



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 7

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 15th March:	St Patrick's 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:	Yrs K-2—4.30-5.45pm /Yrs 3-6—6pm-7.30pm Disco
Tuesday 26th March:	Year 5 Blue Mountains Excursion
Tuesday 26th March:	Mackillop AFL Trials
Tuesday 2nd April:	2024 Parra Touch Trials CSPD
Wednesday 3rd April:	NSWCPS Swimming
Friday 5th April:	Whole School Assembly—Year 2 presenting @ 2pm –2.30pm Parents Welcome

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 Angela's
Reminder Disco Payments

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SPECIAL FOOD DAY

Friday, 5th April

More Info coming soon!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week is Family Week at St Angela's, an opportunity for you and your children to spend extra time together during the week. We have heard from our students that many families have been taking the opportunity to play board games, sit and share stories, cook a meal together, feed and play with their pets, play cards, help put away laundry, set the table, read mum or dad a book, wash the car, do some gardening, write mum and dad a thank you note, spend time in prayer/saying the Rosary, and take a family walk. Time spent with each other as a family is so precious and as our children get older slips away so quickly. Enjoy this week.

Congratulations to our Years 3 and 5 students who have participated in the NAPLAN Writing and Reading assessments this week. The class teachers are very proud of the students approach to these assessments. NAPLAN assessments continue in Week 8 and we wish our students the very best.

Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming parents into the school for St Patrick's Day Open Classrooms and Rug Reading & Snack. The children are invited to wear GREEN MUFTI in exchange for a parent donation to [Caritas Project Compassion](#) to make your donation. The Band will be playing under the Big Blue and parents will be able to join with their children in the fun of performing an Irish Jig and singing "The Rattling Bog". All parents are welcome.

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students - Charley, Sophie, Sienna, Dylan, Willow and Isabella who have decorated and entered a GIANT Easter Egg into the HomeCo. Castle Hill Schools Eggs-Hibition. Their egg, with the Alice in Wonderland Theme, will be installed in the Homeco centre on Thursday night and will be able to be seen by the public from Friday 15th March. All visitors are invited to vote for the winning egg.

Please visit <https://home-co.com.au/homeco-castle-hill-schools-eggs-hibition> and vote for St Angela's. The school with the most votes will WIN a \$500 Officeworks gift card for supplies or fundraising and you could WIN one of five Easter Gift Hampers valued at \$100 to brighten your Easter.

"Together we can achieve so much"

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



RELIGION

Religious Celebrations

We will be celebrating these significant feast days this week and next week.

- **Feast of St Patrick Celebrations** - Friday 15th March, 8:45 to 10:00am.
- **Feast of St Joseph of Nazareth Morning Prayer led by 3 Blue** - Wednesday 20th March, 8:30am in the hall. Parents are invited.



Harmony Day Celebrations for students led by Year 6 - Thursday 21st March,

Save the Date: 27th March 2024 - Holy Week Stations of the Cross

Our students and staff will be traveling by bus to the **Shrine of the Holy Innocents** in Kellyville on Wednesday 27th March. This will be a solemn time for our school community to engage in a pilgrimage through the shrine gardens and reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross through prayer, song and meditation. Parents are also warmly invited to visit the shrine with their children on Thursday. More information with the timetable on each grade's visit will be shared with parents soon.

OLOR Parish Update - As we are moving closer to Holy Week, here is the copy of the [bulletin](#) with the dates for the coming celebrations.

God bless,
Jocelyn Williams 🙏
REC

Please keep in your prayers

We extend our condolences to Thomas Morin (6Y) and the Morin Family in the passing of Dawn Phillips. Beloved Mum and Grandmother. May she rest in peace.

Neon Nights School DISCO

22ND MARCH, 2024
SCHOOL HALL

YRS K-2	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

PLEASE DO NOT BRING GLOW STICKS, GLOW NECKLACES, GLOW BRACELETS OR TOYS—ENTRANCE FRONT GATE UP THE DRIVEWAY

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](#)

Water Filling Taps around the school and in the classrooms

Students bring water bottles to school and are able to fill these up throughout the day at the water filling taps located outside the toilets, canteen and classrooms



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.

Harmony Day

Students are invited to wear cultural dress or **Orange** as we recognise and celebrate the rich cultural diversity at St Angela's.

Year 6 students will be leading us in a day of cultural immersion as part of their Geography Inquiry Unit: 'To what extent can we promote positive perceptions of global cultures?' For the students the day will include a Smoking Ceremony and a performance by a Lion Dance Performance as well as presentations by the Year 6 students.



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



Celebrating our school expectations of being Inclusive by understanding and accepting other people's differences.

"God created man in his own image" Genesis 1:27

As a school community, we have been encouraged this week in all of our words and actions to be inclusive and accepting of others no matter what their differences may be. We encourage our parent community to continue this conversation with your children at home.

Congratulations to Year 4 who filled their Grade Reward Box. Last Friday they celebrated this fantastic achievement by having free choice extra sport as a grade. They had so much fun together and can't wait to do it again.



Congratulations also to Kindergarten and Year 5 who have filled their grade reward box today. As a school, we can't wait to hear how both grades will be celebrating.

Well done to the following classes who have achieved class rewards in Week 6 and Week 7:

- K Yellow - Free Play
- 1 Yellow - Zooper Doopers on the paddock
- 2 Blue- Free Play
- 2 Yellow - Slippers for a session
- 2 Green - Iceblocks
- 4 Green - Free Choice
- 4 Blue - Free choice
- 6 Blue - Dodgeball



Next week our focus will be:

Let your light shine!
At St Angela's we **live responsibly** by:
Moving around in a safe and respectful manner



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

Jonah Boumelhem KB	Chloe Lukjanenko 4Y
Azaria AbuDhou 2Y	Sophia Millalonco 5Y
Benjamin Millalonco 3Y	Abby Lukjanenko 6B
Michael Boumelhem 3B	Sienna Mearns 6B
Gabriel Edouard 4B	Sienna Reilly 6B
Cataina Fam 4B	Samaan AbuDhou 6G
Thea Kinsong 4B	Sebastian Miletic 6G
Saraya Wilson 4B	Olivia Millalonco 6G
Tanios Assaf 4G	Aliana Elizaga 6Y
Elanor Gandajana 4Y	Dayna Mills 6Y

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = TOTAL 1396 NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 40

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

STAR SPOT

Jackson Khoury, a past student of St Angela's and brother to Lexi Khoury (6B) as been invited to represent the Lebanese National Men's Football team for the FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifiers. They will play the Socceroos at Commbank Stadium on Thursday 21 March, the game will be aired on Ten and Paramount. Jackson is currently living in South Georgia, USA on his first professional contract with the USL League One. Congratulations Jackson, we are cheering you on.



Sports Update

Cross Country

Last Friday we came together as a school to celebrate the achievements of our first whole school sporting event of the year, the St Angela's Cross Country. Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Diocesan Cross Country next term; **Dean Alcock, Jayden Barjacoba, Daniel Bell, Michael Boumelhem, Sebastian Brook, Maisie Brown, Kai Cassar, Ava De'Silva, Marcus Eltakchi, Eva Garcia, Catalina Fam, Jacob Fam, Sienna Fernandes, Alexis Foxe, Isabella Halfhide, Jamie Hochstetter, Ava Holeva, Emma Houghton Boreham, Lilah Kenny, Sophie Kenny, Alex Lane, Harvey Lukas, Hudson Lukas, Chloe Lukjanenko, Aoife Maguire, Oliver Masik, William McDowell, Joshua McDowell, Sienna Mearns, Lucia Mauceri, Alessandra Mifsud, Anthony Mittiga, Lily Mogan, Thomas Morin, Jamie Morr, Willow Neeld, Dylan Putra, Olivia Raad, Mary Raad, Marcus Saad, Sarah D'Cruz, Sienna Glass, Jacob Tadianan, Aiden Theoharous, Saraya Wilson, Noah Young, Emma Zhang and Xavier Zullo.** Mrs Mazza will be taking a team of 48 students to Eastern Creek Motorsport Park on 7th May to compete in the Diocesan carnival against all the other schools in our diocese. This is a massive achievement, and we wish our students the best of luck.

Congratulations to Oliver Burchell and Sienna Fernandes for the outstanding sportsmanship and dedication that they displayed last Thursday, each taking home this year's spirit medal for cross country.

Cross Country Results

12 Year Boys		12 Year Girls	
1st Place	Sebastian Brook	1st Place	Sienna Mearns
2nd Place	Daniel Bell	2nd Place	Willow Neeld
3rd Place	Hudson Lukas	3rd Place	Mary Raad
11 Year Boys		11 Year Girls	
1st Place	Thomas Morin	1st Place	Maisie Brown
2nd Place	Marcus Eltakchi	2nd Place	Sienna Fernandes
3rd Place	Aiden Theoharous	3rd Place	Alexis Foxe
10 Year Boys		10 Year Girls	
1st Place	Xavier Zullo	1st Place	Catalina Fam
2nd Place	Oliver Masik	2nd Place	Saraya Wilson
3rd Place	Jamie Hochstetter	3rd Place	Chloe Lukjanenko
8/9 Combined Year Boys		8/9 Combined Year Girls	
1st Place	Harvey Lukas	1st Place	Alessandra Mifsud
2nd Place	Joshua McDowell	2nd Place	Olivia Raad
3rd Place	Kai Cassar	3rd Place	Lucia Mecaui
7 Year Boys		7 Year Girls	
1st Place	Hayden Dias	1st Place	Margaret Bara
2nd Place	Lawson Fee	2nd Place	Laura Bianca
3rd Place	Anton Finch	3rd Place	Stella Williams

We congratulate **Garda** who won the St Angela's Cross Country with 363 Points.

Be sure to see the full list of results in the Sport News this term.



Cross Country Age Champions

12 Yr Boy Champion Sebastian Brook

12 Yr Boy Runner Up Daniel Bell

12 Yr Girl Champion Sienna Mearns

12 Yr Girl Runner Up Willow Neeld

11 Yr Boy Champion Thomas Morin

11 Yr Boy Runner Up Marcus Eltakchi

11 Yr Girl Champion Maisie Brown

11 Yr Girl Runner Up Sienna Fernandes

10 Yr Boy Champion Xavier Zullo

10 Yr Boy Runner Up Oliver Masik

10 Yr Girl Champion Catalina Fam

10 Yr Girl Runner Up Saraya Wilson

9 Yr Boy Champion Harvey Lukas

9 Yr Boy Runner Up Kai Cassar

9 Yr Girl Champion Alessandra Mifsud

9 Yr Girl Runner Up Lucia Mauceri

8 Yr Boy Champion Joshua McDowell

8 Yr Boy Runner Up Jacob Tadianan

8 Yr Girl Champion Olivia Raad

8 Yr Girl Runner Up Maddison Merhi

Representative Sport

Last week our girls trialled for the Parramatta Diocesan Netball team. Well done to Alexis Foxe who has progressed through to the MacKillop trials. We wish Alexis well as she progresses forward.

Diocesan Swimming

Congratulations to our Diocesan Swimming team students; **Liam Kennedy, Harvey Lukas, Kai Theoharous, Jamie Hochstetter, Harper Pickles, Sophie Kenny, Sienna Mearns, Holly McGauley and Ray Zhang, who represented the Hills Zone at the Diocesan carnival on Tuesday this week at Blacktown Aquatic Center. What a wonderful achievement.**

NSWCPS Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Ray Zhang who will be swimming at the NSWCPS Swimming Championships on Wednesday 3rd April at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Homebush. Ray has qualified as the top 4 fastest swimmers in our Parramatta Diocesan for 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly and 200m Medley. What a wonderful achievement. He will now compete against the best of the best across NSW. Could this be a future Olympian in the making?

Photo of our Cross Country





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

March

14th March

Lara Alam 1B

16th March

Abigail Vavayis

17th March

Jerome Cruz KY
Sara Crisafulli 3G
Briseis Root 4G
John Fang 5G

19th March

Anna Nguyen 1B

20th March

Jason Tedja 1Y
Isaac Vassallo 5G
James Morr 6G
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Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Ka Yuet KB	Grace Clemente KB
Ayen Madurapperuma KG	Zachary Stewart KG
Grace Meshreky KY	Dylan Buckley KY
Marcus Gittany 1B	Elsie Newbury 1B
Lucy Villavieja 1G	Eli Crecca 1G
Michael Raad 1Y	Zoey Beaini 1Y
Abigail Crawford 2B	Halle Wilson 2B
Julius Barba 2G	Natalia Boumelhem 2G
Seth Franks 2Y	Olivia Raad 2Y
Ava Holeva 3B	Matteo Circosta 3B
Daxon Lui 3G	Luke Eltakchi 3G
Kai Cassar 3Y	Jobe Fee 3Y
Ayden Martin 4B	Jake Hansell 4B
Jamie Hochstetter 4G	Isabelle Judd 4G
Matthew Livingstone 4Y	Kaitlin D'Silva 4Y
Sofia Garcia-Loyola 5B	Joshua Losco 5B
Maximus Orefice 5G	Sienna Glass 5G
Harrison McIntyre 5Y	Ruby Pace 5Y
Lauren Spragg 6B	Alana Laird 6B
Angelique Bonasin 6G	Rita Dabit 6G
Holly McGaulle 6Y	Sienna De 6Y

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

Parents please note that during Friday afternoon assembly times children cannot be called to come to the office for early collection as this disrupts the assembly. Children must be collected prior to 2pm for any essential appointments.

CHANGING GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8:30am until 2:50pm and that your child is required to be present between these times. Children should not be taken out of school early unless it is for an important reason (ie. Appointment for specialists etc.) Likewise, any changes of going home arrangements should only be made in cases of emergencies. As you can appreciate, contacting classes for children to come to the office for early departures or to advise going home changes is disruptive to the learning, in particular to the whole school if the class is not in their room and an announcement needs to be made.

We ask that all early departures and changes to going home arrangements are advised in writing to stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au before 1.30pm on the day the change is taking place. Please do not email going home changes days in advance. This assists with our process of notifying the class teacher via their office bag.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day

Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

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. Please note that the Android Phone issue with Qkr! Has now been resolved, parents/users can now download the App from the Google Play Store.



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

PROJECT COMPASSION EASTER EGG RAFFLE

All money raised will be donated to Project Compassion

TICKET SALE DATES

Tickets will be sold during lunch time on these dates. Please send your child with their money on their allocated days.

**\$1 PER
TICKET**

KINDERGARTEN, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2	WEEK 8: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March WEEK 9: Tuesday 26th March
YEAR 3 & YEAR 4	WEEK 8: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March WEEK 9: Tuesday 26th March
YEAR 5 & YEAR 6	WEEK 8: Friday 22nd March WEEK 9: Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN THURSDAY WEEK 9

