



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 7

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** this week the students and staff have been reflecting on their experiences of school and learning. They have recognised the gifts and talents of those who have taught them and those who they have learnt with. We have even heard stories that children have shared of their parents experiences of school when they were young. Catholic Schools week coinciding with Family week has certainly provided parents and children the opportunity to spend time together. Children have been sharing their 'Family Week' experiences as well, which this week have included playing with their pets, cards, exercising, cooking, going for a swim and playing to the park just to mention a few.

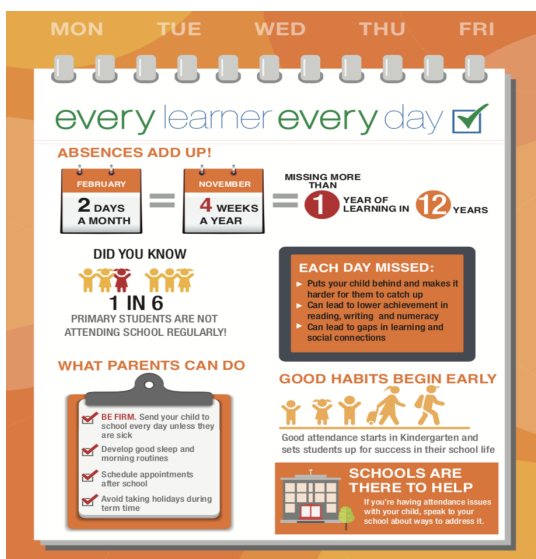
Next week we will continue our recognition of Catholic Education with our celebration of **St Patrick's Day on Friday 17th March**. There will be a Whole School Prayer assembly followed by our much loved St Patricks Day presentations including Band, Choir, Dance Crew and a surprise for our guests from the whole school. Weather permitting, this will all be followed by Rug Reading and morning tea with your children. Children (and guests) are invited to wear green mufti instead of their uniform and parents are invited to bring a picnic morning tea to share with their children. Please no hot drinks.



Student Attendance

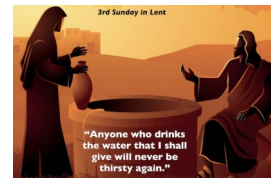
Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce. Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that **every** student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world. The following infographic provides some surprising statistics worthy of our attention.

"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton



Religious Education

12th March 2023 -
3rd Sunday of Lent



Gospel Reading

John 4:5-4

Family Connection

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



Thank you for your generous donation, we raised \$600 for our diocesan delegates.

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator



SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School:	What's happening in St Angela's this week Emergency Drill—Congratulations Students Masquerade Disco A letter of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta
Kindy, Year 1 & 2	Parent Reading Helper Training Sessions— Additional meetings
Year 5	Letter for Year 5 Green Parents Excursion to Blue Mountains

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 1

Week 7

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

Week 8

Tuesday 14th March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 15th March	Naplan 2023
Thursday 16th March	Naplan 2023
Friday 17th March	Naplan 2023
Friday 17th March	St Patrick's Day Liturgy, Green Mufti Day and Rug Reading Picnic with parents.

Week 9

Tuesday 21st March	Harmony Day
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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

10th March

Aayaan Sood 2B
Joseph Dababneh 4G
Aliana Elizaga 5B
Phoebe Scida 6B
Alexander Jagger-Vitnell KY

11th March

Gabriella Panto 1G

12th March

Lucas Mileto 5B

13th March

Estelle Barbara 3B
Jae Hansell 3B
Estelle Karam 3B
Zara Maait KG

14th March

Lara Alam KG

16th March

Abigail Vavayis 1G

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Ava Nealon KB	Sarah Sourial KB
Finley Rados KG	Eli Schenke KG
Isabella Lim KY	Eli Crecca KY
Seth Franks 1B	Daniel Chetty 1B
Emily Ison 1G	Orlando Busono 1G
Skye Robyn Conde 1Y	Olivia Dababneh 1Y
Benjamin Millalongo 2B	Alessandra Mifsud 2B
Jacob Stornelli 2G	Milla Netrayana 2G
Jessica Rimando 2Y	Charlie Vassallo 2Y
Jake Hansell 3B	Georgia Hoare 3B
Claratha Kinsong 3g	Tanios Assaf 3G
Zara Naidu 3Y	Oliver Raad 3Y
William Hall 4B	Chase Panganiban 4B
John Fang 4G	Francesca Espinosa 4G
Adam Salib 4Y	Arabella Fameron 4Y
Aoife Maguire 5B	Noah Ochudzawa 5B
Mia Vassallo 5G	Rita Dabit 5G
Sebastian Miletic 5Y	Alexa Yammine 5Y
Annelise Guirrieri 6B	Luca Basso 6B
Olivia Hoon 6G	Joshua Vassallo 6G
Zachary Lane 6Y	Mikayla White 6Y



KINDERGARTEN 2023 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS Friday 10th March

We will be holding our OPEN DAY TOMORROW

- 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



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.

SPORTS UPDATE

Representative Sport



Congratulations to Jonah West and Anthony Mittiga who have achieved a place in the Parramatta Soccer Team and will now proceed to the Mackillop Trials in May to continue on in their sport pathway journey. Could they be our next Australian Soccerroos!

Well done to Oliver Como who has been selected to play in the Parramatta AFL team in Wagga this month!

Swimming

Congratulations to *Alexis Foxe, Annelise Guirrerri, Dylan Crawford, Finn Wheatley, Flynn Wilson, Havan Seydler, Henry Brooker, Holly McGaulley, Jamie Hochstetter, Kai Theoharous, Kyla Hogan, Matthew Livingstone, Mikayla White, Mikayla Martin, Rafferty Castillo, Ray Zhang, Reuben Saab, Ruby Pace, Sienna Mearns, Skye Doyle, Sophie Kenny, Tia Lawlor, Zarah Ciccia, Catalina Fam and Thomas Morin* who competed in the Zone Swimming Carnival today in Mount Druitt Pools. Be sure to read next week's Newsletter to find out how the day went for our St Angela's Swimming Team!



Cross Country

St Angela's students have been training hard in Class Sport time and Mrs Mazza's PE lessons for the upcoming Cross Country Event. We encourage the students to think creatively of ways they can build their fitness in preparation for the event at home too. Some children have visited the ANZAC Reserve on weekends to practice, whilst others have made their own fitness circuits at home. Mrs Mazza loves hearing how the students are preparing for the big race!



SCHOOL DISCO RETURNS TO ST ANGELAS

Our Disco day arrives tomorrow, Friday 10th March, 2023

K-2	4.30—5.45pm
3-6	6.00—7.30pm

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

St Angelás Primary School

MASQUERADE

School Disco

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE MASK OR
PAINT YOUR FACE

Years K-2	4.30pm - 5.45pm
Years 3 - 6	6pm - 7.30pm



2023 School Photos Wednesday 5th April

2023 school photos will be taken on Wednesday 5th April. To order online, go to 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.

Harmony Day Tuesday March 21st

Students are invited to wear cultural dress or **Orange** as we recognise and celebrate the rich cultural diversity at St Angela's.

Year 6 students will be leading us in a day of cultural immersion as part of their Geography Inquiry Unit: 'To what extent can we promote positive perceptions of global cultures?' For the students the day will include a Smoking Ceremony and a performance by an African Drumming group as well as presentations by the Year 6 students.



NAPLAN

Next week, students in Year 3 and Year 5 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.** Please find attached below updated the timetable for assessments as follows:

		Wed 15th March	Thurs 16th March	Fri 17th March
		Morning Session Year 3 Writing Year 5 Writing	Morning Session Year 3 Reading Year 5 Reading	Catchups
Mon 20th March	Tues 21st March	Wed 22nd March	Thurs 23rd March	Fri 24th March
Morning Session Year 3 Conventions of Language Year 5 Conventions of Language	Catch Ups	Morning Session Year 3 Numeracy Year 5 Numeracy	Catch Ups	Catch Ups

APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE—TRAVEL (5 OR MORE DAYS)

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school.

Should you need to complete the application we ask that you do it well before your planned travel dates using the form below. Application forms can also be downloaded via the school website.

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



PRC KEY DATES

Challenge opens: 27th February, 2023

Challenge closes: 18 August, 2023

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

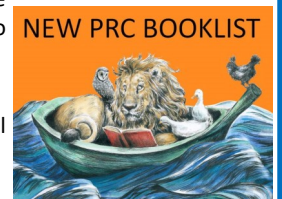
Our Goal for 2023 is 100%
of St Angela's students complete the Premier's Reading Challenge.

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.

SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL

6 MARCH - 23 APRIL



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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.



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:

8.05am School Entry Gates Open for Student & Vehicle Access

8.25am Music to move to assembly area

**8.30am Official start of the school day
Start of the first learning session**

All children are expected to be ready for announcements at assembly and move into classrooms for the first learning session.

10.30am RECESS

10.57am Music to move to assembly points

11.00am Start of second learning session

12.30pm LUNCH

Sitting and eating until 12.40pm

1.17pm Music to move to assembly points

1.20pm Start of third learning session

2.50pm Official end of the school day

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.

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,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Start Your Day With Positive Thinking..."