



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Sending Home Information and News about Education

Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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

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Term 2 - Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

How was your day?

As parents, one of the most helpful partnerships that we can have with the school is to know what our children are doing and learning at school during the day. Grade overviews, What's Happening, Facebook and Compass posts help us out a little but of course hearing from our children about their day is the most helpful.

This is not always as easy as it sounds though! I think parents all agree that helping our children tell us about their school day can sometimes be quite challenging and we can often be met with one word responses. This can be that you are all in a rush to get to after school activities, your child is tired, hungry or not in the mood to answer questions after school or that you are not able to speak with them until you have returned home from your own work. The following open-ended questions might help you to find out more about your child's day:-

What was your favourite part of your day, and why?

What made you laugh today?

What did you do at lunchtime?

Who did you have the most fun with, and why?

What's something you learnt that you didn't know before?

What are you looking forward to about tomorrow?

What did you do that made you feel proud today?

What did your teacher do that was funny?

What made you really happy today?

"Together we can do so much"

Leanne Nettleton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Would you like to be an Altar Server at our school masses or our parish? Fr Chris is inviting students who have received the Sacrament of First Communion and are interested to attend training days at Our Lady of Our Rosary parish church. Training will commence in the coming weeks, dates for these are to follow. If you are interested, please collect a form from the School Office, the Sacristy in the Church, or contact the parish office [here](#).



Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator

Please keep in your Prayers

We extended our condolences to:

Mrs Janelle Bawden on the passing of her Uncle Joe who sadly passed away earlier this week.

Leo Gordon (2G) is slowly recovering in hospital. We send Leo our love and best wishes

PEER SUPPORT

Our whole school will be starting Peer Support sessions next week. The children will be participating in a new module, Moving Forward which focuses on resilience.

The experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. In the first session, the children will establish connections with the other members of their group and develop their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children will discuss an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non resilient responses. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.



peer support





PRC STUDENTS SITE STUDENTS NEW TO THE SITE

Charmaine Au KY	Samuel Brooker KY
Milla Collett KG	Isabelle Masik KY
Farati Popoola KB	Daniel Chetty 1B
Olivia Dababneh 1Y	William Houghton Boreham 1B
Tobias Brook 2Y	Matteo Circosta 2G
Sophie Hoon 2G	Flynn Conde 3Y
Gabriel Edouard 3B	Elanor Gandajana 3Y
Emma Houghton Boreham 3G	Oliver Masik 3Y
Oliver Raad 3Y	Ethan Chetty 4B
William Hall 4B	Tabitha Lee 4G
Sebastian Raad 4B	Samaan AbuDuhou 5G
Sienna Mearns 5B	Monte Piotto 6G

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 4376
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 126



Q: My child is learning to read, but it's hard for her. She doesn't want to pick up books at home. How can I help?

A: Make books around the house as appealing as possible. Choose stories that include mostly familiar words. Look for subjects she loves or new topics she might embrace. Also consider books with short items to read, such as jokes or rhymes. Books with appealing pictures are great, too!

Ask questions to get your child thinking and talking about reading

It is critical that your child read over the summer. Help her reflect on what she reads and improve her comprehension by asking a lot of questions! You might ask:

- **Who were the main characters?**
What did you like or dislike about them? Do they remind you of people you know? How?
- **What happened in the story?**
How did it start? What happened in the middle? How did it end? Were you happy with the way the book ended?
- **Have you ever experienced**
something that happened to the characters in the story?
- **What would you change** about the book if you were the author?
What plot would make a good sequel?



"Books are a uniquely portable magic."
 —Stephen King

Mothers Day Stall

St Angela's traditional Mothers Day Stall is being coordinated by our Year Two Grade Parents and will be held on Tuesday 9th May. Gifts will be displayed on posters around the school from Monday 1st May. Please encourage your children to have a look and think about which special gift to buy.

Gifts will be available to purchase on the Qkr App under Fundraising. Only one gift per child can be purchased and the app will close on Friday 5th May at 5pm. Please make purchases using your child's individual and correct Qkr profile—ensuring correct roll class, grade and colour. If this is not done your purchase could be allocated to the wrong child and/or wrong class.

Please note an opportunity will then open on Qkr for a "Special" circumstances purchase. This will enable students who require a gift for a special mother figure i.e Stepmother, Grandmother, Aunt or other female role model. The special circumstances purchase will close on Monday 8th May.



Mothers Day Stall Volunteers Year 2 Parents

Calling year 2 parents—we need your help at the Mother's Day Stall. If you are available please complete the volunteer form below:

[Mothers' Day Stall - Volunteers](#)

Calling all Dads

We will be celebrating Mother's Day at St Angela's on Friday 12th May. Dads if you are available to assist with setting up and serving morning tea to our beautiful St Angela's mothers at our Mothers Day Morning Tea following our Mother's Day Liturgy on Friday 12th May 2023, please click on the link and complete the form. You will be contacted next term. Mother's Day Liturgy commences at 8:45am

[Mother's Day Volunteers - Dads we need your help!](#)

Mothers' Day is coming! Friday 12th May

On Friday 12th May, we will celebrate Mothers' Day at St Angela's. Our celebrations will begin with a special Mothers' Day Assembly at 8:45am, followed by a Mothers' Day cuppa and an opportunity for our mums to visit the classrooms. We hope you can join us.

Approximate Timetable

8:45am Liturgy
 9:05am Presentation
 9:30am Morning Tea
 9:45am Open Classrooms



Parent Volunteers Needed

Any parents who are available to assist in Bagging and Stamping the new readers please contact the office via email.

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's happening at St Angela's this week

Kindergarten	Grade Overview—Term 2
Year 1	Incursion—The Past and the Present
Year 1	School Report Meeting
Year 1	Grade Overview—Term 2
Year 3	Google Classroom
Year 3	Girls Soccer Gala Day Trials 2023
Year 3	Grade Overview—Term 2
Year 4	Excursion to Cockatoo Island
Year 4	Grade Overview—Term 2
Year 5	Grade Overview—Term 2
Year 6	Grade Overview—Term 2

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 2

Week 2

Friday 5th May Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House

Week 3

Tuesday 9th May	Mothers Day Stall
Wednesday 10th May	Diocesan Cross Country
Wednesday 10th May	Year 1 Incursion—Wannabees
Thursday 11th May	Year 4 Excursion—Cockatoo Island
Friday 12th May	Mothers Day Celebrations & Morning Tea

2023 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 21st August	Staff Development Day
Monday 18th December	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 19th December	Staff Development Day

ARE YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS LABELLED?

Please ensure that every item your child brings to school is labelled. With their name and class.

Also, if you could take two minutes to check that your child's items are actually theirs as often children can pick up another child's jacket, hat etc and bring it home accidentally.



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

May

4th May

Daniella Khodeir 4G
Nicole Gunarathna KB

5th May

Lucia Mittiga 3B
Isla Colet 4G
Oskar Callan-Kerkenezov 6Y

7th May

Milla Netrayana 6Y
Zavier Stornelli 6Y

9th May

Harper Pickles 4Y
Victor Demartini 6Y

10th May

Mary Younes 6B
Sophia Holden KB

SPORTS UPDATE

Representative Sport

Rugby Union Trials - Congratulations to Finnegan Brook, Finn Wheatley, Kaeden Hochstetter and Mateja Knevitt who were successful at the Parramatta trials and are now progressing to the Mackillop Trials later this term.

Diocesan Cross Country

We wish all the students competing in the Diocesan Cross Country next Wednesday at Eastern Creek Motor Sport Track the best of luck. We look forward to hearing from Mrs Mazza how the day has gone for our Cross Country Team. This is one of the biggest events the Diocese holds each year with over 2000 students attending. It takes a lot of organisation and parent support. We are thankful to the parents who have volunteered to help on the day.

Gala Days

Congratulations to the girls that tried out for the Stage 3 Soccer Team this week. Mrs Orsini, Mrs North and Mrs Mazza have a tough decision to make. Our next generation of Matilda's are in the making here at St Angela's!

This terms CSPD Soccer Gala Days will be held on;

- **Stage 3 Girls (Years 5 and 6) - Friday 2nd June**
- **Stage 3 Boys (Years 5 and 6) - Friday 16th June**
- **Stage 2 Boys and Girls Years 3 and 4 - Wednesday 28th June**

Athletics Carnival

Save the date **Thursday 8th June** for our St Angela's Athletics Carnival to be held at Alfred Whaling Reserve Baulkham Hills. This event is for all children in years 2-6. Keep an eye out for the permission form going out in the coming weeks. Mrs Mazza has set a challenge for the class who can return all their notes first!

Infants Cross Country Fun Run

Please note the correct date for the K-2 cross country is **Tuesday 23rd May**, Apologies for the misprint in last week's newsletter.

It will be held at Centenary of ANZAC reserve across the road from the school from 9—10.30am. The morning will conclude with a picnic morning tea in the park which families are welcome to attend.

If any parents are able to volunteer their time at the event please complete the form below:

[St Angela's Infants Cross Country Parent Volunteers](#)



OZ FASHION—NSW KIDS VOUCHERS

Oz Fashions are accepting the back to school vouchers for uniforms. Vouchers cannot be used on the QKR app as it does not accept them. All vouchers need to be presented at Oz Fashions in Granville at time of pick up. Any extra payment after the vouchers will be made at time of pick up.

- Please email me to (elle@ozfashions.com.au) the whole order that you require and size (screenshot of the order on the app would be great. Please do not checkout as we cannot refund any orders for the use of vouchers).
- No delivery to the school can be made for the use of vouchers. Please confirm how many vouchers you will be using and Elle will let you know when it is ready for pick up from Oz Fashions in Granville.

PLEASE NOTE: Oz Fashions in Granville does not stock your uniforms in store, it is only a pick up point after the email request has been sent.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

St Angela's Primary recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher. As you would appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, that other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to the school email account which will then be passed onto the relevant teacher, as per our usual practice.

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

It would be most helpful if parents who need to make last minute temporary changes to going home arrangements, inform the school by 2:00pm via email on the day and not in advance. Thank you

BIRTHDAY TREATS

In 2023, students are able to bring birthday cupcakes, doughnuts or frozen Zooper Doopers to school to share with their class. If you do not wish your child to receive a cake, donut or Zooper Dooper, when it is brought in by another student for their birthday celebration please inform the teacher in writing.

The following guidelines taken from the St Angela's Parent Handbook apply to these treats: *Some parents like to send a birthday treat to school to share. If you would like to do this, please send individual treats e.g. cupcakes, donuts or frozen Zooper Doopers as these are very manageable, (as opposed to a cake which is difficult to divide). As with all food brought to school, cakes should be nut free. If your child has allergies, you are encouraged to provide an alternate treat, in a labelled container, that can be left at school for them to have on other children's birthday celebrations.*

Please Note: Due to allergies, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats such as icecream/iceblock variants.

WINTER UNIFORM

Students will have a change over uniform period and will move into their winter uniform by the commencement of Week 4. As the weather can be unpredictable and even remain quite warm at the beginning of Term 2, please feel free to send your child in either uniform until the commencement of Week 4. **Final uniform changeover date will be Monday May 15, 2023.**

Internet Safety

Parents are encouraged to access the Australian Government's eSafety website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> to explore the many resources that can be found there to support children's use of the internet at home. The eSafety Commissioner offers information and free webinars to assist Parents and Carers. To find out more, or register for a webinar, visit [eSafety Webinars for parents and carers](#)

WATCH OUT FOR CYBERBULLYING — online bullying can have a devastating impact on young people, whose online life is a key part of their identity and how they interact socially.

'SHARENT' RESPONSIBLY - not heard the term 'sharent'? Well, if you are a parent who shares then that's you! Be mindful about sharing your child's first day of school and other milestones on social media.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS - With screens increasingly being used at school and home, it's important to ensure your child has a healthy balance of offline and online time. Setting screen-free zones in the home and negotiating switch off times are useful ways to do this. Screens should never be taken into the bedroom or bathroom. Don't forget, quality over quantity! [See more information about managing screen time.](#)

USE TOOLS - parental controls on smartphones, TVs and computers can help limit your child seeing inappropriate content and help manage their time online. Make sure the privacy settings on their apps and games are turned on and help show them how to block and report people online. See more information about using [parental controls](#) and [privacy and reporting](#) tools.

eSafety have a book for parents that covers some of the key online safety issues for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. The online parent book can be accessed at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/online-safety-book>

Please see flyer below for ways of helping your family stay safe online.

Helping your family stay safe online

Children can learn, explore, play and make friends online. But there can be risks.

Your child might accidentally see upsetting content, be contacted by strangers or experience bullying. They might also miss out on important things like spending time outside.

Here are some easy things you can do to help keep children safe online.

Talk about online safety as a family

Let your child know they can always come to you if something happens online that makes them feel scared or upset.

You can ask your child to show you the games and apps they use. Use eSafety's [conversation starters](#) to help you get started.

Set up family rules together

As a family, you can choose some easy rules to help keep everyone safe online. You can include things like where devices can be used, what games and apps your children can use, and how much time can be spent online. Most devices and apps have features to set limits on how they are used. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about parental controls and settings.

Know where to get help

If you need help with an online issue and you are not sure what to do, talk about it with someone you trust, like a friend or a teacher at your child's school. You can also speak to someone at [Parentline](#) for help with parenting challenges. The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) helps to keep all Australian families safe online. The [eSafety website](#) has more information about [reporting online abuse](#) and staying safe online.



For more information about how to keep your family safe online, search for [eSafety Parents](#) on our website.



eSafety Commissioner

[esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)