



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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am so proud of how beautifully the children have continued to transition to the new school year - especially given the many changes that have taken place with the relocation of the classrooms and the new routines that have been introduced. Congratulations to the staff who have guided their students and helped them to become so focused on and eager about their learning.

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been amazing- supporting our Kindies as they arrive in the mornings and as they play at recess and lunchtime. As a result of the preparation that their parents and teachers have provided, our Kindergarten children are settling in and are already part of our St Angela's community.

Tomorrow we will come together as a faith community at our opening School Mass. We will also welcome our new Parish Priest Father Chris and install our Year 6 Student Leaders and our first semester Student Council Representatives. All parents are invited to join us for this special occasion. We will conclude this mass by singing our school song. The lyrics of the song I share with you this week because they speak about the community that we continue to aspire to be, based on the role model of our patron St Angela:

A place where all are welcome
with space for all to grow
surrounded by Creation
we let God's Spirit flow.

We work and play together
respecting everyone,
and do our best
with all our gifts
to help God's Kingdom come.

Like St Angela - we will follow
wherever Jesus leads
and open up our hearts
to those in need.

Let your light shine!
I'm gonna let it shine!
Let the glory of God
shine in every heart.
Let your light shine!
I'm gonna let it shine!

Let the love of Christ light the way!

"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton

Religious Education

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

Salt of the earth, light of the world.

The Sunday Gospel according to Matthew is very significant for our learning and faith community at St Angela's. It is where our school motto of 'Let your light shine' comes from. Our students are very much aware of this and are guided by it in their daily interactions in the classroom and the playground. As you discuss this with your child, encourage them to talk about how they let their light shine at school. How can they extend this at home?



Have you thought? – Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.

**Opening School Mass and School Leaders
Commissioning: Friday 10th February 9:15am
Maximilian Kolbe Hall**

Our mass will be celebrated by our new parish priest Fr Christopher Shorrocks. Families are welcome to attend. We look forward to celebrating this with the whole school community.

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator



The Orleans Way back entrance to school

This entrance is particularly busy in the mornings. Parents are asked to follow these guidelines:-

- If you are parking and escorting your children to the back gate, please return to your vehicle as soon as possible so that your parking space can be used by other parents who would also like to park and walk their children to the gate.
- If you know that you will be arriving at 8:30am please use the Harrington Rd Kiss and Drop. The gates in Orleans Way will be closed promptly at 8:30am so that teachers and students can make their way to their classes. Teachers cannot be waiting for children who arrive after this time.
- Please do not stand across the bottom of the driveway on the road. Children and parents need to be able to safely access the driveway from the flagged pedestrian zone.
- Be mindful of the parking signage and do not double park waiting for a parking space to become free - Council Rangers are patrolling this area and issuing infringement fines.

In the afternoons:-

- Parents are to meet their children on the school side of the road. NEVER beckon your child across the road or to come out of the gates before the supervising teacher has dismissed them.
- Once you have met your child please move off as soon as possible to make way for other families.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our children safe around the school.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Next Wednesday evening, 15th February, we look forward to you meeting your child's class teacher at the Parent/Teacher Meetings. This year we will be offering the two formats to select from - Face to Face or Zoom Meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's needs with their teacher. Parents know their children better than anyone else and sharing this knowledge gives teachers a valuable resource to assist them in progressing your child's learning. Bookings are undertaken online and will open at 5:00 pm tomorrow Friday 10th February. Information will be sent home tomorrow regarding online booking of appointments.



New Families and Kindergarten BBQ 17th February 5.00pm-7.00pm

It is tradition at St Angela's, to welcome all the Kindergarten families and any new families from Years 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ in the new school year.

Please set aside Friday 17th February 5:00pm - 7:00pm for this event. We ask that available parents from this year's Year One who would be willing to volunteer to help on the night to please contact Sara Assaf on 0404 991 900 or Ashlie Johnston on 0418 976 386

St Angela's Online Communication



Compass Parent Portal - St Angela's parents are requested to download the Compass Parent Portal app once your child is enrolled at our school. It is our primary communication tool that will facilitate effective communication between parents and school. All school notes, notices and newsletters will be sent through Compass. To access the Compass Parent Portal app, simply download the 'Compass School Manager' app, available through Apple Store or Google Play. It is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.



QKR! (pronounced 'quicker') Mobile Payment App - St Angela's is a 'cashless school'. QKR! is an easy to use mobile phone application that is also suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently available for all payments except for school fees. Communications will be distributed as new events and products become available for purchase.



School Calendar—This year we have moved to using an online School Calendar to communicate upcoming events and happenings at school. Families can locate this through the school website or bookmark this link:

<https://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/In-The-Loop/Events>

Also follow us on **Facebook** for the latest news, upcoming events and lots more! Of course if you have any queries or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 94076400

NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN will take place in weeks 8 and 9 in Term 1 from Wednesday 15th March to Monday 27th March.

Parents of children in Years 3 and 5 please see more detailed information coming home as a separate note this week.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS

We will be holding our **OPEN DAY** on **Friday 10th March**.

- 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. All interested families are required to register their attendance by clicking on this link. www.stangelas.edu.au



Class Parent Representatives

This morning a meeting was held with the Class Parent Representatives to plan for the year ahead. Thank you to all those who have volunteered - it is working in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children and our school community.

The first of our Parent assisted events will be taking place next Friday 17th February the Welcome BBQ for Kindergarten and new families. Any Year One Parents who are able to assist with hospitality please contact Sara Assaf on 0404 991 900 or Ashlie Johnston on 0418 976 386. We are looking for parents who are happy to BBQ sausages, butter bread and set up for the event.

STAR SPOT

On Saturday 4 February 2023, Liam Nicholls competed in the Abu Dhabi AJP Festival at Quaycentre, Sydney Olympic Park. He was awarded a silver medal for his jujitsu by UAE Ambassador to Australia, H.E. Abdulla Alsaboosi.



Bakers Delight
We're for real.

Special Food Day

Tuesday 28th February

We will be holding our first special food day for all students on Tuesday 28th February, 2023.

Please see the available options below:

\$6.00 Meal One Includes

One regular size Cheesymite Scroll
Plus Mega Snake
Plus choice of juice or water from the canteen

\$6.00 Meal Two Includes

One regular size Cheese & Bacon Roll
Plus one Mega Snake
Plus choice of juice or water from the canteen

\$6.00 Meal Three Includes

One regular size Savoury Cheese & Tomato Roll
Plus one Mega Snake
Plus choice of juice or water from the canteen

\$2.50 Snack Option Includes

One Mega Snake
Plus choice of juice or water from the canteen

To place your order please go to the QKR app and click on the "special food days – Bakers Delight" link in the app.

ALL orders must be in by **Wednesday 15th February, 2023.**

Sorry no late orders will be accepted!

St Angela's SPORTS UPDATE

Representative Sport

We wish those students attending the Touch Football MacKillop Trials next week in Yass all the best for the competition. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Cross Country

Our St Angela's School cross country event is scheduled for Tuesday 28th March this term. All relevant information about the day can be found in the note that was sent home today. In order for our cross country to be a successful event we rely on the support of our wonderful parent community. If you can spare a few hours between 8:30am and 12:30pm on the Cross Country day please complete the google Parent Volunteer EOI form (Link found in the parent information note).

Please see Mrs Mazza if you have any questions.

Zone Swimming

Parent information letter and permission form will be going home in the coming days outlining all the specifics. The Hills Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 9th March.

WATER BOTTLES AND SCHOOL HAT REMINDER

A reminder to all parents to ensure that your child is bringing to school their water bottle and their hat. With the warmer weather we need to ensure that they are staying hydrated during the day and protected from sun whilst on the playground.



SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

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

2023 Class Parent Representative

St Angela's 2023 Cross Country

Kindergarten: Kindergarten Information Week 3

Kindergarten Events Thursday and Friday

Meet the Teacher—Parent Teacher Meetings

Survey 2023

Kindy Parent Information video

Year 1: Year 1 Parent Information Video 2023

Year 2: Year 2 Parent Information Video 2023

Year 3: First Holy Communion

Year 3 Parent Information Video 2023

Year 4: Year 4 Parent Information Video 2023

Year 5: Year 5 Parent Information Video 2023

Year 6: Summer School Uniform for Year 6 Friday 10th

February, 2023

Year 6 Parent Information Video 2023

Years 1-6: Meet the Teacher—Parent Teacher Meetings

Survey 2023

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 1

Week 3

Friday 10th February Opening School Liturgy @ 9.15am

Friday 10th February Census Day

Week 4

Wednesday 15th February Parent Teacher Interviews AM and PM

Friday 17th February Welcome to new students BBQ @5pm-7pm

Friday 17th February Year 6 Science Incursion

Week 5

Tuesday 21st February Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday Liturgy

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

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Friday 10th February is the school census day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary. If you know your child will be away on Friday 10th February, please email the school advising the reason for the absence and when they will return.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTIFICATION POLICY IF MOVING FROM ST ANGELA'S

If you are leaving St Angela's please ensure you are aware that the Diocese requests a full terms notice, (10 school weeks) in writing, to be given to the Principal before a parent/guardian terminates a students enrolment. According to Diocesan policy, if the required notice is not given, the parent/guardian is to pay one term's school fees including diocesan fees.

Upon withdrawal of a student, fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis according to the notification period given.

One exception is that notice in writing, will be accepted at anytime during Term 4.

This is outlined on the last page of your Term 1 school fee account statement and also on the enrolment formore instructions.

Please contact the school office if further clarification is required. Thank you.



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

FEBRUARY

13th February :

Cara Fitzpatrick KY

Isabelle Riley 2B

9th February:

Maddison Merhi 1B

14th February:

Holly McGaulley 5G

10th February

Jericho Paton 4G

Amber Monet 5B

15th February:

Zachary Fernandez 1g

Shuya Wang 3G

11th February

Thomas Johnston 1B

Ethan Chetty 4B

16th February :

Amelia Browne 3Y

12th February

Lachlan Lashlie

SRC LEADERS 2023

Congratulations to our SRC leaders for 2023

Ava Holeva 2B

Sara Crisafulli 2G

Zoe Pupo 2Y

Xavier Zullo 3B

Vanessa Boumelhem 3G

Jamie Hochstetter 3Y

Harry McIntyre 4B

Maisie Brown 4G

Anika Vujnovich 5B

Sofia Garcia-Loyola 4Y

Sophie Kenny 5G

Clare Baker 5Y

Lachlan McDermott 6B

Courtney Lean 6G

Alfonso Costa 6Y

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

We need your help!

If you are available on Tuesdays and would like to help in the canteen then please complete the following form:

[Canteen Parent Volunteer Form.](#)

In accordance with CEDP guidelines, our Canteen operates as a cashless service to students. Students are able to purchase a variety of items at the canteen in the price range of 50c - \$2.00 using a school issued CASH CARD that can be purchased by parents on Qkr. Parents can purchase either a \$5 or \$10 CASH CARD. The card will be punched at the canteen each time a student purchases an item according to its cost.



SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

If your child requires a school opal card to travel to and from school on the bus please click on the link below and complete the online form.

transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal#/login

If you have any questions you can contact Transport NSW at transportnsw.info/contact-us



OAKHILL OPEN DAY

Sunday 5th March, 2022
10am - 2pm

Bookings can be made by visiting the College website:
www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au or 9899 2288

Feet on the ground. Aiming for the stars.

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023 | 4PM & 6PM

Applications for Year 7, 2024 are due Friday 17 March, 2023.
marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au

OPEN EVENING
Tuesday 14th of February 2023

Self guided tours between 4 - 7pm
Presentations 4:30pm + 5:30pm

Applications for Year 7, 2024 close 24 March, 2024
[https://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-Enrol.](https://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-Enrol)

Become a Bennies Girl

OPEN DAY Sunday 5 March 10am-2pm
Bookings online www.msb.nsw.edu.au

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Mount St Benedict College
449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills www.msb.nsw.edu.au