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Castle Hill

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Term 4, Week 4

Dear Parents,

We Love Our Grandparents

Last Friday, the drizzle did not deter record numbers of grandparents gathering 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.

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 Mrs Yager for co-ordinating the celebrations, to Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton for the band, Mrs Lean, Miss Joice and Miss Howe for leading the choir and to Mrs Albertini 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 and thank you also to all of our delightful parent helpers, Natalie Anderson, Tanya Brangwin, Carlene Khoury, Nicole Love, Bec Nati, Jenny Petras and Antonella Tesoriero, along with Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Melville, who all contributed toward setting up the hall, serving and packing up etc. The words of appreciation from visitors were extremely appreciative of the welcoming atmosphere and of the quality Catholic Education that takes place at St Angela's. Just one example is printed below:

"I had the pleasure to attend grandparents day on Friday. What a credit to all concerned. The behaviour of the children in a confined area was magnificent. The quality of the classroom presentations was also great and the way the whole day was run made it a pleasure to attend. Please pass on congrats to all concerned."

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the multitude of grandparents who purchased over \$6,000.00 worth of books for their grandchildren, with over \$2,000 donated from sales back to the school library to purchase books. Thank you to Mrs North for coordinating the book fair opportunity so that grandparents and their children can enjoy the love of literature and reading together.

Our Beautiful Children

Our first priority at St Angela's are 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 and academically. For our school to do its job effectively, the ongoing interest and involvement 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, raising funds, but more importantly loyal and supportive in helping and assisting their children's learning.

Sometimes with today's busy and hectic lifestyles it is 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.

- Parents have many ideas and skills that can be very useful to their school community.

Mission Week - Reaching Out to Others

Congratulations to our children who raised funds to support those less fortunate through service to others during Mission Week. See inside for further details of this amazing outreach.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

**A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 4th
November is a Staff Development/Pupil
Free Day.**

Staff will gather for a Numeracy focus day.

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.

Sent Home in the Last Week:

Emailed: Year 1 Home Learning
Hard Copy: Special Food Day Order Form

Theme for the Week:

"Work, Rest and Play"

Our children's days (as with adults) alternate between work, rest and play. Unfortunately balancing these three important areas is indeed a challenge. For most the main area that research seems to indicate as suffering is the 'rest' component. Many children tend to avoid sleep or don't get enough of it. Lack of sleep perpetuates itself in a child who lacks concentration, is always tired and doesn't have the energy to do their best. Why not take time to discuss and revise bed times.



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Religious Education

Sunday 6th November 2016: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Luke 20:27. 34-38

The Sadducees try to put Jesus in conflict with Moses.

Sunday's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection

Mission Week - Thank You for Reaching Out to Others

As a school, we were challenged last week in Mission Week, to 'reach out' in order to be of service to those in our family or community. We heard of many acts of mission over the week as the children raised money for Catholic Mission and Baclayon Central Elementary School, Mary Immaculate Parish Bohol, Philippines. I am so proud to share with you that as a community we raised \$900. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative and helped to make it an inspirational and special week at St Angela's.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will."

Baby Girl

*Congratulations to the Crawford family
on the arrival of Abigail Sharon,
a sister for Jacob (K Green)*

Welcome to St Angela's School Community

Support Services for Students and Parents

As part of the pastoral care program provided by the Catholic Education Office, counselling is available to students and their parents, if required. Our Counsellor, Mrs Helen Boerma, is at St Angela's on Thursdays and alternate Mondays. Mrs Boerma works with children who may require support, coping and managing due to some of life's challenges, including loss of a loved one, divorce, dealing with friendships, behaviour (home and/or school), anxiety, depression, anger etc. Counselling opportunities can be discussed with Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria or your child's class teacher.



Upcoming Dates

Week 4

Thurs 3rd Nov

St Angela's Disco in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Kindergarten to Year 2 - 4:30-6:00pm
Years 3-6 - 6:30-8:00pm

Fri 4th Nov

Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

Week 5

Mon 7th Nov

2:15pm Year 6 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Tues 8th Nov

Kindergarten 2017 First Orientation Session
9:00-10:30am A-F and G-L
11:00-12:30pm M-R and S-Z

Thurs 10th Nov

8:45am Fun(d)raising Committee Meeting

Fri 11th Nov

11:00am Year 6 Remembrance Day
Assembly Prayer - All welcome

10:00am Year 5 Surf Education

Week 6

Mon 14th Nov

10:00am Year 6 Surf Education

Wed 16th Nov

7:00pm General Parent Meeting - All welcome. Please see further details in this Shine

Thurs 17th Nov

Kindergarten 2017 Second Orientation
Session

9:00-10:30am A-F and M-R

11:00am-12:30pm G-L and S-Z

Fri 18th Nov

International Teachers' Day at St Angela's

2:15pm Year 5 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

FINAL GENERAL PARENT MEETING FOR 2016 WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER AT 7:00PM

AGENDA

- * Prayer & Welcome
- * Review minutes of last meeting
- * Committee Reports
- * Naplan feedback
- * 2016 in Review
- * 2017 Future Planning

Come along and join us for our final General Parent Meeting for the year. All are welcome.

When contacting St Angela's ...

If you need to contact the school, we ask that you please use the school office number or email address. Please do not make enquiries via the number used to send notification of student absences, as this is an automated facility.

Many thanks.

Remembrance Day 11th Day of the 11th Month at the 11th Hour

We will celebrate Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November. We keep in our thoughts and prayers on this day all those who died at war in the name of peace. We will pause and reflect at 11.00 with a short prayer ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend.



Celebrating our Gifts

Academic Excellence

Owen van Egdom KB
 Myah Ciccio KG
 Brendan Khoudair KY
 Lilliana Sacco 1B
 Tiani Layoun 1G
 Sean Phung 1Y
 Tyra Moc 2B
 Brayden Manio 2G
 Vanessa Tesoriero 2Y
 Fynn Vander Stok 3B
 Bernadette Laird 3G
 Jarvis Hemmings 3Y
 Ivana Alilovic 4B
 Alexander Stavropoulos 4G
 Justin Younis 4Y
 Harrison Tandy 5B
 James Baylis 5G
 Cooper Andrew 5Y
 Jayson Orley 6B
 Georgia Prestage 6G
 Spencer Anderson 6Y

St Angela's Award

Daniella Zeaiter KB
 Caitlin Bagtas KG
 Alicia Dib KY
 Alexandra Huynh 1B
 Ryan Turner 1G
 Christian Mendoza 1Y
 Veronica Cheng 2B
 Yasmin Davie 2G
 Finnian Christie 2Y
 Emily Lambert 3B
 Melina Catalano 3G
 Kate McEvoy 3Y
 Lily Moller 4B
 Rachael Rodrigues 4G
 Sophie Watson 4Y
 Jessica O'Meara 5B
 Tanya Benedict 5G
 Alyssa Frasca 5Y
 Emma Vitanza 6B
 Ethan Andrew 6G
 Oliver Miskovich 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

NOVEMBER

Sat 5th

Mrs Moller

Wed 9th

Riley Mackay
 Olivia Miletic

Sun 6th

Alexandra Knight
 Gabriella Way-Moran
 Leonardo Blefari
 Aidan Siney

Thurs 10th

Isiah Lorenzo
 Mrs Kaelin
 Mrs Yager

Mon 7th

Dylan Gularte

Fri 11th

Dominique Gularte



Sat 12th

Riley Lockwood
 Cairo Piotto
 Stella Powell

Star Spot

Congratulations to Amity Rambow (6 Yellow) who completed her squad time trials and has been chosen to join Carlisle Swimming Cherrybrook's Performance Transition Squad.

Congratulations to Riley Mackay (5 Green) who was announced as Captain of the Representative Cricket Team for Hornsby Hills Ku-Ring-Gai association playing in the NSW Shield competition.

Grade Assemblies

Please note whole school assemblies for Term 4 are as follows:

Week 5 - This Monday 7th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 6

Week 6 - Friday 18th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 5

All parents are most welcome to join us.

KINDERGARTEN 2017 STUDENTS' TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Tuesday 8th November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-F, G-L

11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname M-R, S-Z

Thursday 17th November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-F, M-R

11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname G-L, S-Z

Friday 25th November

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

On Friday November 25th, 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.

Year 6 Parent Dinner

A dinner has been organised for all Year 6 parents. Details are as follows:

When: 7:00pm, Monday 21st November

Where: Full Moon Thai, Castle Hill

RSVP: Thursday 17th November to Bec Nati on 0414 966 203 or Irena Van Der Heyde on 0424 228 515

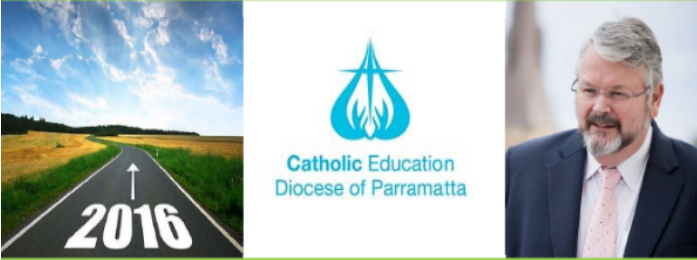
Are you still regularly late?

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 celebration events must sign in and out through the office. Thank you.

Surf Safe Program - Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 will be participating in a Surf Safe program as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. The program will be held at Newport Beach and is conducted by qualified surf lifesaving instructors. Year 5 children will be attending next Friday 11th November and Year 6 children on Monday 14th November. The children will learn about rips, waves, flags and signs, marine stingers, sun safety, lifesavers and rescuing techniques. Through practical experiences, the children will also learn body board skills, basic first aid, board paddling, CPR and Resuscitation, tube rescuing and body surfing. We are looking forward to another successful Surf Safe program this year.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS – CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Want to know what the future holds for Catholic Education in Parramatta?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mr Greg Whitby
Executive Director of Schools
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Monday, 14 November 2016

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
(Term 4 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)

Diocesan Assembly Centre: Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Streets, Blacktown

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and
a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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Assessment Strategies

Teachers employ a variety of assessment strategies. One of the initial strategies is by Observation. Teachers are able to gauge the children's levels of understandings through observation of their practices and behaviours when undertaking a task. Checklists and anecdotal records help in the recording of these observations. Anecdotal records are a more informal form of assessment where the teacher takes observational notes on a student's achievements, beliefs, attitudes and skills as they are engaged in a task. Questioning is another form of assessment and can be either written or oral. Higher order questions indicate not only facts retained by the student but also if the student is able to apply the known facts. Open ended questioning allows for more than one answer to a problem and involves thinking beyond facts or skills. Another assessment strategy widely used by teachers is Testing. Diagnostic tests assess specific concepts through written or oral questioning. They are used to diagnose areas of difficulty so that suitable teaching can take place. Performance based testing involves a practical test where the teacher assesses the student as they are involved in an activity. Pen and paper tests are used to assess skills and facts recently taught and are designed to assess a variety of outcomes. Multiple choice tests are generally included in more formal tests such as the NAPLAN test completed by the Years 3 and 5 students. Problem solving requires the student to reach a solution to a problem without the need to use a normal procedure or algorithm. Finally, teachers often ask the students to self reflect on their learning by recording their thoughts and experiences. This and other forms of self evaluation help the teacher to understand how a child feels about their learning and any difficulties they may be experiencing.

Mrs Monica Fitzalan
Assistant Principal

Christmas at the Shrine - Saturday 3rd December 2016

Christmas Celebration Opening

An opening Prayer and entertainment by the children from Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Angela's Schools, 10.00am to 10.30am

Blessing of the Baby Jesus

Bring the baby Jesus from your family's home Nativity set to the Shrine Chapel for a special Christmas blessing.
10.30am to 11.30am

Sausage Sizzle

The Kellyville Lions Club will be selling delicious sausage sandwiches from 10.00am to 1.00 pm

Christmas Face Painting

Get your free face painting by OLOR YouthGroup and pick a toy from Santa's Toy Chest from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Hills Spirit Soccer

Children can participate in some soccer fun and mini soccer games with their friends, courtesy of Hills Spirit Football Club.
10:00am to 1:00pm

Christmas Tea

A large variety of Christmas desserts, Tea and Coffee will be served from 10.30am until 1.00pm

Christmas Carol Sing Along

Join us for an old fashioned Christmas carol sing along with Joe Apap. 10.30am to 11.30am

Christmas Colouring & Writing Contest

Children have a chance to win great prizes. Get your contest forms at the OLOR Parish Office and complete by 25/11/16. Winners will be announced after Santa's visit

Christmas Gift Booth

A collection of Shrine art and Christmas crafts for sale.
10.00am to 1.00pm on the lawn by the Shrine Chapel

Christmas Raffle

Take a chance to win a Christmas gift basket. Raffle tickets available until the winner is announced at 1.00pm

A Visit from Santa Claus

Santa and his helpers will arrive at 11.30am to visit with children of all ages

Please park at the Our Lady of the Rosary car park (8 Diana Ave.) and walk next door to the Shrine

