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Castle Hill

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we educate our

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Term 1 - Week 8

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We praise God for the vast diversity of creation and for fulfilling the promise to bless all the nations by including them in Christ: "I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

As the world becomes more interconnected, it is evident that people from all walks of life need to work together. Diversity is exactly that – it is people of different races, religions, nationalities, and communities coming together for a singular purpose. There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that we can all ponder as we prepare to celebrate Harmony Day next Tuesday 21st March:-

- Just over half (51%) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- Australians identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

Please feel free to join us for our Smoking Ceremony and Liturgy at 8:45am and/or our African Drum session at 1:30pm (entry through the front gates).

GREEN MUFTI DAY TOMORROW



Students are invited to wear green items of clothing to school **tomorrow, Friday 17th March** instead of school uniform to celebrate **St Patrick's Day**. There will be a Whole School Prayer assembly starting at 8.45am followed by our much loved St Patricks Day presentations including Band, Choir, Dance Crew and a surprise for our guests from the whole school.

RUG READING PICNIC

Weather permitting, this will all be followed by Rug Reading at approx. 9.45am and morning tea with your children. Children (and guests) are invited to wear green mufti instead of their uniform and parents are invited to bring a picnic morning tea to share, and a **favourite book to read with their children. Please no hot drinks.**



"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton

Religious Education

19th March 2023 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Gospel

[Jn 9:1-41](#)

On the Sabbath, Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth.

Jesus cured a man born blind. That man had more 'vision' than the Pharisees, who could see. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us about spiritual and physical blindness?

What is the most incredible thing you have ever seen: a lunar eclipse? a rainbow? a shooting star? a peacock showing off its feathers? a butterfly on a flower? fireworks? How could you describe this incredible sight to a person who is blind?

What do you think would be the most difficult part of being blind? If you are blind, talk about what the most difficult part is for you.

Feast of St Patrick Celebration - We invite all families to join us on Friday 17th March from 8:45am. The liturgy and performances will be followed by rug reading and picnic with families. We look forward to seeing everyone in **Green mufti**.

Feast of St Joseph - This Sunday, the 19th of March is the feast day of St Joseph - Jesus' foster father and husband of Mary. 1 Yellow will be leading our morning prayer at 8:30am on Monday, 20th March to remember this feast day. Families are welcome to join us.

Jocelyn Williams



Religious Education Coordinator

SIBLING ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023

For those families who are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings at St Angela's for Kindergarten 2024. Please complete the online enrolment application available on our website and submit it to the office together with the required original supporting documentation as soon as possible. Please phone or email the office to obtain the link to book in for an interview. We have had many enrolment enquiries and do not want to miss any sibling family enrolment. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you.



SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's happening at St Angela's this week
Review and Update Important Contact Details and Student Information

Year 1: Year 1 Liturgies—Term 1

Year 6: Year 6 Cultural Photomedia Exhibition
2023 Year 6 Term 1 Parent Letter—PDH
Topic—Growth and Development

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 1

Week 8

Friday 17th March 8.45am - St Patrick's Day Liturgy, Green Mufti Day and Rug Reading Picnic with parents.

Week 9

Monday 20th March Naplan 2023 - Language Conventions

Tuesday 21st March 8.30am—Harmony Day Liturgy, parents welcome

Wednesday 22nd March Naplan 2023—Numeracy

Friday 24th March 2.20pm—Kindergarten Liturgy, parents welcome

Week 10

Monday 27th March Year 3 Excursion

Monday 27th March Year 5 Excursion

2023 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 24th April Staff Development Day

Monday 21st August Staff Development Day

Monday 18th December Staff Development Day

Tuesday 19th December Staff Development Day

Happy Birthday!

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

FEBRUARY

17th March

Kayla Lobo 1Y
Sara Crisafulli 2G
Briseis Root 3Y
John Fang 4G

19th March

Anna Nguyen KB

20th March

Isaac Vassallo 4G
James Morr 5B
Jason Tedja KB

21st March

Jake Gardiner 4G
Zachary Moses KG

22nd March

Mikayla Saad 2G
Alfonso Costa 6Y

Celebrating Our Gifts

Learning Excellence

Alissa Busono KB

Joseph Cook KG

Jeremy Bartholomeusz KY

Oliver Todd 1B

Azariah Abu Duhou 1G

Renee Manandhar 1Y

Catalina Halfhide 2B

Ciara Treacy 2G

Jacob Tadianan 2Y

William McDowall 3B

Harriet Kenny 3G

Lilah Kenny 3Y

Kelci Reese Anonical 4B

Ava Buckley 4G

Noah Young 4Y

Borui Zhang 5B

Sofia Muscardo 5G

Grace Bacon 5Y

Seth Petersen 6B

Monte Piotto 6G

Isabella Ciantar 6Y

St Angela's Award

William Spragg KB

Harrison O'Brien KG

Mila Kwoka KY

Jayden Barjacoba 1B

Zachary Fernandez 1JG

Chanelle Coco 1Y

William Iannetta 2B

Chloe Buckley 2G

Ava De Silva 2Y

Siena Boumelhem 3B

Audrey Unutmaz 3G

Jamie Hochstetter 3Y

Hudson McEneaney 4B

Zachary Worsman 4G

Sienna Glass 4Y

Dayna Mills 5B

Kate Maguire 5G

Harrison Gibbons 5Y

Alyssa Dababneh 6B

Ivy Tole 6G

Mikayla White 6Y

2023 School Photos Wednesday 5th April



2023 school photos will be taken on Wednesday 5th April. Throughout the day, all students K to 6 will have their class photos and individual photos taken. Parents also have the option of ordering a sibling photo. **Sibling photos will take place before school from 7:30am in the hall.**

A range of photo packages are available to order, please go online to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the school code **R2J E6C GCA**: in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to the school's secure online ordering site. Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process, you can place orders for additional children and sibling photos. Sibling photo envelopes will be available in the office for parents or students to pick up. Children K - 6 are to wear full school uniform on the day. Joggers can be brought to school in school bags for sport lessons. Online Payments Only. NO CASH.



Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time at our Masquerade Disco last Friday night:

Brooke Seydler

Todd Seydler

Heidi Castillo

Georgina Halfhide

Li Du

Fiona Livingstone

Czarina Custodio

Sacha Spragg

Cristina Hoon

Melissa Andrew

Renee Fedele

Katherine Jagger

Felicity Franks

Dinuli Heighway

Sonya Price

Amelia Hawke

Karen Maait

Sabine Gittany

Maryse Emmanuel

Jamie Dabit

Jane Hewlett

Belinda Crawford

Jane Hewlett

Linda Mittiga

Renee Stopps

Melissa Orefice

Anna Garcia

Irene Neo

Ashlie Johnston

Ola Callan-Kerkenezov

Chanele Moss

Melissa Holvea

St Angela's SPORTS UPDATE

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday **Alexis Foxe, Annelise Guirrerri, Dylan Crawford, Finn Wheatley, Flynn Wilson, Havan Seydler, Henry Brooker, Holly McGaulley, Jamie Hochstetter, Kai Theoharous, Kyla Hogan, Matthew Livingstone, Mikayla White, Mikayla Martin, Rafferty Castillo, Ray Zhang, Reuben Saab, Ruby Pace, Sienna Mearns, Skye Doyle, Sophie Kenny, Tia Lawlor, Zarrah Ciccio, Catalina Fam and Thomas Morin** competed in the Diocesan Zone Swimming Carnival.

Our Students are to be commended on their positive attitude, St Angela's spirit and good sportsmanship on the day. St Angela's have had many positive comments and feedback from staff and parents attending the carnival. Well done!

Congratulations to the following students who qualified 1st to 4th at Zone in their events and progressed through to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival.

- Finn Wheatley
- Ray Zhang
- Holly McGaulley
- Flynn Wilson
- Rafferty Castillo



Two of our St Angela's students took home the Runner Up Age Champion Trophy at the end of the day. Congratulations to;

- Ray Zhang - 11 Years Boys Age Champion Runner Up
- Finn Wheatley - Senior Boys Age Champion Runner Up

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to Finn Wheatley, Ray Zhang, Holly McGaulley, Flynn Wilson, Rafferty Castillo who attended the Diocesan Swimming Carnival this week also. Our Senior boys Relay team missed out on qualifying by only half a second. So close! We congratulate Finn Wheatley and Ray Zhang who have qualified to progress further and will be representing our diocese at the NSWPCS Swimming Carnival at the end of March.



Representative Sport

Congratulations to Ray Khoudair who has been selected for the Mackillop Rugby Team. We wish Ray all the best in Wagga this May in the U12's Rugby Comp.

CROSS COUNTRY PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to all the parents who have put their name down to help at the cross coin try in week 10 (Tuesday 28th March). Mrs Mazza will be in contact with all our parents next week to prepare them for the day. It is still not too late to volunteer. If you are available, we would love your support.

Click on the link provided.

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Ray Zhang from 5B who got 11yrs boys age champion runner up at the Diocesan swimming carnival held this week.



2023 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Q: Our family is so busy. How can we make time for reading together?

A: Think about the times when everyone is home. Put family reading on the schedule then, even if it's just once a week. Perhaps you could schedule a reading dinner or a surprise "DEAR" (Drop Everything and Read) time during Saturday chores. Make reading a fun part of established family routines.

PRC STUDENTS SITE STUDENTS NEW TO THE SITE

Michael Raad KY	Rhodes Seydler KG
Azaria Abu Duhou 1G	Natalia Boumelhem 1G
Aliyah De Silva 1B	Olivia Raad 1B
Kai Cassar 2Y	Ava De Silva 2Y
Jacinta Raad 2Y	Emmanuel Abu Duhou 3G
Vanessa Boumelhem 3G	Evelyn Vallejo 3B
Xavier Zullo 3B	Dylan Crawford 4B
Georgia Grill 4B	Eloise Hoon 4G
Chase Panganiban 4B	Joshua Raad 4B
Paige Tadiaman 4B	Arianna Vallejo 4Y
Isaac Vassallo 4G	Grace Bacon 5Y
Gabriella Chehade 5Y	Sienna De Silva 5Y
Emmanuel Dib 5Y	Skye Doyle 5Y
Aliana Elizaga 5B	Giada Genio 5Y
Eden Gliddon 5B	Sebastian Miletic 5Y
Ronan Phung 5B	Havana Seydler 5G
Oliver Hewlett 6Y	

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 1432
**TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO
HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 33**

Reading for pleasure can improve your child's language and literacy skills

When your child enjoys reading and does it often, he boosts his vocabulary and reading skills. To increase his interest in reading:

- **Suggest books you enjoyed** when you were young. Search for some of your favorite authors or books at the library with your child.
- **Make opportunities for your child** to read with friends. Encourage them to discuss books they enjoy. They may consider starting a book club.
- **Keep a supply of books** and magazines on subjects that interest your child available all around your home.
- **Connect books and food.** Create a reading café at home. Bake a favorite dessert and make some hot chocolate. Then, settle in with your child and spend some time reading.



Source: "Leisure Reading," International Reading Association, nswc.com/leisure-reading-benefits.

"Reading is like an infectious disease: it is caught not taught."

—Christine Nuttall

Harmony Day Tuesday March 21st

Students are invited to wear cultural dress or **Orange** as we recognise and celebrate the rich cultural diversity at St Angela's.

Year 6 students will be leading us in a day of cultural immersion as part of their Geography Inquiry Unit: 'To what extent can we promote positive perceptions of global cultures?' For the students the day will include a Smoking Ceremony and a performance by an African Drumming group as well as presentations by the Year 6 students.

NAPLAN

Please find attached below the timetable of assessments as follows:

Mon 20th March	Tues 21st March	Wed 22nd March	Thurs 23rd March	Fri 24th March
Morning Session	Catch Ups	Morning Session	Catch Ups	Catch Ups
Year 3 Conventions of Language		Year 3 Numeracy		
Year 5 Conventions of Language		Year 5 Numeracy		

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

Term 1 fees are now due. Please finalise as soon as possible. If you are unable to make payment, please contact Liz Burke on 9407 6400 or via email to lburke2@parra.catholic.edu.au

PARENT NOTIFICATIONS OF ABSENCES

Please use the Compass App to register your child(ren) being absent for a FULL SCHOOL DAY. Please respond to the text message you will receive at 11am.

A reminder that **partial absences** are processed by the school office only.

CANTEEN CASH CARDS

We have recently had many requests from parents to replace their child's canteen cash cards due to them being lost, washed or accidentally thrown away. Please note these cards need to be treated as you would money. Life money, if it is lost/destroyed the school cannot replace the card.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE—TRAVEL (5 OR MORE DAYS)

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school.

Should you need to complete the application we ask that you do it well before your planned travel dates using the form below. Application forms can also be downloaded via the school website.

<https://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/In-The-Loop/School-Notes>

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK 8 AND 9

Thank you for volunteering your time.

Friday 17th March: Sacha Spragg
Kirsten Bacon
Linda Mittiga
Kara Oliver
Kirby Wallace

Tuesday 24th March: Natalie Lashlie
Rhiannon Alcock
Emma Neeld
Leesa Pickles
Jane Hewlett

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**Using the QKR app make your donation to the 2023 Project Compassion Appeal,
click on Fundraising and go to Caritas Project Compassion.**

The Orleans Way back entrance to school

This entrance is particularly busy in the mornings. Parents are asked to follow these guidelines:-

- If you are parking and escorting your children to the back gate, **please return to your vehicle as soon as possible so that your parking space can be used by other parents who would also like to park and walk their children to the gate.**
- If you know that you will be arriving at 8:30am please use the Harrington Rd Kiss and Drop. The gates in Orleans Way will be closed promptly at 8:30am so that teachers and students can make their way to their classes. Teachers cannot be waiting for children who arrive after this time.
- **If you are getting out of your car and want to stay to say goodbye please DO NOT PARK in one of the parking spots closest to the gates. This will allow other parents to move in and out of these spots as they drop off their children.**
- **Please do not stand across the bottom of the driveway on the road. Children and parents need to be able to safely access the driveway from the flagged pedestrian zone.**
- Be mindful of the parking signage and do not double park waiting for a parking space to become free - Council Rangers are patrolling this area and issuing infringement fines.

In the afternoons:-

- Parents are to meet their children on the **school side** of the road. NEVER beckon your child across the road or to come out of the gates before the supervising teacher has dismissed them.
- Once you have met your child please move off as soon as possible to make way for other families.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our children safe around the school.



KISS AND DROP IN THE MORNINGS

Procedures for using the Kiss and Drop Area

Once in the Kiss and Drop Area:

- Drive up to the furthest free space and stop vehicle
- Child exits care, with their school bag on the **KERB SIDE ONLY** and closes the car door.
- Driver **DOES NOT** get out of the vehicle
- Driver waits until the car in front moves off and follows
- **DO NOT** pull out and overtake car in front

This procedure has been developed with the children's and driver's safety as a priority.

Student Data Validation 2023—CSPD

Parents and carers should receive an email or SMS (for those parents without email) from Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD) asking you to review and, where necessary, update important contact and student information.

The link closes **on Sunday 19 March** so if you haven't already done so, please complete the review/update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's details are up to date.

If you have any questions or did not receive the link, please contact the CSPD Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.

CHANGING GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8:30am until 2:50pm 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 1.30pm on the day the change is taking place.** Please do not email going home changes days in advance. This assists with our process of notifying the class teacher via their office bag.

St Angela's Online Communication



Compass Parent Portal - St Angela's parents are requested to download the Compass Parent Portal app once your child is enrolled at our school. It is our primary communication tool that will facilitate effective communication between parents and school. All school notes, notices and newsletters will be sent through Compass. To access the Compass Parent Portal app, simply download the 'Compass School Manager' app, available through Apple Store or Google Play. It is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.



QKR! (pronounced 'quicker') Mobile Payment App - St Angela's is a 'cashless school'. QKR! is an easy to use mobile phone application that is also suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently available for all payments except for school fees. Communications will be distributed as new events and products become available for purchase.



School Calendar—This year we have moved to using an online School Calendar to communicate upcoming events and happenings at school. Families can locate this through the school website or bookmark this link:

<https://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/In-The-Loop/Events>

Also follow us on **Facebook** for the latest news, upcoming events and lots more! Of course if you have any queries or need assistance,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Start Your Day With Positive Thinking..."



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Children's Mental Health Matters!

**1 in 7 Australian students
has a mental health disorder!
What signs should parents look for?
How can you help your Children?**



Our guest speaker for the PRC event is

Jennifer Coen

Senior Manager – Wellbeing, Catholic Schools NSW



[Register here to attend](#)

Jennifer will discuss the most common mental issues in children & adolescents. You can find out what signs you should look for and ways you can help when your children are struggling. Jennifer is federally registered Mental Health Social Worker, with a Master of Education. She works with senior counsellors across NSW, offering advice and consultation around mental health, wellbeing and student behaviour.



Monday, 20th March 2023

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC AGM - will be held prior to guest speaker)



CathWest Innovation College

91 N Parade, Mount Druitt NSW 2770

Miguel Pro SJ Performing Arts Centre

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and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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