



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 6

UPCOMING DATES

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: Mufti, 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—Students wear clothing that represents their cultural background or come dressed in ORANGE —the official colour of Harmony Day.
Friday 22nd March:	K-2/3-6 Disco
Tuesday 26th March:	Year 5 Blue Mountains Excursion

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
Term 4	Mon 19th Aug
	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

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

Year 5: Excursion to the Blue Mountains Permission Form

Year 6: Event—Encounter



KINDERGARTEN 2025 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS



We will be holding our

OPEN DAY

**FRIDAY 8TH MARCH, 2024
(Tomorrow)**

9am—School Hall

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 Week - Celebrating our Motto "Let Your Light Shine and the Charism of St Angela Merici and St Francis of Assisi."

We celebrated a beautiful liturgy with the children on Tuesday celebrating our St Angela's community and catholic education within our diocese. Throughout this week the staff have been sharing their own experiences of catholic schooling and their vocation of teaching in a catholic school. Thank you particularly to Mrs Williams, Miss Xerri, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Grunberg for sharing so generously. In their shared prayer time, staff have enjoyed reminiscing about hymns and religious songs they have learnt as children themselves and taught as teachers. They have also celebrated the awesome responsibility they have as educators in partnership with you our parents, in developing our young children to be Christ like in their interactions with others. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderfully faith filled community.

On Friday 15th March, we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. The children are looking forward to welcoming parents into their classrooms to share a St Patrick's Day activity with them. All parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend and to participate in the festival atmosphere that we will be creating within the school grounds. Children are invited to wear green mufti and parents are asked to make a donation to support our social justice outreach through [Caritas Project Compassion](#). We are striving to help make a difference to those in need. Please see the schedule of activities that will be taking place 8:30am - 10:00am. Please come along for the whole time or part of the time. Don't forget to bring a snack to share with your child during "Rug Reading".



ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATIONS commence at 8:45am:- 10:00am

Come along at any time during this morning—there is no set schedule.

- Children wear Green Mufti to school in exchange for a Donation to CARITAS on Qkr!
- Open Classrooms
- Band Performance under the Big Blue
- House Colour Dancing and singing on the Driveway
- Rug Reading and Snack with parents

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



RELIGION



As part of our school Mission goal, in which we are striving to enhance the prayer life of our students Year 6 will attend a formation event for all Year 6 students in diocesan schools called ENCOUNTER. This event connects to the student's learning in Religious Education and will provide them with an opportunity to hear contemporary Catholic music, engage in discussion with their peers, hear stories, and experience prayer.

Gen Bryant, a dynamic young talented woman of faith will lead the formation event. You can learn more about Gen [here](#).

Thank you to our Year 6 teachers for their preparation for this day.

God bless,

Jocelyn Williams
REC Coordinator



KISS AND DROP IN THE MORNINGS

Procedures for using the Kiss and Drop Area

Once in the Kiss and Drop Area:

- Drive up to the furthest free space and stop vehicle
- Child exits care, with their school bag on the **KERB SIDE ONLY** and closes the car door.
- Driver **DOES NOT** get out of the vehicle
- Driver waits until the car in front moves off and follows
- **DO NOT** pull out and overtake car in front

This procedure has been developed with the children's and driver's safety as a priority.

Neon Nights
School DISCO

22ND MARCH, 2024
SCHOOL HALL

YRS K-6	4.30-5.45 PM
YRS 3-6	6-7.30 PM

PAYMENT TO BE MADE VIA QKR! BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS THURSDAY 14TH MARCH, 2024

COST \$5
INCLUDES ENTRY AND A DONUT

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLES AND DRESS IN THEIR BEST NEON OUTFIT

DISCO IS FOR ST ANGELA'S STUDENTS ONLY
THE DISCO IS ORGANISED AND HOSTED BY OUR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

SCHOOL DISCO VOLUNTEERS

If you are available to volunteer your time at the disco please complete the google form:

[St Angela's Disco - Parent Volunteers 2024 Term 1](#)

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

Please be reminded of the following:

8.05am	School Entry Gates Open for Student & Vehicle Access
8.25am	Music to move to assembly area
8.30am	Official start of the school day Start of the first learning session All children are expected to be ready for announcements at assembly and move into classrooms for the first learning session.
10.30am	LUNCH
11.17am	Music to move to assembly points
11.20am	Start of second learning session
12.50pm	RECESS Sitting and eating until 1.00 pm
1.17pm	Music to move to assembly points
1.20pm	Start of third learning session
2.50pm	Official end of the school day Bell to move to and assemble in dismissal zones. Children begin leaving school grounds towards back gate, front gate crossing, cars, buses etc.
2.55pm	

Please keep in your prayers

We extend our condolences to Eliana David (4G) & Matthew David (2Y) and their family in the loss of their beloved Uncle, Brother and Son, Reginald Santos. May he rest in peace.

Sports Update

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children for an outstanding effort today at the St Angela's Cross Country event. Our students showed great resilience and determination in their race and it was great to see so many proud faces at the end. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who stepped up to assist Mrs Mazza with the management of such a big event. Having wonderful parents who help and volunteer their time makes the day possible for our students. Thank you to our amazing staff for all their efforts in managing the students over to the oval and it was great to see so many enthusiastic colour house supporters. We look forward to acknowledging our age champions at our presentation this week.

Representative Sport

Congratulations to the following students who attended the Parramatta Diocesan Team Trials this week in soccer or netball.

Netball - Alexis Foxe and Holly McGaulley

Soccer - Sienna Bressi, Willow Neeld, Sienna Mearns, Olivia Millalanco, Sofia Garcia, Mason Stopps, Jacob Fam, Anthony Mittiga and Thomas Morin.

Well done to Jacob Fam, Anthony Mittiga, Sienna Mearns and Willow Neeld who have progressed through to the MacKillop trials. We are so proud. We are still waiting to hear the results for our netballers. Fingers crossed!

Zone swimming

Last Friday Mrs Sammut and Mrs Mazza accompanied the St Angela's Swimming Team to the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival held at Mt Druitt pool. The day was a huge success with so many of our students receiving ribbons on the day. A special mention to Holly McGaulley and Ray Zhang for receiving the Runners Up Age Champion trophies. A wonderful achievement.

From the Hills Zone Carnival we now have a team of swimmers who have progressed through to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival to be held next week, 12th March. We wish our Diocesan team all the best of luck on Tuesday. Be sure to have a read through the Sport News that goes out once a term for all the highlights of the swimming carnivals.

Eden Alexander 3G
Madeline Gentile 3G
Henry Brooker 4B
Georgia Hoare 4B
Liam Kennedy 4B
Harvey Lukas 4B
Acelyn Seydler 4B
Kai Theoharous 4B
Jamie Hochstetter 4G
Jaxon Hogan 4Y
Hudson Lukas 6B

Dylan Crawford 5G
Lilly Green 5G
Harper Pickles 5G
Aiden Theoharous 5G
Rafferty Castillo 6B
Sophie Kenny 6B
Sienna Mearns 6B
Sienna Reilly 6B
Matthew Zhou 6G
Ray Zhang 6Y
Holly McGaulley 6Y



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

James Alcock KY	Amelia Browne 4B
Lexa Beaini 1G	Reese Sargent 4B
Zoey Beaini 1Y	Acelyn Seydler 4B
Rhodes Seydler 1G	Evelyn Vallejo 4B
William Spragg 1Y	Jessica Guirrerri 5Y
Leah Ryan 2B	Gabriella Chehade 6Y
Noah Dib 3Y	Grace Despoges 6B
Olivia Gale Abesamis 4B	Emmanuel Dib 6G
Emmanuel Abu Duhou 4Y	Havana Seydler 6G
Siena Boumelhem 4B	Lauren Spragg 6B

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = TOTAL 809
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE

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.

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

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

7th March

Zae Lawlor 1B

8th March

Daniel Chetty 2Y

10th March

Alexander Jagger-Vitnell 1G

Aayaan Sood 3G

Joseph Dababneh 5G

Aliana Elizaga 6Y

11th March

Gabriella Panto 2B

12th March

Lucas Mileto 6Y

13th March

Yorick Cheng KG

Zara Maait 1B

Jake Hansell 4B

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Alessia Saad KG	Thomas Hawke KB
Zachary Chuszn0 KY	Sophia Angara KG
Victor Grima KB	Eliana Burns KY
Monica Giblin 1B	Elijah Leung-Young 1B
Lexa Beaini 1G	Joseph Cook 1G
Aveer Mehrok 1Y	Finley Rados 1Y
Isabella Guimenez 2B	Vienna Sosa 2B
Hayden Dias 2G	Grace Kennedy 2G
Daniel Chetty 2Y	Ruby Hoare 2Y
Sophie Hoon 3B	Emilia Azar 3B
Sara Crisafulli 3G	Jessica Rimando 3G
Mikayla Saad 3Y	Leo Gordon 3Y
Emma Houghton Boreham 4B	Tia Lawlor 4B
Neil Verghese 4G	Emma Zhang 4G
Jack Hawke 4Y	Oliver Masik 4Y
Reuben Saab 5B	Eloise Hoon 5B
Edward Taylor 5G	Harper Pickles 5G
Hudson McEnearney 5Y	Sophia Millalongo 5Y
Jacob Fam 6B	Sienna Mearns 6B
Saskia Wallace 6G	Anika Vujnovich 6G
Lily Casar 6Y	Eden Gliddon 6Y

St Angela's Online Communication



Compass Parent Portal - St Angela's parents are requested to download the Compass Parent Portal app once your child is enrolled at our school. It is our primary communication tool that will facilitate effective communication between parents and school. All school notes, notices and newsletters will be sent through Compass. To access the Compass Parent Portal app, simply download the 'Compass School Manager' app, available through Apple Store or Google Play. It is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.



QKR! (pronounced 'quicker') Mobile Payment App - St Angela's is a 'cashless school'. QKR! is an easy to use mobile phone application that is also suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently available for all payments except for school fees. Communications will be distributed as new events and products become available for purchase.



School Calendar—This year we have moved to using an online School Calendar to communicate upcoming events and happenings at school. Families can locate this through the school website or bookmark this link:

<https://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/In-The-Loop/Events>

Also follow us on **Facebook** for the latest news, upcoming events and lots more! Of course if you have any queries or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 94076400

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

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 we pride ourselves on using kind words and actions daily with all of our community interactions. Whether it be parent helpers, visitors or students and Teachers, at St Angela's how we interact with others is how we "Let our Light Shine". In the words of St Mary Mackillop "Never see a need without doing something about it", we all strive to show respect by using Kind Words and actions. The students certainly model this school expectation of "Living Responsibly" daily and are encouraged to continue to do this.

Congratulations to Year 3 Yellow and Year 1 Yellow who celebrated filling their class reward Jar with an ice block.



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.

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.



Our St Angela's Parent community is reminded that our school subscribes to SchoolTV a wellbeing resource aimed at helping support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing. Parenting is a learning journey and SchoolTV supports families by providing credible information from trusted sources with practical strategies to help alleviate some of the challenges being faced by young people today.

When you access SchoolTV you will be able to watch video interviews with leading wellbeing specialists and browse a library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and other videos.

This week we invite you to access a special report aimed at assisting you to support your child to **Manage Overwhelm**. Here is the link https://stangelaschill.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-managing-overwhelm

Parents are able to access SchoolTV at anytime from the school website by clicking on the drop down menu "In the Loop".

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.