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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass This Monday 11th December

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass this Monday 11th December at 9:00am in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. This is also an opportunity for the school community to farewell our Year 6 children and those leaving St Angela's. Our student leaders for 2018 will be officially presented during the Mass. Children are to wear full school uniform. Sport uniform will not be required by any classes on this day.

St Angela's Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival on Monday at Blacktown Aquatic Centre was a great day of healthy competition and, most importantly, participation. The day saw Garda take out the overall trophy, with Brescia being awarded the Spirit Cup. Congratulations to all the colour houses. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings for co-ordinating our carnival for all the children. Her attention to detail, as always, was outstanding and ensured the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Thank you also to the amazing team of teachers and many thanks to the multitude of parents who assisted on the day (see further details in this Shine).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hemmings for all things sport at St Angela's. Our children have many wonderful sporting opportunities due to the commitment and effort Mrs Hemmings puts into her role.

Shine Quest

Congratulations to the high numbers of absolute budding stars who today participated in our 2017 Shine Quest, both at a grade level and at today's performance. Our appreciation and thanks to Miss Joice for coordinating this opportunity for the children and to Mrs Lean for expertly facilitating the music and sound.

Parents' Social Gathering

My appreciation and thanks to the many parents who were able to attend our Parents' Social Gathering at the RSL last Thursday. It was a lovely time to gather and step back from the busyness of this time of year. Thank you to our social committee, Joyce Bautista, Wayne Davie, Alli Holmes, Di McGaulley, Bec Nati, Jenni Rodger and Antonella Tesoriero for a very successful year full of exciting activities and events that raised fun and funds.

On behalf of the St Angela's community, we are very grateful for all you have done.

Christmas Concert

Our favourite night of the year, our Christmas concert, was a wonderful evening of Christmas spirit as we gathered as a St Angela's community under the banner of our faith. We were indeed blessed with fine weather.

Our concert inspired us to reflect on the many joys of Christmas and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ. The children certainly were the bright shining stars of the evening. Their performances were just amazing. Our sincere thanks to Miss Joice for beautifully coordinating the evening, assisted by Mrs Yager and all the teachers. Appreciation to our sound technician, Mrs Lean, to Miss Joice, Mrs Lean and Mrs North on piano for the beautiful choir, to Miss Joice, Mrs Moller and Mrs Aberley for preparing the dance crew and special thanks to Mr Laird for preparing our staging and grounds.

Thank you for your overwhelming presence and support. It was very much appreciated.

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:

"It is in giving that we receive"

Our theme this week focuses on the gifts of 'ourselves' that we give to others when we help another person, when we speak a kind word, when we forgive, when we do something for someone else and expect nothing in return. To gain satisfaction from simply living out our gospel values in our interactions with others truly helps us receive Christ in our lives at this special time of Christmas.

**Please note school is open until
Friday 15th December for all students in
Kindergarten to Year 6**

***Don't miss our last newsletter for the year next
Thursday 14th December. Acknowledgements,
holiday birthdays, Year 6 farewells and more ...***



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Religious Education

Sunday, 10 Dec 2017: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Gospel Mk 1:1-8

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.

This Sunday's gospel captures beautifully the spirit of preparation and waiting that characterises the liturgical season of Advent. John the Baptist is portrayed as fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah and others as the one who comes before the Lord preparing the way. He is a messenger, sent by God to 'do the groundwork' preparing the people for the coming of the Christ. Although this passage is used during Advent as preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we know that John was a contemporary (indeed cousin) of Jesus and the time of preparation was immediately prior to Jesus' public ministry.

John appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism for forgiveness of sins. It may seem odd to think of going to the wilderness to try to influence people. Today we might think that the city centre or street corner might be the better venue to preach something. What is it about the wilderness? Reference is made to the wilderness several times in scripture. It is used as a place of preparation and encounter with God. The wilderness referred to was a vast expanse of emptiness on the eastern side of the Jordan River. It was not uncommon for wandering preachers like John and Jesus to go out into the wilderness as a way of making a break from their previous life and getting themselves ready in body and spirit to begin their ministry. The wilderness to the east of the Jordan was also the place in which many of the rebels based themselves. There was a sense that challenge and unrest came out of the wilderness. In many ways that is what Jesus - heralded by John - brought out of the wilderness as well.

Q. Why is the wilderness an appropriate image for preparation?

Q. How can we continue to prepare the way for the Lord?

Assembly Prayer

Kindergarten Yellow will lead us in a prayer for the 2nd Week of Advent at Friday Morning's assembly.

End of Year Mass

Our End of Year school mass will be on Monday 11th of December at 9am. We will gather in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall as a school community to celebrate the year that has been and all the blessings we are grateful for. All are most welcome.

Advent Reconciliation

Next Wednesday Father Alejandro will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with Year 2 as we prepare to enter the season of Advent. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

Stationery Donations

As noted in last week's newsletter, at this time students are thinking about replenishing their stationery for the coming school year. The fundraising parent committee, would like to invite you to donate pencils, clean pencil cases, erasers, sharpeners etc that are no longer need, but still in good working condition. Donations will be collected until the end of term and sent to Baclayon Central Elementary School, Mary Immaculate Parish Bohol, Philippines where Mrs Lean and I participated in our mission encounter for World Youth Day last year. As a school, we continue our challenge to 'reach out' in order to be of love and service especially in this Advent season. Please send your donations to Mrs Yager in 5 Yellow.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 10

Mon 11th Dec

9:00am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Tues 12th Dec

St Angela's Feast Day Celebration - Mufti

Thurs 14th Dec

2:30pm Year 6 Farewell Parade - All welcome

7:00pm Year 6 Graduation in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 15th Dec

Last day of school for the students - Christmas mufti

Week 11

Mon 18th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Tues 19th Dec

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the Shepherd family (Bella 6G, Jasmine 4B and Ryan KB) due to the passing into eternal life of the children's grandfather.

Christmas Hampers - Last Call, Due Tomorrow

The St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to needy families. Thank you to those families who have already donated hampers. 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. A list of suggested items has been emailed home to all families. Please send items in to your child's class teacher **tomorrow Friday 8th December** to allow distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

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Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Time & Date: 9:00am, Monday 11th December

Children are to wear full school uniform. Sport uniform will not be required by any classes on this day.

Christmas Treats

In these last weeks of school, children like to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks. This is a lovely gesture. As there are a number of children at St Angela's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



*The Staff of St Angela's wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Ivie Javidi KB
Joshua Vassallo KG
Ava Mogan KY
Joshua Morin 1B
Tianna Farah 1G
Joseph Brouillard 1Y
Zachary Brook 2B
Macey Holmes 2G
Gabriella Fernandes 2Y
Jada Yu 3B
Madison Tedros 3G
Luke Di Stefano 3Y
Jasmine Shepherd 4B
Matthew Foley 4G
Molly Nati 4Y
Bailey Aldag 5B
Alexander Petras 5G
Lauren Shin 5Y
James Baylis 6B
Isaac Tenn 6G
Jackson Folkard 6Y

St Angela's Award

Oliver Como KB
Sophie Pickles KG
Zavier Stornelli KY
Elly Gohil-Bozic 1B
Jude Moller 1G
Isaac Cassab 1Y
Georgia Lee 2B
Jared Suarez 2G
Ella West 2Y
Emma Lang 3B
Camryn Lean 3G
Bianca Jandrlic 3Y
Joel Foxe 4B
Tara Bishop 4G
Anthony El-Rahi 4Y
Rachael Rodrigues 5B
Charlie Nelson 5G
Alexander Palmer 5Y
Ava Foxe 6B
Elliot Abeyaratne 6Y

Quote of the Week

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

Chess Grand Finals 2017

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 Champion - Jason Herbas
Junior Runner Up - Ben McNamara
Senior Champion - Joel Woodhead
Senior Runner Up - Xavier Ruiz-Martinez



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

Pre-Requisite Lists Coming Home Soon

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Year 6 End of Year Events, St Angela's Day Google Form, Kindergarten 2018 Assessments, 6 Yellow Parents, 2 Green Parents, 2018 Prescribed Medication Forms, Christmas Raffle Winners and Sponsors **Hard Copy:** Year 6 End of Year Events

Happy Birthday!

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

DECEMBER

Sun 10th

Riley Dafter
Sinera Janaratne
Tahlia Mackay

Wed 13th

Charlotte Edwards
Courtney Lean

Mon 11th

Xavier Ruiz-Martinez
Sienna Azar

Thurs 14th

Thomas Norris

Sat 16th

Lincoln Brown

Tues 12th

Victoria Pinna

Meet Your Teacher for 2018

Children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2018 this Wednesday 13th December. A list of class teachers for 2018 was emailed earlier today.

Year 6 Guard of Honour

The whole school will gather to wish Year 6 all the best next Thursday 14th December at approximately 2:30pm under the big top. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 14th December at 7:00pm in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. All welcome.

Last Day of School for 2017

Friday 15th December is the last day for all students in Kindy to Year 6 for 2017. The children are welcome to wear Christmas Mufti to help celebrate this joyous time of year. Staff will be at school on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December.



ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER



HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE PERMISSION GOOGLE FORM EMAILED EARLIER THIS WEEK TO ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE?

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. 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. The day will begin with a prayer service honouring our patron Saint, St Angela Merici. Children are to wear sensible mufti clothing and a hat, keeping in mind they will be participating in a range of activities including the use of play equipment. The children must wear footwear which they find quick and easy to remove and put back on their feet. No thongs please. Children are required to bring their recess and lunch. Please ensure the children bring along plenty to drink and that sunscreen has been applied before arriving at school.

We are looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable day.

Year 6 Dinner/Disco

New fancy outfits, gorgeous hair dos, matching shoes, these were just some of the exciting things that we saw last Sunday night at the Year Six Graduation disco. Year six had a ball dancing, singing, eating, and looking amazing whilst taking plenty of photo booth shots with our mates. We also had our minds blown while watching the Matt Falloon magic show and how can we forget the delicious lolly table...YUM! Overall, this was a night Year 6 can never forget. It definitely would not have been possible without the help of the wonderful Year 6 parents who ran the entire evening. We are so grateful to all who organised this event and to our parents who helped us look our very best.

Ethan Gunawardhana, Connor Khoury and Jack McDonald (6B)

Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 1st December from 12 noon to 2.30pm, selling all uniform items. There will also be some sample sizes to view on this day. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms on the following days in January in our school hall:

Monday 8th January from 12 noon to 2:00pm

Saturday 13th January from 10:00am to 12 noon

Thursday 18th January from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Please also see an email sent home last week regarding a new app for ordering uniforms.

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

Parish News

Christmas at the Shrine This Saturday 9th December



2018 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2018, were emailed earlier this week to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. Please notify the school via email at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au if your child's medical requirements have changed and they no longer require medication to be permanently stored at school.

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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

Next year, as is tradition at St Angela's, we will welcome all the Kinder 2018 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 please email the school office at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au. We aim to have the event on **Friday, 9th 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.

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME APPLICATIONS

We have been advised by Transport for NSW that students entering Year 3 are no longer required to reapply for an Opal Card as the system now automatically validates a student's ongoing eligibility if they remain at the same school. Cards for 2018 will be posted to the address nominated on your original application and will be received a week or two prior to the commencement of the 2018 school year. Further information can be found by visiting <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au>.

Kindergarten Holiday Playdates

Holiday playdates have been arranged for Kindergarten 2017 families on the following two dates:

When: Thursday 28th December at 9:30am
Where: Bernie Mullane playground, located at Marella Avenue, Kellyville

When: Sunday 21st January at 9:00am
Where: Lollipops Playland, 8/10 Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill.

Enquiries: Teresa Sprem on 0408 765 301. Please note the playdate at Bernie Mullane will be cancelled if weather is not suitable. Socks must be worn at Lollipops Playland. Please refer to their website for details regarding entry prices, rules and conditions - castlehill.lollipopsplayland.com.au

All welcome. Hope to see you there!

Term Dates for 2018

Term 1	Years 1-6 - Tuesday 30th January to Friday 13th April Kindergarten - Thursday 1st February to Friday 13th April
Term 2	Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July
Term 3	Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September
Term 4	Monday 15th October to Wednesday 19th December

St Angela's Swimming Carnival Monday 4th December 2017

I just love the St Angela's community spirit! What an awesome day at our swimming carnival, at Blacktown Aquatic Centre It was amazing to see the children of St Angela's participating and enjoying a day of swimming. The colour house team spirit and support for each other was also extraordinary on the day. Congratulations to all the children on their enthusiasm. A special thank you to the year 5 students for their team spirit and leadership on the day.

The children showed great competitiveness and skill. The training and effort that some of you have put in really paid off on the day. To those children who swimming isn't quite their thing, well done in getting in and having a go.

Thank you to the teachers for all their hard work ensuring the children made their races and enjoyed the day. Congratulations to the ex students relay team who were victorious on the day even though the teachers and parents were outstanding.

I was overwhelmed with the amount of parents who put their hand up to help out on the day, so thank you: Michelle Jacobs, Laura Hall, Peter Benning, Monica Crowley, Louisa Laird, Toni Phelan, Deearne Ritchie, Frances Rothwell, Michelle Siney, Jenny Tallaridi, Donna Collins, Vanessa Hall, Fiona Hohn, Louise Khoudair, Raymund Manio, Rebecca McDonald, Kirra McNamara, Linda Young, Hayley Cane, Karen Foxe, Jeanette James, Tara Shepherd, Nerida Southwood, Yasna Suefong, Joanne Wheatley, Joyce Bautista, Carol Manio, Raquel Murphy, Sonia O'Rourke, Jenni Rodger, Kelly Smales and Michelle McEneaney. Thank you also to ex students Lauren Jacobs, Chantelle Ritchie, Montana Ritchie and Roisin Kelly who helped with lifeguarding and getting in the water with the 25 metre swimmers. We could not have had such a great day without all your assistance. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children. We certainly are lucky to have such a supportive St Angela's community.

RESULTS

Congratulations to **Garda**, the winning Colour House and to **Brescia** for winning the Team Spirit Cup.

Our 2017 Swimming Champions:

Snr Boys Champion:	Tom Smales
Runner Up:	Dylan Manio
Snr Girls Champion:	Sophie Young
Runner Up:	Keira Murphy
11 Years Boys Champion:	Ned Cane
Runner Up:	Noah Wheatley
11 Years Girls Champion:	Kiara Lee
Runner Up:	Mia Jacobs
Jnr Boys Champion:	Aaron Hohn
Runner Up:	Joe Khoudair
Jnr Girls Champion:	Zalia Ritchie
Runner Up:	Jessica Hohn

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator



Year 6 Motiv8 Sports Day

On Monday the 4th of December, Year 6 were lucky enough to be accompanied by some of the coaches from Motiv8 Sports who put on a 'Big Day In'. This 'Big Day In' was filled with numerous exciting and competitive activities involving teamwork and sportsmanship. We had the opportunity to choose our teams for the day. We all named our groups and dressed up in wild costumes. Some of the thrilling events we took part in included the Japanese Blind Fields, Basketball Shootout and the chaotic Vortex Gridiron.

Throughout the day we were fighting for bonus points but the Ballerina Bawlers took home the win. It was a great day for Year 6 and we all had a blast.

Thank you to the Motiv8 team led by Coach David Hemmings.

By Zoe Dimitriadis and Bella Shepherd (6G)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

7.30 pm Deanery Advent Communal Penance Service with Individual Confession

Wed. 20 December St Bernadette's, Castle Hill	Thurs. 21 December OLOR, Kellyville
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(Additional priests on hand each night.)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 24 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent):

Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am and

Christmas Vigil (also on 24 December):

6pm

(Children are invited to dress up as nativity figures and process in with Fr. Alejandro.)

8pm and

Midnight Mass - 11:30pm

(Christmas Carols begin at 11pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25 December
7am, 9am and 11am

Please Note: There is no Evening Mass on Christmas Day

FURTHER NOTE: All Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (24 December). As Christmas Vigil Masses begin on Sunday (24 December) at 6 pm, there is no Fourth Sunday of Advent evening Mass. You should plan to attend the 6 pm Saturday Vigil Mass or the other Masses that morning (7, 9 and 11 am) as above.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, 31 December: 6pm Vigil Mass

Monday 1 January 2018 - 7 pm Mass

(Note there is NO 6.45 am Shrine Mass on 1 January)