



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

SHINE

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Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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Term 1, Week 5

Dear Parents,

General Parent Meeting

Many thanks to the large number of parents who were present last night at our first General Parent Meeting for 2017. The evening provided an ideal opportunity to discuss and share ideas about working together in partnership, for the good of our children. Additionally, our presentations on Studyladder and the elements of a Literacy and Numeracy block were very positively received. We will endeavour to include snippets of these presentations in upcoming Shines. We are blessed to have a very supportive community of parents at St Angela's who help to ensure its success. Being part of a committee and/or helping with your child's grade's allocated activities is a great way to meet new people and, of course, help the children at St Angela's. Your time, big or small, during the year is very much appreciated as we work together to provide the best possible Catholic Education and environment for your child and to build upon our wonderful Christ centred community.

Ash Wednesday - Next Wednesday 1st March Whole School Mass at 11:00am in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. A whole school Mass will be held at 11:00am in the St Maximilian Kolbe Hall. During this important time of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter, the following reflection has the potential to speak to each one of us:

Lent

What to give up

Give up complaining

Give up pessimism

Give up harsh judgement

Give up gloom

Give up gossiping

Give up sin

Give up giving up

Focus on gratitude

Become an optimist

Think kindly thoughts

Enjoy the beauty that is around you

Control your tongue

Turn to virtue

Hang in there!!!

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented St Angela's at the Zone Carnival this week. Feedback on their sportsmanship, beautiful behaviour and achievements has been wonderful. Best wishes to the large number of children who will now compete tomorrow at the Diocesan Carnival. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Hemmings (Sports Coordinator) who leads all of our sporting endeavours with enthusiasm, expertise and such commitment. In all, helping each child to reach their personal best and together as a team achieve outstanding results.

Fun(d)raising

My appreciation and thanks to the talented and committed group of parents who gathered to form our Fun(d)raising team for 2017. We have a number of great events that are in the pipeline for this year, including a disco for the children on Friday 31st March and a Mum's night out at the movies (see this Shine for further details).

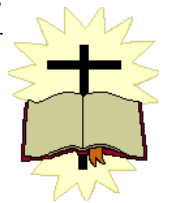
(Keep an eye out for further details in future editions of Shine for how you can be involved or support any of our events).

Best Wishes

We would like to extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs Fello who will be accessing sick leave from 27th February 2017 to 7th April 2017 (Weeks 6-11), as she requires surgery for a total hip replacement. We welcome Mrs Kaelin who will be teaching 2 Yellow during this time.

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:

"Doing your best"

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.

Grade Assemblies

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

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.

Class Parent Representatives Meeting

The class parent representative meeting for tomorrow, Friday 24th February has been postponed, as we finalise representatives for each class. A new date will be advised shortly.

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Yrs 3-6 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Information from OLOR Parish

Hard Copy: Special Food Day Order Form



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Religious Education

Sunday, 26 Feb 2017: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mt 6:24-34 Don't worry about tomorrow

In Sunday's Gospel there is an incredible challenge to simply be mindful of the now. If we can be mindful of what we're doing *now* then we can be purposeful and intentional about our actions rather than always operating on auto pilot or operating reactively. When we live in the *now*, instead of the *once* was or *soon to be*, then we find ourselves actually listening to our friends when they speak to us; savouring the food we eat; noticing both the beauty and the pain around us; and sometimes even becoming aware of the presence of God around and within us. Sunday's gospel tells us not to worry about what is to come but be attentive to the way we are living our lives. It tells us to be attentive to living in accordance with the will of God and when we do that it will be amazing just how other things seem to fall into place.

Q. What does this gospel tell us about the sort of relationship God wants to have with us?

Q. What is one thing in your life that is a *distraction* from you being the best you can be?

PROJECT COMPASSION 2017 Caritas Australia's Project Compassion calls on everyone to "Love Your Neighbour" in 2017. This year project compassion demonstrated how love for our neighbours can transform lives by empowering individuals and communities in six countries around the world. Starting on Ash Wednesday, 1st March, the children will hear stories from people in The Philippines, Timor Leste, Indigenous Australia, Vietnam, and Fiji. Their stories will humble and inspire us, and show how our contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. Each class will have a Project Compassion Box in their classroom during LENT and the children are encouraged to think about 'helping our neighbours' through a small donation.

We will mark the beginning of the Season of Lent on **Ash Wednesday**, March 1, with a mass at 11am. All welcome to attend. We will receive ashes on our foreheads which symbolise the dust from which God made us.

Year 1 will celebrate a grade Liturgy in the hall at 2:20pm on Thursday 9th March. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

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 were emailed home last Friday to Year 3 to 6 students. If there are any other families above Year 3 who wish to celebrate this sacrament, please contact the office so that a form can be sent to you.

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.

**'Baker's Delight' Special Food Day
Tuesday 7th March
Order forms have been sent home with
your child today**



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 5

Fri 24th Feb

Diocesan Swimming

Please note the Parent Representative Meeting has been postponed. A new date will be advised shortly.

Mon 27th Feb

6:30pm for 7:00pm start Diocesan PRC Meeting and Presentation 'Cyber Safety - Raising Responsible Digital Citizens' at Gilroy College, Castle Hill

Week 6

Wed 1st March

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

Week 7 - Family Week

Tues 7th March

Special Food Day - Baker's Delight

Please note new date

2:00pm Reading afternoon with parents - All welcome

Thurs 9th March

2:20pm Year 1 Liturgy in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome.

Fri 10th March

9:00am Kindergarten 2018 Enrolment Information Session and School Tour
2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 4 in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome.

Quote of the Week

"The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things."

Returning Notes and Permission Slips

For those families who are new to the school or those who may be unaware of our procedures:

Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag (please ensure envelopes containing money are tightly secured and labelled). This system allows the office to receive notes and money efficiently. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information.

Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Mikayla White KB
Ivy Smith KG
Harper Eastwood KY
Olivia Siligato 1B
Brendan Khoudair 1G
Matilda Scothern 1Y
Lyla Reyes 2B
Ciara Crowley 2G
Alexander Pace 2Y
Benjamin Smith 3B
Lara Gomes Pestana 3G
Lucas Rothwell 3Y
Gemma Yager 4B
Grace Karam 4Y
Emerson McDonald 5B
Kyle Brett 5G
Justin Younis 5Y
Juliusz Jonski 6B
Alyssa Frasca 6G
Harrison Tandy 6Y



St Angela's Award

Oliver Como KB
Oliver Hewlett KG
Jack Norris KY
Max Lukjanenko 1B
Zoe Davie 1G
Ava Russo 1Y
Zane Benning 2B
Lucca Piotto 2G
Leonardo Blefari 2Y
Evan Hunt 3B
Luke Watson 3G
Nitika Nirmalan 3Y
Emily Lambert 4B
Aaron Hohn 4G
Georgia Zeid 4G
Cairo Piotto 4Y
Bailey Aldag 5B
Lara Perez 5G
Ashley Davie 5Y
Samantha Hohn 6B
Zachary Pace 6G
Mailee Suefong 6Y

Happy Birthday!

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

FEBRUARY

Tues 28th

Cooper Andrew
Louis Caparros

MARCH

Wed 1st

Liam Evans

Fri 3rd

Chanel Nasr
Emeline Fitzsimons
Grace Karam
Ryan Turner
Theodorus Kinsong

Sat 4th

Jude Moller
Savannah Morsillo
Mr Laird



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.

Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate uniforms, could you please send them to the office by **Monday, 6th March**.

Many thanks.



Marian College Open Evening Year 7, 2018

Tuesday 7th March at 4pm or 6pm
Marian Catholic College
24 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst

Enrolment packages will be available at the Open Evening or for collection from the College Reception.
Visit www.mariancollege.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Sienna Fonseca (3Y) who has been offered a position on the 2017 Gymnastics NSW International Levels State Squad as a 2028 State Squad Member.

Congratulations to Chantelle Mendoza (6Y) who has been chosen to play for the 2017 Baulkham Hills Netball Talented Development Program team.

EVACUATION DRILL PRACTICE

Shortly, we will once again be practising an evacuation drill or lockdown as part of our safety procedures. Teachers discuss the routine with their class before any drills begin so that children are not distressed. The aim of this activity is not to cause alarm, it is a chance for children to become aware of procedures if the need ever arises.

Uniform Information

A reminder that order forms can be downloaded from our website under School Information, School Notes, Whole School. Order forms can be emailed directly to Oz Fashions at elle@ozfashions.com.au or brought to the school office. Oz Fashions collect and deliver orders each Tuesday and Friday.

Sport News

HILLS ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed on Monday 20th February at The Hills Zone swimming carnival. I'm always so proud to take St Angela's out to carnivals but yesterday I was so proud of the students but also the parents. All of our swimmers did extremely well in particular Ned Cane who was Junior Boys Runner Up Age Champion, Kaleb Brett equal senior boys runner up and to Harrison Tandy who was 11yrs boys Age champion.

Congratulations to the following children who made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival which will be held this Friday at Blacktown Pool.

For individual events Angelina Tallaridi, Jessica Hohn, Mia Young, Aiden Crowley, Sophie Young, Noah Wheatley, Joseph McEneaney, Angus Gibbons, Harrison Tandy, Ned Cane, Kaleb Brett, Ella Evans and Ethaneal Lorenzo. St Angela's really step it up to another level when it came to relays and it just showed how strong we are as a team and not just individuals. We were very excited to be the only school to have 4 of our 4 relay teams make it through to the Diocesan.

Junior Boys- Brandon Suefong, Ned Cane, Noah Wheatley and Aiden Crowley finished 2nd.

Junior Girls- Jessica Hohn, Kiara Lee, Mia Jacobs, and Mia Young finished 2nd.

Senior Boys- Harrison Tandy, Joseph McEneaney, Ethaneal Lorenzo and Angus Gibbons finished 1st.

Senior Girls- Sophie Young, Keira Murphy, Samantha Hohn and Ella Evans finished 4th.

Special thanks to Mr Laird who did an amazing job in the very serious job of place judging.

To the parents, I truly am blessed to have such awesome, supportive parents. There was one particular school who had just one parent volunteer to time keep all day. In true St Angela's style, our parents stepped up to give this lady a break. To Michelle Jacobs, Michelle McEneaney, Fiona Hohn, Linda Young, Katie Edwards, Jo Evans, Yasna Suefong and Di McGaulley thank you for volunteering to help with timekeeping.

To our parents and grandparents, thank you for your cheering and support of the children. Well done!

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator

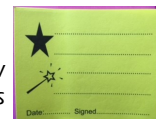
OLOR Netball Team - Calling Under 7 Girls

If there are any girls turning 7 this year who would like to play netball with the OLOR Netball Club, please visit www.olornetball.com.au to register.

Mount St Benedict College Open Day Sunday 5th March 10am to 2pm Prospective Parent Information Evening for Year 7, 2019 Thursday 9th March 7pm

Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2019. Registration for Waiting List forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

Star and a Wish



This year, you will on occasion see 'yellow star and wish stickies' in your children's books. These yellow stickies are one additional method of providing feedback to children. When books come home for English and Maths, you will see some of these 'yellow stickies' which will highlight:

1. A Star: Something completed well/strength
2. A Wish: Area for focus/development

These highly visible 'stickies' will allow parents, children and teachers to see/focus on helping to move children forward.

Invitation to all St Angela's Mums and Friends 'Save the Date' Wednesday 29th March

Inaugural Ladies Only Movie Night
'Beauty and the Beast'
Event Cinemas, Castle Hill
Time to be confirmed (approx. 7:30pm)
Seats are limited
Details to be sent out soon

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!

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