



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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

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Term 1, Week 3

Dear Parents,

## Opening School and Ash Wednesday Mass

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend yesterday's Opening School/Ash Wednesday Mass. The Mass was 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 dedication 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 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.

## Kindergarten and New Families Welcoming BBQ

Our Kindergarten and new families to the school enjoyed a wonderful night of community and hospitality last Friday afternoon at our welcoming BBQ. A wonderful time was had by all but, in particular, the children. See inside this Shine for further acknowledgements.

## 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.

## 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.*

**We look forward to presenting our  
new Kindergarten children to our  
school community tomorrow,  
Friday 16th February at 8:45am.  
All parents are most welcome.  
We hope you can join us.**

## KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

**Friday 9th 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, 18 Feb 2018: First Sunday of Lent - Year B*

### Gospel Mk 1:12-15

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

Sunday's Gospel offers a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go – give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

**Q. What times of your life would you describe as 'desert times'?**

**Q. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus was capable of being tempted?**

**Q. How can you use Lent as a time to respond to the call to 'Repent and believe the Good News'?**

### Do you want to fast this Lent?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The parents of Year 3 students are invited to a First Communion information evening at OLOR Church tonight, Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm.

Confirmation Preparation Day will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 3:45pm at OLOR followed by the 6pm mass with families. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are required to attend.

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator

## General Parent Meeting

**This Tuesday 20th February at 7:00pm  
School Library**

### AGENDA

- ◆ Principal's Report
- ◆ 2018 Initiatives
- ◆ Parent Inservicing Topics for 2018
- ◆ General Business

All welcome. We hope you can join us.

## 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.



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 1

#### Week 3

**Thurs 15th Feb**

7:15pm Registration for 7:30pm start  
Communion Parent Information Evening at  
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

**Fri 16th Feb**

8:45am Kindergarten 2018 presented to the  
school community - All welcome

Year 5 Local Parks Excursion

#### Week 4

**Mon 19th Feb**

Hills Zone Swimming Hawkesbury Pool

**Tues 20th Feb**

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

**Fri 23rd Feb**

Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown  
Pool

## Quote of the Week

*"How beautiful that possibility lives within each and every one of us."*

**First Holy Communion - Year 3  
Parent Information Evening  
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7:15pm for a 7:30pm start  
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish**

## Grade Assemblies

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

Week 6 - Friday 9th March at 2:15pm led by Year 4

Week 8 - Friday 23rd March at 2:15pm led by Year 5

Week 10 - Friday 6th April at 2:15pm led by Year 2

All parents are most welcome to join us.

## 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](mailto: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 has been sent home today 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.

### Sent Home This Week:

**Emailed:** Kindergarten 2019 Sibling Enrolment Intention, Medical Bracelets, Library Volunteers, Year 2 Home Learning, Parent Calendar, Grade Overviews, Ltr from Bishop of Parramatta

## Celebrating Our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

### Academic Excellence

Sophie McIntyre KB  
Oliver Mares KG  
Jacob Fam KY  
Adrian Sacco 1B  
Jack Norris 1G  
Kaeden Hochstetter 1Y  
Jesselyn Tedja 2B  
Mason Kelly 2G  
Ashton Yu 2Y  
Lilliana Sacco 3B  
Ciara Crowley 3G  
Domenic Laird 3Y  
Lara Gomes Pestana 4B  
Domenic Stornelli 4G  
William Schenko 4Y  
Dylan Crowe 5B  
Ariella Colosimo 5G  
Kingsley Barnett 5Y  
Dana Adan 6B  
Kiara Lee 6G



### St Angela's Award

Jasmine Hackett KB  
Grace Despoges KG  
Rosie Lowe KY  
Kyla Hogan 1B  
Phoebe Scida 1G  
Zarah Ciccio 1Y  
Brendan Khoudair 2B  
Myah Ciccio 2G  
Holly Brincat 2Y  
Leonardo Blefari 3B  
Keeran Mazuvancheri-Perera 3G  
Emeline Fitzsimons 3Y  
Logan McDonald 4B  
Dean Aberley 4G  
Chanel Nasr 4Y  
Charlize McDonald 5B  
Alexandra Santos 5G  
Daniel Oh 5Y  
Enrique Hanza 6B  
Thomas Norris 6G  
Ethan Petersen 6Y  
Tom Smales 6Y

## Thank You

Thank you to the following parents for all their help with organising, serving etc., at our Kindergarten and New Families BBQ last Friday: Gary Aberley, Joyce Bautista, Peter Benning, Ola Callan-Kerkenezov, Marie Catalano, Wayne Davie, Rod Hogan, Louisa Laird, Heidi Lee, Ray Manio, Tara Shepherd, Antonella Tesoriero (coordinator), Vicki Watson and Karen Wilson.

Thank you also to members of our student leadership team, along with the many members of staff, who were also present. Your time is very much appreciated.

## Sport News

Best wishes to our Zone Swimming Representative team who will compete this Monday: Jackson Bercich, Ned Cane, Harry Clarke, Aiden Crowley, Lauren Evans, Liam Evans, Kai Hall, Aaron Hohn, Jessica Hohn, Alicia Holt, Mia Jacobs, Joe Khoudair, Kaija Kneivitt, Nikolaj Kneivitt, Kiara Lee, Dylan Manio, Keira Murphy, Lucca Piotto, Stirling Post, Zalia Ritchie, Ariana Sarmiento, Tom Smales, Angelina Tallaridi, Noah Wheatley, Mia Young and Sophie Young. Keep an eye on next week's Shine for results.

Congratulations to Jarvis Hemmings (5G) who was selected in the Parramatta Diocese Cricket Team. Jarvis will now trial against Wollongong and Sydney Diocese in March.



## Happy Birthday!



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

### FEBRUARY

#### Sun 18th

Jacob David  
Alicia Dib

#### Mon 19th

Lachlan Murphy

#### Tues 20th

Jacob Lee  
Zalia Ritchie

#### Wed 21st

Sophie Watson

#### Thurs 22nd

Luca Basso  
Cassidy Southwood  
Dominique Southwood  
Mrs Lewis-Driver

#### Fri 23rd

Bailey Aldag  
Saxon Aldag  
Amalia Araneda  
Ivie Javidi  
Joe Khoudair  
Sophie McIntyre  
Havana Seydler  
Mrs North

#### Sat 24th

Isaac Cassab  
Melina Catalano  
Oliver Milicevic  
Lara Perez  
Alexander Petras

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Ava Bizzanelli (5B) who was invited to sing the National Anthem at the Hills Shire Council meeting for the Mayor and fellow Councillors last Tuesday.

## 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.

## Book Club

A reminder that the last day for Scholastic Book Club orders is this **Wednesday 21st February**. If you wish to place an order after this date, a message will appear advising that school no longer accepts orders, however, home delivery is available at an extra cost of \$4.95. Thank you.

Athena Woolnough  
Book Club Coordinator (0432 682 508)

## Some photos from our Kindergarten and New Families Welcoming BBQ



### 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.

### School Fees

School fee accounts for 2018 will soon be mailed out by the Catholic Education Office. As in the past, families will be given a choice to either pay their account under the current school fee payment terms of 30 days or by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments over a 6 month period from March to August. This payment arrangement is known as a flexible payment plan (FPP). To make FPP payments families will complete and lodge a direct debit authority with the Catholic Education Office. There is no additional administration fees to families accepting the FPP offer, however if a payment rejects fees may be incurred and if a payment rejects twice it is automatically cancelled. Alternatively, accounts may also be paid via BPay allowing parents to set up their own periodic payment and select a period (eg. Monthly) to pay their fees by instalments. There is no cost to parents using BPay. At the school office, accounts can be paid by cheque, cash and Eftpos. **Detailed information regarding FPP along with the appropriate application forms will be included with your school fee account. These forms need to be returned to the Catholic Education Office before 9th March 2018.** As per last year we have also included the majority of school based fees for 2018 into the annual account so that these costs are incorporated into FPP arrangements. Term 1 fees, unless undertaking a FPP arrangement, are due on 21st March 2018. Please refer to the 2018 School Fees information emailed last week.

If you have any further enquiries please contact the school office on 9407 6400.

### 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 or parent/teacher interviews). 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. The first parent representative meeting will be held on Thursday 8th March at 8:45am.

### Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate school uniforms, could you please send them to the office by Friday 2nd March. Many thanks.

### Gilroy Catholic College Open Evening for Enrolments

Gilroy Catholic College is holding it's annual Open Evening for Enrolments on Wednesday 21st February 2018. There will be tours of the College at 5:00pm and 7:00pm and our Principal, Cheryl Merryweather, will give a talk in the school hall at 6:15pm. To make a tour booking, please phone 8853 8200 with your preferred tour time. Application packages will be available on the night. Applications close on Thursday 8 March 2018.

### Are you interested in playing netball?

Castle Hill Sports Netball Club are currently taking registrations for the 2018 Netball winter season. If you are interested in playing Netball this season please look on [www.chsnetball.com.au](http://www.chsnetball.com.au) for information and the links to register. Registration ages start at 5 years old for a 10 week activity fun skills program, 7-9 year olds play every Friday at the netball courts at Wellgate Ave Kellyville and the 10+ ages play on a Saturday. The competition starts in April. Thank you.

Lucia Dolores  
Castle Hill Sports Netball Club Registrar

**THE RACE IS ON**  
to collect vouchers for sports gear

**coles SPORTS for SCHOOLS 2018**

**Coles Sports for Schools Program 2018 has commenced.**

**If you are shopping at Coles, we ask that children bring in the vouchers and place them in the Coles box on the stage under the Big Top.**

**Many thanks.**

Start collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers today!

**\$10 = 1 VOUCHER**