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SUNSET AND OUTDOOR CINEMA MOVIE NIGHT TOMORROW, FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Gates open at 6.40pm. Sunset will be at approximately 7.40pm with the movie starting at 7.45pm. We hope to see you there!

PADDINGTON (G)
Gold Coin Entry



A St Angela's family event. All St Angela's families welcome.

Sunset on the back oval followed by an outdoor family movie on a big screen.

Bring your own chairs, rugs, food, soft drinks etc. Coffee, gelato and hot dog carts will also be available.

Please note: This is an alcohol and glass free evening. Please be reminded that smoking is prohibited on school grounds at all times. School families only, thank you.

Parents are asked to be present and supervising their own children at all times whilst on the school grounds. Due to safety, there will be no vehicle access or parking on the school grounds. We kindly ask that you take all rubbish home with you and leave our beautiful school tidy and ready for the children on Monday morning.

We are also in need of some volunteer helpers on the night to assist in a number of areas on a short timetable basis including looking after entry points, supervision outside bathrooms, set up, pack up etc. Given our new date, if you are now able to support us by volunteering some of your time on the evening, could you please contact Wayne Davie on 0404 924 166 with your available times. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us last night for our final General Parent Meeting for 2015.

On your behalf, I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to Mr Wayne Davie for his support and leadership in the role of Chairperson and to Cherille Paton for her efficient and effective role as Secretary.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the parents of St Angela's for the wonderful support you give to this community, the staff and myself. We are blessed to have so many parents who are involved in so many aspects of our school, not just leaving it up to others. Never underestimate the vital role each one of you plays whether through word or action in contributing towards the benefit of all the children in our care and in building our special community. St Angela's has an excellent reputation for the outstanding education it provides throughout the diocese. You should be justifiably proud of the catholic school you as parents have helped create.

Together you are working in partnership with the school to make a difference for all the children, not just yours or theirs, but every child presently in the school and those of the future. It is very much a family looking after all of its members. Whether your

contribution is big or small it is very much appreciated and valued.

As a result of your efforts our Christ Centred community continues to grow and our children continue to have nothing short of the best. So, on behalf of all the children and those to join us in years ahead, **THANK YOU** to you, our parents who really are making a difference.

Thank you to the many parents who responded to my letter emailed to every family regarding feedback and suggestions for 2016. Your input is very much valued and appreciated.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have suffered the loss of loved ones overseas due to last weekend's tragic events in France. May God's blessing be upon them and upon all of us as we continue to pray for peace in our world.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



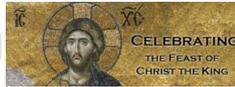
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Religious Education



Sunday, November 22, 2015

Feast of Christ the King, Year B

John 18:33-37 Important not to take the image of the Suffering Servant for granted

The concept of King as a metaphor for Christ is one that raises difficulties for some modern Christians. We know from the ancient stories that Israel struggled with the symbol knowing the problems that it would present. On the positive side, kingship represents power and authority, and on the negative side, oppression, power struggles and instability. All these experiences were available from their own history and certainly from their contact with other empires. It may be helpful to consider some of the theology that John presumes we have some knowledge about. On the ceiling of the Sistine chapel there is a picture of Creation. Adam comes from the hand of God but there exists a space between Creator and creature. In Jewish theology there is no space dividing God and humanity. The Jews believed that God could be "touched" in a variety of ways. The most important of these was the Torah. The cult was another mode of mediation; they also believed that the King could be a mediator of God. As Kings failed to live up to the ideal of manifesting the Kingship of God, theology looked for ways to make sense of the contradictions. The concept of the Suffering Servant was easier to relate to Jesus because of his passion and death and went a long way to providing a way of coming to terms with the grief and shock that the community experienced in the period following Jesus' death.

From a reflection on the Gospel by Patricia Stevenson rsj

Mrs Marilyn Turner
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Quote of the Week

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

News from the Parish

Come and see the next chapter of the greatest movie saga of all time (*Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens* in 3D) with one of its greatest fans: Fr. Alejandro Lopez! Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will be hosting a screening at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 30th December 2015 at Event Cinemas at Castle Hill. We've reserved the theatre but seating is limited for this one night parish event. Please contact Angela at the Parish Office to reserve your place. Tickets are sold at cost: \$20 per seat. Don't wait...the Force is strong with this one!

Your Parish Priest will draw the names of one lucky child from each school who will get to sit beside Fr. Alejandro with their families during the special screening! (Note: all children must be accompanied by a responsible parent or guardian.)

Thank you.

Christmas Hampers

The St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to needy families. Please keep in mind that we are hoping to provide a Christmas dinner for families who otherwise would not have anything special to eat on Christmas Day. Information from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville was emailed to all families last week. Please send items in to your child's class teacher by Friday 11th December to allow distribution in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sent home in the last week:

Emailed: Movie Night, Sport Uniform Days, 2016 Diocesan School Fees, Year 5 Supper Donation Reminder



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 7

Fri 20th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 4 Swimming Program at C2K

Year 6 Orientation at Oakhill College

St Angela's Family Movie Night. Gates open at 6.40pm, sunset at 7.40pm, movie starting at 7.45pm

Week 8

Mon 23rd Nov

2.10pm Year 4 Grade Assembly in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

Tues 24th Nov

9.00am Year 5 Leadership Speeches - Parents welcome

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

Wed 25th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

Years 1-6 2016 New Student Orientation

Year 6 Camp to Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre

Thurs 26th Nov

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

Year 6 Camp to Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre

Fri 27th Nov

Year 6 Camp to Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre

Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 Swimming Program at C2K

9.00am to 12 noon Final Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Session for all children. Parents are asked to remain for the first hour for a question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 3.00pm

Week 9

Fri 4th Dec

9.00am End of Year Mass and Thank You Morning Tea in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Grade Assemblies Please note, as communicated in our term calendar, the remaining whole school assembly for Term 4 will be held this Monday 23rd Nov at 2.10pm led by Year 4.

All parents are most welcome to join us.

REMAINING KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Friday 27th November

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

On Friday November 27th, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 3.00pm.

Library News - Can You Assist?

Calling any available parents or grandparents who can kindly assist us. Due to the generous donations from our wonderful parents and grandparents, we have a large number of new books for our children. We need help covering these books. We would like to have book covering parent sessions next Tuesday 24th November between 11.30am and 2.30pm. Any time you can spare would be very much appreciated.

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Aaron Zlomislis KB
 Amelia Blackwell KY
 Logan McDonald 1B
 Matthew Metcalfe 1G
 Benjamin McNamara 1Y
 Ava Bizzanelli 2B
 Jia Jung 2G
 Emily Crowley 2Y
 Alexander Petras 3B
 Zoe Byrne 3G
 Aaron Malcolm 3Y
 Emily Ortlepp 4B
 Samantha Hohn 4G
 Charlotte Edwards 4Y
 Grace Brewer 5B
 Tayla Davie 5G
 Yianni Paras 5Y
 Georgia Sultana 6B
 Lilli-Rose Javid 6G
 Botond Horvath 6Y



St Angela's Award

Shiloh Aguas KB
 Shannon Aneksomphan KG
 Luca Bercich KG
 Joshua Hall KY
 Tristen Gunawardhana 1B
 Harrison Petras 1G
 Jessica Lester 1Y
 Joel Cartisano 2B
 Priya Tulsi 2G
 Ariella Colosimo 2Y
 Harry Clarke 3B
 Keira Murphy 3G
 James Hakme-Bader 3Y
 Olivia Pinna 4B
 Noah Yeung 4G
 Julian Basso 4Y
 Jordan May 5B
 Mia Jamer 5G
 Brianna Newell 5Y
 Cameron McEwan 6B
 Alannah Gattini 6G
 Zane Smolinski 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

NOVEMBER

Sun 22nd
 Conor Siney

Mon 23rd
 Isabella Siligato

Tues 24th
 Joan Bautista

Fri 27th
 Emerson McDonald
 Kathryn Basobas
 Mrs Stuardo

Sat 28th
 Nicole Crowley
 Annaliese Borg
 Mrs Martin

Star Spot

Congratulations to James Pearson (4 Yellow) who placed 4th in the U16 Speedway Heffernan Winter Series. Some of James' other motorbike racing achievements are: 1st in NSW State Title - youngest NSW State Title winner, 2nd in Australian National Title, 2nd in Victoria State Title, 1st in South Coast cup and 4th in the U16 Australian Pairs Speedway championships.



Student Leaders 2016

A letter to Year 5 parents outlining this process was emailed last week. Best wishes to the many Year 5 children who next week will be presenting speeches as candidates for student leadership positions. We have such a depth of leadership with over 40 students nominating themselves to be Captains. The first round of the short listing process now sees 14 candidates presenting their speeches. The speeches are only a minor part of this process. The speeches for School Captain will be held on Tuesday 24th November commencing at 9.00am. Congratulations and well done to the children who have been nominated. Children in Year 5 and teachers are involved in the voting for School Captains, Vice Captains and Colour Captains. Speeches and voting for Colour Captains will take place at 11.00am. Successful candidates will be formally announced at the end of year whole school mass on Friday 4th December starting at 9.00am in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. Parents are most welcome to attend any of the speeches.

Important Allergy Information

As there are a number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, it is important to remember, especially as the Christmas season approaches, that any food containing nuts should not be brought to school by the children. Parents are also asked to reinforce with their children the practice of not sharing food with other children. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



School Opal Card - Replacing Existing Bus Passes

Please see Week 5 edition of Shine on our website for information outlining eligibility and how to apply for the new School Opal card. A reminder that an application is required to be completed for all children who travel by bus who are entering Year 3 next year.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our whole school community evening this year will be held on Wednesday 9th December 6.30pm under the Big Top

It is an expectation that all children attend the Christmas concert to celebrate as a St Angela's community this special time of year. Please inform your class teacher immediately if your family is unavailable, as some roles and parts are currently being assigned to children.



Chess Grand Finals

Congratulations to all students who have taken part in our Chess Competition this year. It is with excitement we announce the Grand Finalists for 2016:

Stage 2 - Patrick Sultana and Joel Woodhead (2015 champion)
 Stage 3 - Patrick Sanares and Brandon Darmudi

The games will be held in the school hall at lunchtime this Tuesday 24th November. We look forward to watching the boys battle it out! Parents are welcome to attend.

Many thanks to Mrs Stewart, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Sandri for co-ordinating this wonderful extra curricular opportunity for the children.

Swimming Program



Our Swimming Program for Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 4 began this week. Year 3 will commence their program this coming week (Week 8). The program will take place at the indoor pool at **C2K Aquatic Centre at the Castle Hill RSL**. Dates are as follows:
Kindergarten: Tues 17th to Fri 27th Nov (Weeks 7 & 8)
Years 1 & 2: Tues 17th to Fri 27th Nov (Weeks 7 & 8)
Year 3: Tues 24th to Fri 27th Nov (Week 8)

Please note the following classes need to be at school at 8.10am ready to leave on the first bus at 8.20am:

Tues 24th Nov to Fri 27th Nov (Week 8) - 3 Blue and 3 Green

If you are late your child will unfortunately miss out given the nature of the program. They will not be able to join another class during the day.

A Few Reminders:

We ask that each child bring the following items **in their excursion bag**: Plastic bag, swimmers, goggles, towel, T-shirt, thongs/sandals. The children will be given a swimming cap at the pool during their first lesson, please ensure your child brings this with them each day.

PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS.

Mrs Meegan Fello
Co-ordinator

'SHINE QUEST' ST ANGELA'S 15TH ANNUAL TALENT QUEST

On Friday 11th December 2015 from 9.00-11.00am we will conduct the final of our annual Talent Quest. To ensure that this event is enjoyable for the children we have set out our guidelines:

- Each child is invited to participate in one individual and/or one group item.
- Items can include dancing, singing, playing an instrument, movement or a comedy act.
- Parents are asked to supply the necessary music, instruments and costumes etc.
- Children are asked to collect an entry form from the office or their class teacher and return the completed form to their class teacher by **Tuesday 24th November 2015**.
- Each grade will have a mini quest and this will be the audition for the whole school 'SHINE Quest'.
- Parents are welcome to attend the final on Friday 11th December.

This is not a competition but rather a celebration of talent. As a result places etc are not awarded.

Naplan

At our recent General Parent Meeting we celebrated our pleasing results. Here is just a snapshot of some highlights.

Strengths highlighted in our recent Naplan results include:

- ◆ 76% of Year 3 students were in the Top 2 Bands in Grammar and Punctuation
- ◆ 66% of Year 3 were in the Top 2 Bands in Spelling
- ◆ In Reading in Year 3, 67% of children were in the Top 2 Bands.
- ◆ In Reading in Year 5, there was an increase of children in Band 8.
- ◆ In Numeracy in Year 3, there was a decrease in the number of children in the Lower 2 Bands.
- ◆ There were 80% of Year 3 children in the Top 2 Bands in Writing.
- ◆ There was an increase of Year 5 children in Bands 7 and 8 in Writing.

There is certainly a lot of great work to celebrate.

Year 1 Parent Visits

Over the last two weeks, the Year 1 students have welcomed several parents into the classroom to talk about their career. These visitors complement our HSIE unit of work, 'Who are the people in our community who help us and why?' We have had a range of careers represented, including a hairdresser, cake decorator and a graphic designer. We were also fortunate enough to have the local fire brigade show off their truck and equipment!

We would like to thank the following parents for giving up their time to teach us about their chosen career: Caitlin Burden, Chris Lester, Jillian Metcalfe, Simon Kelly, Andrew Salib, Gillian Davie, Paul Schenko, Marilyn Nasr, Jaison Singh and Anthony Geoghegan.

Mrs Lean, Miss Joice and Mrs Hyam
Year 1 Teachers



Uniform News

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 27th November from 12.00 to 3.00pm selling all uniform items. There will also be some sample sizes to view on this day. Official days for all children in Kindergarten to Year 6 to be fitted and take home their St Angela's uniform will be as follows:

Friday 15th January from 10.00am to 12.30pm
Saturday 16th January from 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 21st January from 3.00 pm to 6.00pm

These will take place in the school hall. You are welcome to attend any of these opening times or utilise the order form available from the office/website. If there are any problems at all, please do not hesitate to contact Oz Fashions direct on 0421 216 414.

Reflection

A kind word or acknowledgment goes a long way in lifting a person's spirit.

Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it's gone,
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.
Spreading, spreading from the centre,
flowing on out to the sea,
and there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.
Drop a careless, unkind word,
and in a minute it is gone;
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.
They keep spreading, spreading, spreading, from the centre as
they go and there is no way to stop them,
once you've started them to flow.
Drop a word of cheer and kindness;
just a flash and it is gone;
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing,
dashing wave,
'til you wouldn't believe the volume of one kind word you
gave.