



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

Yesterday we recognised Ash Wednesday, the commencement of LENT, with Mass celebrated by Father John and Deacon Tan for Years 1-6 and a Grade Liturgy for Kindergarten. Students, staff and parents in attendance received ashes on their forehead. Lent is a beautiful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and prepare us for the Easter season. During Lent, we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted. During Lent, the Church asks us to contemplate ongoing conversion. We achieve this through doing extra prayers, fasting, and almsgiving (giving to others).

Catholic Schools Week

This year we will once again join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Throughout the week will celebrate belonging to the faith and learning community of St Angela's. Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community - by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Angela's at the following events to celebrate with our school and parish community Catholic Schools Week 2023:

Mon 6th March 8:30am Catholic Schools Week morning assembly
Tues 7th March 2:15pm Rug Reading
Fri 10th March 9:00am/11:15am Kindergarten 2024 School Tours
4:30- 5:45pm K - 2 Disco
6:00-7:30pm 3 - 6 Disco

This year, Catholic Schools Week falls in the same week as **Family Week**, Week 7, from 6th March to 10th March. Family Week sees the children have a break from formal home learning (although we ask that every child still reads each night) to spend time with you as a family, or helping you for the family. You may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples in the past have included 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 greatest heroes, you their parents and family.

"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton

Religious Education



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. This year from the 1st to 6th of August a number of high school students and staff from our Diocese will travel to Lisbon Portugal and take part in this pilgrimage. To support their journey, our school will have a special day on Friday 3rd March, when we can wear a hat, ribbon, hair accessory or socks with the colours of the Portuguese flag. Students are urged to donate a gold coin on this day. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. Here is the [official link to WYD23](#) for more information.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, what does the Bible say about Lent?

Lent is rooted in Jesus' time in the desert when he prayed and fasted for 40 days and overcame the Devil's temptation. The Bible does not specifically mention Lent. However, it's worth remembering the importance of Scripture *and* tradition in the Church. The early church existed for decades before the first written Gospel (Mark). During their Religion lessons, the teachers will talk to the students about the three main focuses during this season which are **prayer, almsgiving and sacrifice**. Here's a short [video](#) as a conversation starter to share with your families this week as you talk about what praying may look like for us.

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator



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.

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



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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.
- **If you are getting out of your car and want to stay to say goodbye please DO NOT PARK in one of the parking spots closest to the gates. This will allow other parents to move in and out of these spots as they drop off their children.**
- **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

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.



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

FEBRUARY

22nd February
Mrs Lewis-Driver

23rd February
Evelyn Lukas KY
Havana Seydler 5G
Ivie Javidí 6G
Sophie McIntyre 6G
Mrs North

25th February
Evelyn Lukas KY
Havana Seydler 5G
Sophie McIntyre 6G

26th February
Nicholas Costa 4B
Jacob Fam 5G

28th February
Louis Caparros 6Y

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.catholic.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.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love.”

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

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

Kindergarten Incursion—Fizzics Education

Years 3 & 4 Music—Recorders

Year 6 Year 6 Parent Committees for End of Year Celebrations

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 1

Week 6

Tuesday 28th February Bakers Delight—Special Lunch Day

Week 7

Monday 6th March Catholic Schools Week Liturgy

Tuesday 7th March Rug Reading @ 2.15pm—Parents are welcome to join us in the grounds with your favourite book to read with your child.

Thursday 9th March Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 10th March Open Day Tours @ 9am and 11.15am

Friday 10th March School Disco

K-2 4.30-5.45pm

3-6 6.00-7.30pm

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



OLMC PARRAMATTA
OPEN DAY

Sunday, 5 March | 9.00am - 3.00pm

Courageous Advocates. Limitless Possibilities.

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Luke Lin KB	Levi Tassone KB
Isaac Nunez-Erazo KG	Bianca Fedele KG
Charmaine Au KY	Felix Barnett KY
Tinaye Mombeyarara 1B	Thomas Johnston 1B
Jared Prescilla 1G	Vienna Sosa 1G
Jaye Lee 1Y	Lilah Browne 1Y
Ava Holeva 2B	Charlotte Moran 2B
Sara Crisafulli 2G	Chloe Cruz 2G
Annalise Grill 2Y	Olivia Henderson 2Y
Eliana David 3B	Gabriel Edouard 3B
Vanessa Boumelhem 3G	Catalina Fam 3G
Hillary Roditis 3Y	Saraya Wilson 3Y
Norah Siountris 4B	Selena Bianca 4B
Daniella Khodeir 4G	Laila Henderson 4G
Sienna Glass 4Y	Daniel Morr 4Y
Kira Layoun 5B	Sienna Reilly 5B
Zara Shorten 5G	Holly McGaulley 5G
Mary Raad 5Y	Dylan Putra 5Y
Isabella Arrastia 6B	Bodhi Neeld 6B
Patrick Netana 6G	Mateja Knevtit 6G
Alfonso Costa 6Y	Zac Vallejo 6Y

RUG READING AFTERNOON

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations, we would like to invite you to school on Tuesday 7th March from 2:15pm, to read to or with your child/children and their friends. The whole school will be reading in different areas of the playground. Please meet at your child's class or find them on the playground, to enjoy the wonder of reading. Please bring along your favourite book to model reading or read to the children – maybe an 'oldie but a goodie' from when you were a child!

