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Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2018

A very warm welcome to an exciting new year of faith, fun and learning. Together, as a community of students, parents, teachers and parish, we look forward to working in partnership towards providing a high level of quality Catholic Education to our students, developing them spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially and physically.

I sincerely hope that the holiday period was a treasured time of relaxation, family and friends.

Congratulations on a wonderful start to the school year by all the children, particularly given the mixed weather conditions this week. I have been very proud to see the children quickly settling into their learning and living in harmony with each other. Our Kindergarten children officially started today. They have been particularly outstanding.

My sincere thanks to all the staff for beginning the year with such enthusiasm and care in their privileged roles. This year, we welcome a number of new members to our staff. Welcome to Mr Stephen Lee (6 Blue teacher), Miss Leisa Claxton (K Green teacher), Mrs Monique Beglinger (School Counsellor) and Mr Andrew Losurdo (IT Trainee).

We ask for God's blessings over our Christ centred community of new and existing families, staff and religious as we embark on our 18th year of providing a high level of quality Catholic Education for the children, who are our first priority.

A rewarding journey into 2018 awaits as we aim to develop the whole child and foster their lifelong relationship with Christ. As parents and partners in your child's education I encourage you to work alongside the talented, dedicated and professional staff here at St Angela's as they provide and facilitate opportunities for your child to grow to their full potential. Your support is appreciated and is an integral part of the success of St Angela's.

You should be extremely proud of your school, St Angela's, and it's welcoming atmosphere. The way that over 600 children gather together each day to **LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE** is indeed unique and special.

I look forward to working with you as the first educators of your children to make 2018 a most rewarding year.

Grade Information Sessions

This Wednesday, we will hold our grade information sessions for Kindergarten at 7:00pm and Year 1 at 6:00pm. Our combined Year 2 to 6 parent information session will be held at 8:45am on Friday 9th February (see below). We hope that you can attend so as to enhance the learning of your child by being fully informed of the processes, procedures and content for your child's new grade and stage of learning. Your support and partnership is extremely valued and appreciated.

Kindergarten and New Families BBQ Next Friday 9th February

We look forward to gathering with our new families across Years 1 to 6 and all Kindergarten families next Friday afternoon for a welcoming BBQ, commencing at 5:00pm under the big top. We also look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to the school community on Friday 16th February at 8:45am. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us.

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:

"Let Your Light Shine"

Our first theme of the year is our school motto. It reminds us to use the talents and gifts that God has blessed us with each and every day. Be brilliant in every aspect of life.

GRADE INFORMATION SESSIONS

The following grade information sessions will be held for parents in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall:

Year 1 - 6:00pm on Wednesday 7th February

Kindergarten - 7:00pm on Wednesday 7th February

Year 2 to 6 (combined) - 8:45am on Friday 9th February (please see email sent home today).

PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Parent and Teacher meetings - Tuesday 13th February afternoon/evening (details to be sent home soon).

Thank you for your support.



Welcome

We would like to welcome 4 new families to our school this week:

The Abdow family - Patrick (4 Blue)

The Aberley family - Dean (4 Green)

The Mazuvancheri-Perera family - Keeran (3 Green)

The Oh Family - Daniel (5 Yellow)

The Santos family - Alexandra (5 Green)

We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Morning and Afternoon Procedures (Yrs 1-6), Sport Days, Centenary of Anzac Reserve/OLOR Church Visit/ BBQ Flyer (Kindy and New Families), 2018 School Fee Schedule, Grade Information Sessions **Hard Copy:** Centenary of Anzac Reserve/OLOR Church Visit/BBQ Flyer (Kindy and New Families), Student Information Form, Scholastic Catalogues



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Religious Education

Sunday, 4 Feb 2018: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time - Year B

Gospel MK 1:29-39

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law.

Sunday's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Q. Where and when do you find prayer most powerful?

Q. How can you better follow Jesus' example of using prayer in the busy times?

The Feast Day of Our Patron St Angela Merici 27th January

As the staff returned for the school year on Monday, we remembered The Feast Day of St Angela Merici, on 27th January. We were joined in prayer by Sr Venera and Sr Patty who shared with us some of the works of St Angela both in the past and presently in schools, convents and ministering to the needy all over the world. With humility and inspired by the Holy Spirit, Angela became convinced there was great need for a better way of teaching young girls. So, she opened her own home to them and began to teach them herself. She devotedly taught them the Catholic Christian faith. She taught them how to pray and participate in the sacramental life of the Church. On the 25th of November 1535, Angela Merici gathered with 12 young women who had joined in her work in a small house in Brescia, where together they committed themselves in the founding of the Company of St Ursula.

As we begin the 2018 school year... we look to our Patron, Saint Angela Merici, and her example of discipleship. She embodied peace, courage, wisdom, kindness, gentleness and compassion. May we Let Our Light Shine in all that we do this Year.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Year 6

Parents of Year 6 students who have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are invited to attend an information session on Thursday 8th February in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church. This is a meeting for parents only. Registration begins at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Save the Date

**Combined Ash Wednesday and
St Angela's Opening School Mass in our
St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Wednesday 14th February at 11:15am**



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 2

Tues 6th Feb

Canteen begins

Wed 7th Feb

6:00pm Year 1 Grade Information Session - All welcome

7:00pm Kindergarten Grade Information Session - All welcome

Thurs 8th Feb

7:15pm Registration for 7:30pm start
Sacrament of Confirmation Parent
Information Evening at Our Lady of the
Rosary Parish

Fri 9th Feb

School Census Day (see further information
in this newsletter)

Band lessons begin

8:45am Years 2 to 6 General Parent
Information Session - All welcome

5:00pm Kindergarten and New Families
Welcoming BBQ - All welcome

Quote of the Week

*"Cherish simple pleasures ... time spent together, the
gift of friendship and love."*



Baby Boy

*Congratulations to the Alcock family
on the arrival of James Ryan, a
brother for Claire (1B)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

School Census Day

Friday 9th February

Next Friday 9th February is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know your child will be away on Friday 9th February, please email stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au advising the reason for the absence and when they will return, otherwise, simply respond to the text sent from St Angela's on the day by 10.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Are you receiving emails?

As information and various notes are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email address on our system. Many thanks.

**Please see coming home soon the
parent calendar and grade overviews**

**Canteen begins this Tuesday 6th February
Band lessons begin next Friday 9th February**



Happy Birthday!

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

FEBRUARY

Mon 5th

Molly Nati
Sienna Van Jour
Ava Vengoa

Thurs 8th

Alexis Foxe
Cristian Frasca
Sebastian Khoury
Sophia Raad

Wed 7th

Mathis Ma
Thomas Morin
Gabriel Younan

Sat 10th

Dana Adan
Kai Hall
Saoirse McGowan
Amber Monet

Supporting and Extending Your Child's Learning

Over the next few weeks, the teachers will extensively assess your child so as to get to know their strengths and areas of need. They will also read each child's file and reports so as to get a better perception of their past performance and successes. It is important to have a good understanding of each child's needs before launching into the programming of work, so that it meets these needs.

Please return the Student Information form coming home today no later than **Wednesday 7th February**, so that your valuable input can be utilised to assist your child.

2018 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2018, were emailed at the end of last year to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. If you have not already done so, please return the completed forms to the office as soon as possible. ***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.

Book Club

Scholastic catalogues were sent home today. Please see the following details that outline the process for ordering and for payments:

St Angelas is in the Loop! Your scholastic order will be electronically linked when you order and pay by Loop - scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app, register your details and follow the prompts.

When you order and pay by LOOP do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Payment options include credit card PayPal or credit vouchers. Please note the school does not accept cash and all cash orders will be returned.

How to Order?

Type the book number on the catalogue and press enter - Example: 102. To change the quantity, tap the text box next to the product name. Enter the desired quantity and press update. To remove an item, enter a quantity of 0 and tap update. Alternatively, you can swipe the item to the left and tap remove. This will remove the item from the order. If you have multiple children on the order, you can change who you are ordering for by tapping the 'children' button on the top right hand corner. If your school has agreed to allow gift orders, you can mark an order as gift by pressing the orange button marked 'Gift Order'. Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)

Book Club Coordinator

St Angela's Staff 2018

Principal: Mr Tony Calabria

Assistant Principal: Mrs Monica Fitzalan

6 Blue: Mr Stephen Lee
6 Green: Mrs Amanda Ogilvie
6 Yellow: Mrs Louise Lean (Learning Technologies/
Special Projects Coordinator)

5 Blue: Mrs Theresa Lowden (Coordinator Stage 3
- Yrs 5 & 6)

5 Green: Miss Gabrielle Joice
5 Yellow: Mrs Michelle Yager
(Religious Education Coordinator)

4 Blue: Mrs Megan Aberley (Coordinator Stage 2
- Yrs 3 & 4)

4 Green: Mr Lee Hurst
4 Yellow: Mrs Elizabeth Kelly

3 Blue: Mrs Rosanne Javidi
3 Green: Mrs Tahlee Simpson/Mrs Jenny Petras
3 Yellow: Mrs Jasna Rubelj (Special Projects Coordinator)

2 Blue: Mrs Catherine Bateman
2 Green: Mrs Michelle Szady
2 Yellow: Mrs Meegan Fello (Coordinator Early Stage 1/
Stage 1 - Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2)

1 Blue: Ms Suzette Lewis-Driver
1 Green: Mrs Kristy Smith
1 Yellow: Mrs Marie Murray

K Blue: Mrs Natalie Moller
K Green: Miss Leisa Claxton
K Yellow: Mr Anthony Stagnitta

Learning Support: Mrs Simone Di Stefano
Mrs Brooke McDonald

Teaching Learning Centre: Mrs Rosanne North (Teacher/Librarian)
Mrs Karem Castro (Library Assistant)

Specialists And Coordinator Release: Mrs Kerry Powell (Music)
Mrs Andra Hemmings (Physical Education)
Mrs Lucy Kaelin (2Y)
Mrs Lynne Sandri (4B, 3Y, 6Y and Year 4 Music)
Mrs Kelly Hynes (5B and 5Y)

Teachers' Aides: Mrs Karem Castro
Mrs Bernadette Melville
Mrs Karen Mirabello
Mrs Mary Richards
Mrs Kim Williams

Admin: Mrs Elizabeth Burke
Mrs Jo Hall
Mrs Lisa Martin
Mrs Kylie Ross

Maintenance: Mr Rick Laird

Cleaning: Mrs Ana Stuardo

IT Trainee: Mr Andrew Losurdo

COSHC Coordinator: Ms Shameema Davids

School Counsellor: Ms Monique Beglinger

Class Parent Representatives

At the grade information sessions for Kindergarten and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. For ease of communication, we will endeavour to have a maximum of 2 parents per class to fulfil this role with one being the main contact person. If interested, please see the teachers at the grade sessions or email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Please find outlined below the price list for the canteen this year:

Fruit Juice	\$1.50
Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00
Icy Poles	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.50
Calippos	\$1.00
Oreo's	\$1.00
Quelch	\$0.50
Breadstick	\$0.20
Paddle Pops	\$1.50
Frosty Fruits	\$2.00



Thank you
Canteen Committee

Canteen Helpers 2018

Our school canteen will open this Tuesday 6th February and then each Tuesday and Friday. 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. **The canteen roster will commence Friday 16th February.** If you are able to help, please fill out the canteen helper form below and return by **next Friday 9th February** (no babies or toddlers please).

Enquiries: Diana Norris on 0408 440 213.

Thank you
Canteen Committee

Please return to the school office by Friday 9th February

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:

Sport News

2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials **Expression of Interests** close **tomorrow, Friday 2nd February** for ALL TEAM Sports - AFL, Hockey, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League 11 Years, Rugby League Opens, Rugby Union, Touch Football. Please go to the website to complete registrations. Your child **MUST** play at a representative or division 1 level for their chosen sport. Please be aware that this is an expression of interest and is no guarantee that your child will be able to trial. Please only register once per sport using the link below by choosing the sport that you are nominating your child for and upon pressing the submit button a reply email should be received to confirm the nomination. Schools will be notified in approximately 10 days after the closing date of nominations.

<http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/rep-selections>

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sport Coordinator

Important Allergy Information

At St Angela's we have a number of children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for some people the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods.

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit and Nut chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Breakfast cereals containing nuts eg Crunchy Nut/Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, NutriGrain
- Muesli Bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionary items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt muesli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at St Angela's.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us cater to the health needs of all of our children.

Birthday Treats

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (purely optional), we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes or donuts. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send in lollies, chocolates or candy canes. Please note, although a lovely idea, ice blocks are not practical as we have limited freezer space. If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in a labelled container for your child, which will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary. Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!