



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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March 21, 2024
Term 1 - Week 8

UPCOMING DATES

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
Friday 29th March:	Good Friday
Monday 1st April:	Easter Monday
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
Friday 5th April:	Special Food Day— Bakers Delight
Tuesday 9th April:	Secondhand Uniform Sale in Mozart Room from 1.30pm-2.30pm

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
Celebrating Harmony Day at St Angela's Thursday
21st March

Year 1: Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease—1 Yellow

Year 3: Feast of St Joseph Prayer Assembly—3B Parents
Welcome

Year 6: 2024 Year 6 Yearbook—Preparation

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Australia's multicultural background has been shaped by migration since 1945. Harmony Day, Thursday 21st March reminds us to appreciate everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances and help us to better understand each other's experiences and backgrounds. . Today, Year 6 led the entire school community to celebrate its rich diversity. At St Angela's we are lucky enough to have over 28 Language and cultural backgrounds other than English.

Cultural diversity is an inherent aspect of Australian society. It enriches our communities by bringing together a wide array of cultures, traditions, and histories, contributing to our unique identity and strength. Embracing and celebrating this diversity is essential for fostering inclusion and a sense of belonging among children. By valuing every child's cultural background, we enable them to excel in all facets of life. Nurturing an environment of curiosity, open-mindedness, and respect for all cultures, will set a strong example for all young people. Through collective efforts, we can pave the way for a more accepting and vibrant future.

Our [SchoolTV](#) portal has some wonderful resources for families to use when discussing cultural diversity with your children. By valuing every child's cultural background, we enable them to excel in all facets of life. Nurturing an environment of curiosity, open-mindedness, and respect for all cultures, will not only promote unity but a deeper appreciation of the nuances that distinguish us. We wish all our St Angela's families a wonderful Harmony Day



“Together we can achieve so much”

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



RELIGION

Wednesday, 27th March 2024 - Holy Week Stations of the Cross

Dear Parents,

Next week, as we focus on Holy Week and the events that lead to Jesus' death and Resurrection, we have been fortunate enough to secure a visit to the Parish Friary Gardens and Shrine on Wednesday 27th March. This will allow the children to experience a journey through the Stations of the Cross.

The gardens contain large statues of each Station of The Cross. This peaceful venue provides a wonderful opportunity to pray together and reflect on the most important time of the Church's year.

We warmly invite parents to join us as we pray. We kindly ask that if you attend, in keeping with the reverence of the location/celebration, toddlers are kept with parents at all times and that food/drinks/hot drinks **are not brought into the garden.**

Children will travel by bus to and from the Friary. The times listed indicate when your child will be visiting this sacred space, set amongst beautiful landscaped acreage. Please remember that times may change slightly due to traffic etc.

Year 1 & Year 5	8:50 – 9:45
Year 4	9:20 – 10:15
Kindergarten & Year 6	11:20 – 12:15
Year 2 & Year 3	1:30 – 2:25

No permission notes are required for this formation experience, given that this is a visit to the Parish grounds and prior permission has been completed and is in force whilst your child is at St Angela's.

If you wish to join your child's class at the Friary, please meet at the gardens. There is limited parking on site so you may need to park on nearby streets. All children return to school after their grade visit.

The address is 8 Greyfriar Road, Kellyville.

We look forward to this special occasion.

Wishing you and your family God's grace and blessings at Easter.

God bless,
Jocelyn Williams
REC



Thank you for your generous support and donations to Caritas which included our St Patrick's Mufti Day.

We have so far raised **\$1,165** to support those who need it most during this Lenten season.

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**

Bakers Delight
We're for real.
Special Food Day
Friday 5th April

We will be holding our first special food day for all students on
Friday 5th April, 2024.

Please see the available options below:

\$6.00 Meal One Includes
One large cheese and Bacon Savoury Roll
Plus Lifesaver Ice Block

\$6.00 Meal Two Includes
One large cheese and tomato Savoury Roll
Plus Lifesaver Ice Block

\$6.00 Meal Three Includes
One large Cheesymite Scroll
Plus Lifesaver Ice Block

\$2.00 Snack Option Includes
One Lifesaver Ice block

To place your order please go to the QKR app and click on the
"special food days - Bakers Delight" link in the app.

ALL orders must be in by **Tuesday 2nd April, 2024 @ MIDDAY!**

For catering purposes, no late orders will be accepted!

Sports Update

Representative Sport

We wish Lewis Norrish all the best as he attends the AFL trials in Wagga Wagga next Tuesday. Lewis will be playing for a spot in the Mackillop AFL Team. This is a wonderful opportunity and we are so proud!

Gala Days

Next term we'll begin to see the first of our sports gala days held within our diocese. These gala day opportunities are an enjoyable way to socialise with peers and develop a sense of commitment to a team and school community whilst increasing the children's fitness & natural skills.

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. Keep an eye out for the expressions of interest form that will go home in the coming weeks to register your child. Please note gala days are only open to students in years 3-6 and teams are selected through a trial selection process.

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



Celebrating our school expectations by moving around in a safe and respectful manner.

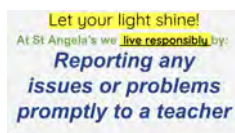
It has been wonderful to see students living responsibly by staying to the left on the walkways and footpaths and using the word "excuse me" when passing by others.

Moving around quietly around the school has also been observed by teachers and students. This means that students are not being distracted and learning is not being interrupted.

Congratulations to Year 3 who filled their Grade Reward Box. They celebrated this fantastic achievement by having free play as a grade on the Paddock. They had so much fun and can't wait to do it again



Next week our focus will be:



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

Gabriel Gittany KB	Nicholas Gumuljo 4B
Evie Zhao KB	Georgia Hoare 4B
Kaeden Chang KG	Ariana White 4G
Zachary Stewart KG	Vanessa Bounelhem 4Y
Kylan Netrayana KY	Grace Bacon 6Y
Marcus Gittany 1B	Alexis Foxe 6Y
Natalia Boumelhem 2G	Eden Glidden 6Y
Alexandra Chehade 3G	Charlie Natividad 6Y
Lawrence White 3Y	

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = TOTAL 2101 NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 57

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

Travel or Holidays During the School Term

Applications for Extended Leave Travel - (5 or more days must be completed and then submitted to the office 3 weeks prior to the travel.

Application forms can also be downloaded via the school website.

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

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school.

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.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

St Angela's Primary recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher. As you would appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, that other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to the school email account which will then be passed onto the relevant teacher, as per our usual practice.

Arrival at school - being on time is important

Parents are reminded of the importance of their children arriving at school on time. All children must be within the school grounds by **8:30am** so that they are ready to join the morning assembly which commences at 8:30am.

A small number of parents are regularly driving into the school, carpark at 8:30am and therefore their children are late for class - this is unsettling for the children .

If you use the Kiss and Drop in the car park in the mornings please:

- drive to the next available car space closest to the top of the Kiss and Drop area - do not stop at the walkway as this holds up traffic and causes a traffic jam in Harrington Rd.
- your child must get out of the car on the footpath side.
- your child must be able to get out of the car by themselves - parents do not get out of the car
- your child's bag must be in the car with them - no child is to move to the back of the car to get their bags out of the car boot.
- NEVER overtake another car in the Kiss and Drop zone.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the Kiss and Drop area safe for all users.



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

March

21st March

Zachary Moses 1B
Jake Gardiner 5Y

22nd March

Mikayla Saad 3Y

23rd March

Eliana David 4G
Anthony Mittiga 6Y
Lily Cassar 6Y

26th March

Jayden Barjacoba 2B

27th March

Chelsea Ruggier 1Y
Reuben Saab 5B

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Ishaan Lele KB	Milla Lui KB
Natalie Holden KG	Taylor Lean KG
Morgan Connolly KY	Olive Madden KY
Zara Maait 1B	Elyse Wong 1B
Bianca Fedele 1G	Eli Crecca 1G
Vienna Cheng 1Y	Jason Tedja 1Y
Orlando Busono 2B	Abigail Vavayis 2B
Joshua McDowall 2G	Emily Ison 2G
William Houghton Boreham 2Y	Stella Williams 2Y
Molly O'Reilly 3B	Tobias Brook 3B
Madeline Gentile 3G	Aayaan Sood 3G
Charlotte Sam 3Y	Jacob Tadianan 3Y
Gabriel Edouard 4B	Acelyn Seydler 4B
Madeline Reilly 4G	Ryder Aguilar 4G
Elanor Gandajana 4Y	Luca D'Urso 4Y
Cooper Bisson 5B	Laila Henderson 5B
Noah Young 5G	Isla Colet 5G
Annabelle Sprem 5Y	Oliver Newbury 5Y
Dylan Putra 6B	Aoife Maguire 6B
Emmanuel Dib 6G	Harrison Gibbons 6G
Akio Aguilar 6Y	Aliana Elizaga 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

EASTER

Egg RAFFLE

All money raised will be donated to Project Compassion

TICKET SALE DATES

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**\$1 PER
TICKET**

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

KINDERGARTEN, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2	WEEK 9: Tuesday 26th March
YEAR 3 & YEAR 4	WEEK 9: Tuesday 26th March
YEAR 5 & YEAR 6	WEEK 9: Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN THURSDAY WEEK 9

