



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been wonderful being in the classrooms with the children as they are enjoying their learning. The teachers encouraging the children to stretch their ideas and their thinking so that they can apply newly acquired skills and strategies to new circumstances. Innovating and questioning, collaborating and justifying, creating and exploring. All important skills for life and future learning gain.

Young children have a natural disposition for imagining and in the primary years teachers spend a significant amount of time using this disposition to enhance the children's learning. A healthy and active imagination promotes emotional growth and creative development. Imagination is the mind's ability to project itself beyond the ordinary that occurs as part of daily life. When our children engage in imaginative play, they become active users rather than passive recipients of experience, they work out difficulties and adjust the realities of life to their personal inner requirements. In make-believe play children might choose to take on our roles as parents, to make right any grievances that have caused anxiety or suffering and turn them into more satisfactory experiences.

Through their imagination, children find expression for their inner most being. They discover their true feelings and thoughts that awaken their sense of who they are. To nurture this inner discovery, children need some quiet time each day for reflection, for processing the events of the day and, if necessary, for resolving conflicts that might have occurred. They need to be free from other people's ideas and images and have the freedom to discover their own.

Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher either Face to Face or via Zoom this week. These meetings are always so helpful to the teachers and are an important part of the way in which we work in partnership for your child.

Thank you to the K-2 Parents who attended our Parent Reading Helper Session. If you would like to attend the same session next week it will be held in the library on Tuesday at 2:00pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Kinder and New Families at our BBQ tomorrow evening on the Big Top.

"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton

Religious Education

Mini Vinnies let their light shine!



In term 4 last year we invited children to be part of the first group of Mini Vinnies at St Angela. This year we will continue to gather these students in Years 4 to 6 to learn more about Mini Vinnies which is all about social justice initiatives for youth formation and faith in action

experiences. I will keep you posted with exciting developments. For now I would like to share an inspirational letter from one of our members...

Dear Mrs Williams,

I like being in the Mini Vinnies group. I would like to be in this group this year. On the holidays I went to help the asylum seekers at Auburn. They don't have much money for food, so we cooked for them and they loved it so much they were coming back for seconds. I think we can raise some money and collect some food for them. We could have a hamper collection.

From Ethan Chetty 4B

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

We invite families to join us on Wednesday 22nd February @ 9:15am for our Ash Wednesday liturgy which will be celebrated by Father Chris.



Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Coordinator

NAPLAN 2023

2023 NAPLAN testing will be held from 15 March 2023. There will also be changes to the way that NAPLAN results are reported. Parents and carers will get earlier and simpler information about their child's NAPLAN achievement based on the following 4 levels of achievement:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

The descriptors for each category will make it clear to parents what their child's literacy and numeracy skills are at the time of NAPLAN testing, and we will continue to work with you to meet your child's needs. NAPLAN will remain one of many useful ways that we assess your child's learning and support needs.



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.

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

General Parent Meeting

Tuesday 21st February at 7:00pm School Library

AGENDA: Principal's Welcome
2023 Initiatives
Parent Inservicing Topics for 2023
General Business

All welcome. We hope you can join us.

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 look forward to seeing you all.

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

The same trusted Book Club, JUST BIGGER & BETTER!

Thank you to the St Angela's community on the amazing results we have achieved in 2022 with Book Club. Your continued support by purchasing through Book Club has raised \$\$ Scholastic Rewards for St Angela's which means more books and literature for our St Angela's children.

In fact 15% of every purchase on Book Club goes back to our school in Scholastic Rewards to buy valuable educational resources that benefit your child.

We also wanted to highlight (as you might have noticed) the new format for Book Club. Issue 1 is in Newspaper format! It includes the amazing books on offer as well as several fun activities for families to participate in.

FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY
GET UP TO 3 FREE BOOKS ON EDITION 1

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

LOCP orders only.



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 **Friday 17th February, 2023 @ 4pm.**

Sorry no late orders will be accepted!

INGREDIENTS LISTING FOR SNACK OPTION SPECIAL FOOD DAY

Mega Snake Confectionary Ingredients: Maltose Syrup, sugar, Water, Gelatine (Beef), Modified Corn Starch, Humectant (420), Refined Reconstituted Fruit Juice, Acidity regulations (330,296), Thickeners (414), Flavours, Glazing Agent (903), Colours (102,110,129,133).

Allergen Warning: May Contain Traces of Nuts, Dairy.



St Angela's SPORTS UPDATE

CROSS COUNTRY HELPERS NEEDED!

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered for Cross Country. We are still in need of parent volunteers. Events like this can't go ahead without our wonderful parents' support.

Please complete the google form asap if you are able to assist at our St Angela's Cross Country on Tuesday 28th March 8am to 12:30pm. We need parents to help with timekeeping, lap markers, ribbon distribution and supervision on the track.

[Cross Country volunteers form](#)

Representative Sport

Yesterday Anthony Mittiga, Alexis Foxe, Finnegan Brook and Mateja Knevič spent the day in Yass representing St Angela's at the Mackillop Team Trials for Touch Football. Our students played their hearts out and should be very proud of their achievements. Go St Angela's!

Gala Days

This year CSPD will be holding Gala Days for Soccer, Touch Football, Netball, Basketball and Gymnastics for students in years 3-6. St Angela's will be entering the Gala Days again this year. Gala Days are a great opportunity for students with a variety of skills and abilities to compete in a fun atmosphere.

CSPD have stated there will be no Gala Days in Term 1 and will begin in Term 2. Please keep an eye out at the end of the term for Expressions of Interest Forms for Term 2 Gala Days.

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.



COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

St Angela's Primary recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher. As you would appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, that other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to the school email account which will then be passed onto the relevant teacher, as per our usual practice.

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's happening in St Angela's this week
St Angela's Cross Country—Parent Helpers

Year 3 & Year 5 Naplan 2023

Year 5 Green: Postponement of Meet the Teacher Interviews

Year 6: Year 6 Polo Shirt

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 1

Week 4

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

Year 6 Parent Meeting—End of Year Celebration

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a parent meeting next Thursday 23rd February from 8.45am in the staffroom. The meeting will be for parents wishing to form part of the parent committee for the organisation of celebrations including the Year Book and the Dinner Dance.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend, please contact the office and we will pass your details on.

From the year 6 Grade Parents.

Calling for Volunteers to Cover newly Purchased Readers

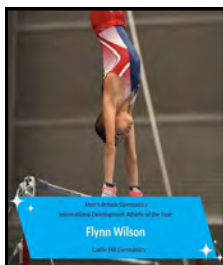
Due to our very successful Colour Fun Day in 2022 we have many readers that we would like to get into circulation as soon as possible. If you would like to take home some books to cover it would be greatly appreciated. Please email the office to let us know and how you would like to collect the books and the contact.



STAR SPOT

Flynn Wilson in 6G has won International Development Athlete of the Year from Gymnastics NSW.

This amazing accomplishment was based on Flynn's overall performances at competitions both at a state and National level. Flynn wants to encourage everyone to find a sport they love because you just never know where it can lead you. He appreciates the unwavering support from the St Angela's community.



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

FEBRUARY

17th February

Eloise Hoon 4G
Eloise Hansell 6G

22nd February

Luca Basso 6B

20th February

Lawson Fee 1B
Archy Callan-Kerkenezov 3B

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Elyse Wong KB	Jason Tedja KB
Hayes Leung KG	Francisco Castillo KG
Isaac Lahoud KY	Ealin Zhang KY
Oivia Raad 1B	Liam Yan 1B
Phoebe Huang 1G	Matthew David 1G
Zachary Chacko 1Y	Emilia Tiqui 1Y
Isaac Low 2B	Jennifer Chen 2B
Lucia Mauceri 2G	Mikayla Saad 2G
Kai Cassar 2Y	Alegra Bertani 2Y
Amelia Abdow 3B	Xavier Zullo 3B
Henry Brooker 3G	Austin Iskandar 3G
Jaxon Hogan 3Y	Briseis Root 3Y
Zac Holeva 4B	Elissa Zaidan 4B
Isaac Vassallo 4G	Eva Ilijic 4G
Olivia Stuart 4Y	Cooper Bisson 4Y
Ronan Phung 5B	Aliana Elizaga 5B
Grace Despoges 5G	Saskia Wallace 5G
Lauren Spragg 5Y	Amelia Baylis 5Y
Blake D'Silva 6B	Noah Tyler-Ottolino 6B
Mathis Mia 6G	Levi Fisher 6G
Simone Laird 6Y	Xavier Stornelli 6Y