

# 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

# **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7

As we journey into Holy Week, we are preparing our hearts to enter into the time of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. It was on Palm Sunday that Jesus entered into Jerusalem. He knew that soon he would be carrying his cross to Calvary, and so he was preparing his heart for what was to come.

Taking the time to pray as a family is one of the most important ways to stay close to Jesus. It might be difficult at first, but find the time this week and stick with it. Holy Week is a great time to go deeper in your family's prayer life. If it's something new, don't be afraid to start small. Take a few moments to gather together and read through these short reflections. Let your children take turns leading the prayer times and see if they could add a little faith sharing on something they read or learned that day

Our Holy Week Reflections for the students will be held on Monday 3rd April throughout the day, with each grade participating in a pilgrimage visiting reflection stations across the school grounds. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on their journey towards the resurrection.

When we return to school after the Easter break, we will hold our Easter Mass on Friday 28th April at 9:15am to signify Christ's love for each and every one of us. All parents are welcome to join us.

"Together we can do so much" Leanne Nettleton

# **Heartfelt Thanks**

We would like to thank Mrs Nettleton, Mrs Orsini, Staff, Parents and Students of St Angela's for your overwhelming generosity, love and words of support during this difficult time for our family. The donations, contributions and words of support have meant so much to us as we start to rebuild our life. We would



also like to thank the staff and community of Coles at Kellyville Village for your overwhelming support of groceries and household items that helped us get back on our feet. Special mention also to the Staff at Kellyville Pets who put together a huge gift pack of items for our dogs. Without this support from our wonderful community members we would not be in the position we are to restore our lives back to some normalcy.

# **Religious Education**

2nd April 2023 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A Gospel

Mt 26:14 - 27:66



The links above give us some information about this celebration and the student version of this Gospel story. We hope you take the time and talk about this with your family this week.

#### **Lenten Reconciliation**

Fr Chris and Fr John will be at our school on Monday 3rd April for our students in Years 3 to 6 for Lenten Reconciliation. We thank them in advance for their time and support in our faith journey especially during this holy season. Please keep our students in your prayers.

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator

# OLOR PARISH Our Lenten Journey towards Easter

# Mornings of each Friday during Lent at the Shrine

Walking Stations of the Cross is held at the Shrine at 10.15am, after 9.30am Parish Mass. Hat & water recommended

#### **Lenten Group**

Join us on Tuesday evenings, after St Anthony's 7pm Mass, in the Parish Office. Contact Br. Louis on 0422 028 647 for more information.

# Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday (6 April)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Silent Prayer in Adoration in the old hall until 11pm

### Good Friday (7 April)

11am Living Stations of the Cross at the Shrine 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

### Holy Saturday (8 April)

No Confession or Morning Mass 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (9 April): 7am, 9am, 11am (No Evening Mass)



### **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.

# **Hydration Drinks**

The best drink for young children throughout the school day is water and you are encouraged to fill your child's drink bottle with this each day, with the children having the opportunity to refill throughout the day at our drink bottle refilling taps. A number of students are bringing a popular branded hydration drink to school instead of water to drink throughout the day. It is important to remember that such drinks, while promoted as better than most such drinks on the market do in fact contain artificial sweeteners and preservatives, which most parents prefer not to give to their children. These drinks are certainly not drinks that children should be bringing to school nor drinking on a daily basis. Please do not send hydration drinks to school.

### **SENT HOME THIS WEEK:**

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

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

St Angela's Cross Country Rescheduled 4th April

Mini Vinnies Giant Easter Egg Raffle

Winter Uniforms

Year 2 Year 2—Rouse House and Farm Excursion

Year 5 Cancellation of Year 5 Excursion

# **UPCOMING DATES**

TERM 1

<u>Week 10</u>

Friday 31st March School Assembly—Year 3 Leading @ 2pm Parents Welcome

Week 11

Monday 3rd April Holy Week Liturgy

Tuesday 4th April Uniform Sale in Mozart Room @ 1.30pm

Wednesday 5th April School Photo Day
Thursday 6th April Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 24th April Staff Development Day

Tuesday 25th April ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26th April First Day back for all Students

#### 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

### **CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK 9 and 10**

Thank you for volunteering your time.

Friday 31st March Nadia White
Carmen Cassar

Sarah Kennedy Amanda Lukjanenko

Karen Morr

Tuesday 4th April Kylie Pace

Juliet Mearns Belinda Muscat Christine Panganiban

# Celebrating Our Gifts

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Learníng Excellence	St Angela's Award	
Lucy Villavieja KB	Lachlan Hawke KB	
Karley Sung KG	Adrian Merhi KG	
Michael Raad KY	Cara Fitzpatrick KY	
Kelden Bhutia 1B	Florence Guglielmi 1B	
Henry Unutmaz 1G	Isabella Ward 1G	
Arial Agudo 1Y	Grace kennedy 1Y	
Noah Dib 2B	Madeline Gentile 2B	
Matteo Circosta 2G	Andre Vanculenberg	
Daxon Lui 2Y	Zoe Pupo 2Y	
Olivia Gale Abesamis 3B	Liam Kennedy 3B	
Matthew Livingstone 3G	Brendan Fadeli 3G	
Keira Vavasour 3Y	Harrison Roberts 3Y	
Elana Mauceri 4B	Dylan Crawford 4B	
Amalie Cordi 4G	Alexander Bruegger 4G	
Kayleigh Angara 4Y	Phoenix Fisher 4Y	
Eden Gliddon 5B	James Morr 5B	
Akio Aguilar 5G	Sophie Kenny 5G	
Emmanuel Dib 5Y	Willow Neeld 5Y	
Mia Cordi 6B	Phoebe Scida 6B	
Courtney Lean 6G	Finnegan Brook 6G	
Oliver Hewlett 6Y	Harper Eastwood 6Y	



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

#### **FEBRUARY**

30th March 4th April
Charlie Vassallo 2Y Sebastian Arrastia 3G
Harvey Lukas 3Y Phoenix Fisher 4Y
Olivia Hoon 6G Piero Colosimo 5G
Sebatian Miletic 5Y

2nd April Arianna Vallejo 4Y

5th April Jessica Rimando 2Y Steven Zeaiter 4Y

3rd April Noah Dib 2B Rita Dabit 5G

# **EASTER EGGS AT SCHOOL**

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there is a high number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.

# 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 <a href="https://www.advancedlife.com.au">www.advancedlife.com.au</a> 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.

# Mini Vinnies Giant Easter Egg Raffle

The Mini Vinnies group would like to thank the Colosimo family Piero (5G) from the Easter Egg Warehouse, 3/5 Hudson Avenue Castle Hill, for their generous and kind donation of a 5kg Giant Easter Egg to be raffled amongst the students.

Students will be able to purchase raffle tickets for \$1 a ticket at lunchtime under the Big Top on the following days:-

Wed 29th March - Kindergarten
Thursday 30th March - Years 1 and 2
Friday 31st March - Years 3 and 4
Monday 3rd April - Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 4th April and Wednesday 5th April - all grades

As well as the Giant Easter Egg there will be smaller Easter baskets to be won. Thank you to our Mini Vinnies students and staff for their donation of eggs for these baskets.

The Easter raffle is optional with all proceeds going to Project Compassion and will be drawn on Thursday 6th April at our Morning Assembly.



# 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.

# **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 complete this form and you will be contacted next term. Mother's Day Liturgy commences at 8:45am



Our annual St Angela's Anzac Day Commemoration will be held on Wednesday 26th April at 11:00am. This ceremony will be led by our Year 6 students. We will reflect on the events of the Anzac's in our wars and their fighting spirit and values that they instill in us all. As is tradition at St Angela's the children will receive an Anzac biscuit after the ceremony. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Any members of our parent community who are currently serving in our Defense Services are welcome to join us in their uniform. Children in Scouts and Guides may also wear their club uniforms on this day. Our School Captains, Simone and Patrick will represent St Angela's at the RSL ANZAC Day Dawn service at the Centenary of ANZAC Reserve on Tuesday 25th April.

# REMINDER

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 HOUR this coming Sunday when daylight saving ends.



# Term 2 signals changeover to 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.

# Do you have Winter uniforms that your children have outgrown?

Our parent helpers are keen to receive any of your children's outgrown Winter uniforms in preparation for the Second hand Uniform Sale next week Tuesday 4th April. Please send uniforms to school this week.

Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 4th April
1:30pm in Mozart Room—Back gate will be open

Payment can be made on the day using EFTPOS.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



# **STAR SPOT**

☆ Kayleigh Angara (4Y) competed in her first
 ☆ solo dance competition on Sunday at
 ☆ Energy Express Eisteddfod. She placed 1st
 ☆ in 8u Jazz solo and received a special
 ☆ award for Overall highest score in the
 ☆ junior division and awarded best costume
 ☆ as well.





Congratulations to Oliver Masik (3Y) and Luca D'Urso (3B) who competed in the 2023 NSW Little Athletics State Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre on 19th March. Oliver finished 4th in the U9's 700m Walk and Luca finished 8th in the U9's Discus.

Congratulations to Shuya Wang (3G) who won the first prize in the U8 Girls Epee of Sydney Olympic cup.



# Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Policy

This Policy is about Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD) students' use of Digital Devices and Online Services in School-Related Settings. Students in Catholic schools in CSPD are taught how to live and grow in faith, hope and love. The way we use technology is an expression of our care for ourselves and for each other. It tells students, parents/carers and schools what they must do to ensure students use Digital Devices and Online Services:

- in a responsible, respectful and safe manner
- to promote student learning
- to not harm other students or persons
- to minimise threats to CSPD information security systems.

It tells students, parents/carers and schools about what they should do if another person is not using Digital Devices and Online Services responsibly, including where they feel unsafe.

This policy is located on our school website, along with all our other policies and procedures via this link <a href="https://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policies-and-Procedures">https://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policies-and-Procedures</a>



### **Representative Sport**

Ray Zhang and Finn Wheatley competed in the NSWCPS Swimming Carnival today. We can't wait to hear how our boys went. Congratulations again on a great achievement.

Congratulations to Oliver Como who represented St Angela's in the Mackillop AFL Trials this week in Wagga.

### Gala Days

Our first lot of CSPD Gala Days for the year will begin next term. An expressions of interest form for Stage 2 (Years 3/4) and Stage 3 (Years 5/6) Soccer will be going out in the coming weeks.

Gala Days are a great opportunity for students with a variety of skills and abilities to compete in a fun atmosphere. It is an enjoyable way to socialise with peers and develop a sense of commitment to a team and school community whilst increasing the children's fitness & natural skills. A modified version of the game is played in some sports and this involves the whole team focusing on fun, teamwork, discipline and technique. This is another opportunity for students to represent their school at a Diocesan event.

### **Cross Country**

Due to Cross Country being cancelled this week, our Cross Country is now taking place on Tuesday 4th April. A reminder for students to come dressed in their sports uniform and house colour shirts if they own one. It is also a good idea to bring an extra water bottle for the day. Please see below the timetable of events.

€, r	Approximate Times for Races		6
Race Start Time	Age Group	Born in	Distance
8:40am	12yrs Boys & Girls	2011	3km (4 big laps)
9:05am	11yrs Boys & Girls	2012	3km (4 big laps)
9:30am	10yrs Boys & Girls	2013	2km (4 small laps)
9:55am	9yrs Boys & Girls	2014	2km (4 small laps)
Recess			
11:00am	8yrs Boys & Girls	2015	2km (4 small laps)
11:25am	7yrs Boys & Girls (Year 2)	2016	600m (1 lap)
11:35am	Year 1 Boys & Girls	ALL of Year 1	600m (1 lap)
11:45pm	Kinder Boys & Girls	All of Year Kinder	600m (1 lap)
Lunch			

Please note this is a guide only and timing can change on the day.

Thank you to all the parents who have put their name down to help out on the day. Please sign in at the office and meet Mrs Mazza at 8:15am at the oval.

It is still not too late to volunteer. If you are available, we would love your support.

Click on the link provided. Cross Country volunteers form



# PRC STUDENTS SITE STUDENTS NEW TO THE SITE

Ava Nealon KB Olivia Abesamis 3B

William Spragg KB Francesca Espinosa 4G

Marcus Gittany KY Zachary Worsman 4G

Tanios Assaf 3G Noah Young 4Y

Audrey Unutmaz 3G Caitlyn Rodriguez 6Y

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 2397 TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 53

"A book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it."

—Edward P. Morgan

# SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

Term 1 fees are now overdue. 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 <u>partial absences</u> are processed by the school office only. All absences appear on Student Semester Learning Reports.

# **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 accidently 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.



With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.



# **IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION**

At St Angela's we have a number of children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for some people the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods.

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit and Nut chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Breakfast cereals containing nuts eg Crunchy Nut/Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutrigrain
- Muesli Bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionery items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt muesli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at St Angela's.

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

# SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL

6 MARCH - 23 APRIL



Earn points every time you shop fresh food at Castle Towers and support your school for the chance to win a share of \$30,000.

Plus, you'll go in the draw to win weekly prizes.

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