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Castle Hill

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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*

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.

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
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



John 6:51-58

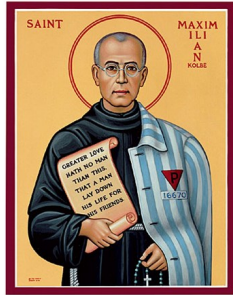
Eucharist is a unique part of our human experience

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 14th 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.¹ 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

Fri 14th Aug

Hills Zone Athletics at Blacktown

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.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Tiani Layoun KB
Christian Mendoza KG
Sean Phung KY
Freya Begg 1B
Matthew Metcalfe 1G
Vanessa Tesoriero 1Y
Ava Bizzanelli 2B
Blake Cassettari 2G
Jessica Woolnough 2Y
Finya Begg 3B
Sarah Tesoriero 3G
Madlen Gunasekera 3Y
Jack McDonald 4B
Samantha Hohn 4G
Leon Reyes 4Y
Connor Bourne 5B
Dominic Piperata 5G
Lily Boucher 5Y
Celia Huang 6B
Liam Hennessy 6G
Megan Selfridge 6Y

St Angela's Award

Masen De Carlo KB
Jasmine Oakey KG
Joseph Sultana KY
Jessica Araneda 1B
Lexi Pappas 1G
Mollie Selfridge 1Y
Marcus Goodall 2B
Tia Post 2G
Ned Cane 2Y
Amalia Araneda 3B
Charlotte Hogan 3G
Aaron Malcolm 3Y
Connor Khoury 4B
Emily Nasso 4G
Abigail Madayag 4Y
Tiana Alberti 5B
Tayla Davie 5G
Spencer Anderson 5Y
Conor Siney 6B
Alexandra Voegt 6G
Joshua Bridge 6Y

Star Spot

Congratulations to Lucy Van Der Heyde (5 Yellow) and Mia Thomas (4 Green) who competed together for their dance school troupes. They placed first in Musical Theatre (x2), Classical Ballet and Contemporary Ballet. Well done girls!

15 Year Anniversary Gala Dinner Friday 11th September "A Touch of Sparkle"

As you know, Friday 11th September will mark our official 15th Anniversary celebrations at Castle Hill RSL with a Gala Dinner. It will be a night to remember, with a touch of sparkle of course!

In the lead up to the event, raffle tickets will be available to all families for purchase; prizes will also be available on the evening of the gala dinner, along with various auctions.

Please note - Interest has been very strong and the venue can only hold a certain number of people. Your payment needs to be received to confirm your place/table. We urge you to get your payment, table groups organised (or we can place you) as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

Keep an eye out for raffle tickets for our 15 year Anniversary which are coming home soon. Great prizes with tickets only \$2.00 each. Purchasing of tickets is purely optional.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

We invite all Dads to come to a special DAD morning assembly in their honour starting at 8:45am on Friday, 4th September which will be followed by a light breakfast and then a visit to the classrooms. We hope all dads (or significant males) are able to join us. All are most welcome.

Happy Birthday!

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

AUGUST

Mon 17th

Dylan Mendoza
Ajang Dau
Dylan Crowe

Wed 19th

Sebastian Cignarella

Thurs 20th

Jemima Scothern

Fri 21st

Jack Tole
Joshua Hakme-Bader
John Papadimitos

Sports News

Best wishes to our budding sports stars (over 40) who competed at the Zone Athletics carnival today. Congratulations on being selected. Many thanks to Mrs Hemmings for preparing the children to compete at this level. Keep an eye out in next week's Shine for results.

Book Week 2015 - Welcome Parents!

To celebrate Book Week, we would like to invite you to school on Tuesday 25th August, to read to or with your child/children and their friends. The whole school will be reading in different areas of the playground, anytime after 2:00pm. Please meet at your child's class or find them on the playground, to enjoy the wonder of reading. Please bring along your favourite book to model reading or read to the children - maybe an 'oldie but a goodie' from when you were a child!

MUSICAL - BOOK WEEK

To continue celebrating Book Week, on Friday 11th September, children from K-6 will be attending a musical 'Shine a Light' by Perform! Educational Musicals. Perform! Educational Musicals is a multi award-winning theatrical producer and one of the largest touring theatre companies throughout Australia and New Zealand. The company specialises in touring educational musicals for schools and has been operating in Australia for fifteen years. These productions feature a selection of the Short Listed books from the Children's Book Council of Australia annual Book Awards. They promote literacy and reading by inspiring students with the limitless fun and possibilities offered by books. The cost of this opportunity for the children is included in your child's excursion fee.

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.

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



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.

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