



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 students.

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Term 2 - Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Parents have been appointed by God himself as the first and principal educators of their children
(Pope John Paul 11)*

Several years ago, a university study asked a randomly selected number of parents to respond to the question, "What does it mean to be a parent?" Here are extracts from three responses:

"Responsibility for teaching about love and caring for others, responsibility for keeping them safe and secure so their personalities can develop in a healthy way."

"Something very special, close and loving; it means an enormous responsibility, it changes your life-course; once you start being a parent, it's an ongoing thing with worries and anxieties attached."

"It's the most important job you'll ever have to do in your life. The social ramifications of parenting are so important, because the responsibility is yours to bring happy, well-adjusted people into adulthood and the joy and despair are often only seconds apart."

It can be helpful, on occasion, to think about our role as parents, for it is truly a privilege to have given life to a child and have accepted the responsibility, great though it is, of nurturing and providing for that child through those developmental years. As parents, we are the source of our child's affirmation. Children will believe what the people they love and trust believe, including how they feel about school and their own ability to learn. So, after praise and encouragement, encourage perseverance. A warm, supportive home atmosphere will influence our child's confidence and motivation to become a successful learner. If education is valued in the home and seen as life-enhancing, then children will view their schooling as being positive for them and worth investing their energies in.

At St Angela's we have teachers who are professionals and who serve to help you nurture your child's love of learning. Parents and teachers working in collaboration is a powerful combination that can present education as a happy and fulfilling experience for children. Thank you for all that you do to support the staff to educate your children.

"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton

Wonderings about the Building Project

What will happen to:

- The Dedication pavers bearing the names of past students and families that can be found in the year 5/6 courtyard. These will be pulled up and stored so that they can be included in the landscaping of the new school.
- The rose bushes from the gardens in front of Year 5. These have been dug up by Mr Laird so that they can be replanted in the front garden.
- The original school fountain that sits in front of the school office. This was the focus for original assembly gathering space in the early years of the school. Mrs North's mother has generously volunteered to restore the fountain and it will be placed within the school grounds when the building project has been completed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Laudato Si Week 2023 Theme - "Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity"

Celebrations at St Angela's in week 5 will be led by Mini Vinnies members.

Let us pray together...

DAILY PRAYER

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,

teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.
God of love,

show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light.

help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you!

Amen.

FROM LAUDATO SI', NO. 246

OLOR Parish Sacramental Program of First Communion

We continue to pray for our Year 3 students and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Communion in the coming weeks. As part of their preparation, Fr Chris and Fr Leonides will visit our students tomorrow 19th May for Reconciliation. Here is the [link](#) to the latest parish newsletter.

Jocelyn Williams
Religious Education Coordinator



Laudato Si Week 2023

Laudato Si' Week will be celebrated next week. This year marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. This global celebration will unite Catholics to rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life. To celebrate this at school, students are asked to bring a Waste Free lunch on Wednesday to reduce the rubbish produced on site. On Friday, the children will participate in 20 minutes of technology free learning to make us aware of our ecological footprint and spark conversations about environmental challenges. Parents are invited to attend a liturgy prepared by Mini Vinnies students on Wednesday at 8.30am.



Celebrating Our Gifts

Learning Excellence	St Angela's Award
Raina Li KB	Elizabeth Gerig KB
Zachary Moses KG	Lara Alam KG
Ruaan Dutta KY	Elsie Newbury KY
Samaira Singh 1B	Xavier Broadbridge 1B
Andreas Saad 1G	Nikolas Mileto 1G
Archie Hill 1Y	Edgardo Granco Espinosa 1Y
Izabelle Zeegers 2B	Jobe Fee 2B
Luke Eltakchi 2G	William Wallace 2G
Alegra Berani 2Y	Zoe Pupo 2Y
Jacob Mileto 3B	Estelle Barbara 3B
Rose Baylis 3G	Tia Lawlor 3G
Grace Lim 3Y	Nicholas Gumuljo 3Y
Eva Garcia-Loyola 4B	Miranda Soliman 4B
Sophia Millalanco 4G	Maisie Brown 4G
Lilly Green 4Y	Lachlan Kelly 4Y
Shuxin Wang 5B	Daniel Bell 5B
Adriana Tikellis 5G	Lucas Merhi 5G
Annelise Araeda 5Y	Grace Bacon 5Y
Jonah West 6B	Christian Nasr 6B
Eloise Hansell 6G	Ava Mogan 6B
Dominic Jodlowski 6Y	Haylie Batson 6Y



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

May

18th May

Tadhg McGowan 3Y
Livia Gigliucci 5Y

19th May

Georgia Grill 4B

20th May

Seth Franks 1B
Benjamin Morr 4G
Daniel Morr 4Y
Claire Alcock 6Y

22nd May

Sienna Mearns 5B

24th May

Kelci Reese Anonical 5B
Isabella Bertani KY
Isabelle Masik KY

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following parents at our Mothers Day Liturgy and Morning Tea:

Daniel Mittiga
Simon Olah
Todd Seydler
Simon Halfhide
Emma Raad
Brooke Seydler
Karen Trimboli
Jessica Glass



GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

It would be most helpful if parents who need to make last minute temporary changes to going home arrangements, inform the school by 2:00pm via email on the day and not in advance. Thank you

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. All absences appear on Student Semester Learning Reports.

Forms on our Website

For your convenience, please find noted below just some of the forms which are available to download from our website. These forms can be found under *In the Loop, School Notes*:

St Angela's Website

Medication Forms - Temporary Administration (ie. 1-5 days) and Doctor's Form (for medication to be permanently stored at school)

- ◆ Change of Details Form
- ◆ Leave Request Form - 5 days or more
- ◆ Medical Forms
- ◆ Change of Details Forms
- ◆ Uniform Order Form

I'M DANCING FOR SICK KIDS!



Ronald McDonald House Charities
Greater Western Sydney

DANCE FOR SICK KIDS

CHANGE OF DATE

This year we will again support the Ronald McDonald House Charity, and we will Dance for Sick Kids! Each day in Week 7, the SRC Representatives will lead the school in a fun dance and raise awareness for this important charity. On Monday 5th June, 2023, we will dance our whole school dance and wear Dance Mufti! Donations can be made using the link for the [St Angela's Dance for Sick Kids Page](#) and will support the important work of Ronald McDonald House. Let's try and beat our fundraising effort of 2022 which was an amazing \$5,191.

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

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

Years 2-6	St Angela's 2023 Athletic Carnival (2-6)
Year 5	Year 5 Excursion to Sydney Zoo
Years 5&6	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day—EOI
Year 5	Year 5 Excursion to Sydney Zoo

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 2

Week 4

Friday 19th May	Year 6 Interschool Debating
Friday 19th May	Year 5 Assembly

Week 5

Tuesday 23rd May	Infants K-2 Cross Country
Wed 24th May	Waste Free Wednesday
Wed 24th May	Laudato Si Liturgy @ 8.30am parents welcome
Thursday 25th May	Year 6 Camp
Friday 26th May	Year 6 Camp

2023 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 21st August	Staff Development Day
Monday 18th December	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 19th December	Staff Development Day

PEER SUPPORT

Next week in Peer Support children will discuss skills and how to communicate their feelings and needs to others. The children will discuss skills they use when participating in a variety of activities. When children understand they already have many of the skills needed to succeed, they can feel more confident when trying something new. The children are asked to identify events which trigger different feelings. Encourage your child to remember the skills they have used in one activity when trying something new. Also encourage your child to communicate their feelings and needs.



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Book club orders close tomorrow, Friday 19th May, 2023. You can now place your order online via Scholastic Books. If you need assistance ordering online please see the below guide:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>



Lachlan Hawke KB	Hudson McEnearney 4B
Chloe Buckley 2G	Tyler Peterson 4B
Lawrence White 2Y	Jordan Pupo 4Y
Jack Hawke 3B	Elissa Zaidan 4B
Arianna White 3g	Steven Zeaiter 4Y
Kayleigh Angara 4Y	Annelise Araneda 5Y
Chloe Barbara 4Y	Charley Natividad 5Y
Cooper Bisson 4Y	Borui Zhang 5B

PRC STUDENTS SITE STUDENTS NEW TO THE SITE

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 5567
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE
COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 181

Avoid discouraging your reader

It is important not to unknowingly discourage your child from reading, especially if she's reluctant to read. In order to motivate your child to read:

- **Don't nag.** Lecturing your child is unlikely to help.
- **Don't bribe.** It's good to reward effort, but your child shouldn't expect a prize every time she reads.
- **Don't judge how well** your child reads. Offer help when she needs it, but remember that reading should be fun.
- **Don't criticize your child's reading choices.** Reading just about anything is better than not reading at all.

Source: "Children Who Can Read, But Don't ...," Reading Is Fundamental, niswc.com/positivemotivation.



Spin some word webs

Word webs are a good way to build language skills. Have your child pick a word (*veterinarian*, for example). Write the word on a piece of paper, and draw a circle around it. Then have your child write words that go with his word (*doctor* and *animal*, for example) on the paper and connect them to the main word.

Source: "Word Webs," READ*WRITE*NOW!, U.S. Department of Education, niswc.com/wordwebs.



Please keep in your Prayers

Leo Gordon (2G) who is recovering. We send Leo our love and best wishes.



St Angela's

SPORTS UPDATE

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Oliver Mares who attended the Parramatta Diocesan Softball Trials last week for the Diocesan Softball team. Oliver was successful at the trials and will be representing our Diocesan in the Mackillop trials.

Infants K-2 Cross Country Fun Run.

The Infants K-2 Cross Country Fun Run will be held next week on Tuesday 23rd May, 9am to 11am. **Please note the event includes Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2.** The children will watch each other racing and also participate in some fun games, followed by a Picnic Morning Tea with their parents at the ANZAC Reserve across from school. Parents, Grandparents and families are welcome to attend. Thank you to the parents volunteers, if you can please meet Mrs Mazza at the oval at 8:40 to be briefed.

Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 8th June St Angela's students in years 2-6 will be attending the annual Athletics Carnival at Alfred Whaling Reserve Baulkham Hills. Please complete the permission form sent home this week via Compass. Mrs Mazza has set a challenge for the class who can return all their notes first!

If your child would like to enter **Discus, High Jump and 1500m** events please send through their Little Athletics Results to Mrs Mazza prior to the carnival date. These entries will then be collated and students who qualify for Zone will be announced after the Athletics Carnival.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our sporting events take a lot of organisation and preparation to ensure that each is an enjoyable and safe experience for all of our students. We thank the parents who often volunteer for these events as without our parent support the success of these events would not be possible. Our students love seeing their parents on the track or at a game when they rotate around, it's often what they remember most about the day.

If you are able to assist and volunteer your time we are still needing volunteers for the Infants K-2 Cross Country Fun Run 23/5 and the St Angela's Athletics Carnival 8/6.

Gala Days

We have had an overwhelming response to the Stage 3 Boys Soccer trials this week with over 45 boys attending. We congratulate the boys on the positive attitude they brought along to the trials. Unfortunately not all boys can be selected. We ask for parents support in talking to your children not only about making the team but the possibility of disappointment. Setbacks and disappointments are a part of life and sports. At St Angela's we like to highlight and encourage the resilience and determination of our students to overcome such disappointments, whilst still continuing to work towards their goals. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Getting the Most out of Gaming webinar

The Council of Catholic school Parents NSW/ACT, in conjunction with the eSafety Commissioner, is holding a 45 minute webinar on Tuesday 23 May to provide families with strategies for supporting children and young people to have safe, positive experiences when playing games online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.

It will cover:

- when gaming can be beneficial;
- strategies to promote better in-game experiences;
- how to keep children safe online – using safety and privacy settings in games and platforms;
- strategies to promote more balanced gaming and how to create smoother transitions from game-play to other activities; and
- the key online risks and where to find help for things like bullying and harassment in games.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

INTERNET SAFETY

When should you start talking about online safety?

Introducing online safety to children at an early age is essential. Even before they access devices, children learn about tech from parents, carers and other adults in their community.

eSafety's picture book, Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5, helps families explore children's everyday technology experiences and highlights safe online practices. The book follows the adventures of a fun family sleepover for Swoosh and Glide with their sugar glider cousins. Use this book to start the conversation about online safety with your children.



Creating a Safe and Happy School – free from bullying

The purpose of the Bullying Prevention Procedures, in line with the CSPD Wellbeing Policy is to contribute to the development of a climate at St Angela's Primary School where everyone is valued and feels safe.

This term the school is evaluating this focused effort on preventing bullying at our school. The children complete a survey that will provide an overview of the children's feelings about playing at school and will identify any areas of bullying. The survey included questions such as:

My favourite playground place to play is.....

Are there any places in the playground where you don't feel safe?

If yes, why?

Is anyone taking away your right to be happy and safe, or to learn at school?

If yes, tell what happens.

Do your online activities (games, chats etc) impact your friendships at school?

Is there anything else that you would like your teacher to know?

The children's responses to the survey are being collated. Any child who has said that they feel unsafe at school or that they are being bullied will be given the opportunity to talk about their concerns. They will be supported in resolving any issues.

Parents are able to play an important role in the prevention of bullying behaviours. This includes:

- Telling their child that bullying in any form is not acceptable.
- Making themselves familiar with the Bullying Prevention Procedures
- Informing their child's teacher if they believe that their child is being bullied.
- Advising their child not to retaliate, but to tell their teacher.
- Helping their child to develop resilience and strategies to deal with bullying.
- Work with the school if their child is involved in a bullying incident, either as the bully or the one being bullied.

Thank you for your support in this important area.

Adventure on Cockatoo Island!



On Thursday 11th May 2023 something amazing happened! Year 4 went on an excursion to Cockatoo Island - yay!

We travelled by bus to Woolwich Ferry Wharf. We had to wait a few minutes for the ferry to get there. When we got on the ferry we set sail. It only took five minutes. We were all hungry when we got to Cockatoo Island so we got straight to eating in the beautiful sunshine

When we finished eating Mr Hurst took us to what he referred to as a mini HeartBreak Hill. It wasn't even that steep! We first saw the place where the people in solitary confinement stayed. We had to picture it in our mind because it collapsed. It was a dark box with a trapdoor on top and when it was time to eat, the guards dropped the food through the trap door. Rats could even eat your clothes. If you even dared to try and escape you couldn't because the only way out was up.



At Cockatoo Island there was a guard house and there were special slots to put their guns through in case the convicts broke out or caused a riot. Cockatoo Island was used to lock up convicts and it was hard for them to escape. They could hear people having fun on the mainland! The place on Cockatoo Island where the convicts would eat was called the Mess Hall. During the day the convicts would have to work chisling large sandstone rock for the buildings.



So why is it really even called Cockatoo Island? A long time ago before the buildings were built on the land there were large numbers of cockatoos, so many they called it Cockatoo Island. The cockatoos liked the trees and vegetation but when they built on the land they cut down the trees so the cockatoos left the island but the name remained. We wish there were still cockatoos on the Island.

There were steep steps and there was also a tunnel. It was called the Dog Leg Tunnel because it bent at the knee and turned like a dog's leg. When World War II broke out the tunnels were used as air-raid shelters. Cockatoo Island had many uses over the years, from housing convicts to later on with ship building and schooling.

On the way home we came back on an older ferry named after the first fleet ship Borrowdale. We all had an awesome day discovering part of our Country's past and learning why Cockatoo is so important.

