



# 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 1 - Week 10

## UPCOMING DATES

- Friday 5th April: Whole School Assembly—  
Year 2 presenting @ 2pm  
Parents Welcome
- Friday 5th April: Special Food Day—  
Bakers Delight (Orders  
close Tuesday 2nd April)
- Tuesday 9th April: Secondhand Uniform Sale  
in Mozart Room from  
1.30pm-2.30pm
- Friday 12th April: Last Day of Term 1
- Term 2**
- Tuesday 30th April** Students return to school
- Thursday 2nd May: ANZAC Day Liturgy @  
Centenary of ANZAC Reserve. Parents Welcome
- Wednesday 8th May: Mothers Day Stall

## 2024 Staff Development Days

This year CSPD continues to support schools to transition to the New NSW Syllabus and all schools have been allocated additional Staff Development Days. The Staff Development Days (Pupil free) for 2024 are:

**Term 2** Mon 29th April

**Term 3** Mon 22nd July  
Mon 19th Aug

**Term 4** Mon 14th Oct

Last Day of School 2024—Wednesday 18th December

## SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's Happening at St Angelas

Kindergarten: Kindergarten Arrival at School in the Mornings

## TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

If payment has not been made please finalise payment as soon as possible. CSPD has issued reminder letters recently. Any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 9407 6400.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school after what is undoubtedly one of the most significant celebrations in the Church calendar – Easter! During this time, we not only celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ but also embrace the themes of rebirth, forgiveness, and new beginnings. It's a time for us to reflect on our own lives, to let go of the past, and to look forward with optimism and determination. I hope that you all had a wonderful long weekend filled with joy, reflection, and time spent with loved ones. Let us carry with us the spirit of renewal and hope that Easter brings. Next Wednesday we will come together as a faith community to celebrate our Easter Mass. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall at 9:00am

Following our Easter Mass, Mrs Williams, Director of Mission is hosting a morning tea in the library with the opportunity for parents to complete the Catholic Identity survey that you received information about via a Compass message yesterday. Your completion of this survey will provide us with important information about your views and how these can help us to shape the Catholic Identity of St Angela's. We look forward to you joining us for mass and then morning tea.

As part of the Catholic Identity project, In Term 2, I will be travelling with a group of Parramatta Diocese Principals to Belgium on study leave to participate in the Enhancing Catholic Identity course at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. Following this course I will then access 3 weeks of Long Service Leave to travel in Europe. During this time, Weeks 5-9 in Term 2 Mrs Karen Orsini has been appointed as Acting Principal and Mrs Natalie Newbury as Acting Assistant Principal. I would like to congratulate and thank Mrs Orsini & Mrs Newbury for accepting these responsibilities. We have an outstanding leadership team at St Angela's who will be available to you during this time.

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton  
Principal



# RELIGION



The Annunciation always falls on March 25, exactly nine months before the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. However, the celebration of the feast is transferred to a different date if it falls on a Sunday of Lent, during Holy Week, or during the octave of Easter. The Church considers Masses for the Sundays of Lent, any time in Holy Week, and any time from Easter through the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) to be so important that even this Marian feast cannot replace one of them. So, when the Annunciation falls on a Sunday in Lent (before Palm Sunday), it is transferred to the following Monday. If it falls on Palm Sunday or on any day in Holy Week, it is transferred to Low Monday, the Monday after the Sunday after Easter.

When is the Feast of the Annunciation This Year?

Annunciation 2024: Monday, March 25, 2024 (transferred to Monday, April 8, 2024)

On the Feast of the Annunciation, we celebrate the day that the Angel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary announcing that she was going to be the mother of Jesus. Even though Mary did not understand completely, she trusted God's plan for her life, and she said yes to becoming the mother of God and our mother.

The words of the "Hail Mary" come from the Angel's greeting: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you." God's grace lives in each one of us, but Mary was full of grace because she was born without any Original Sin.

We can turn to Mary, our mother, whenever we need help making difficult decisions or if we are scared to say yes to God. She loves us very much, and she is always praying that we will have the courage to listen to and obey her son.

We are celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation on Monday 8th April, 8:30am in the hall, with the new Mini Vinnies members in Year 4 leading our liturgy. We are looking forward to parents and families joining us.

God bless,  
Jocelyn Williams  
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## Mothers' Day Celebration is coming! Thursday 9th May

On Thursday 9th May, we will celebrate Mothers' Day at St Angela's. Our celebrations will begin with Open Classrooms, followed by a Mothers' Day morning tea with entertainment. We hope you can join us.

### Calling all Dads

Dads if you are available to assist with setting up and serving morning tea to our beautiful St Angela's mothers at our Mothers Day Morning Tea. please click on the link and complete the form.

[Mother's Day Volunteers - Dads we need your Help](#)



St Angela's traditional Mothers Day Stall is being coordinated by our Year Two Grade Parents and will be held on Wednesday 8th May. Gifts will be displayed on posters around the school from Monday 8th April. Please encourage your children to have a look and think about which special gift to buy.

Gifts will be available to purchase for \$10 on the Qkr App under Fundraising from today. Only one gift per child can be purchased and the app will close on Friday 3rd May at 5pm. Please make purchases using your child's individual and correct Qkr profile—ensuring correct roll class, grade and colour. If this is not done your purchase could be allocated to the wrong child and/or wrong class.

Please note an opportunity will then open on Qkr for a "Special" circumstances purchase. This will enable students who require a gift for a special mother figure i.e Stepmother, Grandmother, Aunt or other female role model. The special circumstances purchase will close on Monday 6th May at 5pm.



Thank you to Sara Assaf, Kirsten Bacon, Angela Yiu, Maria Guimenez who sorted our Mothers Day Gifts in preparation for our stall next term.

# Sports Update

## Gala Days

St Angela's will be entering teams in soccer, basketball, netball, touch football and gymnastics this year. Please complete the EOI form for ALL sports that your child would like to trial for. 2024 Gala Days Expression of Interest Form Link

Gala Days are a great opportunity for students with a variety of skills and abilities to compete in a fun atmosphere.

A modified version of the game is played in some sports and this involves the whole team focusing on fun, teamwork, discipline and technique.

## Diocesan Cross Country

Students attending the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 7th May next term have received a permission form this week. Thank you to those families who have already paid their registration fee and returned their form to Mrs Mazza. All permission forms need to be returned by the end of term 1.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS SALE

If you have any winter uniforms that you would like to donate to the school please drop them into the school office.

A second hand uniform sale will be held at the end of this term on Tuesday 9th April from 1.30-2.30pm in the Mozart room. All items will be sold for \$5 or \$10. This is a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need for when the children move into their Winter Uniform.

Note: All payments will be via EFTPOS only on the day, no cash will be taken.



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

### APRIL

#### 4 April

Sebastian Arrastia 4Y  
Phoenix Fisher 5B  
Sebastian Miletic 6G  
Piero Colosimo 6Y

#### 5th April

Jessica Rimando 3G  
Steven Zeaiter 5Y

#### 7th April

William Wallace 3G

#### 8th April

Jackson Holland KY  
Hayley Halpet 1G  
Jayden Thomas 4Y

#### 9th April

Renee Manandhar 2Y  
Zac gardiner 3Y

#### 10th April

Micah Tiqui KB  
Ava Nealon 1G  
Stella Steele 2Y  
Annabelle Sprem 5Y

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## Premier's Reading Challenge



**Q:** Our family is so busy. How can we make time for reading together?

**A:** Think about the times when everyone is home. Put family reading on the schedule then, even if it's just once a week. Perhaps you could schedule a reading dinner or a surprise "DEAR" (Drop Everything and Read) time during Saturday chores. Make reading a fun part of established family routines.

## STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Rhiannon Crosby KY  | Kai Cassar 3Y       |
| Emma Goodall KY     | Phoenix Fisher 5B   |
| Olivia Hansen KY    | Beth Kenny 5B       |
| Darcy Brooker KG    | Josh Losco 5B       |
| Alessia Saad KG     | Lewis Norrish 5B    |
| Ethan Zhang 1G      | Zachary Worsman 5B  |
| Talia Assaf 2G      | Chase Panganiban 5Y |
| Samuel Yiu 2G       | Lily Cassar 6Y      |
| Christopher Yiu 2Y  | Sienna De Silva 6Y  |
| William Iannetta 3G | Livia Gigliucci 6Y  |
| Luke Hansen 3B      | Kira Layoun 6Y      |

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = TOTAL 3112  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 86

## At St Angela's one of our school wide agreements is showing respect

A regular discussion that teachers have with students at school is about the use of respectful language. From time to time students report to teachers that they have heard socially offensive language at the shops, on social media channels, streaming services and in some forms of modern music. At other times students report that they have witnessed other students using language inappropriately or that they have heard disrespectful language such as swearing and put downs in the playgrounds. When this happens teachers point out to the students that this type of language is unacceptable and makes people feel uncomfortable, unsafe, threatened and uneasy.

Parents and carers play a crucial role in being proactive in monitoring what children are viewing or being exposed to online. It is also important to pay attention to what your child is reporting about their play with other children. Discussing the use of words or the origin of some derogatory terms can help prevent inappropriate or disrespectful language filtering into the classroom or the school yard, which in turn helps to build a more tolerant, safe and connected school community.

This week I am including a link to a special report on SchoolTV [Respectful Language](#). The Report offers a number of guidelines to help manage a suitable approach when discussing with your child the importance of respectful language.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.





# Celebrating Our Gifts

| <i>Learning Excellence</i> | <i>St Angela's Award</i>   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kairav Lele KB             | Jonah Boumelhem KB         |
| Alfred Therianto KG        | Phoebe Franks KG           |
| Owen Vavayis KG            | Maxwell Fee KG             |
| Elena Miranda Guinand KY   | Jackson Holland KY         |
| Alissa Busono 1B           | Jackson Orefice 1B         |
| Ophelia Zhou 1G            | Sophia Holden 1G           |
| William Spragg 1Y          | Olivia Ocampo 1Y           |
| Arial Agudo 2B             | Aliyah De Silva 2B         |
| Kelden Bhutia 2G           | Laura Bianca 2G            |
| Stella Steele 2Y           | Edgardo Franco Espinosa 2Y |
| Jude Schenke 3B            | Samuel Sourial 3B          |
| William Wallace 3G         | Chloe Buckley 3G           |
| Francis Bautista 3G        | William Iannetta 3G        |
| Anthony Khodeir 3Y         | Noah Dib 3Y                |
| Nicholas Gumuljo 4B        | Georgia Hoare 4B           |
| Reese Sargent 4B           | Siena Boumelhem 4B         |
| Tanios Assaf 4G            | Toby Williams 4G           |
| Vanessa Boumelhem 4Y       | Emmanuel Abu Duhou 4Y      |
| Zac Holeva 5B              | Arianna Vallejo 5B         |
| Daniel Morr 5B             | Selena Bianca 5B           |
| Joseph Dababneh 5G         | Lilly Green 5G             |
| Chloe Barbara 5Y           | Jake Gardiner 5Y           |
| Zara Shorten 6B            | Grace Despoges 6B          |
| Olivia Millalonco 6G       | Alexa Yammine 6G           |
| Amber Monet 6Y             | Alexis Foxe 6Y             |

**THANK YOU!**

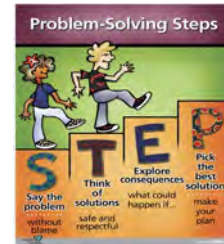
Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time at our Neon Disco.

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Andrea Hapelt   | Elaine Ryan      |
| Aeriana Lay     | Sally Rassios    |
| Nairasha Safaya | Irine Lui        |
| Jessica Burns   | Vanessa Clemente |
| Ashlie Johnston | Sabina Gittany   |
| Felicity Franks | Mary Chetty      |
| Sabrina Bakla   | Amelia Hawke     |
| Kylie Madden    | Maria Guimenez   |
| Sehee Park      | Natalie Lashlie  |
| Brooke Seydler  | Simon Olah       |

## What we are focussing on this week at St Angela's: Celebrating Our School Expectations of living responsibility



At St Angela's we are encouraged to be good problem solvers, ensuring we try to control situations to our best ability while making things work with others. The students have discussed in their classes how to use the S.T.E.P process —a structured approach to problem-solving applicable that the students can use in both the Classroom and on the Playground.



### How can you help your child be a Problem Solver at home?

Prompt your child to contribute some suggestions to solve the problem. This phase typically requires significant practice—not only generating ideas but also patiently awaiting their turn, actively listening, and expressing opinions respectfully, even if they differ from your suggestions or those of another child involved. You may have to frequently remind your child that at this moment, we're simply brainstorming ideas, helping them distinguish between generating ideas and finalising the course of action.

You can conclude the conversation with your child by briefly talking them through the process they had gone through and commending them again for coming up with a solution.

Hopefully, this opportunity to own the conflict and resolve it cooperatively will yield impressive dividends as your child builds the skills needed to be an active problem-solver.

Congratulations to 1 Yellow who filled their class jar and chose to be rewarded with iPad time.



Congratulations also to all of Year 1 who filled their grade reward box. They celebrated this fantastic achievement by having a "Silly Sock Day"



Next week our focus will be:

