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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank you, our parents for your support in ensuring your child is dressed and presented beautifully for school each day. During the last week we have reminded the whole school regarding expectations such as, only plain studs or sleeper earrings for the girls, correct coloured hair bands, ie. Blue, yellow, green (school colours), no hair cuts with buzz marks, maintaining tidy hair, having polished shoes and no nail polish and jewellery other than a watch or medical alert band. Our children are certainly proud of their uniform and appearance. As has been published in the newsletter previously, we also ask that sports shoes are predominantly white. If purchasing new sports shoes we ask for your support in this area.

Final General Parent Meeting for 2016 This Wednesday 16th November at 7:00pm Agenda

- * Prayer & Welcome
- * Review minutes of last meeting
- * Committee Reports
- * Naplan feedback
- * 2016 in Review
- * 2017 Future Planning

Come along and join us for our final General Parent Meeting for the year. All are welcome.

Grandparents' Day Thanks

Messages of appreciation, such as the one below, continue to be sent after our Grandparents' Day celebrations. Thank you for your kind thoughts.

"We would like to thank the entire staff for a wonderful morning on Grandparents' Day. We thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and were most impressed with the children's talent and the teachers' dedication in their preparation for a well organised event. The assembly was a loving, thoughtful tribute to grandparents and made us all feel very special."

Resilience

Each day our children grow and learn. They are on an exciting journey that is yet to unfold. Fostering resilience in our children is essential for their success in life.

Resilience is:

- ♦ The capacity to cope and feel competent
- ♦ The ability to accept life's disappointments and bounce back

from hard times.

- ♦ A generally positive attitude to life
- ♦ A mixture of attitude, skills, abilities and character.

Some are born with a more resilient spirit, others have resilience fostered by early childhood experiences.

What does a resilient child look like?

- ♦ Healthy thinking habits
 - Realistic/Detective thinking
 - Helpful thinking
 - Being optimistic
- ♦ Independent and resourceful
- ♦ Good problem-solvers
- ♦ Able to mix well with others

Children need the freedom to:

- ♦ Grow up free from having to please their parents all the time (hopefully they will want to please you because of shared values)
- ♦ Be free to make their own mistakes (making mistakes is how we learn)
- ♦ Be free to feel discomfort and learn from life's disappointments

"Prepare our children for the path, not the path for our children."

St Angela's Disco

The hall was 'pumping' as the children danced the night away. Here are just some of their thoughts:

"The disco was a nice time to be with my friends. I could dance and it was fun. I learnt lots of new dance movements. The donuts were delicious." Lucca 1Y

"The disco was awesome! The music was great and the food was delicious. I had great fun with my friends." Charlotte 5G

Many thanks to Wayne Davie, who coordinated the two disco sessions on behalf of the Fun(d)raising committee, along with a team of wonderful parents who ensured all went well, Sharon Aguas, Nicky Benning, Sandra Botic, Sharon Brouillard, Linda Cerreto, Sonali Fernandez, Louise Laird, Alicia Lane, Kerry Lockwood, Sarah Losco, Michelle McEneaney, Claire Mizzi, Mona Mu, Bec Nati, Susan O'Meara, Cherille Paton, Sonia Perez, Doreen Saul, Antonella Tesoriero and Vanessa Thomas.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2016

Parents are invited to come and take some time out to celebrate a fantastic year at St Angela's.

Date: Thursday 1st December

Time: 7:00pm onwards

Venue: Castle Hill RSL

No need to RSVP. Just drop in or come along with friends and stay a little, or stay a while, we would love to see you. (Drinks and/or food available to purchase as you wish) We hope you can join us for this casual gathering.

See invitation coming home soon. 2016 Fun(d)raising Committee



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Religious Education

Sunday 13th November 2016: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Luke 21:5-19

Patiently endure the trials you are sure to face for Jesus.

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

- ◆ **How do you respond when you are questioned, challenged, or even persecuted for your faith?**
- ◆ **Do we take up God's invitation of grace and mercy to seek first his kingdom of righteousness and peace?**

Remembrance Day

Tomorrow is **Remembrance Day** and we will gather as a school community at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who lost their lives in the pursuit of freedom. In particular we recall the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918.

Year 6 will lead us in prayer and reflection and we will fly the Australian flag at half-mast as a sign of mourning and respect. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter and the sharing of pleasures."

Remembrance Day

11th Day of the 11th Month at the 11th Hour

We will celebrate Remembrance Day tomorrow, Friday 11th November. We keep in our thoughts and prayers on this day all those who died at war in the name of peace. We will pause and reflect at 11.00 with a short prayer ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend.



Partners in Education As a significant partner in your child's education, if you wish to seek clarification on any learning, procedures, behaviours or can assist the teacher through a 'united approach' towards your child's development, it is appreciated and preferred if a phone call or an appointment with the teacher is made. This in turn ensures that the teacher can spend time with you as opposed to a rushed interview as teachers prepare for lessons in the mornings or make their way to afternoon duties and staff meetings. My sincere thanks to the dedicated teachers of St Angela's who are always present, available and only too willing to work with you regarding your child, who is our first priority.

When contacting St Angela's ...

If you need to contact the school, we ask that you please use the school office number or email address. Please do not make enquiries via the number used to send notification of student absences, as this is an automated facility.

Many thanks.



Upcoming Dates

Week 5

Fri 11th Nov 11:00am Year 6 Remembrance Day
Assembly Prayer - All welcome
10:00am Year 5 Surf Education

Week 6

Mon 14th Nov 10:00am Year 6 Surf Education
Year 1 Minibeasts Incursion

Wed 16th Nov

7:00pm General Parent Meeting - All welcome

Kindy to Year 4 Author Visit - Leigh Hobbs.
Parents welcome, times to be advised.

Thurs 17th Nov

Kindergarten 2017 Second Orientation Session
9:00-10:30am A-F and M-R
11:00am-12:30pm G-L and S-Z
1:30-2:30pm Second Hand Uniform Sale outside the canteen

Fri 18th Nov

International Teachers' Day at St Angela's
2:15pm Year 5 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Week 7

Mon 21st Nov

Year 6 Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Day

Tues 22nd Nov

Special 'Pizza' Food Day

Wed 23rd Nov

Orientation Day for new children in Years 1-6 2017

Fri 25th Nov

Final Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Session
9:00-10:00am - All parents
9:00am-12 noon - All children
Oz Fashions will be on site selling uniforms for Kindergarten 2017 families from 12 noon till 2:30pm

Student Attendance

Please see the important letter regarding attendance being emailed tomorrow, Friday 11th November. A similar letter was also sent earlier this year and outlines the procedures for **all schools** in our Diocese and beyond in regards to attendance. Guidelines stipulate that attendance below a certain level, must be followed up in a formal way.

Firstly, if your child has an Attendance Rate of below 90%, ie. More than 5 days absent out of a 50 day term, a separate note will come home, letting you know that that is the case. This note will be titled 'Parent Attendance Information Letter' and will include the number of days your child has been absent. We apologise if this letter causes alarm as parents realize just how many days their child has actually missed due to sickness, holidays, other absences etc.

For children whose Attendance Rate is below 85%, ie. 8 or more days per term, as per guidelines parents will be contacted and/or invited to school to attend an Attendance Planning Meeting. The ultimate aim is to improve student attendance in order to improve student's learning outcomes.

Please note we are very aware that some children have medical conditions, have been ill or have had surgery, resulting in prolonged periods of absence. Please be assured that if a child is genuinely not well the best place to be is home with you where they can be cared for. When these compulsory Parent Attendance Information letters are issued, we are aware of special circumstances, but we are **still required** to follow process and procedure and send these notes home. Thank you for your support in this vital area.

Sent Home in the Last Week:

Emailed: Letter to 6 Green Parents, Year 1 Minibeasts Incursion, Year 5 Student Leadership Process, Graduation Supper to Yr 5
Hard Copy: Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-5 and Year 1 students turning 8 in 2017, Religious Literacy Assessment Results Years 4 and 6

Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Matilda Scothern KB
 Ashton Yu KG
 Jacob Nasso KY
 Giulio Muscardo 1B
 Jared Suarez 1G
 Aidan Siney 1Y
 Luke Watson 2B
 Noah Jenkins 2G
 Jemima Scothern 2Y
 Mischa Vujnovich 3B
 Joel Foxe 3G
 Priya Tulsi 3Y
 Jessica Brincat 4B
 Laura Nati 4G
 Emily O'Rourke 4Y
 Claudia Como 5B
 Patrick Sultana 5G
 Chantelle Mendoza 5Y
 Jake Blackwell 6B
 Kristian Ebejer 6G
 Olivia Nati 6Y

St Angela's Award

Max Lukjanenko KB
 Charlotte Thompson KG
 Jude Moller KY
 Zoe Crowley 1B
 Chelsea Mowbray 1G
 Olivia Miletic 1Y
 Brandon D'Silva 2B
 Zalia Ritchie 2G
 Taylah Khoudair 2Y
 Grace Karam 3B
 Tahlia Mackay 3G
 Emily Crowley 3Y
 Matthew Rae 4B
 Caitlin McNamara 4G
 Anjali Hunt 4Y
 Anthony Tedros 5B
 Emily Ortlepp 5G
 Jaida Batoua 5Y
 Connie Costa 6B
 Keira Callaghan 6G
 Joel Hunt 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

NOVEMBER

Sun 13th

Joshua Morin

Mon 14th

Bianca Jandrlic
 Taylah Khoudair
 Aliyah Henwood

Tues 15th

Aaron Malcolm
 Keira Murphy
 Mrs Murray

Wed 16th

Sophie Young
 Isabella Khodeir

Fri 18th

Oliver Chapman
 Jagger Woodham

Sat 19th

Olivia Pinna
 Jack Hall

Star Spot

Congratulations to Nathan Fox (6 Yellow) who won the Hills Region Primary School section of The Hills News 'Design an Ad' competition for his advertisement 'Don't Fret Pet'. Well done Nathan, we are very proud of you!



Grade Assemblies

Please note our remaining whole school assembly for Term 4 is as follows:

Week 6 - Next Friday 18th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 5
 All parents are most welcome to join us.

KINDERGARTEN 2017 STUDENTS' TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

This Thursday 17th November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-F, M-R
 11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname G-L, S-Z

Friday 25th November

9:00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday November 25th, 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 2:30pm.

International Teachers' Day

Next Friday 18th November, we celebrate International Teachers' Day (official date earlier this term) here at St Angela's. Christ's blessings are clearly evident through our wonderful teachers. They are truly a gift to be celebrated.

Teachers will be treated to a delightful morning tea from the class parent reps. Appreciation and thanks to your Class Parent Representatives for their efforts in making the day so special for the staff.

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Logan McDonald (2 Yellow)
 Cora Ledwith (5 Yellow)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in areas such as technology. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers also have entitlements such as long service leave, maternity leave, family leave etc., sick leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partner to liaise with the relief teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Author Visit - Leigh Hobbs Kindergarten to Year 4

To promote literacy and reading, we welcome renowned author, Leigh Hobbs, to visit our school next Wednesday 16th November. Mr Hobbs is an artist and author best known for his children's book characters *Old Tom*, *Horrible Harriet*, *Mr Chicken* and *Mr Badger* and a highly successful animated TV series, based on Leigh's *Old Tom* series of books. If children have one of Mr Hobbs' books, they are welcome to bring it on the day to be signed. No payment is required for this visit as it has been included on your school fee account. Parents are most welcome to attend. Session times to be confirmed.

St Angela's Swimming Carnival Monday 5th December 2016 Years 2 to 5 and Year 1 children turning 8 in 2017 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre Parents are welcome to attend

Year 6 Parent Dinner

A dinner has been organised for all Year 6 parents. Details are as follows:

When: 7:00pm, Monday 21st November

Where: Full Moon Thai, Castle Hill

RSVP: Thursday 17th November to Bec Nati on 0414 966 203 or Irena Van Der Heyde on 0424 228 515



FUTURE DIRECTIONS – CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Want to know what the future holds for Catholic Education in Parramatta?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mr Greg Whitby
Executive Director of Schools
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Monday, 14 November 2016

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
(Term 4 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)

Diocesan Assembly Centre: Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Streets, Blacktown

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and
a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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Second Hand Uniform Sale Thursday 17th November 1:30-2:30pm

Our second hand uniform sale for this term will be held next Thursday 17th November from 1:30-2:30pm outside the canteen. All items will be sold for \$5 or \$10, with profits going towards the school. It is really just a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need!

Home School Learning Link - How to help your children with speaking and listening skills

Being able to take in information, respond to instructions and share our ideas, thoughts and opinions are vital skills for kids to get by in the world. Thankfully it's an area where teachers are experts, but there are ways you can help your child develop these skills and reinforce speaking and listening at home.

1. Avoid interrupting your child when they're talking and listen carefully to what they have to say.
2. Use everyday opportunities to talk with and listen to your child as they share things that are of interest or importance to them.
3. Show your child you are interested in what they are saying when they are speaking by giving nods, smiles, sounds, supportive words and gestures. The positive feedback helps reinforce to them that what they say is important and worthwhile.
4. If your child has trouble remembering things said to them, it's a good idea to encourage them to repeat in their mind what has been said, then retell it in their own words. Making notes can help if they have to do a task.
5. If you are planning something such as a party or an outing, try having a brainstorming session with your child. You can do this just by listening and sharing ideas or by writing them down together.
6. Discuss common dates on a family calendar, such as public holidays, and have your child mark in important events.
7. From the calendar, talk about days, months and years in relation to events such as birthdays and other special occasions.
8. When walking or travelling together, talk about street names and the meaning of signs, etc. You could discuss anything known about names and signs encountered (eg give an explanation about how street names may have come about).

Source: School A to Z <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>. If you wish to explore more ways to support your child's learning this site includes many helpful tips across a wide range of areas relating to parenting and children's learning.

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home earlier this week. Please note orders are due back at school **next Friday 18th November** - 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, 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