



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Term 3, Week 5

Dear Parents,

The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated this Saturday 15th August. This is a holy day of obligation. We hope you can join the parish at its masses at 9.15am and 11.00am for this special feast day as we honour Mary in our lives.

*Father in heaven,  
All creation rightly gives you praise,  
For all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
She who bore the Christ in her womb  
Was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
And join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

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Tomorrow is also the Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, the Saint that our Hall is named after. At our morning assembly we will have a prayerful remembrance and celebration of the life of St Maximilian Kolbe. He was a wonderful example to us all of the selfless love that reflects the words of Jesus 'love one another as I have loved you'. Please see our Religious Education section in this Shine to learn more about St Maximilian Kolbe.

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Thank you to the many parents who attended last night's General Parent Meeting and the presentation by Mrs Helen Boerma, our School Counsellor on 'How to Help Your Child Build Resilience to Handle Life's Challenges'. I have included below some of Mrs Boerma's presentation:

*Resilience is about what sort of skills or resources a person has, which will help him or her to manage the challenges that might come along.*

*When we meet these challenges, we grow stronger, and gain personal*

*coping skills. Sometimes it is families or communities that grow stronger. We grow in our sense of who we are and what we value. It could be said that we become more resilient. When we talk about human resilience, we mean the capacity of a person or a group to cope with life's challenges. Sometimes it is described as the ability to 'bounce back'. But actually, we grow and change with challenges.*

*Young people have always needed coping skills to deal with life's challenges. But perhaps in our generation, more than in previous generations, we are more aware of the importance of preparing our young people for the range of difficult circumstances that they might face.*

- ◆ *There seems to be concern that many young people may be less well equipped to face adversity than previous generations.*
- ◆ *Maybe we live in an age when we expect or hope for ourselves and our children, that they will somehow be spared from difficulty and disappointment.*
- ◆ *It could be said that we have put too much emphasis on self-esteem and not enough on self-efficacy. Self-esteem is about feeling valued and good about ourselves. It is a good thing. Self-efficacy is similar, but it is the confidence that comes from the effort we make, what we do or how we contribute. It is the confidence that comes from experiencing that we are competent. To grow in this, children need to be acknowledged for their efforts.*

*The good news is that research has been able to identify some significant coping skills and protective life circumstances, which will most help our young people to develop resilience. It is also good news that the skills, which will help our young people to become more resilient, are things that can be learned and practised.*

Keep an eye out for the skills in next week's newsletter.

*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: "Freedom"

*This fourth value of the 9 Values for Australian Schooling focuses on enjoying the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control and also relates to standing up for the rights of others. We are indeed blessed to live in a country such as Australia where we are free in so many ways as compared to the turmoil that exists in some overseas countries. We are free to make choices that reflect our values."*

**The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program has commenced. Collect your sticker cards now and drop them in the box either at the supermarket or send them into the school office!**

## Jeans for Genes®

Last Friday we supported the Jeans for Genes Day appeal. Together we raised in excess of \$1000.00. Thank you to our families who donated so generously to support this worthwhile cause. This is just another example of the social justice outreach that the community of St Angela's undertakes. Thank you.

## Are you receiving emails?

A reminder that if you are not receiving emails from the school, as noted on the front page of each Shine, please contact the school office so that our records can be updated. Many thanks.

## Sent home in the last week:

Hard Copy: Year 3 Featherdale Excursion  
Year 6 End of Year Celebrations



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# Religious Education



Sunday, 16th August 2015  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B

**John 6:51-58**

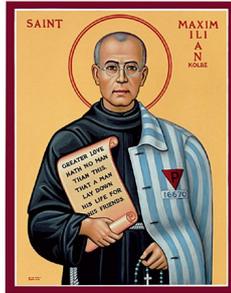
## Eucharist is a unique part of our human experience

At the end of every celebration of the Eucharist, the priest says, "The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." The Eucharist never simply ends, as a play, movie or baseball game ends. No, we are sent forth, sent forth with a mission. In every celebration of the Eucharist, we are commissioned to go forth and to proclaim the story of Jesus Christ with our lips and our lives. As we have been blessed with the real presence of Christ in the sacrament, so we are sent forth to make Christ's presence real to others. As Christ the Bread of Life has given us himself to be food for the journey of our lives, so we are sent forth to feed the hungry people we meet. As we have experienced communion in this celebration, we are sent forth to work to strengthen the bonds of communion between the people with whom we live and work. As a eucharistic people, we Catholic Christians are a people with a mission.

From [a reflection](#) on the *Catholics On Call* website

## Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe 14<sup>th</sup> August

Maximilian Maria Kolbe was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar, who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during World War II. He was active in promoting the veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, founding and supervising the monastery of Niepokalanów near Warsaw, operating a radio station, and founding or running several other organisations and publications. Kolbe was canonised on 10 October 1982 by Pope John Paul II, and declared a martyr of charity. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement.<sup>1</sup> John Paul II declared him "The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century". **3 Green will lead the school in prayer on Friday in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall this week.**



Mrs Marilyn Turner  
Religious Education Co-ordinator

## Please keep in your prayers

*Our prayers are extended to the Askew family (Zander 6 Yellow) and Bishop family (Tara 2 Blue) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's great grandmother.*

## News from the Parish

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

The Parent Information Evening for this Sacrament will be held this Wednesday, 19th August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Registration and enrolment forms will be available at this meeting. Any questions, please contact the Parish office on 9629 2595.

**Change of School for 2016** To estimate enrolments for 2016, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Angela's at the end of the year, from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.



# Upcoming Dates

## Week 5

**Thurs 13th Aug**

Hills Zone Athletics at Blacktown

**Fri 14th Aug**

Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe

7.00pm Confirmation Ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

**Sat 15th Aug**

**Feast of the Assumption of Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation**

## Week 6

**Tues 18th Aug**

2.30pm Year 2 Liturgy in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

**Wed 19th Aug**

7.30pm First Eucharist Information Evening at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

**7.00pm Father's Day wrapping night in the library - All welcome**

**Fri 21st Aug**

Year 2 Excursion to Brewongle

9.45am Debating St Angela's vs St Michael's - Parents welcome

Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown

## Week 7

**Wed 26th Aug**

9.30am Voice of Youth Cluster Final at St Angela's - All welcome

7.00pm Year 5 Personal Development Night for parents in the library

**Thurs 27th Aug**

11.00am Year 6 Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

**Fri 28th Aug**

Year 3 Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park  
2.10pm Year 1 Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

## Quote of the Week

"Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it."

**A reminder that the Year 5 Personal Development night for parents only is on Wednesday 26th August at 7.00pm.**

## Thank you ...

We are indeed blessed to have a large bank of relief staff who are fully up to date with contemporary practices, know St Angela's procedures and, most importantly, know the children. As teachers also battle against the cold and flu season, we are extremely grateful to these capable educators who continue the classroom program and work closely with their grade partners. A message of thanks also to Mrs Moller for the dedication to her teaching role with 1 Green during Miss Joice's absence. Miss Joice returns to school this Monday.

## Returning Notes and Permission Slips

For those families who are new to the school or those who may be unaware of our procedures, please note: Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money, then teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag. We ask that when sending money, please ensure that envelopes are sealed and taped at either end so that money does not fall out. This system allows the office to receive notes and money without parents being required to actually come in to the school. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information.



## FATHER'S DAY STALL

Wednesday 2nd September 2015

'A variety of fantastic gifts for dad' - \$5 per gift

We will be holding a Father's Day Stall for the children on Wednesday 2nd September 2015. The gifts will be purchased **on the day**. All gifts will only cost \$5. We will not be collecting money in advance. Children are to bring their money in **on the day**. The children will receive a token for the stall once they have paid. Any children who forget their money on the day will still be able to select a gift which will be put away and can be collected from the school office on Thursday once money is received.

If there are gifts left over after all classes have visited the stall, children will be given the opportunity to purchase extra gifts for their grandfathers etc.

## FATHER'S DAY HELPERS NEEDED

YEAR 2 HELPERS (AND ANY OTHER PARENTS)  
NEEDED TO WRAP FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Parent helpers are needed from the Year Two community (and anyone else available to help) to wrap over 600 gifts for the Dads of our community. The gifts will be wrapped on Wednesday 19th August at 7.00pm in the school library. It's a great chance to come and mingle over ribbon and paper. Enjoy a cuppa and a yummy snack for supper. BYO scissors.



If you are available please contact Michelle Jacobs on 0413 026 922. All help will be greatly appreciated.

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YEAR 2 HELPERS FOR THE FATHER'S DAY  
STALL (AND ANY OTHER PARENTS)

Parents are also needed to sell gifts at the stall on Wednesday 2nd September. If you are available anytime between 9am and midday to help out on the day, please contact Michelle Jacobs on 0413 026 922 so a roster can be compiled. You will then be notified of your allotted time. All help will be greatly appreciated.

## Coughs and Colds

Just a reminder that if your child has flu symptoms it is important that they stay home in order to recuperate fully. When a child has a persistent cough, a check up with your doctor is recommended, to rule out whooping cough. Information on whooping cough can be found on the NSW Health information site [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)



## Term Dates for 2015

Term 3	13th July to 17th September (18th September is a Staff Development/Pupil Free Day)
Term 4	6th October to 16th December

## THE GOOD GUYS SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM

A reminder about The Good Guys 'Support Your School Program'. If buying items at The Good Guys, Castle Hill, don't forget to collect school reward vouchers which the school can use to buy equipment etc. for the children.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder for anyone completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Children need to complete online reading records by 21st August. We then need to validate completed reading records by 28th August.

Mrs Rosanne North  
Teacher Librarian

## Values Matter at St Angela's

Why teach values? We teach values every day in our ordinary daily encounters and interactions. The challenge for education is not simply to prepare young people for the future. It is also to equip them to create the kind of future they want.

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This week we are focussing on the value of:

**Freedom** - Enjoy the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.

**"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."**

*In this Beatitude Jesus invites us to relate to others and the earth without manipulation or oppressive use of power.*

**This value includes the following characteristics:**

- \* valuing our democratic society where freedom of religion, and speech are a priority
- \* being committed to the rights and responsibilities of living in a democracy
- \* valuing our cultural heritage

*Be proud to be an Australian...Do you know the words of the Australian Anthem?*

- \* Supporting reconciliation
- \* Ensuring that minority groups have a voice
- \* Listening to different views \* Valuing our environment: *recycling, saving water, clean up days etc.*

The overall message:

*To be participating members of a just and democratic society exploring and promoting the common good and meeting individual needs without infringing the basic rights of others. To value diversity of cultural expression and respecting legitimate authority.*

## Important Dates to Note

### TERM 3

Fathers' Day Celebrations

Friday 4th September

Dance Fever Optional Challenge Night

Wednesday 9th September

15 Year Anniversary Gala Dinner

Friday 11th September

### TERM 4

Grandparents' Day

Friday 30th October

Year 6 Graduation Mass

Tuesday 15th December at 7.00pm

## Canteen Co-ordinator for 2016

We need your help for this volunteer role

The role of canteen co-ordinator will become vacant from the beginning of 2016, so we are on the lookout for someone new to fill the role. Your duties will include organising the food days once a term, compiling a canteen roster twice a year and organising committee members with ordering of stock for weekly canteen. You will have plenty of support from the current committee members and we can start training you from the next food day. If you are interested or have any queries, please contact Mel Catania on 0417 720 881.

Thank you  
Canteen Committee