



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 5

Dear Parents,

## Grandparents Are Such A Special Gift

Last Friday, a multitude of grandparents gathered for our annual Grandparents' Day to celebrate the gift of grandparents in our lives. The hall, big top and surrounds were crammed to capacity with those older and wiser and those younger and willing to learn. The weather was perfect, as were the children.

Our assembly in honour of our much loved guests was outstanding. My sincere thanks to all the staff of St Angela's for their efforts in making the morning so memorable and opening their classrooms to our visitors. Thank you to all our students, they were just beautiful. Thank you to Mrs Yager for co-ordinating the celebrations, to Mr Walton and Mr Wilson for leading the band, Mrs Lean and Miss Claxton for leading the choir and to Miss Joice, Mrs Aberley and Mrs Murray for the Dance Crew. Our appreciation and gratitude for the lovely morning tea, coordinated by Mrs Martin, that was generously supplied by all of you. Thank you also to all of our delightful parent helpers, Pat Azzopardi, Julie Cassettari, Marie Catalano, Kristy Como, Wayne Davie, Jillian Metcalfe, Gloria Milicenic, Bec Nati, Donna Ortlepp, Suzie Sloan and Antonella Tesoriero, who all contributed towards setting up the hall, serving and packing up etc. The words of praise from our visitors were extremely appreciative of the welcoming atmosphere and of the quality Catholic Education that takes place at St Angela's. It was amazing to see that so many said they personally were able to relate to the story of my own Nonno and his journey to Australia.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the multitude of grandparents who purchased books for their grandchildren. A percentage of the sales will be donated back to the school to purchase books for the library (the amount is still being finalised). Thank you to Mrs North for coordinating the book fair opportunity, assisted by Liz Burke, Karem Castro, Donna Collins and Cecilie Fitzsimons, so that grandparents and their children can enjoy their love of literature and reading together.

## We Will Miss You

With a large staff of over 45, there are always some comings and goings. This year we will say farewell but not necessarily goodbye to a few members of staff.

- ♦ Mrs Hynes, who has been coordinator release for Year 5, will access Maternity leave in 2019. We wish Kelly and Daniel all the best as they await the birth of their second child in early January.
- ♦ Mrs Moller has requested a return to casual and part time days in 2019, to enable her to spend more time with family.
- ♦ Mrs Lean will also access Maternity leave next year. We congratulate Louise and Brion on the birth of their child in late December, and look forward to Mrs Lean re-joining the staff in 2020.
- ♦ Mrs Murray, after just on 18 years at St Angela's and after 36 years of teaching, has decided to officially retire at the end of this year. She has been an amazing asset to St Angela's, having served our community with expertise, dedication and genuine care. She has taught all grades, in addition to learning support. We will certainly miss her engaging personality, creativity and passion for teaching. We wish her all the best for her retirement together with her husband Adrian.

**We look forward to acknowledging and showing our appreciation to these educators and to Mrs Fitzalan at a special farewell assembly to be held on Tuesday 18th December at 8:45am. All are welcome to attend.**

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*On behalf of my wife Maureen, myself and the family, a sincere and heartfelt thank you for your prayers and words of sympathy in regards to the passing into eternal life of my father in law. They have been very much appreciated. It is times such as these that highlight just how special our Christ centred St Angela's community is.*

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



Tony Calabria

## St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2018

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

*Date: Thursday 29th November*

*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.*

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## Religious Education

**Sunday, 18 Nov 2018: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**Gospel Mk 13:24-32**

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives. Watch for the signs of the coming of the kingdom.

**Q. How can a Christian community maintain hope and counteract despair about the future?**  
**Q. How do you demonstrate hopefulness in your life?**

## Year 5 Mission Markets

Congratulations to our Year 5 teachers and students who are answering God's call to compassion and justice and are truly making a difference by supporting refugees as part of their Project Based Learning Mission focus. We are all very proud of their outreach to others. The market stalls at lunchtime this week have surpassed all expectations. The entire school participated in this wonderful initiative to support the Jesuit Refugee Service.



Mrs Michelle Yager  
 Religious Education Coordinator

*End of Year Thanksgiving Mass at St Angela's  
 Friday 7th December at 9:00am*



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 4

#### Week 5

**Friday 16th November** Staff Development Day /Pupil Free Day  
 Literacy

Year 7 2019 Mt St Benedict's  
 Orientation #1

#### Week 6

**Monday 19th November** K-2 Swimming - C2K

7:00pm Parent Representative Council  
 Next Generation Schools - St Luke's  
 Marsden Park. All Welcome

**Tuesday 20th November** K-2 Swimming - C2K

NRL Clinics - Years 5-6

**Wednesday 21st November** K-2 Swimming - C2K

Year 7 2019 Marian Orientation Day

**Thursday 22nd November** K-2 Swimming - C2K

**Friday 23rd November** K-2 Swimming - C2K

Year 6 Vision Valley 7am - 5pm

Surf Education at School  
 Year 3 9:00am - 10:30am  
 Year 4 11:00am - 12:30pm

#### Week 7

**Monday 26th November** Year 1 Minibeast Incursion in St  
 Maximilian Kolbe Hall

**Tuesday 27th November** Special Food Day - Pizza

10:00am - 12:00 Reconciliation  
 Grades 2-6

**Wednesday 28th November** 2019 Years 1-6 Orientation Day

9:00am Year 5 Captain speeches and  
 voting

10:00am - 12:00 Reconciliation  
 Grades 2-6

11:00am Year 5 Colour Captains  
 speeches and voting

2:20pm Kindergarten Liturgy All  
 Welcome

**Thursday 29th November** International Teacher's Day  
 Celebrations at St Angela's

Parent Christmas Social Drinks  
 Evening - All Welcome

**Friday 30th November** 9:00am -12:00 Final Kindergarten  
 Orientation Session 3. Parents to stay  
 for the first hour.

12:00 - 2:30pm Oz Fashions Uniform  
 Sales in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

**Sunday 2nd December** 1st Sunday in Advent

Year 6 Disco  
 Castle Hill RSL

#### Week 8

**Monday 3rd December** 2:15pm Year 3 Assembly  
 All Welcome

## Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented on Friday 09/11/18)

### Academic Excellence

Alana Laird KB  
Sienna Mearns KG  
Willow Neeld KY  
Olivia Hoon 1B  
Courtney Lean 1G  
Zavier Stornelli 1Y  
Euan Adji 2B  
Stirling Post 2G  
Hannah Lambert 2Y  
Lillian Sacco 3B  
Amelia Blackwell 3G  
Rhys Wilson 3Y  
Lara Gomes Pestana 4B  
Clarissa Gumuljo 4G  
Ariana Sarmiento 4Y  
Adam Mendoza 5B  
Olivia Sultana 5G  
Jason Herbas 5Y  
Anjali Hunt 6B  
Ijah Colet 6G  
Ethan Petersen 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Patrick Crowley KB  
Jack Hewlett KG  
Lilah Tokoly KY  
Kyla Hogan 1B  
Patrick Netana 1G  
Alfonso Costa 1Y  
Brendan Khoudair 2B  
Moses Estera 2G  
David Gigliucci 2Y  
Isabella Sultana 3B  
Zoe Crowley 3G  
Sienna Stavropoulos 3Y  
Hailey Cassettari 4B  
Jack O'Neill 4G  
Maddison Eastwood 4Y  
Joshua Murphy 5B  
Kate McEvoy 5G  
Katarina Mabic 5Y  
John Papadimitos 6B  
Alexander Palmer 6G  
Benedict Solomon 6Y

## FINAL KINDERGARTEN 2019 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

**Friday 30th November**

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

On Friday 30th November, 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.

## St Angela's Swimming Carnival Friday 14th December 2018

at Blacktown Aquatic Centre for Years 2 to 5.  
Year 1 children who turn 8 in 2019, who are able to swim 50m in under 1 min 20 sec, will also be invited.  
Parents are welcome to attend

## Happy Birthday!



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

### NOVEMBER

**Sun 18th Nov**  
Jagger Woodham

**Mon 19th Nov**  
Jack Hall

**Tues 20th Nov**  
Joel Foxe

**Wed 21st Nov**  
Rebekah Love  
Cavarni Morsillo  
Mrs Hemmings

**Thurs 22nd Nov**  
Jayden Younis

**Fri 23rd Nov**  
Skye Doyle  
Isabella Siligato

**Sat 24th Nov**  
Joan Bautista  
Elly Gohil-Bozic  
Mia Vassallo



## Special 'Pizza' Food Day Tuesday 27th November



## School Disco

### TONIGHT

**Thursday 15th November**

**DJ and music by 'Dance Fever'**

**Theme: "Summer is Coming"**

When:

Tonight Thursday 15th November

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

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.

**Please note:** To avoid congestion there will be no parking on school grounds. Please allow extra time for arrival and pickup time. **For convenience, the back gate will also be open.**

## Please keep in your prayers

Our prayers are extended to the File family, Maddison 1G, due to the passing into eternal life of Maddison's grandfather.

## REMINDER:

**Tomorrow Friday 16th November is a Staff Development/Pupil Free Day.**  
**Staff will gather for professional learning in the Key Learning Area of Literacy.**



**Monday, 19 November 2018**

**Doors Open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)**  
(Term 4 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)  
At St Luke's Catholic College, Lot 1104, Frontier Ave & Northbourne Dr,  
Marsden Park  
For further information, refer to flyer sent via email.

## Grade Assemblies

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

Week 8 – Monday 3rd Dec at 2.15pm led by Year 3

All parents are most welcome to join us.

## Band Showcase Evening

All are invited to come along and listen to the band students perform in an entertaining evening of music. Details of the showcase are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 5th December  
Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall  
Time: 7:00pm (students are asked to arrive by 6.30pm)  
Dress: Summer school uniform

The evening will run for approximately one hour and we would love to see you there. If your child is unable to attend this performance, please email the school at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Students will have a dress rehearsal at school on Wednesday 5th December. Please see further information forthcoming soon.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of music.

Mr Walton  
Band Director

## Quote of the Week

*"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear."*

## International Teachers' Day

Thursday 29th 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.

## 2019 NSW Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 29th January to Friday 12th April 2019
Term 2	Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July 2019
Term 3	Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September 2019
Term 4	Monday 14th October to Friday 20th December 2019

## Sent Home This Week

**Emailled:** Year 5 Mission Markets, Year 1 Mini-beast Incursion  
**Hard Copy :** Special Food Day - Pizza

## Are you still regularly late?

School begins at 8.30am. Thank you to the parents who ensure their children are at school on time. Students who are late miss important announcements and, more significantly, vital learning in the classroom. Additionally, late children disturb the learning of others and are very self conscious of entering after everyone else. Surprisingly the children blame Mum or Dad not being ready while Mum or Dad tend to say it's the children. If your child is arriving at school after 8.30am, please ensure that you accompany them to the office to sign a partial absence slip. A reminder that parents entering the grounds other than for assemblies, celebration events etc., must sign in and out through the office. Thank you.

## Swimming Program Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2

Our Swimming Program for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will commence **this** Monday 19th November until Friday 23rd November (Week 6). The program will take place at the indoor pool at **Castle Hill Swimming Centre (C2K) at Castle Hill RSL**.

We ask that each child bring the following items **in their excursion bag**: Plastic bag, swimmers, goggles, towel, T-shirt, hat from home, thongs/sandals. The children will be given a swimming cap at the pool during their first lesson, please ensure your child brings this with them each day. **PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS.**

Mrs Meegan Fello  
Co-ordinator

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Our whole school community evening  
this year will be held on  
Wednesday 12th December  
6.30pm under the Big Top**

It is an expectation that all children attend the Christmas concert to celebrate as a St Angela's community, this special time of year. Please inform your class teacher immediately if your family is unavailable, as some roles and parts are currently being assigned to children.



## Year 6 PBL Travel Expo

On Wednesday the Year 6 children had the opportunity to present a wonderful range of websites on different countries they have been researching. The children were given a rubric of requirements for both the construction of their website and the content itself. They presented their country as a potential tourist destination to a very interested group of Year 3 students along with a large number of parents who were able to attend. We would like to congratulate the children on the high standard of work they were able to present.

