



# 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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Term 1 - Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that it is already March and that we are half way through Term One.

During this important time of Lent, we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter and this week at our morning assemblies our Mini Vinnies group have been reminding us of the ways in which we can fulfill our Lenten promises and encouraged us to donate to Caritas missions.

The following reflection has potential to speak to each one of us during these weeks of Lent:

Lent -

What to give up.....

Give up complaining

Give up pessimism

Give up harsh judgement

Give up gloom

Give up gossiping

Give up sin

Give up giving up

Focus on gratitude

Become an optimist

Think kindly thoughts

Enjoy the beauty that is around you

Control your tongue

Turn to virtue

Hang in there!

This Friday the children are invited to wear a red, green or yellow accessory with their uniform to school, in exchange for a gold coin donation in support of World Youth Day.

"Together we can do so much"

Leanne Nettleton

## Religious Education



5th March 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The story of the transfiguration invites us to continue our journey closer to God this season of Lent through prayer. As Jesus went up the mountain to find a peaceful place to pray, reflect on...

What are your favourite quiet places?

What sort of things do you like to do in your quiet place?

Quiet places can be very good for praying. Take a moment to think of when you can go to your quiet place this week.

What or who can you pray for?

### Catholic Schools Week

From the 5th March, we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Our theme this year is **'Our teachers make the difference.'** Please join us for a morning prayer on Monday.



World Youth Day 2023



A reminder to wear an accessory (hat, ribbon, hair accessory or socks) in the colours of the Portuguese flag tomorrow Friday 3rd March. We thank you in advance for your gold coin donation as we support the pilgrims from our diocese. Here is the [official link to WYD23](#) for more information. Special thanks to the members of Mini Vinnies who have been promoting this at our morning assemblies.

Jocelyn Williams  
Religious Education Coordinator



PROJECT COMPASSION  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

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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## SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

**Whole School:** What's happening in St Angela's this week  
Data Collection Notice for Parents and Guardians  
School Photos  
"Masquerade" disco 10th March 2023

Year 3 Excursion to Longneck Lagoon

Years 3-6 St Angela's Disco—Parent Volunteers

Years 3 & 5 Headphones for NAPLAN

## UPCOMING DATES

### TERM 1

#### Week 6

Friday 3rd March World Youth Day—Wear a green,, red or yellow accessory to school—Gold Coin Donation

#### 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 ready 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

**Happy Birthday!**

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

### FEBRUARY

#### 2nd March

Aria D'Morias KG  
Isaac Lahoud KY

#### 3rd March

Alannah Zaidan 2Y  
Hayes Leung KG

#### 4th March

Luca D'Urso 3B

#### 5th March

Lorenzo Sarmiento 3G  
Maisie Brown 4G  
Sophia Arreza 4Y

#### 7th March

Zae Lawlor KG

#### 8th March

Daniel Chetty 1B

## Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Marco Barba KB	Anna Nguyen KB
Charlotte Fitzpatrick KG	Jackson Reid KG
Jackson Orefice KY	Isabelle Masik KY
Aliyah De Silva 1B	Ashley Iskandar 1B
Julius Barba 1G	Abigail Crawford 1G
Rory Vavasour 1Y	Noah Judd 1Y
Emma Viillavieja 2B	Jack Cashman 2B
Jude Schinke 2G	Michael Boomaler 2G
Jacinta Read 2Y	Lawrence White 2Y
Lachlan Ashlie 3B	Evelyn Vallejo 3B
Ariana White 3G	Alexander Mearns 3G
Lily Megan 3Y	Ryder Aguilar 3Y
Paige Taximan 4B	Ruby Aquilina 4B
Jericho Paton 4G	Ruby Pace 4G
Chloe Barbara 4Y	Joshua Moses 4Y
Oliver Stornelli 5B	Amber Monet 5B
Jacob Fam 5G	Joshua Wade 5G
Livia Gallucci 5Y	Sebastian Brook 5Y
Amile Sperm 6B	Lachlan McDermott 6B
Ivie Javid 6G	Sophie Pickles 6G
Finn Sweeney 6Y	Madeline Pace 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](http://www.stangelas.catholic.edu.au)

### Calling for Volunteers to Cover newly Purchased Readers

We have so many new readers and we would like to get them 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.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."



St Angela's

## SPORTS UPDATE

### Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Good Luck to our St Angela's Swimming Team who will be representing our school at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival next Thursday at Mt Druitt Pools. Thank you to Mrs Mazza and Mrs McPherson who will be joining them at the carnival.

### 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](#)

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mikayla Martin who attended the Mackillop Trials last Friday and won all 4 of her games and is through to the next level! Congratulations to all the students who attended the Diocesan Trials this week. Well done to Sienna Mearns, Sienna Stuart and Kyla Hogan who have earned themselves a place in the Parramatta Soccer Team.

We wish the following students the best of luck as they attend a second trial for a spot in the Parramatta Team in Netball and Soccer, Sophie Pickles - Netball, Charlotte Lashlie - Netball, Anthony Mittiga - Soccer, Massimo Muscardo - Soccer and Jonah West - Soccer

Go St Angela's!

### SCHOOL DISCO RETURNS TO ST ANGELAS

We are pleased to announce the first of School Discos will be on Friday 10th March. Two sessions will be held as follows:

K-2	4.30—5.45pm
3-6	6.00—7.30pm

The Disco's are organised and hosted by our Kindergarten Parents.



### Welcome BBQ

Thank you to our Year One Parents who organised our Welcome BBQ for our Kindergarten and New Families. A wonderful afternoon/evening was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to our School Leaders who entertained our students and offered hospitality to our families. It was great to see so many families making connections and sharing stories about their children's first weeks at school.





## The return of the “SPECIAL LUNCH DAY”

Thank you to our Parent Helpers who provided such a delicious Special Lunch for the children this week - as always the Bakers Delight rolls were yummy and of course the jelly pythons were a big hit with the children. The band of parent helpers worked tirelessly all morning packing the lunches and drinks for the children and staff.



A huge thank you to Belinda Muscat (Dayna Mills 5B) who coordinated the event planning with Mrs Burke so that everything would run smoothly on the day. Congratulations to our Laudati Si group who organised the collection of the pop top drink containers so that they could be recycled. The children are looking forward to their next Special Lunch Day in Term 2!

## RUG READING AFTERNOON Tuesday 7th March—2.15pm

Parents/ Grandparents are invited to bring along a rug and their favourite book(s) to read with their child. This is a fabulous way for you to encourage your child's love of reading and for us to officially launch our students' involvement in the Premier's Reading Challenge. In 2022 we set the bar high and achieved a 100% participation of our students in the Challenge with many students being awarded Silver and Gold certificates for continued participation in the Challenge for 4 and 5 years. We are keen to maintain our 100% participation in 2023 and are calling for all parents to work in partnership with the teachers to encourage your children to READ! READ! READ!

Parents and grandparents are reminded not to bring hot drinks into the school grounds and please no food items for the children. Children will be dismissed at the regular going home time by their teachers.



## CHILDREN'S WORK BOOKS COMING HOME

This week the children will be bringing home their books, work folders etc. in the Key Learning Areas of Religious Education and Mathematics.

In your child's Religious Education books, please take the time to look through, discuss and enjoy the work and responses your child has completed, that relate to the Units of Work set out in Diocesan Syllabus, Sharing Our Story. Please remember that not all work undertaken in this Key Learning Area is recorded in workbooks. Prayer, role plays, research reading, listening to God's word etc. also play an important part in the children's learning. You may like to discuss your child's everyday faith experiences.

Also coming home will be your child's Mathematics books. Please note that not all mathematical thinking is recorded in workbooks. Children undertake a great deal of mental computation, reasoning and problem solving. They are also often required to articulate their thinking in a group. The children will be using a sticky note in their books to indicate a piece of work that they would like to share with you. We encourage you to write a comment on the sticky note about something they have done well. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child.

Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.



### PRC KEY DATES

**Challenge opens: 27th February, 2023**

**Challenge closes: 18 August, 2023**

**PRC Website:** <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

**Our Goal for 2023 is 100%**  
**of St Angela's students complete the**  
**Premier's Reading Challenge.**

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enable students to experience quality literature. The challenge encourages students to read, to read more and read more widely. The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge was launched on the 27th February, 2023

### 2023 BOOKLIST IS NOW LIVE!

The booklist has now been updated with 177 new titles added at the beginning of Term 1, 2023.

All books added to the PRC lists during 2023, as well as new books added in 2022, can be found by clicking on the image. This contains every book added to the list during the year, including new additions to approved series. These books are also visible on the full PRC booklists.



## 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.



## KISS AND DROP IN THE MORNINGS

### Procedures for using the Kiss and Drop Area

Once in the Kiss and Drop Area:

- Drive up to the furthest free space and stop vehicle
- Child exits care, with their school bag on the **KERB SIDE ONLY** and closes the car door.
- Driver **DOES NOT** get out of the vehicle
- Driver waits until the car in front moves off and follows
- DO NOT** pull out and overtake car in front

This procedure has been developed with the children's and driver's safety as a priority.

## 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 **partial absences** are processed by the school office only.

## SCHOOL BELL TIMES

Please be reminded of the following:

8.25am	Music to move to assembly area
8.30am	<b>Official start of the school day</b> <b>Start of the first learning session</b> All children are expected to be ready for announcements at assembly and move into classrooms for the first learning session.
10.30am	<b>RECESS</b>
10.57am	Music to move to assembly points
11.00am	Start of second learning session
12.30pm	<b>LUNCH</b> Sitting and eating until 12.40pm
1.17pm	Music to move to assembly points
1.20pm	Start of third learning session
2.50pm	<b>Official end of the school day</b> Bell to move to and assemble in dismissal zones.
2.55pm	Children begin leaving school grounds towards back gate, front gate crossing, cars, buses etc.

## NAPLAN

In Week 8 and 9, Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN tests. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Wednesday 15th March and finishes on Monday 27th March 2023. Students who are absent when their class participates in the tests can sit catch-up tests later in the test window. If your child will be away during the NAPLAN testing time, please ensure you have notified your child's teacher via the school office.

Date	Test Order	Duration of the Test	Description
Wednesday 15th March	Writing	Year 3—40 mins Year 5—42 mins	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
	Reading	Year 3—45 mins Year 5—50 mins	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Thursday 16th March	Language Conventions	Year 3—45 mins Year 5—45 mins	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Monday 20th March	Numeracy	Year 3—45 mins Year 5—50 mins	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability



### ARE YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS LABELLED?

Please ensure that every item your child brings to school is labelled. With their name and class.

Also, if you could take two minutes to check that your child's items are actually theirs as often children can pick up another child's jacket, hat etc and bring it home accidentally.

### 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



## OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN DAY

Sunday, 5 March | 9.00am - 3.00pm

Courageous Advocates. Limitless Possibilities.



### 2023 School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 5th April.

2023 school photos will be taken on Wednesday 5th April. To order online, go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) on your computer, phone or tablet. 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.

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