



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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Term 4, Week 8

## 'TONIGHT'

### St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2016

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

**Date:** *This evening, Thursday 1st December*

**Time:** *7:00pm onwards*

**Venue:** *Castle Hill RSL Terrace Bar*

*No need to RSVP. Just drop in or come along with other parents 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. 2016 Fun(d)raising Committee*

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that in less than 3 weeks the school year will come to an end for 2016. The busyness of this tail end of year in the commercial sector, let alone schools and life itself is often frantic. Many parents I speak to often express how busy they are, not surprisingly the children also talk about how busy they are throughout each week with commitments. I encourage you to intentionally make and take opportunities to spend time as a family. It is this special family time that children crave, cherish and remember. Our children grow up so quickly. The early years are indeed precious. Whether it is a walk in the afternoon, a meal together, sharing a book, or just good conversation, time together is important. We should spend time on what is important. What is more important than family?

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At this time of year the reading from (Matthew 25:31-46) contains a powerful message for our children and for all as adults. Christ's teaching through this passage highlights how our faith can be expressed in practical charity to others. It is a simple and accessible message that as parents we can role model for our children in the way we treat others.

.....*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick and go to visit you?" "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.".....*

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## Christmas Concert

### This Wednesday 7th December 6:30pm

We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas celebration with all families and friends of St Angela's Primary School this Wednesday 7th December at 6.30pm under the Big Top.

The children will need to be at school by 6.00pm. Please refer to the email sent home earlier this week and in this Shine regarding costumes for the children to wear. We ask that when children arrive they go to their classroom to meet their teacher and prepare.

Every family will need to bring blankets, cushions or chairs. Blankets and cushions will be used to sit on the concrete area and chairs will be accommodated at the back of the concrete area. All cars are to be parked outside the school grounds due to safety. Families can enter by either the front or back gates. School gates will be open at 5.30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our special Christmas Celebration.

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We would like to welcome the following educators to our team for 2017. Our two new coordinators replacing Mrs Albertini and Mrs Newman will be Mrs Theresa Lowden and Mrs Megan Aberley. Both these ladies bring a wealth of experience and expertise to their roles and classroom. We also welcome, as classroom teachers, Mrs Suzette Lewis-Driver and Mr Anthony Stagnitta. A full list of teachers and their relevant class allocations will be sent home shortly.

*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:

*"J O Y (Jesus - Others - Yourself)"*

*Our theme this week, in the form of an acronym, helps remind us about the special season of Christmas which is quickly approaching. Spreading the JOY of Christmas takes place when we keep Jesus in our lives, we consider Others and take time for Yourself. Balancing these areas is a challenge children often face, especially in the sometimes over-materialistic focus and busy-ness at this time of the year.*

## THIS MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER PLEASE NOTE

St Angela's normal phone number will not be available on Monday 5th December due to an exchange upgrade for **Monday 5th December only**.

Parents are asked to use email for communication or, if necessary, may call 0410 387 087 which will be an active number for receiving incoming calls **for this day only**.



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**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS OPEN UNTIL  
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER FOR ALL STUDENTS  
IN KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6**

## Celebrating our Gifts

### Academic Excellence

Ava Chapman KB  
Lincoln Brown KG  
Alexander El-Rahi KY  
Domenic Laird 1B  
Cruz Berich 1G  
Romik Gulumian 1Y  
Troy Austen 2B  
Evan Hunt 2G  
Maddison Eastwood 2Y  
Keean Holmes 3B  
Blake Cassettari 3G  
Sienna Van Jour 3Y  
Bianca May 4B  
Giselle Mendiola 4G  
Amelia Piperata 4Y  
Riley Azzopardi 5B  
Joseph McEneaney 5G  
Emily Nasso 5Y  
Nicholas Sebastian 6B  
Emily Chiew 6G  
Zachary Hefron 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Hamish Geoghegan KB  
Aiden Cabezas KG  
Alice Nugent KY  
Angelina Catalano 1B  
Zara Phelan 1G  
Jasmine Oakey 1Y  
Kathryn Basobas 2B  
Keeley Rule 2G  
Lucas Seda 2Y  
Mischa Vujnovich 3B  
Sophie Milas 3G  
Natasha Panganiban 3Y  
Bailey Aldag 4B  
Aaron Malcolm 4G  
Kiara Lee 4Y  
Sienna Javidi 5B  
Mailee Suefong 5G  
Cora Ledwith 5Y  
Montana Ritchie 6B  
Curtis Rothwell 6G  
Jordan May 6Y

## Happy Birthday!

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

### DECEMBER

#### Sun 4th

Brianna Newell  
Josh Brewer

#### Thurs 8th

Claire Eisenhuth  
Emma Lang

#### Mon 5th

Mia Thomas  
Natalie Petkovich

#### Fri 9th

Justin Younis

#### Wed 7th

Ned Cane  
Adalyn Lewis

#### Sat 10th

Sinera Janaratne  
Tahlia Mackay  
Riley Dafter

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Cora Ledwith (5Y), Mia Thomas (5Y) and Lucy Van Der Heyde (6Y) who will be performing in 'CATS' in January. They will be sharing the stage with Red Wiggle, Simon Pryce, together with over 100 other young performers from all over Sydney. Tickets on sale now from Ticketek.

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Congratulations to Riley Hogan (4Y) who was selected in the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Softball team.

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Congratulations to Caitlin Mu (5Y) who achieved an 'A' in her AMEB Grade 3 Piano for Leisure Exam.

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Congratulations to Grace Brewer (6G) and her Junior Cheer Team who won the National Championship title in Broadbeach, Queensland.

## Chess Grand Finals

Congratulations to all students who took part in the St Angela's Chess Competition this year. The Grand Final took place during lunch last Tuesday in the hall.

Special congratulations to the following students:

Junior Runner Up - Emily O'Rourke  
Junior Champion - Jason Herbas  
Senior Runner Up - Patrick Sultana  
Senior Champion - Josh Bautista

Many thanks to our Chess Coordinators Mrs Kelly, Mrs Ogilvie and Mrs Sandri for coordinating this opportunity.



## Band Showcase Evening

Congratulations to all our children who performed in our Band Showcase last Wednesday evening. It was an amazing display of musical talent! Many thanks to Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton for their expertise and time in organising this wonderful event.

## Term Dates for 2017

Term 1 Years 1-6 - Monday 30th January to Friday 7th April  
Kindergarten - Wednesday 1st February to Friday 7th April  
Term 2 Monday 24th April to Friday 30th June  
Term 3 Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September  
Term 4 Monday 9th October to Tuesday 19th December

## 'Shine Quest'

### St Angela's 16th Annual Talent Quest

We welcome everyone to our Shine Quest for 2016 on Thursday 8th December. The finalists from each grade will perform from 9.00am onwards in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall.

We look forward to an enjoyable morning to showcase the talents of our children. Parents are most welcome to attend.

## Readers and Library Books

Could all Guided Readers, books from class Browser Boxes and all Library books please be returned to school by this **Tuesday 6th December**. This will allow teachers and librarians to do a stocktake and ensure that all resources are ready for next year. Many thanks for your support.



## St Angela's Feast Day Celebration Tuesday 13th December



The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations. We will be having excitement filled rides and a complimentary gelato for each child. These treats are all free to say thank you to our children for a great year of faith, fun and learning and to celebrate St Angela's Day.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Our whole school community evening this year will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm under the Big Top**

Please find outlined below costume details for each grade as emailed home earlier this week:

- Kindergarten: Denim jeans/shorts/skirt and white t-shirt.
- Year 1: Girls dressed as Mary - please wear any shade of blue, including a headscarf/veil. Boys dressed as Joseph - please wear a robe/dressing gown with head towel.
- Year 2: 'Royal' colours, eg. Purple, blue, red, green (matching top and bottoms). Gold tinsel around heads as a crown.
- Year 3: Christmas colours - red, green, white (combination of any).
- Year 4: White tops with denim jeans/shorts/skirt, silver or gold tinsel wrist bands or halos.
- Year 5: Christmas T-shirt. Black, white or denim bottoms.  
Boys – messy, spiked hair  
Girls – plaits/braids  
Thongs or sandals  
Tinsel around ankles and wrists.
- Year 6: Denim jeans/shorts/skirt with white top. Silver, gold or red tinsel.

***Unless specified, all children in Kindergarten to Year 6 are asked to wear sneakers or flat sandals.***

Please do not purchase any of these items but rather borrow from others if needed.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

St Angela's Teachers

## Change of School for 2017

To estimate enrolments for 2017, 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.

## NEW FAMILIES BBQ CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS

Next year, as is now tradition, we will welcome all the Kinder 2017 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ and drinks early in the new school year. We ask that available parents from this year's Kinder and/or any grade who would be willing to help organise the occasion complete the attached slip. We aim to have the event on **Friday, 3rd February at 5:00pm.**

***Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.***

## NEW FAMILIES BBQ 2017

I will be able to assist at the new families BBQ on Friday, 3rd February, 2017.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## End of Year Reports

Reports will be coming home soon. Our reports (Years 1 to 6) by law are required to award an achievement level to each child using a mandated A to E scale for each Key Learning Area. It is imperative to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently **the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.**

**The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.**

Example One: Half Year Achievement level of C  
End of Year Achievement level of C

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Example Two: Half Year Achievement level of B  
End of Year Achievement level of C

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

As you can appreciate, these reports present many challenges including determining what on average constitutes an A, B, C, D or E given the achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area.

As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This will apply to all Diocesan schools.

## Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

As previously advised, Oz Fashions have a new system of booking times for uniform fittings. Parents are asked to complete the form emailed home today only if their child requires uniform items **to be fitted**. If your child does not need to be fitted, you do not need to make an appointment. If you are wishing to purchase uniform items that do not require fittings, just attend one of the uniform trading days in January, as noted below:

**FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY 2017 9:30AM to 12 NOON**  
**THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2017 12:30PM to 2:00PM**  
**TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017 2:00PM to 4:00PM**

This will take place in the school hall.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Oz Fashions directly on 0421 216 414.



## Your guide to the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

These summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge will once again be launched to encourage all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

### How to enter:

It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis. Entries are now open and close at 5.00pm on 7th February 2017. Further information and terms and conditions can be found at [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

# St Angela's Swimming Carnival

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### Blacktown Aquatic Centre

### Boyd Street, Blacktown

### Years 2 to 5

Just a few reminders regarding Monday's swimming carnival:

- ♦ It is expected that all children in Years 2 to 5 attend the Swimming Carnival, together with any Year 1 children turning 8 in 2017 who have chosen to attend. Please note that children need to be at school on time as buses will be leaving at **8:40 SHARP**.
- ♦ If you have nominated your child to enter the 100m Freestyle they are required **to go directly to the pool for 8:30am marshalling**.
- ♦ Children are to come to school dressed in their swimmers, school HAT, school sport shorts, school sport top or school colour house tops only, with a towel in their bag. No other types of tops are permitted. Please attach 1 safety pin to shirt for any ribbons. Please label all items clearly with your child's name.
- ♦ Children are required to wear their own colour house swimming cap in all their races. Please ensure all swimming caps have your child's name clearly marked.
- ♦ Children may wear beach shoes/thongs on the day.
- ♦ Children will need to bring recess, lunch, snacks and plenty of drinks. NO child will be allowed to use the canteen. Parents are asked not to purchase food, drinks or ice blocks to take to the children in their colour house.
- ♦ Children are to remain in their colour house at all times with the teachers.
- ♦ The parent area will be on the car park side of the pool. Parents are asked to keep the marshalling area and both recording areas clear, as these need to be kept free for children and teachers. We also ask that the pool deck on both sides be kept clear for the lifesavers. This is a WH&S requirement from Blacktown Aquatic Centre Management.
- ♦ Children are asked to join in the spirit of the day with cardboard posters etc but pool management has asked that there is no crepe paper, streamers, balloons, body paint, coloured hairspray, silly string or tinsel wigs or anything that may cause pollution to the pool and surrounds.
- ♦ Presentation of Age Champions and winning Colour House will be presented at the carnival - time permitting.
- ♦ At the conclusion of the day parents are able to take children home from the pool. All children will need to have their name marked off by their class teacher before leaving the pool. The remaining children will be transported back to school in time for normal dismissal.
- ♦ A running program for the carnival is overleaf.
- ♦ Any parents who are willing, wanting and able to swim 50m in the parents/teachers Vs students race, please bring your swimmers and see Mrs Hemmings on the day for our race strategy. **Remember we are defending champions.**

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sport Co-ordinator

# ST ANGELA'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL PROGRAM

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Years 2 to 5

EV1	Open Male 100m Free	38	Junior F 50m Breast
2	Open Female 100m Free	39	11yrs M 50m Breast
3	8yrs M 25m Free	40	11yrs F 50m Breast
4	8yrs F 25m Free	41	Senior M 50m Breast
5	9yrs M 25m Free	42	Senior F 50m Breast
6	9yrs F 25m Free	43	Junior M 50m Fly
7	10 yrs M 25m Free	44	Junior F 50m Fly
8	10 yrs F 25m Free	45	11yrs M 50m Fly
9	11 yrs M 25 Free	46	11yrs F 50m Fly
10	11 yrs F 25m Free	47	Senior M 50m Fly
11	12 yrs M 25m Free	48	Senior F 50m Fly
12	12yrs F 25m Free	49	Junior M 200m IM
13	8yrs M 50m Free	50	Junior F 200m IM
14	8yrs F 50m Free	51	Senior M 200m IM
15	9yrs M 50m Free	52	Senior F 200m IM
16	9yrs F 50m Free	53	Open M House Relay
17	10 yrs M 50m Free	54	Open F House Relay
18	10 yrs F 50m Free	55	Students v Parent Teacher Relay
19	11yrs M 50m Free		
20	11yrs F 50m Free		
21	12yrs M 50m Free		
22	12yrs F 50m Free		<b>Approximate Times</b>
23	13yrs M 50m Free		<b>12:30pm Indoor Swimming</b>
24	13yrs F 50m Free		<b>Games</b>
25	Junior M 25m Back		
26	Junior F 25m Back		<b>First event will start at</b>
27	11yrs M 25m Back		<b>8:45am</b>
28	11yrs F 25m Back		
29	Senior M 25m Back		<b>War Cries will take</b>
30	Senior F 25m Back		<b>Place throughout the day</b>
31	Junior M 50m Back		
32	Junior F 50m Back		<b>Presentations will take</b>
33	11yrs M 50m Back		<b>Place at the pool</b>
34	11 yrs F 50m Back		
35	Senior M 50m Back		<b>2:00pm Buses depart</b>
36	Senior F 50m Back		<b>For school</b>
37	Junior M 50m Breast		