



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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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 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Motherhood is a most precious gift as well as a call to service and a means through which God speaks in and through a woman.

Motherhood is not only the gift that a mother is to her children, what she does for them in giving birth to them and raising them, but it is God's gift to her.

Tomorrow we will come together as a community to recognise and celebrate all the beautiful mums, grandmothers, aunts and mother figures in the lives of our students. We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

A Prayer for Mothers

*We thank you Lord for the great gift of motherhood.
It is within our mother's womb, that we began life.
It is in her embrace that we have known safety and comfort.
It is through her encouragement that we grow and mature.
Lord, bless our mothers.
Draw close to them and hear their prayers for their children.
Give them the grace of surrendered love –
a love that images the love of our heavenly mother, Mary.
May all mothers find daily
the strength to love generously,
the patience to endure graciously,
and the grace to live their vocation of motherhood joyously.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Amen.*



"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary as our mother too

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day during the Marian month. As we honour the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honour our earthly mothers. On Mother's Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers, or cards, but also, and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who conceived and gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and in heaven. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.

On Mother's Day, let us pray for all our mothers. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We continue to rejoice with her during this Easter season. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side!



On behalf of all staff I wish our mums a blessed and happy Mother's Day!

OLOR Parish Sacramental Program of First Communion

We pray for our Year 3 students and their families as they prepare to receive their First Communion in the coming weeks. As part of their preparation, Fr Chris and Fr Leonides will visit our students next week for Reconciliation.

Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator



Building Construction Here we go!

We have been informed that our much anticipated Building Programme will commence next Tuesday with the Site Establishment.

- FAL construction will begin erecting fencing so that they can establish the builders access and construction area within the school.
- As the builder's fencing is erected, playgrounds will be modified to ensure that the children are safe and able to enjoy the activities that they are used to at the same time as be able to move across the site safely.
- Tomorrow's Mothers Day Presentation will mark the last use that we will have of the Big Top - from Monday this space will fall within the construction zone.
- The area under the Big Blue will become our gathering space for morning assemblies and will now provide shade area for the students at recess and lunchtime.

During Term 1 we have been preparing for the changes that the building programme will bring about to our playgrounds. Last week an additional mini netball court was painted on the concrete between the 2 halfcourt basketball courts near what we lovingly refer to as the 'village' K-2 Area and Mr Laird and Mr Clarke have been developing a passive garden area for the children to enjoy. When this area is complete it will also include a raised sandpit.

Arrival at school - being on time is important

Parents are reminded of the importance of their children arriving at school on time. All children must be within the school grounds by **8:30am** so that they are ready to join the morning assembly which commences at 8:30am.

A small number of parents are regularly driving into the school, carpark at 8:30am and therefore their children are late for class - this is unsettling for the children .

If you use the Kiss and Drop in the car park in the mornings please:

- drive to the next available car space closest to the top of the Kiss and Drop area - do not stop at the walkway as this holds up traffic and causes a traffic jam in Harrington Rd.
- your child must get out of the car on the footpath side.
- your child must be able to get out of the car by themselves - parents do not get out of the car
- your child's bag must be in the car with them - no child is to move to the back of the car to get their bags out of the car boot.
- NEVER overtake another car in the Kiss and Drop zone.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the Kiss and Drop area safe for all users.



SCHOOL BELL TIMES

Please be reminded of the following:

- 8.05am** School Entry Gates Open for Student & Vehicle Access
8.25am Music to move to assembly area
8.30am Official start of the school day
Start of the first learning session
 All children are expected to be ready for announcements at assembly and move into classrooms for the first leaning session.
- 10.30am** RECESS
10.57am Music to move to assembly points
11.00am Start of second learning session
12.30pm LUNCH
 Sitting and eating until 12.40pm
1.17pm Music to move to assembly points
1.20pm Start of third learning session
2.50pm Official end of the school day
2.55pm Bell to move to and assemble in dismissal zones.
 Children begin leaving school grounds towards back gate, front gate crossing, cars, buses etc.



Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Elliott Norrish KB	Indiana Whyte KB
Vincent Cruz KG	Hayley Hapelt KG
Ava Lanycia KY	Zachary Rivett KY
Rosin Tully 1B	Stella Steele 1B
Margaret Barua 1G	Olivia Dúrso 1G
Sophia Beshay 1Y	Vyaan Chopra 1Y
Quinn Sargent 2B	Ilsabelle Riley 2B
Owen Muscat 2G	Isabella Homer 2G
Luke Hansen 2Y	Zac Gardiner 2Y
Sebastian Burns 3B	Sierra Honore 3B
Madeline Reilly 3G	Ayden Martin 3G
Harvey Lukas 3Y	Amelia Browne 3Y
Tyler Petersen 4B	Andrea Mateo 4B
Tabitha Lee 4G	Eloise Hoon 4G
Sophia Arreza 4Y	Marcus Eltakchi 4Y
Dylian Tongol 5B	Sienna Mearns 5B
Elizabeth Glendenning 5G	Ivy Gualterio 5G
Sienna De Silva 5Y	Anthony Mittiga 5Y
Finn Wheatley 6B	Mikayla Zlomislic 6B
Oliver Como 6G	Vivaan Goel 6G
Jaida Singh 6Y	Jack Norris 6Y

Mothers' Day Assembly Friday 12th May

Tomorrow, 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



SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's happening at St Angela's this week
Mothers Day Celebration Invitation
St Angela's Term One Sports News Edition

Year 2 2Y Letter to Parents

Year 6 Year 6 Yearbook—Request for photos
Year 6 Save the date—Year 6 Dinner Dance

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 2

Week 3

Friday 12th May Mothers Day Celebrations & Morning Tea

Week 4

Tuesday 16th May Building Works Begins

Friday 19th May Year 6 Interschool Debating

Friday 19th May Year 5 Assembly

Week 5

Tuesday 23rd May Infants K-2 Cross Country

Thursday 25th May Year 6 Camp

Friday 26th May Year 6 Camp

2023 DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

PEER SUPPORT

Next week in Peer Support children will have an opportunity to discuss their personal qualities and strengths. The children will identify their qualities and acknowledge how they contribute to their achievements. Through activities children recognise they used their strengths to achieve success and can be encouraged to approach future activities optimistically. Ask your child to describe their own qualities and strengths so you can recognise and acknowledge these.



WINTER UNIFORM

All students are to be in full winter uniform from this Monday 15th May, 2023, Week 4.

Please keep in your Prayers

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



Elsie Newbury KY	Harry McIntyre 4B
Skye Robyn Conde 1Y	Oliver Newbury 5B
Charlie Kenny 1B	Reuben Saab 4B
Laura Bianca 1G	Charlize Barnett 4Y
Luke Hansen 2Y	Marcus Eltakchi 4Y
Harriet Kenny 3G	Arabella Fameron 4Y
Tadhg McGowan 3Y	Phoenix Fisher 4Y
Kelci Anonical 4B	Sofia Garcia-Loyola 4Y
Ruby Aquilina 4B	Joshua Halpin 4Y
Selena Bianca 4B	Lachlan Kelly 4Y
Jack Clarke 4B	Lewis Norrish 4Y
Eva Garcia-Loyola 4B	Eddie Taylor 4Y
Zac Holeva 4B	Joseph Dababneh 4G
Ashton Iskandar 4B	Eva Ilijic 4G
Beth Kenny 4B	Isabella Ciantar 6Y
Alexander Lane 4B	Olivia Hoon 6G
Elena Mauceri 4B	Mathis Ma 6G

PRC STUDENTS SITE STUDENTS NEW TO THE SITE

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 5230
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 164



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



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

May

12th May
Dylan Crawford 4B
Gabiella Chehade 5Y

13th May
Isabella Guimenez 1Y
Jamie Hochstetter 3Y

14th May
Vyaan Chopra 1Y
Marco Catalano 6G

15th May
Andrew Gualterio 3G

16th May
Hannah merhi 3G
Lauren Spragg 5Y
Jeremy Bartholomeusz KY
Jeremy Orefice KY

THANK YOU! *thank you!*

Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time at our Mothers Day Stall on Tuesday.

- Maryanne Treacy
- Nadia White
- Simon Olah
- Nidhi Pathak
- Melanie Elliott
- Jamie Dabit



LOST PROPERTY

All unnamed lost property will be cleared after a period of 5 days.

Please ensure that ALL property is labelled with your child's name and class.



Emergency Drill

It is important that every term our schools conduct Evacuation and Lockdown drills. The purpose of these drills are to ensure that in the case of an emergency our students, teachers and staff remain calm and know the procedure of where to go and what to do in an unlikely event that an evacuation or lockdown occurs.

During this term, students, teachers and staff will be involved in an Emergency Drill.



St Angela's

SPORTS UPDATE

Infants K-2 Cross Country Fun Run.

The Infants K-2 Cross Country Fun Run is fast approaching and will be held on Tuesday 23rd May, 9am to 11am. **Please note the event includes Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2.** The children will watch each other racing and also participate in some fun games, followed by a Picnic Morning Tea with their parents at the ANZAC Reserve across from school.

If any parents are able to volunteer their time at the Infants Cross Country please click on the link provided.

[St Angela's Infants Cross Country 2023](#)

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 week. Mrs Mazza has set a challenge for the class who can return all their notes first!

Representative Sport

Rugby Union Trials - Congratulations to Ray Khodeir who attended the Mackillop Trials for Rugby League last week at Canberra. We also acknowledge Olliver Como who played at the Softball trials this week for the Parramatta Diocesan Team. Well done Boys, we are so proud!

Diocesan Cross Country

Well done to all our competitors today who ran in the Diocesan Cross Country yesterday at Eastern Creek MotorSport Park.

Thank you to Mrs Holeva, Mrs Mearns, Mrs Stopps and Mrs Wilson for all your help on the track. Thank you to Mrs Kassis and Mrs Sammut for your help on and off the track with all our children. A huge shout out to Mrs Mearns and Mrs Kassis who took home the representative shirts to be washed for Mrs Mazza.

We congratulate Finnegan Brook, Sebastian Brook, Maisie Brown, Catalina Fam and Chloe Lukjanenko who have qualified and will now move forward to the next level in the NSWCCPS Cross Country at the Sydney Equestrian Center in June.

A further congratulations to St Angela's overall who have come 1st in 8/9 Girls, 2nd in 11 girls and 2nd in 12/13 Boys.

Go St Angela's!!

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

As a parent of primary school children, it's crucial to prioritise Internet safety to ensure your child's online experience is positive and secure. Here are some essential tips and information to keep in mind:

1. **Open Communication:** Establish open lines of communication with your child about their online activities, encouraging them to share any concerns or issues they may encounter.
2. **Education and Awareness:** Teach your child about online risks, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and stranger danger. Emphasize the importance of responsible behavior and respectful online communication.
3. **Parental Controls:** Utilise parental control features and software to restrict access to age-inappropriate websites and monitor your child's online activities.
4. **Strong Passwords:** Instruct your child on the importance of creating strong, unique passwords and not sharing them with anyone except trusted adults.
5. **Privacy Protection:** Teach your child to safeguard personal information such as their full name, address, school details, and contact numbers. Stress the importance of not sharing such information online.
6. **Safe Online Friends:** Encourage your child to only accept friend requests or interact with individuals they know in real life. Discuss the risks of connecting with strangers online.
7. **Cyberbullying Awareness:** Discuss the harmful effects of cyberbullying and encourage your child to report any instances of bullying they witness or experience. Teach them to be kind and respectful online.
8. **Supervised Internet Use:** Keep the computer or other devices in a common area of the house, allowing you to monitor your child's online activities and provide guidance when needed.
9. **Regular Check-Ins:** Schedule regular check-ins with your child to discuss their online experiences, address any concerns, and reinforce safe online practices.
10. **Trust and Support:** Foster an environment of trust where your child feels comfortable seeking your guidance if they encounter any problems or feel unsafe online.

Remember, Internet safety is an ongoing conversation and an essential aspect of parenting in the digital age. Stay informed, engaged, and proactive in protecting your child's online well-being.

Visit the [eSafety Commissioner](https://www.esafety.gov.au) website for more information.

Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1. Set up your device to protect your information.
2. Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.
3. Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.
4. Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.
5. Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.



MERIT CARDS

Merit Cards are awarded weekly at a morning assembly. Alternatively, they are handed out at Friday afternoon Grade assembly.

There are 2 merit cards per week per class given:

- Learning Excellence, for outstanding academic achievement and learning dispositions such as a growth mindset
- St Angela's Award, for demonstrating catholic values and appropriate social behaviour both in the classroom and on the playground

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>

DANCE FOR SICK KIDS

This year we will again support the Ronald McDonald House Charity, and we will Dance for Sick Kids! Each day in Week 6, the SRC Representatives will lead the school in a fun dance and raise awareness for this important charity. On Monday, May 29th, we will dance our whole school dance and wear Dance Mufti! Donations can be made using the link for the [St Angela's Dance for Sick Kids Page](#) and will support the important work of Ronald McDonald House. Let's try and beat our fundraising effort of 2022 which was an amazing \$5,191.

I'M DANCING FOR SICK KIDS!



Ronald McDonald House Charities
Greater Western Sydney