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Dear Parents,

ST ANGELA'S, CASTLE HILL CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS TOMORROW, FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 8.45AM ALL WELCOME

St Angela's school Community invites all grandparents to join us for a celebration of joy and thanksgiving to honour the gift of grandparents to our children. We hope that this day will continue to strengthen the bonds grandparents have with their grandchildren and nurture the unique tradition that we share in each family.

Program outline commencing at 8.45am:

- ⊕ Morning assembly/Prayer of thanksgiving for our grandparents
- ⊕ Classroom visits to join in learning activities with the children
- ⊕ Morning tea in the school hall

This is a wonderful event and is a highlight of our calendar for all grandparents who enjoy visiting the school. Please see additional information in this newsletter regarding morning tea and parking.

We hope you can join us.

Once a year I like to publish the following extract which always receives very positive feedback. I thought it would be once again timely to repeat it, especially given that tomorrow so many wise, experienced and extraordinary people will be visiting our school for Grandparent's Day.

Some Good Advice From a 90 Year Old

To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 40 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written (by Regina Brett, 90 years of age).

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

- ◇ Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- ◇ When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- ◇ Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- ◇ Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
- ◇ Pay off your credit cards every month.
- ◇ You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

- ◇ Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
- ◇ It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
- ◇ Save for retirement starting with your first pay cheque.
- ◇ When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- ◇ Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
- ◇ It's OK to let your children see you cry.
- ◇ Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- ◇ Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry: God never blinks.
- ◇ Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
- ◇ Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- ◇ Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- ◇ It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
- ◇ When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
- ◇ Over prepare, and then go with the flow.
- ◇ Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
- ◇ No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- ◇ Frame every so-called disaster with these words "In five years, will this matter?"
- ◇ Always choose life.
- ◇ Forgive everyone everything.
- ◇ What other people think of you is none of your business.
- ◇ Time heals almost everything. Give time.
- ◇ However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
- ◇ Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- ◇ Believe in miracles.
- ◇ God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
- ◇ Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
- ◇ Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
- ◇ All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
- ◇ Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
- ◇ If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- ◇ Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- ◇ The best is yet to come.
- ◇ No matter how you feel, get up, dress and show up.
- ◇ Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

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

*Monica Fitzalan
Acting Principal*

Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Evening

A reminder that our Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Evening will be held next Wednesday 29th October at 7.30pm in the school hall.

Notes sent home in the last week:

Hard Copy: Swimming Carnival Yrs 2 to 5, Special Canteen Order Form

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Congratulations - You are in our Prayers;
Masses Sunday 26th October
11.00am and 2.00pm**

Congratulations to all Year 3 children and their families in our Parish who over the next few weeks will be receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. We ask that God bless you and be by your side on this special day.



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Religious Education



Twenty-Ninth Sunday, Year A

Matthew 22:34-40 Loving one another, without exception

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment. This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read [last Sunday](#). It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

World Mission Month

Catholic Mission is the official mission aid agency of the Catholic Church. We reach out, give life and call all people in the world to faith, justice and love. Missionary activity is, fundamentally, a going out of oneself in love, a reaching out to bring God's love to everyone, especially the outcast and unloved. Jesus' mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still far from completion. The theme of this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal, 'When I grow up I want to be alive', is inspired by Ephesians 2:4-6, 'God who is rich in mercy... made us alive'.

Jamaica is a nation deeply troubled by violence and crime. With the second-highest rate of gun-killing anywhere in the world*, communities live in constant fear. To just be alive might seem like a simple dream to us, but for many of the Jamaican youth born into the ghettos, they know chances are high that they will never achieve their dreams or that their life will be cut short as a result of the violence. During this term our students' understanding of 'mission' and 'missionaries' will be nurtured through our 'Sharing Our Story' units of work and that students will be encouraged and supported to live as Christ challenges us.



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Grandparents Day Tomorrow

Book Fair in the Library!

Donate a book on behalf of your grandchild

All grandparents of St Angela's are warmly invited to donate a book to our Library on behalf of their grandchildren.

We invite grandparents to visit the Library between 8am-8:30am or 9:30-11:30am with their grandchildren, to view the selection of books available. The Library will also be open to purchase books on Tuesday 28th October from 11.00 am - 2.45pm (Please see Mrs North). Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to St Angela's) or EFTPOS.

If you are unable to attend the Book Fair and would still like to purchase books, you can order online. Please go to the following website - www.centralbooksuppliers.com.au. All books purchased online are for kind donation to our library and will be delivered directly to the school. Books donated to the Library will have a 'Donation Card' glued inside the front cover so that the generous donation will always be remembered.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY TOMORROW

ALL WELCOME

8.45AM ASSEMBLY FOLLOWED BY OPEN CLASSROOMS AND MORNING TEA (plus you can purchase a book for the library on behalf of your grandchild)

As a large number of visitors are anticipated, we ask that you bring in a plate to share for morning tea if you have a grandparent attending. Your contribution can be left in the hall on Thursday afternoon or the morning of Friday 24th October.

Morning tea/catering arrangements: The morning tea will be in the hall and we kindly ask families to assist with the catering. It would be appreciated if goodies are provided on disposable plates and ready to serve (nut free please). To ensure a balance of food items -

- ▲ all yellow classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring cakes, scones or pikelets;
- ▲ all blue classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring slices or biscuits;
- ▲ all green classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring sandwiches, savouries, dips or cheese & biscuits.

Families with more than one child at school are only required to provide one plate of whichever category they would like to choose. Although we have lots of seating, any additional fold up chairs etc. would be beneficial as we are certainly expecting a large number of visitors. **If you are able to assist in setting up, serving or packing up, please contact Mel Catania on 0417 720 881 or volunteer on the day.**

Parking

To assist with our elderly visitors, the Kiss and Drop may also be used for grandparents to be dropped off. Additionally all car parking at the front of the school and around the hall will be made available for elderly who have restricted mobility etc. (ie. disabled parking).



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 3

Fri 24th Oct

8.45am Grandparents Day Assembly followed by open classrooms and Book Fair then morning tea

Sun 26th Oct

11.00am and 2.00pm - First Holy Eucharist

Week 4

Mon 27th Oct

2.10pm Year 6 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Wed 29th Oct

7.30pm Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Evening

Fri 31st Oct

Gymnastics Team Day

Sun 2nd Nov

11.00am and 2.00pm - First Holy Eucharist

Week 5

Wed 5th Nov

2.30pm Year 1 Liturgy in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Thurs 6th Nov

First Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Session
9.00-10.30am Students with Surname A-E and F-L
11.00am-12.30pm Students with Surname M-P and R-Z

School Disco in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
4.30-6.00pm Kindergarten to Year 2
6.30-8.00pm Years 3 to 6

Fri 7th Nov

2.10pm Kindergarten Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Theme for the week:

"Learning is Living"

Our theme this week encourages children to learn from everything they do. Whatever the experience, giving thought to what has been learnt or taken place allows the children to prepare for future situations. Our theme this week also implies that we can learn so much from those who have the wisdom that comes with living through experiences. The grandparents and elderly who will visit our school tomorrow have a wealth of experience to share with us.

Happy Birthday!



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

October

Sun 26th

Montana Ritchie
Marcus Como
Matthew Foley

Tues 28th

Mr Kean

Wed 29th

Yasmin Davie
Joshua Israel

Thurs 30th

Tanner Woodhead

Fri 31st

Thomas Magyar
Xavier Moraza
Fynn Vander Stok

November

Sat 1st

Sarah Crowley
Logan McDonald

Skip-a-thon

NEXT AND FINAL RAFFLE - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Thank you to the generous parents and sponsors who have already sent in their donations or monies pledged. The Skip-a-thon has been a great success thanks to your generosity. Our raffles with great prizes have been in full swing. Children receive one raffle ticket for each \$5.00 raised. Our next and last raffle culminating with a grand prize for infants and one for primary will take place on Friday 31st October.

Thank you once again in anticipation of your support in providing outstanding learning resources for your children and those of the future at St Angela's.

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home earlier this week. Please note orders are due back at school by **Friday 31st October** - 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

Celebrating Our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Jackson Bercich (K Blue)

Chanel Nasr (K Green)

Hayley Cassettari (K Yellow)

Noah Granero (1 Blue)

Emma Heanes (1 Green)

Bernadette Laird (1 Yellow)

Nathan Adji (2 Blue)

James Hakme-Bader (2 Green)

Tyler Olan (2 Yellow)

Christopher Bell (3 Blue)

Cooper Metcalfe (3 Green)

Mailee Suefong (3 Yellow)

Olivia Tesoriero (4 Blue)

Ajang Dau (4 Green)

Sarah O'Donnell (4 Yellow)

Charlotte Burgess (5 Blue)

Emma Watson (5 Green)

Ethan Hanna (5 Green)

Jorjah Batoua (5 Yellow)

Jamie Cartisano (6 Blue)

Jack Holt (6 Yellow)

St Angela's Award

Jemima Scothern (K Blue)

Gabriella Way (K Green)

Ruby Moller (K Yellow)

Marcus Thian (1 Blue)

Jasmine Shepherd (1 Green)

Aaron Hohn (1 Yellow)

Zoe Byrne (2 Blue)

Finya Begg (2 Green)

Matthew Rae (2 Yellow)

James Brangwin (3 Blue)

Chantelle Mendoza (3 Green)

Joseph McEneaney
(3 Yellow)

William Love (4 Blue)

Ethan Bower (4 Green)

Georgia Prestage (4 Yellow)

Ian Panganiban (5 Blue)

Riley Peterson (5 Yellow)

Lauren Calleia (6 Blue)

Maggie Callinan (6 Yellow)

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Thursday 6th November

9.00am-10.30am Students with surname A-E, F-L

11.00am-12.30pm Students with surname M-P, R-Z

Tuesday 18th November

9.00am-10.30am Students with surname A-E, M-P

11.00am-12.30pm Students with surname F-L, R-Z

Friday 28th November

9.00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday November 28th, parents are asked to remain for the first hour to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session.

REPORTED CASES OF WHOOPING COUGH

Please be advised that there have been reported cases of Whooping Cough at St Angela's. Further information can be found at www.health.nsw.gov.au

Shop for Your School by shopping with The Good Guys, Castle Hill 'LAST WEEK'

Please note that the 2014 program finishes on Wednesday 29th October 2014. All 2014 vouchers must be redeemed by the 30th November 2014 so remember to bring your vouchers into school before this date. Thank you.

Sport News

Stage 2 Parramatta Diocese Touch Gala Day

Last Friday we were back out at the Kingsway St Marys this time for the Years 3 and 4 Touch Gala Day. What better way to spend your Friday, playing some touch with your mates and what's even better enjoying some success at the same time.

The Year 3 and 4 girls and boys were an absolute pleasure to take out and represent St Angela's.

The Boys Green team consisted of: Riley Azzopardi, Owen Azzopardi, Ben Watson, Ben Moroney, Oliver Murphy, Jayson Orley, Spencer Anderson, Kyle Morley and Matthew Jacobs. The boys were very quick and it was obvious that all the touch football games they have played at lunch together have paid off. The boys went through undefeated winning Pool A.

The Boys Gold Team consisted of: Joseph McEneaney, Owen Turner, Riley Mackay, Zaidyn Wallace, Michael Taouk, Nathan Fox, Vincent Siligato, Charlie Kennedy, Raphael Saul and Kane Chadwick. The boys came together really well as a newly formed team losing only 2 games and finishing 3rd in Pool C.

The Girls Team consisted of: Ava Foxe, Mia Jamer, Emma Vitanza, Keira Callaghan, Indianna Cane, Philippa Gattini, Montana Ritchie, Georgia Prestage and Charlotte Baylis. I wish I took a video of the girls first training session because the improvement the girls showed was nothing short of amazing. The girls went through the day undefeated finishing 1st in Pool A.

My highlight of the day was when a boy from another school who had just been beaten by our boys team walked past our girls team who were playing and was overheard saying to his mate "Oh the St Angela's girls team are winning too, they put something in the water at St Angela's!"

Special thanks to Pat Azzopardi, Glenn Mackay and Jordan Jamer who were fantastic coaching the teams and to Daniel Griffin, Cooper Anderson and Hayden Orley who were very confident referees.

Finally, thank you parents for your support transporting the children to the ground and cheering the boys and girls.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Co-ordinator

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS MASSES: SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER

- ◇ 11.00am: (Shrine of the Unborn) 8 Greyfriar Place
- ◇ 8.00am: Parish Mass in the Church
- ◇ 6.00pm: Parish Mass in the Church

GIFT OF A SHOEBOX PROJECT

Once again, shoeboxes will be sent to some of the poorest countries in the world as Christmas gifts. Join this project in which the whole family can participate. The first thing is to decide on the sex and age of the child you wish to support. Some suggestions for gifts include: a cuddly toy, a doll, a wrapped bar of soap and a flannel, a toothbrush, toothpaste, crayons, felt pens, pencils and pencil sharpener, a hat/cap, small musical instrument, tennis ball, jewellery, hair bands, clip-on earrings, toy cars, clothing, etc. Please do not include: chocolates or other foods that could melt or perish, war related items (toy guns or soldiers), medicines or anything liquid or sharp.

Please place items inside a box and deliver them to the parish office by Monday 10th November or leave them in the sacristy and they will be taken to the parish office. Only new items are to be included in the boxes. Please remember to stick a label to the lid to show the gender and age of the child for whom the gift is intended. Thank you in advance.

St Jude's Week

Helping Hands Make a Difference!

Last term, a group of children were looking at globalisation in HSIE. We researched how world organisations can improve people's lives. Then we learned how ONE person can make a difference, this person was Gemma Rice. After doing volunteer work in Africa, she began her journey to educate the disadvantaged students in Tanzania. We would also like to make a difference, by supporting Gemma in her ultimate goal of "Fighting poverty through education." During Week 4, from Monday to Friday, we will be holding special events to raise money and awareness for the St Jude's Foundation. Some events include: Selfie Competition (Mon-Wed), Powers of Estimation/Lolly Jar (Mon-Wed), Guess that Baby (Tues), Pick the Hit (Wed), Bullseye (Thurs), Movies, Magic and More (Fri), Draw with your hands, to help with your hands (Mon). Entries for each competition will either be \$1 or \$2. Please help us in raising money to help those who need a helping hand.

Details of the events will be posted on the Hall and Library doors!

Assessment Strategies

Teachers employ a variety of assessment strategies. One of the initial strategies is by Observation. Teachers are able to gauge the children's levels of understandings through observation of their practices and behaviours when undertaking a task. Checklists and anecdotal records help in the recording of these observations. Anecdotal records are a more informal form of assessment where the teacher takes observational notes on a student's achievements, beliefs, attitudes and skills as they are engaged in a task. Questioning is another form of assessment and can be either written or oral. Higher order questions indicate not only facts retained by the student but also if the student is able to apply the known facts. Open ended questioning allows for more than one answer to a problem and involves thinking beyond facts or skills. Another assessment strategy widely used by teachers is Testing. Diagnostic tests assess specific concepts through written or oral questioning. They are used to diagnose areas of difficulty so that suitable teaching can take place. Performance based testing involves a practical test where the teacher assesses the student as they are involved in an activity. Pen and paper tests are used to assess skills and facts recently taught and are designed to assess a variety of outcomes. Multiple choice tests are generally included in more formal tests such as the NAPLAN test completed by the Years 3 and 5 students. Problem solving requires the student to reach a solution to a problem without the need to use a normal procedure or algorithm. Finally, teachers often ask the students to self reflect on their learning by recording their thoughts and experiences. This and other forms of self evaluation help the teacher to understand how a child feels about their learning and any difficulties they may be experiencing.

Mrs Monica Fitzalan
Acting Principal

Year 5 Parent Get Together

A drinks evening has been organised for all Year 5 parents. Details are as follows:

When: Friday 7th November at 5.30pm
Where: The Terrace Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Enquiries: Donna Collins 0438 758 848

For any parents who are not members of Castle Hill RSL, please state that you are with St Angela's and you will be signed in under Donna Collins for the evening.

Looking forward to a fun evening!