



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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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 11

## UPCOMING DATES

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

Year 6: Information for Gilroy—closing date for  
acceptances for 2025

## 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

What a fabulous eleven weeks Term One has been with so many highlights for students, staff and families:-

- Our Welcome BBQ for new families
- Zone and Diocesan Swimming Carnivals and School and Diocesan Cross Country events where it was wonderful to see our students embracing the spirit of competition while promoting fitness and healthy lifestyles.
- NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
- St. Patrick's Day and Harmony Day celebrations that, fostered inclusivity and unity among students, staff, and families.
- Rouse Hill House excursion for Year 2, the Chinese Gardens excursion for Year 3 and the Blue Mountains excursion for Year 5. These outings provided valuable opportunities for hands-on learning and exploration.
- The Encounter Concert for Year 6 students which was a highlight of the term for them - joining students from across the diocese in song/ dance/ worship and praise.
- Fun filled DISCOs for all the students where they were able to create unforgettable memories with friends and classmates
- Special Lunch day organised by our parent volunteers and Pancake Day organised by the teachers
- Extra curricular activities - Band, Verse Speaking, Choir, Dance Crew, Mini Vinnies, Fiat and Laudato Si groups all provided opportunities for students to pursue their talents and at the same time demonstrate dedication, teamwork, and passion for their special interests
- Faithfilled morning prayer assemblies and grade liturgies

The staff have been so impressed with the contribution made by our School and Vice Captains, the House Colour Captains and SRC who throughout the term have been building school spirit each and everyday. Our Year 6 students continue to be wonderful role models for their Kinder buddies and the wider student body.

On behalf of the staff I extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. This may be through your attendance at our Open Classrooms, assistance at excursions and sporting events, helping out as library helpers, covering books, helping with uniform sales, the discos, bookclub or organising the gifts for the mothers day stall. Your support and partnership is integral to the success of our school community. Many thanks for all that you do.

A special thank you also to our dedicated teachers and staff for their tireless efforts in providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for our students.

As we reflect on the achievements and experiences of Term One, let us celebrate the growth and accomplishments of our students and look forward to the opportunities that await us in the upcoming term. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton

Principal



## RELIGION

What a huge and successful term we've had! From the Commissioning liturgy, prayer assemblies, and all the way to our Easter Mass on Wednesday. Thank you so much to our parents and families for your support and attendance during the various celebrations and liturgies we gathered together for this term. On behalf of the staff, I congratulate all the students in creating, engaging and participating in the prayers and masses reverently. We will continue our faith journey next term with a number of prayer assemblies planned.

We are very keen to have as many parents complete the **Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey**. This is a great opportunity for you to share your opinion to shape the direction of our school in the next five years. At this stage we have received **19** responses and our quota is **56**. For us to have an authentic parent voice we really need to reach this quota. Thank you to the parents who have completed the survey and we encourage you to assist us by clicking this [link](#) to find the survey and accompanying instructions. When completing the survey please use the St Angela's access code **p7Yd39**.

Miss McEntee and I would also like to thank the work of the Mini Vinnies in assisting and leading our prayers and initiative this term. They are leading the work in Religion in the classrooms so well and we are proud of their efforts. Next term our Mini Vinnies will be leading praying the rosary during the break as we celebrate May as the month of the holy Rosary. We look forward to sharing this with you soon.



I wish you a safe and lovely holiday.

God bless,  
Jocelyn Williams  
REC

## 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 are displayed on posters around the school. Please encourage your children to have a look and think about which special gift to buy.

Gifts are available to purchase for \$10 on the Qkr App. 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 and Maria Guimenez who sorted our Mothers Day Gifts in preparation for our stall next term.



**ANZAC DAY Commemoration  
Thursday 2nd May  
at Centenary of ANZAC reserve**

Year 6 students will lead the St Angela's School Community in commemorating ANZAC day with a liturgy at 12:00 midday at the cenotaph in the Centenary of ANZAC reserve ( the park across the road from the school). Parents are warmly invited to attend and we would like to particularly invite parents and grandparents who have served or are serving our country to be honoured guests at our ANZAC liturgy. If family members are attending we will meet you at the park. If you are a serving or retired member of the armed forces and would like to attend please contact the school via email.

**Term 2 signals changeover to**

**WINTER UNIFORM**

Students will have a change over uniform period and will move into their winter uniform by the commencement of Week 4.

As the weather can be unpredictable and even remain quite warm at the beginning of Term 2, please feel free to send your child in either uniform until the commencement of Week 4.

**Final uniform changeover date will be Monday May 20 2024**

**Below is a reminder of uniform requirements, please be aware that there has been a new addition to the girls winter uniform:**

**Girls Uniform Winter**

Regulation school navy, green and yellow tunic—knee length  
Regulation Navy Pants  
Lemon Long Sleeve Blouse with Peter Pan Collar  
Regulation School Tab Tie  
Knee length navy socks or navy stockings  
Black Leather Shoes

**Boys Uniform Winter**

Long Navy Trousers  
Regulation school green and yellow striped tie  
Navy Socks  
Black Leather Shoes

Regulation Navy jumper or jacket with school logo only.

**FRONT & BACK GATE DROP OFF**

**School Arrival time for drop off at the  
front gate and back gate**

It is of concern that a small number of children are arriving and waiting at the front gate as early as 7:30am and the back gate from 7:45am.

Our school gates do not open until 8:05am.

These are public areas and children who arrive at this time are unsupervised. Children have been observed playing games close to the road way and blocking the paths for pedestrians walking by.

Parents are asked to ensure that their children are not in these areas unsupervised in the mornings. Ambrose Before School Service is available for any parent who requires care for their children in the mornings and you are requested to use this if you need your children to be within the school grounds prior to 8:05am.

Kiss and Drop operates from 8:05am. Therefore there should not be any child out of a car or in the Kiss and Drop area before 8:05am when the teachers arrive for supervision.

Let's commence Term 2 following the correct procedure in this area and at both gate entries to the school.

Thank you for keeping our children safe by working together to follow the school procedures.



**Uniform sale**

Thank you to Kylie Pace, Juliet Mearns, Belinda Muscat, Niki Grill and Rosie Eberhard, who organised our sale of preloved uniforms.

A special thanks to all our families who so generously donate pre-loved school uniforms. This is an amazing way that we can support each other and the school at the same time.

# Sports Update

## Diocesan Cross Country

Thank you to those families who have already paid their registration fee and returned their permission form to Mrs Mazza. Permission forms need to be returned by the end of this week, especially if you have a media request as per the CSPD permission form.

## Final call for Gala Day registrations!

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. St Angela's will be entering teams in soccer, basketball, netball, touch football and gymnastics this year.



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

### APRIL

#### 12th April

Harry Zhang KG  
Jennifer Chen 3G

#### 14th April

Matthew Livingstone 4Y  
Harrison McIntyre 5Y

#### 15th April

Saskia Wallace 6G  
Sienna Bressi

#### 16th April

Lianna Kaabi KB

#### 17th April

Olivia Dababneh 2G  
Charlotte Sam 3Y  
Marcus Eltakchi 5Y

#### 18th April

Rory Vavasour 2G  
Isabella Logarta-Scott 6B

#### 19th April

Hudson McEneaney 5Y

#### 20th April

Rafferty Castillo 6B  
Dylan Tongol 6G

#### 22nd April

Amalie Cordi 5Y

#### 23rd April

Zachary Stewart KG  
William Spragg 1Y  
Emilia Azar 3B  
Henry Brooker 4B  
Abby Lukjanenko 6B

#### 25th April

Sofia Muscardo 6G

#### 26th April

Andre Vancuylenberg 3Y

#### 29th April

Emma Villavieja 3Y



2024 NSW

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

Liam Baechle KY	Xavier Zullo 4Y
Carter Chetty KY	Charlize Barnett 5G
Ayen Madurapperuma KG	Joseph Dababneh 5G
Annabelle Kosciuszko 1G	Sienna Glass 5G
Ealin Zhang 1Y	William Hall 5G
Vyaan Chopra 2B	Eva Ilijic 5G
Charlie Kenny 2B	Jericho Paton 5G
Milana Zullo 2B	Ethan Chetty 5Y
Emily Ison 2G	Angelique Bonasin 6G
Daniel Chetty 2Y	Sienna Bressi 6G
Serena Kosciuszko 3G	Sienna Fernandes 6G
Ciary Treacy 3G	Lizzie Glendenning 6G
William Wallace 3G	Ronan Phung 6G
Jacinta Raad 3b	Saskia Wallace 6G
Andrew Gualterio 4B	Piero Colosimo 6Y
Emma Houghton Boreham 4B	Skye Doyle 6Y
Lachlan Lashlie 4B	James Lang 6Y
Keira Vavasour 4B	Adriana Tikellis 6Y
Madeleine Bonasin 4G	Ray Zhang 6Y
Harriet Kenny 4Y	

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = TOTAL  
4364 NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE  
COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 127**

### Reading for pleasure can improve your child's language and literacy skills

When your child enjoys reading and does it often, he boosts his vocabulary and reading skills. To increase his interest in reading:

- **Suggest books you enjoyed** when you were young. Search for some of your favorite authors or books at the library with your child.
- **Make opportunities for your child** to read with friends. Encourage them to discuss books they enjoy. They may consider starting a book club.
- **Keep a supply of books** and magazines on subjects that interest your child available all around your home.
- **Connect books and food.** Create a reading café at home. Bake a favorite dessert and make some hot chocolate. Then, settle in with your child and spend some time reading.



Source: "Leisure Reading," International Reading Association, [nswc.com/leisure\\_reading\\_benefits](http://nswc.com/leisure_reading_benefits).

*"Reading is like an infectious disease: it is caught not taught."*  
—Christine Nuttall



## Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Santiago Louang Amath KB	Alannah Pupo KB
Owen Vavayis KG	Phoebe Franks KG
Sebastian Loganathan KY	Amaliya Heighway KY
Anna Nguyen 1jB	Isaac Nunez-Erazo 1B
Sophia Holden 1G	Francisco Castillo 1G
Jackson Reid 1Y	Eli Schenke 1Y
Cara Villanueva 2B	Joshua Bacon 2B
Emilia Tiqui 2G	Rory Vavasour 2G
Aarush Sharma 2Y	Azariah Abu Duhou
Alexander Maait 3B	Michael Boumelhem 3B
William Wallace 3G	William Iannetta 3G
Gabriel Fonseca 3Y	Ainsley Tadiaman 3Y
Reese Sargent 4B	Georgia Hoare 4B
Danai Muregerera 4G	Ariana White 4G
William McDowall 4Y	Alexander Mearns 4Y
Zac Holeva 5B	Selena Bianca 5B
Charlize Barnett 5G	Georgia Grill 5G
Lachlan Kelly 5Y	Elena Mauceri 5Y
Amelia Baylis 6B	Sienna Reilly 6B
Ronan Phung 6G	Giada Genio 6G
Piero Colosimo 6Y	Anthony Mittiga 6Y

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time at our Special Food Day.

Juliet Mearns	Sally Rassios
Sacha Spragg	Sonya Price
Amanda Vikjaneko	Carman Cassar
Christine Panganiban	Belinda Kenny
Sheridan Barjacoba	Kara Oliver
Maryanne Treacy	Joan Ballantine
Christina Hoon	Kirsten Bacon
Lauren Henderson	Victoria Lawlor
Simon Olah	Belinda Muscat

### Please keep in your prayers

We extend our condolences to Jayden Olah (3Y) and the Olah in the passing of Antione Hakme.. Beloved father and grandfather. May he rest in peace.

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



#### Celebrating our school's expectation of living responsibly.

Our Focus this week has been on looking after our own and other people's belongings.

In our classes, the students have been discussing the importance of being responsible for our own and other people's belongings. Some examples that the students have been encouraged to do this are:

- We can look after our stationary, pens, pencils, and textas
- We can look after our lunch boxes and drink bottles
- We can look after our jackets and jumpers
- We can look after other people's belongings that we borrow.

Parents can assist our children by ensuring that all school items are clearly labelled with the child's name and class.

Coming into Term 2 and the change of uniform from Summer to Winter, you can help support your child and yourself by ensuring that jackets are clearly labelled with their first name, last name and current grade. Reminding your child that they place their clothing items into their school bags will help you the next cold morning so they will have a jacket to wear to school.

We will continue to review our School Expectations next term with a weekly focus, so keep an eye out for what will be coming up.



Congratulations to all of Year 4 who filled their grade reward box for the second time this term. They celebrated this fantastic achievement by enjoying a movie. The students had a choice of Cars in one room and Space Jam in another room. It was an awesome way to end the term. Great work Year 4!