



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

Opening School and Ash Wednesday Masses

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend last week's Opening School Mass and our Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday. They were both a wonderful celebration of faith and of our Christ centred community at St Angela's. Appreciation to Mrs Yager, our Religious Education Coordinator, for her excellent work in coordinating our celebrations and to the staff for their efforts in making the morning so special. Thank you to Fr Alejandro for his blessings for a fruitful year ahead.

Ash Wednesday, celebrated yesterday, marks the beginning of Lent. During this Liturgical season of the Church, children and adults may sometimes ask the question: "What is Ash Wednesday?" The ashes used are made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). They also remind us of our mortality ("remember that you are dust"). Being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our recognition of the need for deeper conversion of our lives during this season of renewal. During Lent, the Church asks us to contemplate ongoing conversion. To achieve conversion, the Church proposes the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

It is the focal point of the Church's liturgical year. It occurs forty days before Good Friday. We are reminded to be faithful to the Gospels. Believing in the Gospels helps us to walk with Jesus. We can be guided along this journey by such Gospel values as Love, Hope, Trust, Service, Forgiveness, Peace, Respect, Acceptance, Compassion and Justice.

Catholic Schools Week

This year we will once again join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. There is so much faith, fun and learning that takes place at St Angela's that our Catholic Schools Week will be held over a two week period, from 6th March to 17th March.

Additionally, during Catholic Schools Week (Week 7 - 6th to 10th March), we will once again have our termly "Family Week". Family Week sees the children have a break from formal home learning (although we ask that every child still reads each night) to spend time with you as a family, or helping you for the family. You may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples in the past have included playing a board game, sitting and sharing stories, cooking a meal together, feeding the pet, playing

cards, helping put away laundry, setting the table, reading mum or dad a book, washing the car, gardening, writing mum and dad a thank you note, spending time in prayer/saying the Rosary, going for a family walk etc. Family Week is aimed at freeing children up to assist and/or spend time with those who love them most, their greatest heroes, you their parents and family.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week in 2017 is 'Learning Connected' which encourages schools to showcase for their local community the many learning opportunities available to students, and celebrating our unique Catholic schools.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community - by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Angela's at the following events to celebrate with our school and parish community Catholic Schools Week 2017:

Tues 7th Mar	2:00pm	Reading Afternoon
Thurs 9th Mar	2:20pm	Prayer Liturgy presented by Year 1
Fri 10th Mar	9:00am	Open Day for Kindergarten 2018
		Enrolments
	2:15pm	Whole School Assembly presented by Year 4
Fri 17th Mar	8:45am	Whole School Catholic Schools Week assembly, also celebrating St Patrick's Day, followed by morning tea and open classrooms.

This is an ideal opportunity to support the community of St Angela's and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a wonderful, supportive community of staff, parents and clergy who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Angela's and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Class Parent Representatives Meeting

The 2016 class parent representative meeting will now be held on Wednesday 15th March 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.

'Baker's Delight' Special Food Day
This Tuesday 7th March

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.



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Religious Education

Sunday, 5 Mar 2017: First Sunday of Lent - Year A

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season.

Q. What temptations do you face and how do you try to address them?

Q. When have you put trust in God to resolve a situation beyond your control?

Year 1 will celebrate a grade Liturgy at 2.20pm on Thursday March the 9th in our school hall. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Theme for the Week:

"Spend Time in Prayer"

We have all at one time or another experienced the power of prayer in our lives or in the lives of others. Our theme this week encourages the children to spend time each day in prayer in order to develop their relationship with Christ, particularly during this time of Lent.

Catholic Schools Week Reading Afternoon This Tuesday 7th March All Parents Welcome

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations, we would like to invite you to school this Tuesday 7th March from 2:00pm, to read to or with your child/children and their friends. The whole school will be reading in different areas of the playground. Please meet at your child's class or find them on the playground, to enjoy the wonder of reading. Please bring along your favourite book to model reading or read to the children – maybe an 'oldie but a goodie' from when you were a child!

*Invitation to all St Angela's
Mums and Friends*

*Wednesday 29th March
'Beauty and the Beast' (PG)*

Reading Cinemas, Rouse Hill

7:00pm

****Please note the new venue and time****

Seats are limited

Look out for ticket and payment order form coming home tomorrow

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Ltr to 2 Blue parents, Special Food Day Ingredients to Allergy families, Medication Information, Medical Bracelets, Kindy 2018 Sibling Enrolment Intention. **Hard Copy:** Yr 2 and Yr 3 Excursion Notes



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1

Week 7 - Family Week

Tues 7th March Special Food Day - Baker's Delight
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.

Week 8

Tues 14th March Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm

Wed 15th March 8:45am Parent Representative Meeting in the staffroom

7:30pm OLOR Parish Reconciliation Information Night

Fri 17th March 8:45am St Patrick's Day Assembly followed by morning tea and open classrooms - All welcome

Quote of the Week

"Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose."

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.

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten 2018

If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Angela's for Kindergarten in 2018, please complete the form emailed home today. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. Enrolment packages will be sent home shortly.

Medical Bracelets

An email has been sent home 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.

From the Library ...

If there are any parents who would like to assist with covering hard cover books in the library, please feel free to come along next Tuesday 7th March from 11:15am. As the books are extremely heavy, they are required to be covered at school, rather than sent home.

Many thanks.

Mrs Rosanne North
Teacher Librarian

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Olivia Hoon KB
Amelie Sprem KG
Phoebe Scida KY
Theodorus Kinsong 1B
Dominique Southwood 1G
Zachary Vujnovich 1Y
Luciana Castillo 2B
Jared Suarez 2G
Amelia Blackwell 2Y
Indigo Read 3B
Lucas Seda 3G
Ava De Carlo 3Y
Lucas Borg 4B
Oliver Simunic 4G
Oliver Chapman 4Y
Rachael Rodrigues 5B
Isabella Polic 5G
Owen Sereni 5Y
Riley Azzopardi 6B
Isaac Tenn 6G
Cooper Metcalfe 6Y
Bryce Lenferna 6Y

St Angela's Award

Mathis Ma KB
Seth Petersen KG
Grace Harb KY
Alicia Holt 1B
Owen van Egdom 1G
Hamish Geoghegan 1Y
Zoe Crowley 2B
Angelina Catalano 2G
Sophie Wallace 2Y
Jessica White 3B
Jessica Mitchell 3G
Finnian Christie 3Y
Aiden Crowley 4B
Sinera Janaratne 4G
Molly Nati 4Y
Tiarne Fox 5B
Estavan Alberti 5G
Annaliese Borg 5Y
Connor Khoury 6B
Lara Atchison 6G
Emily Nasso 6Y

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Marcus Khoudair (K Yellow)
Jessica White (3 Yellow)

Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.



What Happens in a Literacy Block?

(As presented at our General Parent Meeting)

Students at St Angela's follow the Parramatta Literacy and Numeracy strategy called Focus 160. This means that every day, children will undertake 100 minutes of Literacy and 60 minutes of Numeracy. Our Literacy Block consists of:

- ♦ Purposeful Talk
- ♦ Daily Reading Aloud to Students (5-10 mins)
- ♦ Daily Shared Reading (10-20 mins)
- ♦ Small Group Reading - Instructional Practices (15-30 mins at least once a week)
- ♦ Guided Reading
- ♦ Daily Independent Reading of familiar texts (5-15 mins)
- ♦ Daily Modelled Writing or Shared Writing (10-20 mins)
- ♦ Guided Writing (10-20 mins at least once a week)
- ♦ Daily Independent Writing (15-30 mins)

Next week ... What happens in a Numeracy Block?

Happy Birthday!

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

MARCH

Sun 5th

Estavan Alberti
Zane Benning

Mon 6th

Ruby Moller

Tues 7th

Dominic Christie
Mr Calabria

Thurs 9th

Harrison Tandy
Isabella Seda
Mischa Vujnovich

Fri 10th

Aaliyah Netana
Zoe Byrne
Phoebe Scida

Sat 11th

Luke Watson

Sport News

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

I know every report I say how proud I am of the children of St Angela's and how well they represent St Angela's. Last Friday, however, at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival was something very special. St Angela's had 18 children compete at Blacktown pool and I am just super proud to say that all 18 children will go on now to compete at the NSW CPS Swimming Trials. Not in my time at St Angela's have we had such outstanding results.

Congratulations to the following who made it through in individual events:

Angelina Tallaridi	50m Freestyle
Noah Wheatley	50m Breaststroke
Angus Gibbons	50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly
Harrison Tandy	100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly
Ned Cane	50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley
Kaleb Brett	50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly
Ella Evans	50m Freestyle
Ethanael Lorenzo	50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke

We saved the best for last in the relays. We were the only school out of 57 schools in the Parramatta Diocese to have all 4 relay teams through to MacKillop Trials, JUST AMAZING!

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, Ethanael Lorenzo and Angus Gibbons finished 1st.
Senior Girls	Sophie Young, Keira Murphy, Samantha Hohn and Ella Evans finished 3rd.

My sincere thanks to the parents for their continued support of the children.

Mrs Andra Hemmings
Sports Coordinator

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Hemmings for all things sport at St Angela's. Her love of sport and the opportunities she coordinates for the students truly helps them 'let their light shine'.

2017 Parent Representatives

Thank you for your overwhelming support

Your parent class representatives have been nominated and are as follows:

Kindy Blue:	Tara Shepherd, Julie West
Kindy Green:	Natalie Lashlie, Teresa Sprem
Kindy Yellow:	Marie Catalano, Alicia Lane
1 Blue:	Carlene Khoury
1 Green:	Kristy Post, Wayne Davie
1 Yellow:	Felicity McKnight
2 Blue:	Cherille Paton
2 Green:	Marlena Muscardo
2 Yellow:	Christine Stavropoulos, Julie West
3 Blue:	Jill Metcalfe, Donna Collins, Greta Read
3 Green:	Kari-Anne Begg
3 Yellow:	To be advised
4 Blue:	Michelle Jacobs, Tara Shepherd
4 Green:	Kristy Post, Jo Evans, Nicole Love
4 Yellow:	Bec Nati
5 Blue:	Vicki Watson, Bec Nati
5 Green:	Marga Gunasekera
5 Yellow:	Christine Stavropoulos, Antonella Tesoriero, Joyce Bautista
6 Blue:	Toni Phelan, Mona Mu, Donna Ortlepp
6 Green:	Tara Shepherd, Donna Collins, Jennifer Rodger
6 Yellow:	Jo Andrew, Doreen Saul

Keep an eye out for next week's Shine as we outline activities for each grade and initiatives taking place.

Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate uniforms, could you please send them to the office by **this Monday, 6th March**. Keep an eye out for our second hand uniform sale date. Many thanks.

Hills Spirit Soccer Club Calling Under 9 Girls & Boys, Under 11 Girls & Boys

If there are any boys and girls in the above age groups who would like to play in a mixed soccer team with Hills Spirit Soccer Club, please contact Nat D'Silva on 0434 000 557.



Marian College Open Evening
Year 7, 2018
This 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.

Mount St Benedict College Open Day This 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.

MEDICATION INFORMATION

Prescription medication is only administered to students upon completion of St Angela's medication forms, which are available on our website under the following pathway:

School Information, School Notes, Medical Forms

Please note there are two types of forms:

- ♦ **Doctor Forms for Prescribed Medication (to be completed by Doctor and Parent)**
If your child requires prescription medication to be permanently stored for administration at school, ie. Anaphylaxis/Allergies or Asthma, these forms are required to be completed by a parent and your child's doctor.
- ♦ **Short Term Prescribed Medication (to be completed by Parent)**
If your child requires prescription medication to be administered on a short term basis, ie. 1-5 days, please complete this form.

Please note we are unable to administer prescription medication unless the relevant form outlined above is completed. Handwritten notes are not satisfactory as instructions for the administration of medication.

All prescription medication for your child must be supplied in its original container and be delivered to and collected from the office **by a parent**. For safety reasons, prescription medication should not be carried by children. All prescription medication is required to be clearly labelled with your child's name, the name of the medication, dosage and frequency of administration. Appropriate equipment for administering medication is to be supplied by the parent, eg. Asthma spacer. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure all medication remains current. All medication sent to school is kept in the School Office.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Non-prescription medication is not administered by the school, eg. Panadol, antihistamine, creams, ointments, eye drops etc. The only exception to this is if a doctor completes the appropriate abovementioned form.

News from the Parish



**Come Join
Fr. Alejandro
for his annual
birthday bash!**

The Lego Batman Movie

Rated: G
2 pm on Sunday 2 April, 2017
Event Cinemas Castle Towers
Tickets are \$20 each and
may be purchased at the
Parish Office!

Call and reserve today at 9629 2595

Gilroy College Open Evening for Year 7 2018 - Wednesday 8th March 2016

Principal's address: 6.15pm in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall
College Tours will be conducted at 5.00pm and 7.00pm (bookings **not** required). Enrolment Packages will be available on the night.

For further information visit our website or email
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