



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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Term 4 - Week 8

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that there are just over 2 weeks of the 2022 school year left to go. This has been and continues to be a very busy year. Reading What's on at St Angela's each Sunday afternoon reveals this. This week alone we have had Kindergarten Yellow lead us in prayer for the first week of Advent, our Year 5 students attend Camp, Year 2 students make their First Reconciliation, students across the grades perform in their grade Shine Quest, Year 5 students deliver Captains speeches and tomorrow our Year 6 students will host their final assembly at St Angela's!.....and all that is in just one week.

Next week Kindergarten Green and Yellow, as well as Year 6 Yellow will be the next class groups to move to the demountable classrooms at the back of the school. The following week, Week 10, Year 5 Blue and 5 Green and Year 6 Blue and Green will also move to this area, making our transition to the demountable classrooms complete. The students and teachers have been managing these moves wonderfully and business has been as usual for all the end of year events. I would really like to thank and congratulate everyone for their energy and resilience.

Even though everyone is busy everywhere at this time of the year, we all should take up the challenge to "stop time" for just a few moments everyday to remember and to be grateful for what has taken place over the last 12 months.

What kind of memories are there from this past year?

What direction is our life now heading?

Ask ourselves "Where am I now, and where would I like to be?"

Let's each try to take up this challenge in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, 4th December 2022: Second Sunday

Gospel

[Mt 3:1-12](#)

Living the Gospel – Prepare Ye!

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

End of Year Mass

Fr Alejandro will celebrate our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass on **Monday - 5th December in the hall at 9:30am.** Parents and families all welcome.

First Reconciliation and Advent Reconciliation - Thank you to Fr Alejandro, Fr Leonides, Fr Tony and Fr David for celebrating Year 2 students' First Reconciliation and Advent Reconciliation for our primary students on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.



God bless
Jocelyn Williams





KINDERGARTEN 2023 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS



We will be holding our OPEN DAY on
Friday 10th March, 2023

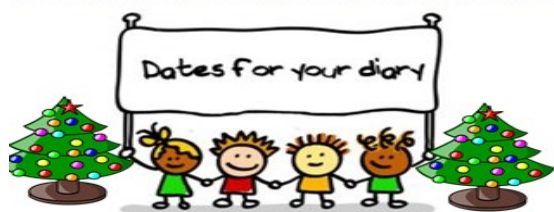
- **Session 1 - 9am**
- **Session 2 - 11.15am**

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN 2023 PARENTS

Uniform orders have now arrived in the school office for collection.

Please drop in to collect your child's bag between 9-4pm weekdays as soon as possible.



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.

Friday 2nd December	Year 6 Assembly @ 2pm
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
Monday 12th December	Thank you morning tea for parent helpers @ 9am
Tuesday 13th December	Year 6 Graduation @ 6pm
Thursday 15th December	Year 6 End of Year Celebration Day (Motiv8)
Friday 16th December	Year 6 Hat throwing @ 2.15pm
Friday 16th December	Last Day for all Students

Celebrating Our Gifts

Learning Excellence

Zachary Fernandez KB
Lilah Browne KG
Olivia D'Urso KY
Luke Eltakchi 1B
Zoe Pupo 1G
Sara Crisafuli 1Y
Olivia Johnston 2B
Michael Whyte 2G
Ash Szandala 2Y
Eloise Hoon 3B
Adam Salib 3G
Ruby Pace 3Y
Abby Lukjanenko 4B
Ivy Gualterio 4G
Holly McGauley 4Y
Sienna Azar 5B
Flynn Wilson 5G
Charlotte Lashlie 5Y
Moses Estera 6B
Claudia Sereni 6G
Aidan Rambow 6Y

St Angela's Award

Jayden Barjacoba KB
Rory Vavasour KG
Imogen Kastoun KY
Ciara Treacy 1B
Jude Schenke 1G
Narayan Elliott 1Y
James Neo 2B
Eliana David 2G
Zara Naidu 2Y
Daniella Khodeir 3B
Harper Pickles 3G
Marcus Eltakchi 3Y
Grace Bacon 4B
Giada Genio 4G
Mia Vassallo 4Y
Julia Tinelli Forthaus 5B
Abbey Glass 5G
Vivaan Goel 5Y
Olivia Siligato 6B
Sebastian Khoury 6G
Jude Moller 6Y

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

Week 8

Friday 2nd December

Year 6 Assembly (Big Top) @ 2.00pm

Week 9

Monday 5th December
Tuesday 6th December

End of year Thanksgiving Mass @ 9.30am
Swimming Carnival for Year 2-5 and Year 1
(8 year old's only who can swim 50m in 1 min 20 sec)
Christmas Concert @ 6.30pm
Shine Quest @ 9am
St Angela's Day

Week 10

Monday 12th December
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Thursday 15th December

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New Students Years 1-6 visit
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SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass: Year 6 Graduation 2022
Year 6 Motiv8's 'Big Day In
St Angela's Day 2022—2 Yellow
Contribution to Year 6 Supper —Year 5

Whole School: What's on at St Angela's this week
Swimming Carnival Final Reminders
St Angela's Day 2022



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

3rd December
Harper Sweeney 1G
Alana Laird 4G

6th December
Hayden Sam KG
Madeleine Bonasin 2G

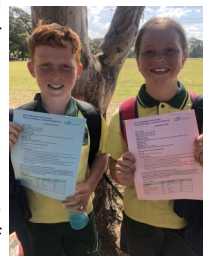
4th December
Isaac Low 1B

7th December
Sierra Honore 2Y
Toby Williams 2Y
Noah Tyler-Ottolino 5Y
Adalyn Lewis 6G

5th December
Acelyn Seydler 2G
Lucas Tassone 2Y
Christian Nasr 5B



Congratulations to Finnegan Brook and Mateja Knevtz who trialled on Friday 25th November in St Mary's for the Parramatta Diocesan Touch team. There were 92 boys trialling and Finnegan was chosen in the team of 12 players. Mateja was chosen for the girl's team out of 40 girls trialling. Amazing results!! Both will be travelling to Yass in February 2023 to play in the competition. We are so proud of you both.



Congratulations to Mikayla Martin who has been successful in her basketball trials and will be competing in the Diocesan Basketball team late February next year in Wollongong

Thank you morning tea for parent helpers

We warmly invite parent helpers to a Thank You morning tea in the school hall on Monday December 12th at 9am. If you have helped out at St Angela's in any way this year supporting the students and teachers we would love to thank you with a special morning tea. This may include reading groups, sporting events and gala days, library, canteen, uniform shop, excursions and other school events.

Please come along and let us thank you for helping us to SHINE!



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.

Swimming Carnival Reminders for Tuesday 6th February

Carnival Date	Tuesday 6th December, 2022 (Week 9) 9.00-2.00pm EXCEPT 100m competitors who need to be at the pool by 8.30am
Venue	Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Address	Boyd St Blacktown

Swimming Carnival Permission Notes are now overdue. Please complete the permission form ASAP for each child attending. Please note that all Non Swimmers need to complete the permission form as well.

No late event registrations will be accepted on the day.

[Swimming Carnival Permission & Registration Form](#)

Please note - those children entering the 100m freestyle are required to be taken directly to the pool arriving at 8:30am for 8:45am marshalling.

- all children **will compete in the age that they are turning in 2023.**
- Children need to be aware of the event/s you have entered them in or if they are a NON SWIMMER on the day.
- NON SWIMMERS will receive a wristband from their class teachers before leaving school.
- **Parent Helpers:** Please meet Mrs Mazza at 8:15am at the pool for a briefing and run down of the day.

Canteen Roster for Weeks 8 and 9

Thank you for volunteering your time.



Tuesday 6th December

Nadia White
Pamella Houghton Broeham
Belinda Muscat
Ashlie Johnston

Friday 9th December

Leesa Pickles
Jane Hewlett
Natalie Powell
Lina Sarmiento

Parents please note as the end of Term 4 draws near we will not be reordering stock for the canteen. Friday 2nd December will be the last day that Canteen Cash Cards will be issued. Students will only be able to purchase a \$5.00 card as all money needs to be expended this year, therefore Canteen Cards must be purchased tonight Thursday 1st December.

Canteen will not be open on St Angela's Day, Friday 9th December.

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Amalie Cordi (3Y) and her team for winning the National Title for the Junior level 2 division at the 2022 AASCF National Cheerleading Competition last weekend.



Compass App and Compass Parent Portal

As mentioned in previous school newsletters, St Angela's uses Compass as the **primary source of communication with families**. Each week all families should be receiving the school newsletter, What's on this week at St Angela's, and a variety of other communications relevant to your child and their grade via Compass notifications and email. **Now is the time if you are having any difficulties accessing Compass to reach out for assistance.**

All parents have access to the **Compass Parent Portal** and are able to review and update attendance and family contact details. Since 2020 parents have accessed Semester Learning Reports via the **Compass Parent Portal**. In Week 9 this term, parents will access their child's Semester One Learning Report on the **Compass Parent Portal**. Now is the time for you to check your access. Should you have any difficulties please contact the school via email placing "Compass Parent Portal" the subject of the email.

ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations. We will be having games and activities and a complimentary ice cream for each child. These treats are all free to say thank you to our children for a great year of faith, fun and learning and to celebrate St Angela's Day. Please be sure to complete the permission google form which was emailed home yesterday so your child can participate.



Please keep in your prayers

We extend our condolences to the following families Olivia (5Y), Eloise (3B), Sophie (1Y) and Aiden (3Y) and the Hoon Family and Aiden (3Y), Kai (2B) and the Theoharous Family due to the loss of their beloved grandfather and father.

May he rest in peace.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Your child's Semester Two report will be shared with you via COMPASS on Thursday 8th December. Teachers have been busy completing assessments and writing comments over the past few weeks.

COMPASS REPORTS

Student Reports each semester can be accessed via the Compass Parent Portal. The benefit of this is that they are saved centrally for you to access at any time and you can also download and print them if you wish. **Please note that once your child has left the school you will no longer have access to their school Academic Reports on Compass. Please ensure that you download your child's reports before they leave the school.**

Semester Two Reports

Teachers are preparing Semester Two Learning Reports. These Reports highlight particular strengths, as well as areas of development for your child. The A-E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different Reporting scale).

*There are no predetermined number of A, B, C, D, E achievement levels to be allocated

*Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated

*It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.






*The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands. Although some KLA's have been broken into strands, it is important to note that some strands have more weight than others. The overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of strands.

*Comparative data for the grade is included in the reports for Years 1-6.

*The achievement levels / common grade scale are provided by the NSW Education Standards Authority and are included in your report for you to reference.

*Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 (Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June) to supplement and further explain reports.

Each year level introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. The achievement level of 'C' is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional 'C' from our own school days. Our parent/teacher interviews seek to explain, elaborate on, and support the Reports. The following website <https://arc.nesa.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6> provides work samples that illustrate A-E Achievement levels. It is well worth a look.

A	B	C	D	E
Grand Prix racer	Advanced driver training with extra skills	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	A person on "P" plates drives independently but still learning.	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.
				

St Angela's Family Christmas

**Our whole school Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 7th December
6:30pm (children arrive at 6pm) under the Big Top**

Please find outlined below costume details for each grade:

NO TINSEL please as this makes clean up much easier!

Kindy	Christmas Colours - Red and Green, joggers or sandals.
Year 1	Denim bottoms and plain white top, joggers or sandals.
Year 2	Christmas Colours - Red, Green and Gold, joggers or sandals.
Year 3	Black bottoms and red shirt, joggers or sandals.
Year 4	Christmas t-shirts, shorts and Christmas headwear eg Christmas hat or reindeer antlers, joggers or sandals.
Year 5	Thongs, t-shirt or singlet shirt, shorts, Santa hat.
Year 6	Christmas Pyjamas. If you don't have Christmas PJs, please wear shorts and a Christmas t-shirt, joggers or sandals.
Dance Crew	Denim bottoms and Christmas t-shirt



HAMPER APPEAL

LAST DAY TOMORROW!



ST ANGELA'S & VINNIES



- CHRISTMAS ITEMS
- LONG LASTING FOOD
- TOYS
- GIFT CARDS

***WE NEED EVERYONE
TO HELP THIS
CHRISTMAS***



REMEMBER TO DONATE WE WOULD
REALLY APPRECIATE IT