



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 1 - Week 5

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 1st March: Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Wed 6th March 9:00am Informal Cuppa and Chat with Mrs Williams Director of Catholic Identity and Mission All welcome

Thursday 7th March: School Cross Country, 9am to 12pm @ Anzac Reserve—All welcome

Friday 8th March: Open Day Kinder Enrolments 2025 @ 9am

Tuesday 12th March: Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown

Wednesday 13th March: Naplan—Yr 3 & 5 Writing

Thursday 14th March: Naplan— Yr 3 & 5 Reading

Friday 15th March: St Patricks Day: Mufty, Open Classrooms and Rug Reading from 8.45am to 10am Parents welcome

Monday 18th March: Naplan— Yr 3 & 5 Language

Tuesday 19th March: Naplan— Yr 3 & 5 Numeracy

Thursday 21st March: Harmony Day Celebrations

Friday 22nd March: K-2/3-6 Disco

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 1	Mon 4th March
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:

Whats Happening at St Angelas
St Angela's 2024 Cross Country
Technology Policy—Student Agreement

Year 1 & 2 Parent Survey—Language and Culture Year 1 and Year 2

Year 2 Homework—Week 5



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. Please register your attendance by completing the form:

[2024 Open Day Registration Form](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Catholic Schools 2024 Week6 - Commencing 4th March

This year we will once again join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week by celebrating our school motto "Let Your Light Shine" and the charisms of St Angela Merici and St Francis of Assisi. This is a special time in which we can showcase the many learning opportunities available to our students, and celebrate our beautiful school community. We will continue this celebration in Week 7 with Family Week and with the celebration of St Patricks Day. I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Angela's at the following events to celebrate with our school and parish community:

Wed 6th March 9:00am Informal Cuppa and Chat with Mrs Williams Director of Catholic Identity and Mission - All welcome

Thurs 7th March 9:00am-12:00pm School Cross Country at Centenary of ANZAC Reserve - All welcome

Fri 8th March at 9:00am Open Day for Kindergarten 2025 Enrolments - All welcome

Fri 15th March 8:30am-10:00am St Patricks Mufti Day, Open Classrooms and Rug Reading - All welcome

Our school has a wonderful, supportive community of staff, parents and clergy who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion. Everything we do in our St Angela's community is underpinned by our Gospel values. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Angela's and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

General Parent Meeting

Many thanks to the parents who were present last night at our first General Parent Meeting for 2024. The evening provided an opportunity for our leadership team to introduce themselves and to share the educational direction for the school in 2024. We were also able to present an update on the building project and discuss the focus for future General Parent Meetings in 2024.

Winter School Uniform

We are pleased to let parents know that from this year, you will be able to purchase long tailored trousers for girls to wear in winter as an alternative to the winter tunic. Girls will wear the current girls blouse and tab tie with the trousers. As with all items of St Angela's uniform parents are required to purchase the pants from OZ Fashions who is the only stockist of our uniform. Please note that pants for girls are an optional choice.

Staff Development Day Reminder Monday 4th March

The staff will be engaging in Professional Learning on Monday 4th March Week 6. This will be a pupil free day.

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



RELIGION

Hello Parents and Families,

I wish to take this time to introduce myself to the new families in our school.

My name is Jocelyn Williams and I have been the Religious Education Coordinator at St Angela's for the past five years. At the end of last year, I was privileged to be appointed as one of the Directors of Catholic Identity and Mission in the schools within our diocese.

What this means is that I will be able to work closely with staff, parents, students and the parish to identify the strengths and opportunities our community presents. My goal this year is to have the chance to dialogue more with you, to listen to your ideas, experiences and insights on how we could further grow as an authentic Catholic community that is truly inclusive.

My hope is that through this, we can form deeper connections with each other and our faith. I feel blessed and excited about this role and I look forward to sharing more about how this will come about over the coming days.

I'd like to start with inviting parents to an informal cuppa and chat in the staffroom at 9:00am on Wednesday 6th March. This may be an opportunity for new parents to connect with other parents in our St Angela's Community.

As we continue our journey into the Lenten season, I invite you to pray for our school and for one another. I pray that the Holy Spirit guides us in our endeavours.

May God bless you and your families.

God bless,
Jocelyn Williams
REC Coordinator



PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

On Wednesday 7th February the Year 6 Captains and I attended the 2024 Project Compassion Launch with the theme 'For All Future Generations'. Project Compassion brings together supporters from across Australia to address the challenges of poverty today, and drive lasting change for a better tomorrow.

This year as a school community we will be supporting this initiative during Lent. Our focus is on the word 'more' how we can be more, do more and share more. The captains listened to inspiring stories on the difference our past donations have made in our world, we collaborated with other schools and I congratulate the leaders on the way they let their light shine and were a wonderful representation of our school community.

I invite you all to think about how you cannot only give up something small for Lent but focus on sacrificing something for others, have conversations with your children at home to raise awareness and use the following link to make a donation.

Remember even the smallest donation makes a difference. Together we can make a positive change, now and for future generations.

[Click here to donate](#)

Miss Chelsea McEntee
FIAT Coordinator

22
MARCH

SAVE THE DATE

SCHOOL DISCO

neon nights

YRS K - 2
4 - 5.45 PM

DETAILS TO
COME

YRS 3-6
6 - 7.30 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.
PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IF ABLE

English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

At St Angela's we value Multiculturalism and celebrate all the languages and customs of our students. In our school community we are lucky enough to have over 28 **Language backgrounds other than English (LBOTE)**. Our families speak Tagalog, Arabic, Mandarin, Shona, Hindi, Spanish and Italian, just to name a few.

During this term your child will complete a class survey where they can talk about the languages spoken by the members of their family. If you are a parent of one of our Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 students you will receive an email asking you to complete the same language survey online. (As you can imagine our younger students are not always as accurate as their parents when responding to survey questions.)

We are already excited by some of our survey responses;

"My mum can speak 3 languages."

"My brother and I can speak 2 languages."

"I can only speak English but I really wish I could speak Japanese."

"My parents speak another language to each other when they don't want me to know what they have bought me for my birthday."

"We are learning AUSLAN as a family"

"I'm teaching myself Italian online"

"My child is still learning English"

Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to learn more about the wonderful families at St Angela's.



Sports Update

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to the handful of parents who have volunteered to help run our first sporting event of the year. For this day to be successful we rely on our parent volunteers to help with the organisation and to assist with adequate supervision along the track to keep our students safe. If you are available to assist on the day, please complete the [Parent Volunteer Form](#).

At present we have only had 10 parents volunteer. We need at least 20 to make the track safe with adequate supervision.

Cross Country

Next Thursday 7th March St Angela's students from Kinder to year 6 will be participating in their first sporting event for the year. The Cross Country race will be held at the ANZAC Reserve across the road. Please see the table below of the order of events on the day. Please note the carnival will begin at 9am with our 12 year olds racing first and is expected to conclude by 12pm.

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

We wish our St Angela's swimming team all the very best at tomorrow's Zone carnival to be held at Mt Druitt Pools. We can't wait to see the photos of the proud swimmers in their bright yellow St Angela's swimming caps! May your light shine!

ORDER OF EVENTS

Age Group	Distance
12yrs Boys & Girls	3km (4 laps of Larger Track)
11yrs Boys & Girls	3km (4 laps of Larger Track)
10yrs Boys & Girls	2km (4 Laps of smaller track)
8 & 9 yrs Boys (Combined)	2km (4 Laps of smaller track)
8 & 9 yrs Girls (Combined)	2km (4 Laps of smaller track)
7yrs Boys & Girls (Year 2)	600m (1 Lap of smaller track)
Year 1 Boys & Girls	600m (1 Lap of smaller track)
Kinder Boys & Girls	600m (1 Lap of smaller track)

The Cross Country is scheduled to begin at 9am and expected to conclude at 12pm. Please note the 8 and 9 year olds age group will be running a combined race.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

Well done to Grace, Noah and Rita who attended the Mackillop Basketball trials last Friday at Wollongong. We heard there were some tough games but our St Angela's spirit still shone through on and off the court. We wish Lewis the best of luck at the Parramatta AFL trials this week. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Be sure to capture all the sporting highlights of our St Angela's Athletes in the Sport News at the end of the term.

This week we also acknowledge the successful applications for the following students who were successful in their soccer applications for the Parramatta Diocesan Trials next week. Congratulations Anthony Mittiga, Thomas Morin, Mason Stopps, Jacob Fam, Sienna Mearns, Olivia Millalonco, Sienna Bressi, Sofia Garcia and Willow Neeld. With over 200 applicants in the Diocese, this is a wonderful opportunity to be selected to represent St Angela's in a very tough selection process. Well done!



2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

PRC KEY DATES

Challenge Opens: Monday 26th February, 2024

Challenge Closes: Friday 23rd August, 2024

PRC Website Link: [PRC Website](#)

PRC Student Link: [PRC Student Experience Website](#)

OUR GOAL FOR 2024 is 100% of St Angela's students complete the Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier 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 is launched on Monday 26th February, 2024

2024 BOOKLIST IS NOW LIVE!

The booklist has now been updated with 305 new titles for the opening of the 2024 challenge.

All books added to the PRC lists during 2024 as well as new books added in 2023 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.



Kindy Picnic Play Date

Kindy 2024 Parents are invited to come along to a Picnic & Play Date organised by the Kindy Parent Reps:

When: Friday 8th March

Time: Straight after school pick up

Where: Lavender Ave Reserve Kellyville

BYO: afternoon tea and picnic rug.



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

March

2nd March

Olivia Hansen KY
Isaac Lahoud 1B
Aria D'Morias 1G

4th March

Luca D'Urso 4Y

3rd March

Hayes Leung 1Y
Alannah Zaidan 3Y

5 March

Lorenzo Sarmiento 4B
Maisie Brown 5B
Sophia Arreza 5G

Celebrating Our Gifts

Learning Excellence	St Angela's Award
Leonardo Cruz KB	Elara Ekehov KB
Darcy Brooker KG	Jaxon Gioiello KG
Rhiannon Crosby KY	Archer Tadiaman KY
Zae Lawlor 1B	Cara Fitzpatrick 1B
Cameron Cao 1G	Francisco Castillo 1g
Hayes Leung 1Y	Lucas Wang 1Y
Jaye Lee 2B	Zachary Fernandez 2B
Skye Robyn Conde 2G	Jared Prescilla 2G
Elina Kasparian 2Y	Thomas Johnston 2Y
Harper Sweeney 3B	Isaac Marquez 3B
Owen Muscat 3G	Eden Alexander 3G
Adriano Coco 3Y	Abigail Andrew 3Y
Amelia Browne 4B	Keira Vavasour 4B
Oliver Raad 4G	Olivia Johnston 4G
Flynn Jared Conde 4Y	Jayden Thomas 4Y
Norah Sioutris 5B	Dean Alcock 5B
Dylan Crawford 5G	Benjamin Morr 5G
James Rimando 5Y	Tabtitha Lee 5Y
Mia Vassallo 6B	Willow Neeld 6B
James Morr 6G	Noah Ochudzawa 6G
Gabriella Chehade 6Y	Skye Doyle 6Y

STAR SPOT



Alexis Foxe (6 Yellow) and Sienna Fernandes (6 Green) represented the Hills Hornets Touch Football U12 Girls and competed at the NSW Junior State Cup Southern Conference in Wagga Wagga on the 17th & 18th February. In hot conditions the girls played 10 games of Touch Football over 3 days. The girls worked extremely hard and made it right through to the semi-finals where unfortunately they were knocked out. The girls and their team played amazing and should be very proud on how far they got in the competition



Congratulations to Abigail Crawford(2B) and Dylan Crawford (5G) who participated in the KIDS GIVING BACK PROGRAM and were among **1200 young people** who assisted in providing over **11,500 hot & cold meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, care packs, writing empathetic, positive messages to 15 charities around Sydney.** Well done Abigail and Dylan

Oz Fashions Uniform Orders

Oz Fashions now has a new ordering system in place. Please use the QR code below or go to the website stangelas.uniforms4u.com.au and enter the password.



Uniforms are delivered every Tuesday and Friday as well as now offering Home Delivery.


For any questions please contact Elle at Oz Fashions via elle@ozfashions.com.au

Password: sta2154
stangelas.uniforms4u.com.au

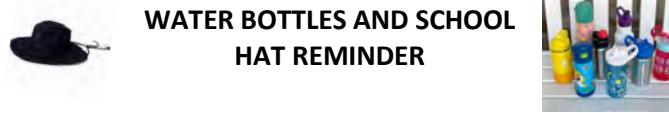
GIRLS WINTER TAILORED TROUSERS

We are introducing girls tailored winter trousers. These are to be worn with the current lemon long sleeve blouse and tie tab. They will be available in all sizes and can be purchased through the Oz Fashions website.

A sample size set will be available in the office for try ons. This is recommended as tailored trouser sizes may be different than the sizes you are used to.



WATER BOTTLES AND SCHOOL HAT REMINDER



A reminder to all parents to ensure that your child is bringing to school their water bottle and their hat. With the warmer weather we need to ensure that they are staying hydrated during the day and protected from sun whilst on the playground.

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



At St Angela's staff use a token reward system to encourage our school expectations. Each class is working towards filling their class token jar so that their class can receive a reward which has been agreed by the class. Some ways that classes celebrate their achievement are - extra sports time, free choice of activity, dance party, board games, and extra art.

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved their class reward for filling their token jars:

- 1 Blue
- 2 Green
- 3 Yellow
- 4 Blue
- 5 Green
- 6 Blue
- 6 Yellow

Keep letting your light shine St Angela's



2024 Class Parent Representatives

Thank you for your overwhelming support . Your parent class representatives are as follows:

- KB: Naivasha Safaya
- KG: Ashely Johnston, Sabrina Bakla
- KY: Jessica Burns, Kylie Madden
- 1B: Catherine Alam
- 1G: Brooke Seydler
- 1Y: Hayley Rados, Elizabeth Sourial, Sacha Spragg
- 2B: Kirsten Bacon, Maria Guimenez
- 2G: Sara Assaf, Angela Yiu
- 2Y: Sandy Abu Duhou, Angela Yiu
- 3B: Zena Boumelhem, Jamie Dabit, Elizabeth Sourial, Annette Vassallo
- 3G: Irene Lui
- 3Y: Simon Olah, Carmen Cassar
- 4B: Diana Fam
- 4G: Sara Assaf, Renee Stopps
- 4Y: Juliet Mearns
- 5B: Kiren Walia
- 5G: Jessica Glass
- 5Y: Anissa Gordon, Kylie Madden, Emma Raad, Ed Espinosa

Year 6: Juliet Means, Marlena Muscardo, Renee Stopps, Maria Fernandes, Jamie Dabit, Brooke Seydler, Annette Vassallo

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to take on this valuable role.



Technology Policy— Student Agreement

At St Angela's students learn using a range of learning tools and devices. Your child will have access to a device - either a Chromebook (Years 2 to 6) or an iPad (Kindy/Year 1) to use at school for learning. From the beginning of the year, teachers have begun teaching the expectations of care and safety when using the device and key messages about their parrastu accounts when used at school and home in line with the [Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Policy](#).

Each student at St Angela's is allocated a unique username and password, which is to be used for learning at school and at home. The students will use this account to complete tasks on Google Classroom, flipgrid, Canva and many other learning apps/sites that we introduce them to. For your child's protection, this account is owned and managed by CSPD to ensure their online safety and protection when learning. At times, students are encouraged to continue their learning at home and complete tasks assigned by their classroom teachers using their parrastu account.

Today we are sending home a copy of the Student Agreement, taken from the [Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Policy](#). Please read the policy and sign and return the agreement to your child's class teacher.



OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN DAY

Sunday, 3 March | 9.00am - 3.00pm

Courageous Advocates. Limitless Possibilities.