



# St Angela's Primary School

## Castle Hill

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Term 2, Week 9

Dear Parents,

## Farewell! We Will Miss You

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and sincerely thank Mrs Turner for the wonderful contribution that she has made to St Angela's over the last 13 ½ years. As classroom teacher and Religious Education Coordinator, she has made a significant impact not only to the 420 plus students who have called her their class teacher but, more importantly, to the life and culture of St Angela's. In her leadership role as Religious Education Coordinator, she has ensured that our faith has been brought to life in all that we do as we let our light shine each and every day from Masses, to Liturgies, to Sacramental Programs, to major assemblies, to RE programs, to the prayer life of the school. Mrs Turner has coordinated and facilitated countless opportunities for children, staff and parents to experience God's unconditional love and to be enriched in our faith.

We wish her all the best as she takes long service leave for the next six months and then eases into official retirement. Mrs Turner, you have been a gift and blessing to our community. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

**We will be holding a farewell assembly for Mrs Turner this Tuesday 28th June at 11:00am. All are most welcome to attend.**

Congratulations to Mrs Kathryn Newman and Mrs Michelle Yager who have been appointed by the Catholic Education Office to the role of Religious Education Coordinator, for Terms 3 and 4 respectively, during Mrs Turner's leave. We also welcome Mrs Elizabeth Kelly to 4 Yellow, who will assume the role of classroom teacher.

## Parents as Partners - Online interview booking opens this afternoon at 4:30pm

As you meet next week in partnership with your child's teacher, it is important to keep the focus on the child. Our first priority at St Angela's is our children. We aim to develop each child according to their ability. We strive to develop the whole child, that is to develop each child spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially and academically. For our school to do its job effectively, the ongoing interest and support of parents is vital. Teachers and parents working as partners means common goals can be established and developed more effectively and efficiently. It is important that the children see teachers and parents supporting each other. Working together assists the children's development and learning in so many ways.

A happy, supportive and harmonious link between teachers and parents with realistic common goals creates a unified approach. When a child perceives a breakdown in communication of this vital link, a child experiences conflict and may play one off against the other. We are very fortunate at St Angela's to have supportive and caring parents, not only supportive in developing fantastic community spirit and raising funds, but more importantly loyal and supportive in helping and assisting their children's learning.

**Please note: We ask that you allow ample time to arrive at school for your interview. Your punctuality is important. As there is limited parking on school grounds, we ask that you park at Wrights Road Community Centre or Coles and allow time to walk to the school. If you are late, you may need to reschedule as timeslots are often full. Out of respect for others:**

- ♦ when the bell sounds, please finalise your conversation and leave promptly using the corner glass doors closest to the adventure playground.
- ♦ if your interview is completed before the bell, please feel free to have an 'early mark'.

Sometimes with today's busy and hectic lifestyles it can become easy to leave school to the teachers but when we reflect on the points below it is well worth remembering that the link between teachers and parents is paramount in our children's education.

- A child's performance is strongly influenced by his or her parents' attitude to the school.
- Achievement levels tend to rise when parents are seen to be interested and involved in their child's schooling. Parental involvement can develop a real sense of community within a school.
- Parents have many ideas and skills that can be very useful to their school community.

## Reports

Children will be bringing their Reports home early next week. Please take time to talk with your child about their many successes. Ask them what they are most proud of this year.

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

*Tony Calabria*  
Principal



## TOMORROW

We are very excited about our **Multi-Cultural Mufti Day, tomorrow Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. We are looking forward to celebrating the many different cultures that make up the St Angela's multicultural community. There is a Gold or fold donation to support our pilgrimage.

Last night we attended our last group formation meeting where we learnt that our group will be working with Baclayan Central School Community in the Philippines. Our mission work will include: feeding undernourished children, planting gardens, painting, teaching, cooking and playing sports games with the children. We hope that the experience will be a humbling and deeply meaningful one as we open our hearts to God's call.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Michelle Yager (Pilgrim Leader) and Mrs Louise Lean (Pilgrim)



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# Religious Education

June 26th, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Cycle C



## Luke 9:51-62 Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem

This gospel reading marks a crucial point in the Gospel of Luke. It is the beginning of the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem, the place of his passion and death, and of his resurrection. The evangelist curiously speaks of the time for him to be 'taken up to heaven'. The journey is not simply the journey to death on the cross, but the journey to resurrection, which will culminate in the return of Jesus to the presence of the Father, from whom he came. The rest of the gospel shows that the challenges faced by Jesus, the challenges of fidelity and hardship, will be faced by his disciples too. Unlike James and John, Jesus quietly accepts that the Samaritans, who no longer worshipped in Jerusalem, are unwilling to welcome him. Jesus warns the first man he meets of the privations of discipleship, that he has 'nowhere to lay his head'. His reply to the second man, that he should 'leave the dead to bury their dead', seems harsh. It is typical of the blunt language of the prophets, calculated to shake the listener out of complacency. Finally, Jesus challenges the third man's attachment to family ties. When all is considered, even these bonds of loyalty are secondary to the call of God. This final little scene echoes the conversation of the prophet Elijah with his disciple and successor Elisha in the first reading. Am I prepared to make **my** journey to Jerusalem? Is fidelity to the gospel the first priority in **my** life.

### Year 2 Liturgy Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:

Year 2 gathered together to celebrate their unit, Pentecost: Jesus' Gift to Us. Pentecost is the great celebration of the birth of the Church. "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech."

Mrs Marilyn Turner  
Religious Education Coordinator

## Farewell assembly for Mrs Turner this Tuesday 28th June

11:00am

All welcome

## Quote of the Week

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

## Great day for a sausage sizzle!

Our appreciation and thanks to Resam Alkhouri, Joyce Bautista, Kari Anne Begg, Donna Collins, Monica Crowley, Wayne Davie, Cristina Gerretson-Cornell, Fiona Hennessy, Carlene Khoury, Heidi Lee, Diana Norris, Angela Papadimatos, Julie Pinna, Antonella Tesoriero, Natasha Vitanza and Sharon Younan for all your help with our Special Sausage Sizzle Food Day last Tuesday. Thank you on behalf of the 600 mouths you fed. Your help was very much appreciated.

Friday 1st July is a Staff Development/Pupil Free Day. Staff will be at school undertaking Professional Learning in the area of English, in particular, the writing strand.



### Week 9 Fri 24th June

## Upcoming Dates

Multicultural Mufti Day for World Youth Day  
*The children are invited to wear 'the colours' of the country of their ancestry or their national costume. They are asked to bring a gold or fold donation to support our World Youth Day pilgrimage.*

**2:15pm Year 5 Grade Assembly** in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - Parents welcome

### Week 10 Mon 27th June

#### Tues 28th June

Year 2 Incursion - The Powerhouse Museum

Parent/Teacher Interviews

11:00am Farewell for Mrs Turner in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

#### Wed 29th June

Parent/Teacher Interviews

#### Thurs 30th June

St Angela's Disco in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

4:30-6:00pm Kindergarten to Year 2

6:30-8:00pm Years 3 to 6

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Last day of Term 2

#### Fri 1st July

**Staff Development/Pupil Free Day - No school for the children**

## Theme for the week:

*"Be Enthusiastic in all you do"*

The words of Ralph Emerson clearly express the focus of this week's theme:

### Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success.

When you do a thing, do it with all your might.

Put your whole soul into it.

Stamp it with your personality.

Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective.

Never give up. Nothing is beyond reach.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

## Jacob's Progress

Jacob Crawford's (K Green) health has been steadily improving each and every day. He has returned to Australia and has been in Westmead Children's Hospital and is now at home recovering. Thank you for all your prayers. We hope to see Jacob return to St Angela's soon.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale This Wednesday 29th June 1.15-2.45pm

Our second hand uniform sale for this term will be held this Wednesday 23rd June from 1.15-2.45pm 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!

Notes sent home in the last week:

Emailed and Hard Copied: 1 Blue Parents, 5 Blue Parents, 2 Blue Parents, 2 Green Parents, 4 Yellow Parents, Parent/Teacher Interview Booking Form, Disco, **Supplement Page to this newsletter emailed home today**

## Celebrating our Gifts

### Academic Excellence

Max Lukjanenko KB  
Stirling Post KG  
Tianna Farah KY  
Emeline Fitzsimons 1B  
Ryan Turner 1G  
Tiana Azzopardi 1Y  
Alvarez Alberti 2B  
Lara Gomes Pestana 2G  
Madison Tedros 2Y  
Molly Nati 3B  
Aimon Fitzsimons 3G  
Ned Cane 3Y  
Dana Adan 4B  
Isabella Hall 4G  
Sophie Watson 4Y  
Freya Scothern 5B  
Nicholas Stornelli 5G  
Mia Thomas 5Y  
Jayson Orley 6B  
Tiana Alberti 6G  
Owen Azzopardi 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Matilda Scothern KB  
Cassidy Southwood KG  
Jude Moller KY  
Sophie Wallace 1B  
Georgia Lee 1G  
Sienna Stavropoulos 1Y  
Hailey Cassettari 2B  
Noah Jenkins 2G  
Alec Austen 2Y  
Ethan Cabezas 3B  
Joel Foxe 3G  
Jarvis Hemmings 3Y  
Aaliyah Netana 4B  
Genevieve Brouillard 4G  
Charlotte Hogan 4Y  
Angus Gibbons 5B  
Tanya Benedict 5G  
Caitlin Mu 5Y  
Brianna Newell 6B  
Curtis Rothwell 6G  
Jade Goodall 6Y

## Happy Birthday!

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

### JUNE

**Sun 26th**  
Mia Jacobs

**Mon 27th**  
Rylee Callaghan

**Tues 28th**  
Olivia Mizzi

**Wed 29th**  
Frederick Johan  
Michael Taouk  
Adam Hochstetter  
Miha Knevitt  
Noah Sweeney

### JULY

**Fri 1st**  
Jonah Singh  
Luke Wehrmann

**Sat 2nd**  
Tiana Alberti  
Felicity Rankin  
Georgia Zeid  
Priya Tulsi  
Ciara Crowley



## Inter School Debating Competition 2016

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the third round of the Inter School Debating Competition against St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills. The children prepared a debate on the topic, "The Olympics is a waste of money". The debaters presented challenging arguments. Congratulations to St Paul the Apostle who were successful on the day.

The debating team will now have a break until Term 3, where they will prepare two more debates before the end of the season.

Thank you to all parents involved in supporting your child leading to the debate and for your presence on the day.

Mrs Newbury, Mrs Kaelin, Miss Lawrence and Mrs Kelly  
Debating Coordinators

## Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Brandon D'Silva (2 Blue)  
Ethan Gunawardhana (5 Blue)

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



## School Disco

DJ and music by 'Dance Fever'

Theme: "Wear Your Favourite Dance Gear"

This coming Thursday 'Last day of school for Term 2'

When: Thursday 30th June (Week 10)  
Where: St Maximilian Kolbe Hall  
Times: The disco will be split into two sessions:  
Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30-6.00pm  
Years 3 to 6 6.30-8.00pm

Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15 per family. This includes an iced donut (from Woolworths) and groovy music with children asked to bring along their own labelled drink bottle (can be disposable). Water refilling will be available if need be. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Hall and sign them in. Children at COSHC can be brought up at the appropriate times if needed by COSHC staff. Please let COSHC know if you wish your child to attend the disco.

**Please note:** To avoid congestion there will be no parking on school grounds. Please allow extra time for arrival and pickup time.

Ticket orders are due back at school **tomorrow, Friday 17th June.**

## CANTEEN HELPERS

Our canteen opens on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. It does not open on rainy days.

We require some helpers each Tuesday and Friday from 12.25 to 1.25pm to be put on a 6 month roster. If you are able to help, please fill out the canteen helper form below and return to school by Tuesday 28th June (no babies or toddlers please). Enquiries: Natasha Vitanza on 0416 766 181.

Thank you  
Canteen Committee

*Please return to the school office by Tuesday 28th June*

I would like to help in the canteen once a month on the following day:

**Tuesday** or **Friday** (please circle)

Name: .....

Phone: (mobile) .....

Email: .....

Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

Any dates not available: .....



## Children's Workbooks Coming Home

### Science & Technology/HSIE books will be coming home this week

This week the children will be bringing home their Science & Technology/HSIE workbooks. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. What new skills have they learnt? What new ideas/information did they find out? The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so, to read a comment.

**We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.**

Please see below for some more examples of thoughtful comments from parents that children just love:

*"Super impressed with all of your lovely writing and narratives. You have come a long way. Keep up the good work!"*

*"Fabulous writing! Your writing made me smile and laugh. So well written! I hope in 20 year's time you are happy and a very good cook."*

## News from the Parish

### BEAM ME UP, SCOTTIE!

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will be hosting a Star Trek Beyond Movie Night at Event Cinemas, Castle Towers on Friday 22nd July at 8:45pm (so you can get home from work). Book your seats today through the Parish office. Only 100 seats available during this opening weekend of "a sure to be blockbuster movie." Plan to come early as parking at Castle Towers can be difficult. Join other Trekkies (like Fr Alejandro) and help support Parish renovations.

## Sport News

Congratulations to Kyle Morley (19th), Ben Moroney (32nd), Joseph McEneaney (4th), Sarah Crowley (21st), Ava Foxe (35th), Keira Murphy (22nd), Pip Gattini (32nd), Aoife Collins (35th), Charlotte Hogan (46th), Joel Foxe (9th), Aidan Crowley (48th), Jarvis Hemmings (52nd) and Mia Jacobs (40th) who competed last Friday at the NSW CPS Cross Country Championships.

The children were fantastic and gave their absolute best against some very talented athletes.

We were very excited to see Joseph McEneaney finish 4th, achieving his goal of selection to compete at the NSWPSA Cross Country Championships on the 22 July.

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Best wishes to the Stage 2 Soccer teams who are competing in today's Diocesan Soccer Gala Day.

### WHAT AN AWESOME RESPONSE!

**'An Expression of Interest Form has been sent home' or you can contact the office**

**9th September - Save the Date**

**CALLING THOSE INTERESTED IN GOLF (ALL LEVELS WELCOME - BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED)**

**St Angela's Inaugural Golf Day  
Lynwood Country Club**

## Dance Fever at St Angela's

Dance Fever is once again on in Term 3! Every Monday in Term 3, the talented staff from Dance Fever will be at St Angela's to teach K-6 a variety of structured dances. There will also be a whole school Hip Hop routine to learn. At the end of the term, children will have the opportunity to take part in a 'Challenge' dance-off night at Homebush. Although all children will dance throughout the term, taking part in the night at Homebush is purely optional. The cost will be only \$4.00 per week (ie. \$40.00 per student) for the term, which has already been included in your school fee account.

## MID-YEAR REPORTS

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 (ie. first semester of learning, second semester of learning). Each year introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. Comparative data for Years 1-6 is included with your child's report as per Diocesan Policy.



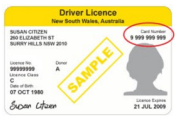


This style of reporting mandated by the Government involves a great deal of processing before arriving at an achievement level for each Key Learning Area. There are many assessments undertaken, work samples examined, observations made and needs discussed. In Week 10, teachers will be having parent interviews to support, discuss and complement these reports, affirm your child's learning and to give direction/focus for future learning.

Together the school and you form an important partnership. This partnership supports your children in reaching their potential so that home and school are united in their approach.

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers for always making themselves available to you. Our teachers here at St Angela's are a truly gifted team of Educators. They themselves are committed learners who strive to provide quality Catholic Education for our students.

The role of the teacher is never easy, it is a challenge but it is without doubt one of the most rewarding careers. Teachers not only work with the children who are our future, but are part of the Church's mission in passing on our Gospel values. The commitment, passion and care our teachers and staff bring to their vital role is what helps make our school so great.

To help put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be useful to look at the analogy below using driving experience in an E-A context:

A	B	C	D	E
Grand Prix racer	Advanced driver training with extra skills	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	A person on "P" plates drives independently but still learning.	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.
				

## CHANGING GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8.30am until 2.55pm and your child is required to be present between these times. Children should not be taken out of school early unless it is for an important reason (ie. Appointment for specialists etc.) Likewise, any changes of going home arrangements should only be made **in cases of emergencies**. As you can appreciate, contacting classes for children to come to the office for early departures or to advise of going home changes is disruptive to the learning, in particular to the whole school if the class is not in their room and an announcement needs to be made. We ask that all early departures and changes to going home arrangements are completed before 2.30pm.

We thank you for your support in this area.

## From the Library .....

### Book Covering

We have a lot of hard cover books that require covering. As they cannot be sent home as the rolls of contact are quite large, if any parents are free to cover books in the library next **Tuesday 28th June** from 11:15am onwards that would be gratefully appreciated.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:

- Year 1 - Chelsea Mowbray, Jasmine Oakey
- Year 2 - Freya Begg, Jessica Lester, Cooper Mills, Luke Watson
- Year 3 - Aimon Fitzsimons, Mia Jacobs, Harrison Valenzisi, Noah Wheatley
- Year 4 - Finya Begg, Sophie Watson
- Year 5 - Charlotte Edwards

Username and passwords were sent home earlier. If you have any problems logging onto <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> please let us know. When you click Logon on the Homepage, it will take you to the NSW Department of Education Portal. Once you have entered your username and password it will take you back to the PRC website. Just a reminder you can only enter two PRC books in one series. The rest can be entered as personal choice books.

### School Holiday Activities

Look out for activities and events at your local library. The following are a few of the activities in the Hills Shire Libraries:

- ♦ Creative Writing Workshops with **Anna Fienberg** for Years 3 to 6  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from 10.30 to 11.30 & 12.30 to 01.30 for
- ♦ Underwater Story Time – Craft for 4-8 years  
12<sup>th</sup> July from 4-5pm
- ♦ Science Discovery – Bubbles for Kindy to Year 2  
13<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30-11.30
- ♦ Science Discovery-Wind Things for Years 3 to 6  
13<sup>th</sup> July 12.30-1.30

You will need to book ahead as events get booked out quickly. Some events are free and others you will need to pay a small amount.

Children can borrow up to 10 books at the public libraries. They can also assist with the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The following website has **Top tips to keep kids reading over the school holidays**.

<https://sydneynorth.kidsizeliving.com.au/blog/top-tips-to-keep-kids-reading-over-the-school-holidays>

Mrs Rosanne North  
Teacher Librarian

## Grade Assemblies

Please note the remaining whole school assembly for Term 2 is **tomorrow, Friday 24th June at 2:15pm** led by Year 5. All parents are most welcome to join us.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews** Information was sent home yesterday regarding the booking of parent/teacher interviews online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). Bookings open this afternoon from 4:30pm and the School Event Code is dtj7j. An emailed copy was also sent to your preferred email address.

## Ordering of Specialty Photos

Information regarding the online ordering of specialty photos, ie. Year 6, Year 6 Muck Up, Band and Choir were sent home last week. Please note orders are due **tomorrow, Friday 24th June**.

## Grooming Requirements at St Angela's

A kindly reminder to parents of the grooming requirements for boys' hair at St Angela's, as noted in the Parent Handbook:

All boys' hair is to be kept neat and tidy and off the collar. It should be well groomed and brushed at all times. Long hair past the ears is not permitted. Shaved heads, eg. Number 1 shave, undercuts & sculpturing cuts are not allowed at St Angela's. Long fringes need to be off the face.

Many thanks for your support in this area.

## Winter Has Arrived

The cold weather is here. Thank you for your efforts with having the children in winter uniforms. The children look fantastic. We appreciate the cost involved plus the constant upkeep with washing/ironing and so on. A tidy uniform gives the children a sense of personal worth and a sense of belonging to our wonderful school. It projects a positive image to others when they see our children wearing their uniform correctly, hair neat and tidy, no jewellery, correct school backpack, with clean shoes and wearing our school hat.

## Forms on our Website

For your convenience, please find noted below just some of the forms which are available to download from our website. These forms can be found under **Current Community, Notes from School, Whole School**:

- ♦ Medication Forms - Temporary Administration (ie. 1-5 days) and Doctor's Form (for medication to be permanently stored at school)
- ♦ Leave Request Forms - Both 1-9 days and 10-100 days
- ♦ Change of Details Forms
- ♦ Uniform Order Form

## 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.

## Term Dates for 2016

Term 2	26th April to 1st July
Term 3	18th July to 23rd September
Term 4	10th October to 16th December