



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

SHINE

Newsletter
Vol. 8 No. 3

Sending Home Information and News about Education
Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

16th February 2017
Term 1, Week 4

Dear Parents,

Grade Information Sessions

My appreciation and thanks to the many parents who attended the Kindergarten and Year 1 grade evenings, along with the combined Year 2 to 6 presentation. Your support is very much appreciated. On your behalf many thanks to all the teachers for their time and commitment to working with you. It is working in partnership that we value, as it truly benefits your child's learning.

Supporting those Less Fortunate

Congratulations to our amazing Christ Centred community on raising \$1040.00 for the HeartKids Foundation last Tuesday, through their Sweethearts Campaign.

It is wonderful to see our children reaching out to those in need and helping make a difference. Thank you on behalf of HeartKids.

Getting to Know Your Child

At St Angela's, assessment of the children's learning plays an important role in ensuring that teaching is matched to the children's learning needs. When assessing, the teachers collect, analyse and record information about the children's progress in their learning. While assessment occurs across all grades throughout the year, we place a particular focus on the early years of their formal schooling.

Over the first few weeks of this term, teachers have been assessing the children's literacy and numeracy abilities. Kindergarten and Year 1 children also complete the Literacy Early Years Assessment (EYA) and the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI). Additionally, Years 2-6 along with other literacy assessments complete an MAI. These assessments allow the teachers to individually assess each child, learn about how they think, and to find out what they know and can do in literacy and numeracy. The information gathered from these assessments assists the children's teachers to plan learning experiences that best support the children's abilities and needs. So that the children's growth in their learning can be measured and monitored, many of these assessments will be administered again at the end of the school year.

Working in Partnership

Appreciation and thanks to you, our wonderful parents, for your attendance at the parent teacher interviews. It was wonderful to see the teachers and parents working in true partnership with the children as the priority. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving so generously of their time to meet with you. The hall was certainly alive with a buzz of conversation.

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:

"Support Each Other"

Our theme this week highlights the importance of supporting others in life. This support can come in many forms from a kind word to being there to help and encourage others. The children's support of each other's attempts and achievements is always a pleasure to behold. In our community we encourage supporting each other at all times.

Emailing our Newsletter

As previously advised, from next week (**Week 5**) we will begin emailing the newsletter to all families via the email address currently on our system. An email has been sent today with a form to complete **ONLY** if you wish to opt for a hard copy. Thank you.

**We look forward to presenting our new
Kindergarten children to our school community
tomorrow, Friday 17th February at 8:45am.
All parents are most welcome.
We hope you can join us.**

OPENING SCHOOL MASS IN ST ANGELA'S ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE HALL THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY AT 11:00AM

Our Opening School Mass will be held this coming Thursday 23rd February in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall commencing at 11:00am. Everyone is most welcome to come and to be part of this wonderful celebration of our Faith. The children really enjoy having their parents present, if it is possible. Our 2017 Student Leaders will also be presented with their badges at this Mass. We hope you can attend on this special occasion as we gather to pray for a safe and enriching year for everyone in our school community.

Grade Assemblies

Please note as communicated in our term calendar, whole school assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

Week 4 - **Tomorrow, Friday 17th February** at 2:15pm led by Year 6

Week 7 - Friday 10th March at 2:15pm led by Year 4

Week 10 - Friday 31st March at 2:15pm led by Year 1

All parents are most welcome to join us.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Library Assistance Request, Year 2 Home Learning, Letter to 2 Yellow Parents, Newsletter Hard Copy Request



twitter.com/StAngelasChill

40 Harrington Avenue, Castle Hill NSW 2154 (PO Box 235 Kellyville NSW 2155)

Phone (02) 9894 9377 Fax (02) 9894 9159

website: www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au

email: stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au

facebook.com/StAngelasChill



Religious Education

Sunday, 19 Feb 2017: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48 Turn the other cheek.

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in this Gospel. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

Q. Who is my 'neighbour'? Who do I need to 'go the extra mile' with?

Q. What would the world be like if everyone loved their enemies?

Opening School Mass

We will celebrate our 2017 school year at our Opening School Mass in our school hall this Thursday 23rd of February at 11am. Our school leaders will receive their badges and we will ask God's blessings of strength and grace to guide our way this year.

Ash Wednesday

We will mark the beginning of the Season of Lent on **Ash Wednesday**, March 1, with a mass at 11am. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. We will receive ashes on our foreheads which symbolise the dust from which God made us.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Disabled Parking Space

Please only use these spaces if you are the holder of a disability parking scheme permit. This must be displayed on your windscreen.

Thank you for your co-operation in supporting members of our community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION (Year 3)

Information and registration forms from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be emailed home soon to Year 3 students and new families. If there are any other families who are in Years 4 to 6 who have not celebrated this sacrament, please contact the office so that a form can be sent to you.

Class Parent Representatives Meeting

The 2017 class parent representative meeting will be held on Friday 24th February at 8:45am in the staffroom. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to take on this valuable role. We hope you can join us.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 4

Fri 17th Feb

8:45am Kindergarten 2017 presented to the school community - All welcome

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

Week 5

Mon 20th Feb

Hills Zone Swimming - Best wishes to our St Angela's team

Wed 22nd Feb

Please note change of date

7:00pm General Parent Meeting in the library - All welcome

Thurs 23rd Feb

11:00am Opening School Mass in St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Fri 24th Feb

Diocesan Swimming

8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

Week 6

Wed 1st March

11:00am Ash Wednesday Mass in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

Quote of the Week

"There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day."

GENERAL PARENT MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2017 (WEEK 5)

AT 7:00PM

AGENDA

- Principal's Report
- 2017 Initiatives
- Parent Inservicing Topics for 2017
- General Business

Do You Have the Information You Need?

Thank you to the many parents who contact the teachers, the office, Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria directly with questions, concerns, issues or more importantly to seek clarification. Society is such that information is often misconstrued or acts like 'chinese whispers'. Common sense should always prevail. Today's sensationalistic media does not help with the dissemination of accurate information. It is always paramount that if you are unsure that you speak to the people that know and have the correct information.

KINDERGARTEN 2018 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR Friday 10th March at 9:00am St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Finn Wheatley KB
Lachlan McDermott KG
Maddison File KY
Cassidy Southwood 1B
Jesselyn Tedja 1G
Mason Kelly 1Y
Domenic Laird 2B
Isabella Khodeir 2G
Shannon Aneksomphan 2Y
Lachlan Burden 3B
Olivia Ochudzawa 3G
Jemima Scothern 3Y
Narelle Barker 4B
Fynn Vander Stok 4G
Katarina Mabic 4Y
Sophie Watson 5B
Kiara Lee 5G
Finya Begg 5Y
Felicity Rankin 6B
James Pearson 6G
Freya Scothern 6Y

St Angela's Award

Kyla Hogan KB
Charlotte Lashlie KG
Zavier Stornelli KY
Oscar Rule 1B
Stirling Post 1G
Daniella Zeaiter 1Y
Ruby Chapman 2B
Carissa Lewis 2G
Emeline Fitzsimons 2Y
Yasmin Davie 3B
Sullivan Harris 3G
Yorick Lee 3Y
Arielle Henwood 4B
Tia Post 4G
Mischa Vujnovich 4Y
Nikolaj Knevitt 5B
Genevieve Brouillard 5G
Raymond Saade 5Y
Tessa Phelan 6B
Zoe Dimitriadis 6G
James Brangwin 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

FEBRUARY

Sun 19th

Lachlan Murphy

Mon 20th

Zalia Ritchie

Tues 21st

Sophie Watson

Wed 22nd

Cassidy Southwood
Dominique Southwood
Luca Basso
Mrs Lewis-Driver

Thurs 23rd

Amalia Araneda
Bailey Aldag
Joe Khoudair
Saxon Aldag
Ivie Javidi
Mrs North

Fri 24th

Alexander Petras
Charles Saul
Isaac Cassab
Lara Perez
Melina Catalano
Oliver Milicevic
Zachary Pace

Sat 25th

Bronte Woodhead



Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Mikayla Martin (K Green)
Kiara Lee (5 Green)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

Sport News

Best wishes to our Zone Swimming Representative team who will compete this Monday: Dana Adan, Kaleb Brett, Ned Cane, Aiden Crowley, Ciara Crowley, Charlotte Edwards, Ella Evans, Liam Evans, Ava Foxe, Joel Foxe, Angus Gibbons, Aaron Hohn, Jessica Hohn, Samantha Hohn, Deagan Hopkins, Mia Jacobs, Kiara Lee, Ethanael Lorenzo, Logan McDonald, Joseph McEanearney, Keira Murphy, Brandon Suefong, Angelina Tallaridi, Harrison Tandy, Noah Wheatley, Mia Young and Sophie Young. Keep an eye on next week's Shine for results.

Congratulations to Riley Mackay (6G), Noah Hemmings (6Y) and Jarvis Hemmings (4Y) who were selected in the Parramatta Diocesan AFL team to play in Wagga at the end of March.

School Fee Statements

The Catholic Education Office have advised that some School Fee statements have been delayed in the mail, with the last batch being mailed on Tuesday of this week. For those families who receive their statements after the Payment Plan Offer return date of Friday 17th February, this return date has been extended to Friday 24th February. Thank you.

Changing Going Home Arrangements

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8:30am until 2:50pm, with a 5 minute dismissal zone, and that 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 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 advised in writing to stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au before 2.30pm.

Please note children will only be called to the office when you arrive to collect them. We ask that you do not contact the office requesting your children be ready and waiting for your arrival as delays in traffic etc. may result in children waiting for long periods. We thank you for your support in this area.

Term Dates for 2017

Term 1 Years 1-6 - Monday 30th January to Friday 7th April
Kindergarten - Wednesday 1st February to Friday 7th April
Term 2 Monday 24th April to Friday 30th June
Term 3 Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September
Term 4 Monday 9th October to Friday 15th December (last day for students)
(Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December are Staff Development/Pupil Free days)

Class Parent Representatives

At the grade information sessions for Kindergarten and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we asked for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. If you are able to volunteer for your class, please contact the office (if you have not already let the teacher know at the grade sessions). 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. The first parent representative meeting will be held next Friday 24th February at 8:45am.

FREE SEMINAR FOR PARENTS



THE CYBER SAFETY LADY RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

- Social Media safety/privacy - Maintaining a spotless social media profile
- Keeping your child safe online - Protecting your child from adult content
- Strangers online - Cyber bullying - Online stalking - Balancing your child's screen time - Managing kids digital devices - parental controls

GUEST SPEAKER:

Leonie Smith
'The Cyber Safety Lady'

FREE REGISTRATION (ESSENTIAL):
CLICK HERE

WHEN: Monday, 27 February 2017
(6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

WHERE: Gilroy College, Marie St,
Castle Hill (parking available)

The PRC Annual General Meeting will be held
prior to our seminar.

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

www.prc.catholic.edu.au



@prcparra



@prcparra



Parents Representative Council
SUPPORT | CELEBRATE | EDUCATE



Have You Returned Your Medication Forms and Action Plan?

Thank you to those parents who have returned St Angela's forms and action plans if your child has medication stored or administered at school due to anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma. If you have not updated your paperwork, could you please do so as a matter of importance. If you require forms to be resent, please contact the school office. If your child no longer requires medication to be stored at school, please email stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au and we will remove your child's name from our records. It is essential that these forms and action plans are updated annually by your child's doctor so that our records are accurate and reflect the needs of each individual child. **As noted, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child's medication remains current, ie. not expired.** Please note this in a diary or on your phone. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Medical Bracelets

An email will be sent home shortly to all our families whose children suffer from anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, diabetes and heart conditions regarding the ordering of medical bracelets. In the interests of your child/children's safety, please note the wearing of medical bracelets is **compulsory** at St Angela's.

Book Club

A reminder that book club orders are due back at school tomorrow, **Friday 17 February** - LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Envelopes should be clearly marked: BOOKCLUB, NAME, CLASS AND AMOUNT. **Payments are accepted by cheque (made payable to Scholastic) and credit card, cash IS NOT ACCEPTED.** Credit card payments are made as per instructions on the Book Club brochures. Credit card information is not to be written on the order forms. If you wish to pay by credit card YOU must ring scholastic on the 1800 number on the order form or online payment at www.scholastic.com.au/payment. The receipt number is then to be recorded on the order form then forwarded with your order. There must be a receipt number with your order or I cannot process the order.

Thank you.

Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)
Book Club Coordinator

Label It Or Lose It

Please label all clothing and items belonging to your child (especially lunch boxes and lids etc.) so that they can be returned if lost, and save parents purchasing replacements.

Found - Lovely pen engraved with the name 'Andrew'. Please contact the school office.



Oakhill College

Year 7, 2018 and Year 7, 2019
Enrolments

Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2018** will close on **Friday 17th March, 2017** and enrolment into **Year 7, 2019** will close on **Friday 18th August, 2017**. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing dates on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au