



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Term 4 - Week 6

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we welcomed our 2023 Kinder children to St Angela's for their first orientation session. There were many big smiles and lots of laughter in the rooms as the children played together and explored the kindergarten rooms and the activities provided for them by the teachers. We look forward to welcoming the children back again next week.

Having these young children in the school reminded me of a wonderful reflection on Kindergarten that I thought I would share with you this week

All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in
Kindergarten
by Robert Fulghum

"All of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in Kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned...

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Give them to someone who feels sad.

Live a balanced life.

Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day.

Take a nap every afternoon.

Be aware of wonder.

Remember the little seed in the plastic cup? The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton

PRINCIPAL

Family Week

Next week we celebrate Family Week when children and parents are encouraged to spend time together without the constraints of the usual homework requirements (although we ask that every child still reads each night). We encourage you to choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples may include 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Solemnity of Christ the King - Sunday 20th
November 2022**

We will celebrate as a school community on Monday 21st November at 8:30am. Thank you to Mrs Gardoni and 4 Blue students who will lead us in this celebration. Families are welcome to attend.



God bless
Jocelyn Williams



STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Luca Dúrso (2Y) who represented the Hills District Little Athletics Club in the U9's Throws team for Discus in the 2022 State Relays Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on 12th November, 2022. The team were awarded a Bronze medal for their combined performances.



Please keep in your prayers

We extend our condolences to Dayna (4B) and the Muscat family, due to the loss of their beloved nannu and father.

May he rest in peace.

Canteen Roster for Weeks 7 and 8 Thank you for volunteering your time.

Tuesday 22nd November	Friday 25th November
Kristina Perkins Sarah Moran Georgina Slabak Harika Eris Lauren Alexander	Sacha Spragg Kara Oliver Carmen Cassar Kirstin Bacon Mary Katipunan
Tuesday 29th November	Friday 2nd December
Maria Fernandez Dulce Aguliar Katherine Vassdallo Victoria Lawlor	Belinda Muscat Estelle Unutmaz Wayne Davie Sheridan Barjacoba



With the end of term fast approaching here at St Angela's we have noted all of the special events and the dates below for your diaries.

Monday 28th November	Year 5 Camp
Tuesday 29th November	Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 30th November	Band Showcase Evening
Sunday 4th December	Year 6 Dinner Dance
Monday 5th December	End of year Thanksgiving Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Concert @ 6.30pm (children to arrive @ 6pm)
Thursday 8th December	Shine Quest
Friday 9th December	St Angela's Day
Tuesday 13th December	Year 6 Graduation @ 6pm
Thursday 15th December	Year 6 End of Year Celebration (Motiv8)
Friday 16th December	Year 6 Hat throwing @ 2.15pm
Friday 16th December	Last Day for all Students

Celebrating Our Gifts

Learning Excellence

Ruby Hoare KB
Skye Robyn Conde KG
Andreas Saad KY
Thomas Livingstone 1B
Matteo Circosta 1G
Aayaan Sood 1Y
Flynn Jared Conde 2B
Catalina Fam 2G
Madeline Reilly 2Y
Alexander Lane 3B
Tyler Petersen 3G
James Rimando 3Y
Grace Despoges 4B
Sophie Kenny 4G
Alexa Yammine 4Y
Joshua Vassallo 5G
Christian Nasr 5B
Dominic Jodlowski-Tan 5Y
Leah Benedict 6B
Oscar Rule 6G
David Gigliucci 6Y

St Angela's Award

Jaye Lee KB
Kelden Bhutia KG
Roisin Tully KY
Lucia Mauceri 1B
Serena Kosciuszko 1G
Liam Zeaiter 1Y
Siena Boumelhem 2B
Ayden Martin 2G
Tanios Assaf 2Y
Elissa Zaidan 3B
Alexander Bruegger 3G
Sienna Glass 3Y
Shuxin Wang 4B
Lucas Merhi 4G
Sienna Fernandes 4Y
Kyla Hogan 5B
Phoebe Scida 5G
Charlize Woodham 5Y
Lincoln Brown 6B
Brendan Khoudair 6G
Chloe Eltakchi 6Y

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

Week 6

Friday 18th November

Mt St Benedict Year 7 Orientation Day
Marian College Year 7 Orientation Day

Week 7

Tuesday 22nd November
Thursday 24th November
Friday 25th November
Friday 25th November

Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day
Kindergarten Orientation
Year 5 Assembly @
Year 6 Surf Ed Excursion

Week 8

Monday 28th November
Tuesday 29th November
Wednesday 30th November
Friday 2nd December

Year 5 Camp
Year 5 Camp
Year 5 Marian Visit
Year 6 Assembly (Big Top) @ 2.00pm

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass: Vinnies Christmas Appeal at St Angela's
Year 5 Mission Markets

Whole School: What's on at St Angela's this week
Communication regarding (Stop work action)



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

17th November

Giada Genio 4G
Alexa Yammine 4Y
Sophie Pickles
Mrs Northwood

18th November

Oliver Raad 2B
Jagger Woodham 6B

19th November

James Dinsdale 1Y
Vanessa Boumelhem 2G

22nd November

Luke Eltakchi 1B
Jayden Younis 6Y

23rd November

Sebastian Burns
Skye Doyle

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

This year, as part of our extension Maths program, groups of students from Years 3 to 6 came together each week to solve challenging mathematical problems. The competition *Have Sum Fun Online* is run by the *Maths Association of Western Australia* and is endorsed by *Australian Association of Mathematical Teachers Inc.* *HSFOL* is designed to foster mathematical problem solving for all students in Years 3-10 across Australia. The competition provides valuable opportunities to observe students engaging in cooperative problem solving. It consists of three rounds of 10 questions, where competitors have one hour to complete each round of questions. Our students have participated in this competition in Terms 2, 3 and 4.

Initially, students found collaboration in Maths to be quite a challenge and traditionally, some students thought that Maths is more for the independent learner. But as the weeks progressed students learnt how to trouble-shoot, to find an efficient strategy, to make generalisations, to apply previous knowledge and they even learnt to prove their thinking to a sceptical peer. Each week, students came away having learnt something new to apply to their lessons in class and the following round of the competition. There was plenty of discussion, challenging, negotiating and even arguing happening during their sessions together.

This year, we have had a lot of success in the program, with several teams gaining 100% scores, completing them in record times, and several teams placing in the top 3 in the country. Students were competitive against each other, against the clock and against the league tables. Last term, we saw our Year 3 team place 1st overall, and our Year 4 team place 2nd overall. This is quite an achievement with schools from all over Australia competing.

We look forward to finding out the results of the Term 4 competition next week.



FAREWELL TO MR GREG WHITBY

On Wednesday, school representatives attended the farewell mass and celebration for our Executive Director, Mr Greg Whitby. The celebrations commenced with a smoking ceremony and concluded with Greg encouraging us to continue to live our lives with justice, love and humility. On behalf of St Angela's students and families past and present, I thank Greg for his leadership over the last 16 years and wish him every happiness in his retirement.

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



COVID

Families at St Angela's continue to experience COVID cases, so it is important for you to monitor your children for symptoms and keep them at home if they are unwell. We will also contact you if your child feels unwell at school. Please also be vigilant about the early signs of influenza which require you to keep your children at home to ensure that we continue to maintain a healthy environment for the children and staff while at school. Thank you for following the COVID communication protocols below.

COVID SAFE PROTOCOLS

All students, families and staff are requested to follow NSW Health's advice to reduce the risk of not only transmitting COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect schools this winter such as the flu.

New COVID Guidelines came into force from October 14. This includes:

- NSW Health strongly recommends people who are sick or have tested positive to COVID-19 stay home until their symptoms have gone.
- Please inform the school if your child is absent due to COVID.

Thank you for all that you do to support the health of students and staff.



Congratulations to the students who participated in the Basketball Diocesan Gala Day at Cambridge Park yesterday. Our St Angela's students displayed resilience and excellent communication skills during the games and are to be commended on their sportsmanship and positive attitude throughout the day. Two of our teams took home 1st place in their pool, congratulations to the Stage 2 Girls team and the Year 6 Boys team. Our Stage 2 Boys, Year 5 Boys and Year 5 Girls also came very close to winning and were just a couple of points shy, taking home 2nd place on the day.

A fantastic effort by all the students, we are very proud!!

Thank you to Mr Yu, Mrs Krishnan, Mr Martin, Mrs Shepherd, Mr Despoges and Mrs Young for managing a team on the day and sharing your talent with our students. A shout out to the parents who stepped in at the last minute to score for St Angela's on the sideline. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for taking some of the jerseys home to wash. We couldn't do these events without our amazing parents!!

Thank you to Mrs Orsini for running the tryouts for the teams and working with Mrs Mazza to prepare the students. Thank you to Mrs Bisson for all your assistance at the Gala Day.



St Angela's Stage 2 Mini Touch Football Gala Event

The Stage 2 Boys and Girls touch teams will be participating in a School Mini Gala event this Tuesday 22nd November from 9am - 10:30am. This event will run similar to the soccer one earlier this year. Mrs Mazza and Mrs Gardoni are still seeking parents' support to manage a team and/ or Ref a game. If this is something you are available for please contact Mrs Mazza via email. Thank you to the parents who have already put their hand up or gone above and beyond to seek Secondary Students to help us. We are very appreciative.

2023 Representative Sport

Nominations for Parramatta Team Sport Trials for the following sports are now OPEN; AFL, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Softball. Nominations close 7th February 2023. These trials will take place in terms 1 and 2 next year.

2023
Parramatta Diocesan PRIMARY
Team Sport Trials
Nominations OPEN
AFL, Hockey, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Softball
 Expression of Interest registration window is OPEN for sports listed above. It closes on 7th February 2023. One nomination per sport. A copy of responses of the submitted form will be emailed to the address provided in the EOI.
Click on QR Code to nominate

Mission Markets

This term, Year 5 students are learning to identify and create practical ways in which they can respond to God's love through leadership and service of others. Their project this term asks them to answer the driving question: *How am I called to respond to God's love through leadership and service of others? Students are exploring this through investigating the Jesuit Refugee Service in order to create an initiative that will support the work of JRS.*

Today, the students presented their initiatives at "The Mission Markets" to all of the grades. The hall was buzzing with excitement and activity as the Year 5 students shared their knowledge and raised awareness and funds for the work of the JRS. All proceeds raised will go directly to the JRS to support their work with refugees. Please make a donation using the Qkr link provided.

Congratulations Year 5, we are so proud of you





Vinnie's and St Angela's Christmas Hamper Appeal

Share the joy of Christmas



You can donate
on any day up
to week 8
Friday!

Bring

- Christmas decorations
- Gift cards
- Bon bons
- New Christmas gifts
- New Christmas toys
- Christmas food
(Non perishable)

Don't Bring

- Glass
- Fruit/vegetables
- Nuts
- Fresh Produce
- Homemade



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