



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

# SHINE

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 4 - Week 9

## UPCOMING DATES

Friday 8th December— Feast of Immaculate Conception Prayer Assembly led by KB @ 8.30am

Friday 8th December—9.30am Parent helper thank you morning tea.

Saturday 9th December— OLOR Parish Christmas Carols @ 6.30pm—8pm

Monday 11th December —St Angela's Day

Monday 11th December —End of Year Thanksgiving Mass @ 9.15am parents welcome

Tuesday 12th December—Second Sunday of Advent Prayer Assembly—Mini Vinnies/SRC @ 8.30am—parents welcome

Tuesday 12th December—Year 6 Visit to OLOR

Wednesday 13th December—Year 6 Graduation Mass OLOR Parish @ 6pm—parents welcome

Thursday 14th December—Year 6 Big Day In

Friday 15th December—Last Day for ALL Students.

Monday 18th December—Staff Development Day—no students at school

Tuesday 19th December—Staff Development Day—no students at school



**KINDERGARTEN 2025  
OPEN DAY  
ENROLMENT INFORMATION  
SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS**

We will be holding our

**OPEN DAY**

**FRIDAY 8TH MARCH, 2024**

**9am**

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful way to kick off the advent season - our Christmas concert. Last Friday was a wonderful evening of Christmas spirit as we gathered as the St Angela's community in the HUB at St John XX111. This was an amazing venue and it was fabulous to see our children "on stage" performing so brilliantly. They certainly were the bright shining stars of the evening - so much talent and energy. The performances were just amazing. Our sincere thanks to Miss Claxton and her committee for beautifully coordinating the evening, assisted by all the teachers. Appreciation and thanks to our sound technicians Kris and Mariela Petersen ( Seth 6B and Tyler 4B), Mrs Criss and Miss Claxton for the beautiful choirs, Miss McEntee and Mrs Rubelj for preparing the Dance Crew and Mrs Taylor (Thomas 3G) for the amazing Verse Speakers. A special vote of thanks to Dr Peter Webster and the St John XX111 community for sharing the venue with us. Thank you for your overwhelming presence, support and well wishes. It was very much appreciated.

### Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Karen Orsini for being appointed as the Assistant Principal for St Angela's from 2024. Karen has been acting in this role throughout 2023 while Mrs Yager has been Acting Principal at St Olivers Harris Park. I know you will take the opportunity to congratulate Karen on her appointment when you see her over the next weeks.

Mrs Louise Lean has announced that she will be moving on to Our Lady of the Angels at the end of this year. Louise has been a long time staff member at St Angela's and her 2 daughters Camryn and Courtney have been students at the school - Camryn is now at Gilroy College and Courtney is completing Year 6 this year. On behalf of many families, and staff and students past and present I would like to thank Louise for her dedication and many contributions to St Angelas. During her time at the school, Louise has been a class teacher, coordinator, choir Teacher, Learning Technology Teacher and has represented St Angela's at World Youth Day along with all the extra curricular activities throughout the years. She has witnessed and been a part of the growth of our wonderful school for 17 years. We wish her every happiness as she takes her skills and talents to her new school.

Last week there was an error in our recount of Mrs Bateman's years of service at St Angela's - it should have stated 20 years!!!! - which is in fact half of Mrs Bateman's teaching career. We certainly have been privileged to have had Mrs Bateman at St Angela's contributing to the learning of so many children for such an extended period of time. Thank you Mrs Bateman

"Let your light shine"  
Leanne Nettleton  
Principal



## Thank you morning tea for parent helpers

We look forward to welcoming our parent helpers to a Thank You morning tea in the school hall tomorrow, Friday December 8th at 9:30am. If you have helped out at St Angela's in any way this year supporting the students and teachers we would love to thank you with a special morning tea.

This may include reading groups, sporting events and gala days, library, canteen, uniform shop, excursions and other school events. Please complete the form to register your attendance [Parent Thank You Morning Tea 2023](#) Please come along and let us thank you for helping us to SHINE!



## RELIGION

**OLOR Parish Christmas Carols**  
**Saturday 9th December at 6:30pm**

Our students in the Band, Choir and Dance Crew will be performing at the OLOR Christmas Carols on Saturday the 9th of December at the OLOR Primary School grounds.

We invite all families to join us on a fun filled night with our parish community.

Thank you to Mrs Criss, Mrs Rubelj, Miss McEntee and the Band teachers led by Mr Daryl Walton for preparing our students. The usual 6pm mass is moved to 5pm instead. We hope to see you there!

### Feast of Mary Immaculate

We will be celebrating the Feast of Mary Immaculate tomorrow (Friday 8th December) in the hall at 8.30am with Kinder Blue leading us in prayer. Parents are welcome.

Jocelyn Williams  
REC Coordinator 🙏

## OLOR Parish News

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Fulfilling your Sunday obligation on Christmas Eve.**  
Please be aware that on Sunday 24 December we will have the usual Sunday Morning Masses of 7am, 9am and 11am

Christmas Eve Masses will be as follows on the same day - Sunday 24th:

**5.30pm** Children's Mass (Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Chris);

**8pm** Family Mass

**11.30pm** Christmas Carols sung by Youth Choir  
**Midnight Mass begins at Midnight**

**Individual Confessions** on 23 December from 10am until 12 Noon. Regular Reconciliation times also apply on Monday nights at 7.30pm and Saturday mornings at 10am

**CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY 25 DECEMBER**  
7am, 9am and 11am Masses  
(PLEASE NOTE: There is **no** Evening Mass on CHRISTMAS DAY)

**BOXING DAY - Tuesday, 26 DECEMBER)**  
8am Mass in the Parish only

**MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - Thursday, 28 December**  
6.45am and 11am

Please bring a plate to share lunch after 11am Mass

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Sunday, 31 Dec. - usual Mass times

Monday, 1 Jan. - 8am only

## Celebrating Our Gifts

### *Learning Excellence*

Sarah Sourial KB  
Francisco Castillo KG  
Isaac Lahoud KY  
Charles Kenny 1B  
Lucas Riley 1G  
Aarush Sharma 1Y  
Anthony Khodeir 2B  
Jude Schenke 2g  
Jessica Rimando 2Y  
Sebastian Burns 3B  
Emmanuel Abu Duhou 3G  
Zara Naidu 3Y  
Alexander Lane 4B  
Ava Buckley 4G  
Sienna Glass 4Y  
Aoife Maguire 5B  
Saskia Wallace 5G  
Charley Natividad 5Y  
Annelise Guirrerri 6B  
Ivie Javidi 6G  
Zachary Lane 6Y

### *St Angela's Award*

Oluwatofarati Popoola KB  
Lara Alam KG  
Elsie Newbury KY  
Olivia Raad 1B  
Jared Prescilla 1G  
Jaye Lee 1Y  
Emma Villavieja 2B  
Tyler D'Morias 2G  
Liam Zeaiter 2Y  
Isabelle Judd 3B  
Audrey Unutmaz 3G  
Keira Vavasour 3Y  
Eva Garcia-Loyola 4B  
Joseph Dababneh 4G  
Adam Salib 4Y  
Sienna Mearns 5B  
Sofia Muscardo 5G  
Sebastian Brook 5Y  
Charlotte Lashlie 6B  
Joshua Vassallo 6G  
Haylie Batson 6Y



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

### DECEMBER

#### 7th December

Sierra Honore 3B  
Toby Williams 3G  
Noah Tyler-Ottolino 6B

#### 8th December

Joshua raad 4B  
Maximus Orefice 4G

#### 9th December

Ava Holeva 2B

### 10th December

Sophia Millalanco 4G

### 11th December

Zachary Chacko 1Y  
Olivia Katipunan 2B  
Emma Zhang 3B  
Sienna Azar 6G

### 13th December

Emmanuel Dib 5Y  
Courtney Lean 6G

### SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

**Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP**

**Whole School:** What's happening at St Angela's this week  
Parent Helpers Morning Tea  
Semester 2 Learning Reports now on COMPASS

### Notification of leaving St Angela's Primary

We are currently planning for the 2024 school year. At this time of the year there may be movement of families out of the area. If your family will not be continuing at St Angela's in 2024, please notify the office via email as soon as possible so that an "Advice of Withdrawal Form" can be emailed to you.

## 2024 School Captains

I am proud to announce the following Student Leadership positions for 2024

### *School Leaders for 2024*

*Congratulations to our  
Year 6 student leaders for 2024*

#### *School Captains*

*Lauren Spragg Piero Colosimo*

#### *School Vice Captains*

*Alana Laird Hudson Lukas*

#### *Brescia*

*Grace Despoges Jacob Fam*

#### *Garda*

*Sophie Kenny Daniel Bell*

#### *Merici*

*Holly McGaulley Harry Gibbons*

#### *Salo*

*Alexis Foxe Anthony Mittaga*

## Year 6 Graduation Evening

Next Wednesday 12th December at 6pm, Year 6 and their families will gather in the OLOR Parish Church to celebrate God's many blessings on them during their time at St Angela's. Grandparents/siblings are welcome. A light supper organised by our Year 5 parents will be held after Mass in the OLOR School Hall. Many thanks to the generous Year 5 parents who have volunteered to set up and offer hospitality.

Our thanks for the many years that the following families have been associated with St Angela's as their youngest child leaves Year 6. Farewell and thank you to the following families: Násr, D'Silva, Younes, West, Milicevic, Zlomislic, Wheatley, Powell, Scida, Mowbray, File, Basso, Ciccio, McDermott, Sacco, Goel, Woodham, Perkins, Javidi, Ma, Tole, Lean, Knevitt, Como, Piotto, Khoudair, Catalano, Netana, Demartini, Jodlowski-Tan, Vallejo, Batson, Pace, Nicholls, Shepherd, Singh, Ciantar, White, Norris, Muscardo and Eastwood.

### *Please keep in your prayers*

*We extend our condolences to Mrs Smith and her Family due to the loss of her beloved Mother and Grandmother.*

*May she rest in peace.*

## Year 6 Gift to St Angela's

Many thanks to our departing Year 6 students who have gifted the school with a new BBQ for use at our special food days and whole school events. The BBQ has already been put to good use at our Fathers Day Breakfast and Family Bingo evening. We look forward to serving many more sausage sizzles from this thoughtful gift.

## Year 6 Parent Helpers

A big thank you to the following parents who have assisted with the Year 6 dinner/disco, and/or Yearbook.

Jessica Batson	Ola Callan-Kerkenezov
Marie Catalano	Bianca Ciccio
Kaysie Cordi	Melia Dababneh
Michelle Fisher	Jessica Glass
Jane Hewlett	Louisa Laird
Natalie Lashlie	Victoria Lawlor
Gloria Milicevic	Lisa Netana
Kristina Perkins	Charmaine Rodriguez
Elisabeth Sacco	Tara Shepherd
Estela Singh	Teresa Sprem
Katherine Vassallo	Melissa Woodham

The children had one of their most memorable nights thanks to you: Thank you, from all of us to you.

## St Angela's Feast Day Monday 11th December

The children are certainly looking forward to our St Angela's Feast Day celebrations.

The Day will commence with our Thanksgiving Mass at 8.45am and handover of leadership to our 2024 school leaders. Parents are welcome.

The children will then enjoy a day of fun activities which will include RUSH HOUR and a complimentary gelato. These treats are all free to say thank you to our children for a great year and to celebrate St Angela's Day.

**This year students will wear sports uniform on the day to ensure that they can fully participate in the large games provided during RUSH HOUR.**

## Kindergarten 2024 Welcome BBQ

This is a special note to our current 2023 Kindergarten Families.

Early next year on Friday 9th February we invite you to host the Kindergarten 2024 Welcome BBQ. We know how much you enjoyed this hospitality when it was extended to you earlier this year and are now asking you to complete the [Volunteers for 2024 Welcome BBQ](#) form or offer your assistance in 2024. Please make sure that you put this date in your diary so that you can come along and help out.

# Sports Update

## Swimming Results and Age Champions

We congratulate this year's St Angela's Swimming Age Champions and Runners Up. Age champions are awarded to those students who have the highest tallied points from the carnival in their age group. We also acknowledge Norah Siountris who received the Spirit Medal for her resilient and positive attitude that she brought to all her races. Well done!

Boys Age Champion	Boys Age Champion Runner Up
8 Years Henry unulmaz	8 Years Daniel Chetty
9 Years Harvey Lukas	9 Years Kai Theoharous
10 Years Jamie Hochstetter	10 Years Henry Brooker Liam Kennedy
11 Years Dylan Crawford	11 Years Aiden Theoharous
12 Years Ray Zhang	12 Years Rafferty Castillo
Girls Age Champion	Girls Age Champion Runner Up
9 Years Eden Alexander	9 Years Madeline Gentile
10 Years Lilly Green	10 Years Acalyn Seydler
11 Years Holly McGauley	11 Years Harper Pickles
12 Years Sienna Means	12 Years Sophie Kenny

Well done to all the students in the Merici colour house for winning this year's trophy for the recent swimming carnival. A shout out also to the students in Garda who won the Spirit Cup at the swimming carnival.

Congratulations to all the students who have qualified for the St Angela's Swimming Team and will be swimming at next year's Hills Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 1st March. All competitors should have brought home a letter with the qualifying events that they will be competing in. Any questions please see Mrs Mazza.

Carnival Points			Spirit Points		
Brescia	308	4th	Salo	550	4th
Salo	334	3rd	Merici	800	3rd
Garda	366	2nd	Brescia	845	2nd
Merici	380	1st	Garda	1500	1st

## Thank you from Mrs Mazza

This year our many sporting events would not have been possible without the overwhelming response by our parent volunteers. From coaching teams, to time keeping races or even washing representative shirts please know Mrs Mazza is truly grateful. She looks forward to working with many of you again in 2024 and getting to know some new families too.

## REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS OPEN

Team Sport Trials Nominations for the following sports of AFL, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball & Touch are now OPEN and CLOSE on Tuesday 13th February as trials will be held in Term 1 & Term 2 of 2024. [2024 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Expression of Interest Nomination](https://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/)

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## St Angela's Facebook Page



As some of you may have seen on our St Angela's Primary School Facebook page, on Monday 27 November, a fake Facebook profile "St Angela's Swimming Carnival live" created a Facebook group and posted links in the comments section on the official school Facebook page claiming to be sharing a livestream of our school swimming carnival. This was not a legitimate link. Once alerted to the issue, we immediately reported and deleted the comments and posted a message on the school's Facebook page notifying our followers that there was no live stream of the event.

Unfortunately, we have noticed increased activity in spam accounts targeting the comments section on our school's Facebook page. We have taken steps to increase security, including limiting comments with links. If you are tagged in a comment linking to merchandise, live sport or any other promotion - do not click these links. They are not legitimate and could put your account at risk. We will not ask you to click links, share credit card details or other personal information outside of official school channels.

Online security can be complex and we take every precaution to protect our Facebook page against malicious cyber activity. Unfortunately, these links and profiles can be very sophisticated.

Please note that as we continue to share the wonderful events and learning happening at our School, we will not ask you to share your credit card details or personal information outside of the official school channels. If you have any further concerns feel free to contact the School.

## Christmas Treats

Just a reminder that children are not to bring in candy canes, chocolates or sweets to give as gifts.

While we understand it is a nice gesture we have children in the school with allergies.

## STUDENT MEDICATION

Student medication that is stored at St Angela's office **must be** collected by a parent/carer on the last day of school, Friday 15th December.

At this time of the year and over the holidays it is important to review your child's medication and action plans.

If your child no longer requires medication to be stored at school please advise the office by email.





In 2024 we are excited to be able to offer students to after school extra curricular activities conducted by CODE CAMP. Parents interested in accessing these programmes can see the flyer at the back of the newsletter and the booking link [HERE](#) parents will receive a \$15 early bird saving if they enrol by 10th January 2024. CODE CAMP is an external provider and all communications need to be made directly to them.



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## ST ANGELA'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2023 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

What do you need to do?

Complete an online [Expression of Interest](#) form. Your child will then be able to meet with a music teacher at school to determine to which instrument they may be best suited.

[www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI](http://www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI)



More detailed information will then be sent home, prior to online enrolment for 2023.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered Creative Kids provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.



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THE FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS  
invites you to join us for the inaugural  
Commemoration of the Blessed Nativity

**6.30pm Friday, 22nd December**

Following Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, we will prayerfully process from Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville (8 Diana Ave), to the Shrine Crèche where we will reenact the Nativity as St. Francis did 800 years ago.  
Children are invited to dress up as shepherds, angels, animals, etc.

Blessing of Straw and Infant Jesus Statues following Devotions  
Light refreshments will be available for a donation.

# Learning Science is Delicious!

We love our snacks in Year 4 so we were really happy to make our own this term in the name of Science! Would you believe us if we told you that we made s'mores just using the Sun?! We didn't... until we did!

It all started by making solar ovens. Using a pizza box, aluminium foil, black card (absorbs the heat), a plastic sleeve (traps the heat) and our favourite bit, creating the s'mores! Throughout the day we constantly checked on our ooey, gooey creations and took notes on the temperature and time. At the end of the day, we were all buzzing to eat our delectable creations, which turned out to be a huge miss because they were crunchy and the marshmallows went rock hard! Hey, don't be sad for us we still ate them! We sacrificed taste for our education!

Next up, we had high hopes for our popcorn morning. It was a taste challenge asking what's the best way to heat popcorn? Well we thought there was only one good way but they were all fun. The first was the microwave using radiated heat which in our opinion, was the best tasting by far. Next was the air popper using convection heat. It was very efficient and popcorn popped everywhere! The last one we used was the stove using conduction. Every class thought yuck! One word... burnt and it took soooo long! We have to say though, we love the science of snacks...more please!

A huge thank you to Kate and Giuliano of [bellabeaumont.com.au](http://bellabeaumont.com.au) pizzeria for supporting our Energy projects over *many years*. *Your kind donations ensure our Junior Masterchefs learn about the science of heat in a fun, tasty and hands-on way!*



# St Angela's Christmas Concert



# Shine Quest

Congratulations to the large number of absolute budding stars who participated in our 2023 Grade Shine Quests. Our appreciation and thanks to all of the teachers for coordinating this opportunity for the children and allowing them to "Let their Light Shine". Thank you parents for preparing and rehearsing your children to perform.

