion in order to help make a difference to those in need.

At St Angela's, we have high expectations and aim to excel in everything we undertake. Most importantly, we are certainly blessed to work with your child in partnership with you in developing their spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical potential. It was lovely to recently receive the following email from a grateful parent that acknowledges some of the important areas we strive to achieve at St Angela's:

"As we make our way through another week of school, I just wanted to express my delight with St Angela's Primary School. My eldest child started this year in kindergarten and already in just a few weeks I have watched her confidence and independence grow. The school's approach to communication is commendable; and the warm community created in and around the school has been delightful to become a part of. I have been impressed to see no opportunities missed to engage the children and their parents through events, written and verbal communication, photos, songs and prayer. In addition, all of the children with whom I have come into contact at the

school reflect the exemplary approach taken to education at St Angela's and genuinely seem to care for and respect one another. I am so pleased that I thought it was worth letting you know. I look forward to many more years of being part of this wonderful community."

I am extremely proud of St Angela's, the amazing staff, beautiful faith filled students and you, our supportive parents, not just during Catholic Schools Week but each and every week. Together we are all very much part of the success of our great school.

As we journey towards Easter in this Lenten period, please keep in mind those less fortunate than ourselves. We ask for your generosity towards our Project Compassion boxes as part of our social justice outreach to help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

PROJECT

Calming in times of need

Own it, share it

Makes everyone feel loved

Pass it around and make smiles

A sign of integrity

Something the world needs more of

Signifies a true hero

In times of despair, this shall appear

Overly enjoyed

Not a want, but a need

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Theme for the week:

"Have Faith & Trust in Jesus"

Our theme this week helps remind us that we should always place our trust in Jesus - to trust and know that His love and care will always be with us and guide our lives. As a family we live out and show our faith and trust in Jesus as we deal with life's challenges.

Prayer as a family is just one of the many ways of making Jesus part of our lives.

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Catholic Schools Week and St Patrick's Day Flyer
Letter from Diocesan Parent Representative Council
Parent Teacher Interview Information (6 Green)

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Friday 27th March at 9.00am

St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

We ask that families who have not returned the Student Image and/or Works and Sale of Raffle Ticket consent forms, please do so by tomorrow, Friday 13th March. Many thanks.



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Religious Education God

Sunday, March 15th 2015

Year B

4th Sunday in Lent

John 3:14-21

The Gospel reading from John's Gospel has two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. In the conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

Taken from Loyola Press A Jesuit Ministry

The Season of Lent: During the season of Lent the children at St Angela's have been making Lenten promises, which are displayed in their classrooms.

As Catholics, we joyfully engage in Lenten disciplines because we are disciples. We **pray**, **give** (almsgiving) [Project Compassion], and **sacrifice** (give up or do an extra something) because we follow Christ, who loved us so much that gave his own life so that we might share in Eternal Life.

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLING PROJECT

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey. The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community, and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement.

Between 9th and 20th March all staff, students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred.

This year we will be able to get even more information about the link between student wellbeing and learning outcomes. To do this we will need to include a student identifier in the student survey. The survey will remain confidential and individual survey responses will not be accessible by the school or the Catholic Education Office. An independent survey consultant (Insight SRC) who manages the data collection will ensure the survey data is kept strictly confidential. Each school will receive a de-identified information report at the end of May to help them to develop strategies for further improvement. While this is a change from previous years, it will definitely help us in working with all students to improve their learning. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria.

As a parent, if you are randomly selected to complete the survey (which has been sent home today), we would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

Quote of the Week

"Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become."



Upcoming Dates

Week 7

Fri 13th Mar

8.45am Catholic Schools Week Assembly including St Patrick's Day, followed by morning tea and open classrooms - All welcome. Gold or fold donation for Caritas

Week 8

Wed 18th Mar

Year 1 Excursion to Manly Sea Life Sanctuary

2.20pm Kindergarten Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Fri 20th Mar

2.10pm Year 3 Grade Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 9

Thurs 26th Mar

1.30-2.45pm Second Hand Uniform Sale outside the canteen

Fri 27th Mar

9.00am Kindergarten 2016 Information Session and School Tour in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

2.10pm Year 1 Grade Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 10

Tues 31st Mar

St Angela's Cross Country - Kindergarten to Year 6 on school grounds

Thurs 2nd Apr

Holy Thursday
8.45am Whole school Easter Celebrations - All welcome

Last day of Term 1

Fri 3rd Apr

Good Friday

Sat 4th Apr

Holy Saturday

Sun 5th Apr

Easter Sunday

Mon 6th Apr

Easter Monday

TERM 2

Week 1

Mon 20th Apr

First day of Term 2 for staff and students

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to Mrs Michelle Szady (4 Blue teacher) and her family due to the passing into eternal life of Mrs Szady's grandmother.

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to Mrs Natalie Newbury (6 Blue teacher) and her family due to the passing into eternal life of Mrs Newbury's grandfather.

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to Mrs Liz Burke (Administration) and her family as Mrs Burke's brother is currently ill in hospital.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Taylor D'Silva KB
Luca Bercich KG
Mia Khoudair KY
Taylor Ngo 1B
Brayden Manio 1G
Jorja McKnight 1Y
Noah Wheatley 2B
Tia Post 2G
Ned Cane 2Y
Katarina Costa 3B
Keira Murphy 3G
Kiara Lee 3Y
Emily Ortlepp 4B
Indianna Cane 4G
Zachary Pace 4Y
Matthew Jacobs 5B
Olivia Nati 5G
Spencer Anderson 5Y
Dylan Nguyen 6B
Charlotte Burgess 6G
Dylan Mendoza 6Y

St Angela's Award

Adam Hochstetter KB
Georgia Lee KG
Leonardo Blefari KY
Jessica White 1B
Aidan Vassallo 1G
Benjamin McNamara 1Y
Ava Bizzanelli 2B
James Watson 2G
Narelle Barker 2Y
Mitchell Smith 3B
Samuel Langridge 3G
Genevieve Brouillard 3Y
Riley Mackay 4B
Patrick Sultana 4G
Caitlin Mu 4Y
Josh Bautista 5B
Connie Costa 5G
Jayson Orley 5Y
Conor Siney 6B
Brae Harriss 6G
Zane Smolinski 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 15th

Sienna Javidi
Aeven Mendoza

Wed 18th

Jacob Holm
Aaron Hohn
Jessica Hohn

Tues 17th

Imogen Pfeffercorn
Sarah O'Donnell
Tyra Moc
Darius Mekary

Thurs 19th

Emma Heanes

Fri 20th

Bernadette Laird
Jorja McKnight

Sat 21st

Sr Venera
(Foundation Principal)



Star Spot

Keep an eye out for Thomas Norris (3 Yellow) who, together with his Hills Bulls Rugby League team mates, appears on the opening promo for the "Small Talk with the Big Man" segment on Channel 9's Footy Show each Thursday evening. Thomas also appeared on the segment last week.



With an election looming, please see the letter emailed today from the Parramatta Diocesan Parent Representative Council

EASTER EGGS AT SCHOOL

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.

Grade Assemblies

Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, whole school assemblies remaining for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 8 - Friday 20th Mar at 2.10pm led by Year 3
Week 9 - Friday 27th Mar at 2.10pm led by Year 1

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015 Information coming home soon



Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Ellie West (K Blue)
Grace Brewer (5 Blue)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home earlier this week. Please note orders are due back at school by **Friday 20th March** - LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Envelopes should be clearly marked: BOOKCLUB, NAME, CLASS AND AMOUNT. **Payments are accepted by cheque (made payable to Scholastic) and credit card. PLEASE NOTE CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED. Credit card payments are made as per instructions on the Book Club brochures. Credit card information is not to be written on the order forms. If you wish to pay by credit card YOU must ring scholastic on the 1800 number on the order form or online payment at www.scholastic.com.au/payment. The receipt number is then to be recorded on the order form then forwarded with your order. There must be a receipt number with your order or I cannot process the order. Thank you.**

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)
Book Club Coordinator

Thank you

♦ To Mel Catania, Deb Heming, Natasha Vitanza, Harika Vancuylenberg, Tereza Miletic, Estelle Eunji Yu, Donna Collins, Monica Crowley, Kirra McNamara, Tammy Sultana, Tuyet Nguyen, Fiona Hennessey and Doreen O'Donnell who assisted with organising the Baker's Delight lunch for the children on Tuesday. Your time was very much appreciated.

Children's Work Books Coming Home

Next week the children will be bringing home their work books for the Key Learning Area of English. In English, over the course of the term, the children have been engaging in learning experiences to develop their knowledge and skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss their work. It is important to look at the quality of the work as well as their handwriting skills. Remember to praise and encourage your child for their efforts so they will continue to learn with enthusiasm. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book, after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have had the opportunity to 'walk' through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2016

If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Angela's for Kindergarten in 2016, please complete the slip below and send to the school office. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. Enrolment packages will be sent home shortly. Thank you.

2016 SIBLING ENROLMENT INTENTION

I _____ am intending to enrol
(Parent First and Surname)

my child/children into St Angela's to commence Kindergarten in 2016.

Child (First Name) _____

Child (Surname) _____

D.O.B. _____

Please send an enrolment package home with
_____ in Class _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To all Year 6 Parents

A Year 6 parent committee is being established to organise the End of Year/Graduation events, which include: the Graduation disco/dinner, the Yearbook, the class gift, Graduation Mass and any other requirements. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday 20th March at 8.45am in the staff room. Any parents of the current Year 6 class who would like to be involved are welcome to attend.

Year 6 Parent Reps

Second Hand Uniform Sale This Thursday 26th March 1.30-2.45pm

This Thursday, we will again be holding a second hand uniform sale at St Angela's. These sales will be held twice during the year. We invite parents to donate any school uniform items that are no longer needed and that are in good condition, to go towards the sale. All items will be sold for \$5 or \$10, with profits going towards the school. It is really just a chance to hand in/on any uniforms that you no longer have a need for, as well as a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need!



If you have any uniform items that you wish to donate, please send them in to school from Monday 16th March. This term's sale will be held outside the Canteen area on Thursday 26th March from 1.30 to 2.45pm.

Medical Bracelets

A medical bracelet for students with allergies note was recently emailed to relevant families. Please complete order form and return to the school by **tomorrow, Friday 13th March**.



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 2016

The enrolment period for Year 7 2016 closes on Monday 20 April, 2015. An Enrolment Package may be collected from the Marian Catholic College Reception during school office hours (8:00am – 4:00pm each day). Year 6 students currently attending St Angela's, Our Lady of The Rosary, St Madeleine's and Our Lady of the Angels should have already received an Enrolment Package from their school. Applications should be **fully completed and lodged** at the College **by Monday 20 April, 2015**. Failure to provide a fully completed application form (including all necessary signatures) and **copies** of all relevant, supporting documentation may delay the processing of applications and enrolment offers. Late applications will only be accepted if there are unfilled places. Any enquiries can be directed to Enrolment Officer on 9654 6700.

OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015

Marian Catholic College extends an invitation to prospective students and their families, to attend our annual Open Evening. This year there will be **three repeated** sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered by the College. The session times will be run at **4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm**.

Each session will commence in the Shared Hall, where the Principal and students from Years 7 and 11 will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College. **Each information session will be followed by Guided Tours of the school.** Visitors will be able to take part in the activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.

NOTE: Each session will follow **exactly** the same format, so please come to the session time that will suit you the best; there is no need to rush to be at the College for a 4:30 pm start!

St Angela's Cross Country 2015

On Tuesday 31st March we will be holding our Cross Country Carnival. All Children at St Angela's have been preparing well and training hard at school in preparation for the day. All parents are invited to attend our Cross Country Carnival. We ask that parents park outside the school grounds, eg. Coles or Community Centre car park. The back gate will be open for parents at 8:40am (after morning drop off). The front gate will be closed for the children's safety at 8:45am.

Details of the day are as follows:

8:45am	U/12 Boys & Girls	3km
	U/11 Boys & Girls	3km
Followed by	U/10 Boys & Girls	2km
	U/9 Boys & Girls	2km
	U/8 Boys & Girls	2km
	U/7 Year 2 Boys & Girls	700m
10:30am	RECESS	
11:05	Year 1 Boys & Girls	700m
	Kinder Boys & Girls	700m



These times are only a guide and may change on the day if need be

SAFETY: It is important that children eat a good breakfast on the morning of the carnival. All children especially those running 2km and 3km, should hydrate before running. All children must wear a hat whilst running. We suggest a cap or Velcro visor, which will not fall off whilst running.

UNIFORM: Children are to wear their school sports shorts, school hat, school sports top or previously purchased colour house polo tops. NO other coloured tops are permitted.

The 2km (3 laps) and the 3km (4 laps) involves the children running inside along the perimeter of the school grounds with marshals being in view the entire course. For the safety of all our children and to help our carnival run smoothly we require parent helpers to assist on the day. If you would like to assist and have completed the child protection requirements, as outlined in previous Shines, please complete the parent helper slip and return to school by Thursday 19th March. I would like to be able to roster our helpers so you can watch your child finish the Cross Country. Therefore, I would appreciate offers of help from parents from all grades. I would especially like to ask for help at 8:45am from our Kinder to Year 4 parents to act as marshals while our 3km events are running.

Looking forward to a great day.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Co-ordinator

Please return by Thursday 19th March

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL HELPER

- ☐ I am available to assist as a Parent Helper on Tuesday 31st March at the Cross Country Carnival.
- ☐ I have completed the Volunteer Child Protection requirements.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CHILD'S CLASS: _____

Times available: _____ to _____

Grade Activities

As noted in last week's Shine, please find outlined below the activities for each grade in 2015:

Kindergarten:	Term 4 Disco
Year One:	Welcoming BBQ/Mother's Day Stall
Year Two:	Father's Day Stall
Year Three:	Athletics Carnival Cakes and Term 4 Disco
Year Four:	Father's Day Breakfast
Year Five:	Year 6 Graduation Supper
Year Six:	Year 6 Final Celebrations

See the email coming home soon regarding contact lists.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6

University of NSW Initiative

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

This year, children are invited to participate in the ICAS English and Mathematics competitions. Dates and the cost of each assessment are listed below. Due to a low number of students participating in other exams in previous years, these two papers are the only ones that will be offered in 2015.

Both these papers will be sat at 7:30am, so as to not impact upon class learning time. Participation is optional. The test must be done on the designated day at the designated time. Unfortunately, tests not completed during the supervised time cannot be done at an alternative time.

If you would like your child to enter, please complete the form below and return it to school in an envelope marked "ICAS" with your child's name and class by Friday 27th March 2015 (Week 9). **The University of New South Wales will not accept late entries.**

Name of Competition	Assessment Date	Cost
English	Tuesday 28th July	\$8.00
Mathematics	Tuesday 11th August	\$8.00

**Please complete and return with payment by Friday 27th March
(Please note no registrations will be accepted after this date)**

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6 2015

I wish my child _____ of
Class _____ to take part in the University of NSW
Schools Competition in the indicated area/s:

☐ English \$8.00 ☐ Maths \$8.00

I enclose \$ _____ cash/cheque (made payable to St Angela's) being payment for the above tests.

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____