



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Sending Home Information and News about Education

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we educate our students.

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Term 2 - Week 4

UPCOMING DATES

Term 2

Friday 24th May:	No Power for 20 minutes
Monday 27th May:	Feast of Mary Help of Christians Morning Prayer @ 8.30am
Tuesday 28th May:	Year 4 Excursion to Cockatoo Island
Wednesday 29th May:	Stage 3 (Girls) Soccer Gala
Thursday 30th May:	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Year 2 Leading 8.30am
Thursday 30th May:	Year 1 Liturgy - 2:00-2:30pm

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 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
Dr Justin Coulson Happy Families Follow Up

Tell Them From Me - Have Your Say

Year 1: Year One Learning Report

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At St Angela's, we believe that our students have the power to make a significant impact on the world they live in today and shape a better future for tomorrow. Of Course we are very proud that at the same time our whole school community is living out our school motto of "Let Your Light Shine" Here are some inspiring ways our students are making a difference:

Social Justice Initiatives

Our students are actively involved in social justice initiatives, learning about fairness, equality, and how to advocate for those in need. Dance for Sick Kids, Donating to Caritas, the Jesuit Refugee Mission and our upcoming Year 4 Spirit Walk to raise funds for Youth Off the Streets are some of these. This year the St Angela's staff have commenced volunteering at the JRS Food bank in Parramatta on a Tuesday afternoon. By participating in these programs, our students and staff develop a strong sense of empathy and responsibility towards creating a just society.

Caring for Our Common Home

Inspired by the principles of Laudato Si', our students engage in activities that promote environmental stewardship. They learn about the importance of taking care of our planet through recycling programs, gardening projects, and energy conservation efforts. This week's celebration of Laudato Si Week, our recycling programme and Waste Free Wednesday remind the whole community that we can be effective stewards of creation.

Visiting the Elderly and Sick

Our Mini Vinnies students have commenced visiting the Mary MacKillop aged nursing home, bringing joy and companionship to the elderly and sick. These visits teach our students the values of kindness, compassion, and respect for all generations.

Praying for Special Intentions

We encourage our students to pray for special intentions, including those who are vulnerable and in need of support. Through prayer, they learn to connect with their faith and develop a sense of hope and solidarity with others.

I want to encourage all of our students to keep "Letting their Light Shine" in so many generous ways. I would like to congratulate our staff on being such wonderful, role models to the children and being so committed to finding avenues for them to make a difference in our world. Our students are not only making a positive impact in the present but are also building the foundation for a brighter, more compassionate future.

Together, we can make a difference!

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



RELIGION



Laudato Si Week 19th May to 26th May

Thank you for all your support in Mini Vinnies as we raise awareness to care for each other and our common home everyday, especially this week. We will keep you posted on all our current and future initiatives.

We celebrated the feast of Pentecost on Sunday. Pray that the Holy Spirit may descend upon us individually and as a school. Thank you to our friends in 4 Yellow for leading us in prayer on Tuesday.

Let us also pray for our students in Year 3 who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Comment end

God bless,
Jocelyn Williams
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CREATING A SAFE AND HAPPY SCHOOL - FREE FROM BULLYING

The purpose of the [Bullying Prevention Procedures](#), in line with the [CSPD Wellbeing Policy](#) is to contribute to the development of a climate at St Angela's Primary School where everyone is valued and feels safe.

This term the school is evaluating this focused effort on preventing bullying at our school. This week the children have completed a survey that will provide an overview of the children's feelings about playing at school and will identify any areas of bullying. The survey included questions such as:

My favourite playground place to play is.....
Are there any places in the playground where you don't feel safe?
If yes, why?
Is anyone taking away your right to be happy and safe, or to learn at school?
If yes, tell what happens.
Do your online activities (games, chats etc) impact your friendships at school?
Is there anything else that you would like your teacher to know?

The children's responses to the survey are being collated. Any child who has said that they feel unsafe at school or that they are being bullied will be given the opportunity to talk about their concerns. They will be supported in resolving any issues.

Parents are able to play an important role in the prevention of bullying behaviours. This includes:

- Telling their child that bullying in any form is not acceptable.
- Making themselves familiar with the school's anti-bullying policy.
- Informing their child's teacher if they believe that their child is being bullied.
- Advising their child not to retaliate, but to tell their teacher.
- Helping their child to develop resilience and strategies to deal with bullying.
- Work with the school if their child is involved in a bullying incident, either as the bully or the one being bullied.

Thank you for your support in this important area.

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Samuel Montecinos-Bernal KB	Lianna Kaabi KB
Clara Tan KG	Eva Wilson KG
James Alcock KY	Olivia Hansen KY
Isaac Lahoud 1B	Mila Kwoka 1B
Milla Collett 1G	Cameron Cao 1G
Austen Heighway 1Y	Ava Khodeir 1Y
Charles Kenny 2B	Tinaye Mombeyarara 2B
Chanelle Coco 2G	Hayden Sam 2G
Chloe Tinelli Forthaus 2Y	Matthew David 2Y
Maddison Cooray 3B	Ava De Silva 3B
Catalina Halfhide 3G	Aubrey Hochstetter 3G
Zac Gardiner 3Y	Natasha Clemente 3Y
Henry Brooker 4B	Lachlan Lashlie 4B
Ash Szandala 4G	Nathaniel Zhou 4G
Grace Lim 4Y	Sierra Honore 4Y
Maisie Brown 5B	Joshua Moses 5B
John Fang 5G	Isaac Vassallo 5G
Taylor Manio 5Y	Steven Zeaiter 5Y
Sebastrian Brook 6B	Matthew Zhou 6B
Isabella Halfhide 6G	Sienna Andrew 6G
Clare Baker 6Y	Livia Gigliucci 6Y

School Photo Day: Tuesday 18th June.

School photo day will take place on Tuesday 18th June. All class, group, individual and optional sibling photos will take place on this day.

After having received feedback from parents over the last 2 years about school photographs, we have explored alternative options and have engaged MSP portraits to take our school photos for 2024. We expect a better quality of photograph and a more timely turnaround for receiving the photos after the School Photo Day. Another priority in selecting MSP has been to try and keep the cost of the photos as competitive as possible. You will notice that the package is more expensive than last year however we expect the quality of the photos to be of a higher standard and therefore a more valuable product provided.

More information about School Photos will be provided via Compass.





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

MAY

24th May Isabelle Masik 1G Kelci Reese Anonical 5B	27th May Elijah Low 1Y Tashmika Pillay 5B Jack Clarke 5Y
25th May Hudson Bulman KY Marcus Gittany 1B	28th May William Houghton Boreham 2Y Olivia Johnston 4G
26th May Serena Kosciuszko 3G Selena Bianca 5B	29th May Jessica Guirrerri 5Y

Technology Giants and Our Kids

Happy families Schools Term 2 Newsletter

Happy Family Schools have shared their article on Technology Giants and Our Kids.



This article is an informative read for parents about the risks and impact on young children accessing social media.

To access this article click on the link below or see the article at the end of our newsletter.

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<https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/sapsch>

PASSWORD: happysapsch

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our condolences go to Mrs Grunberg, Oliver (2Y) & Joshua (KG) Burchill and the Burchill family on the passing of Rosemary Grunberg. Much loved Mother in Law, Grandmother and Mother. Rest in Peace.



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.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 7257
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 239

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE

Keira Eberhard 1B	Leo Gordon 3Y
Christian Rassios 1G	Kaitlin D'Silva 4Y
Laura Bianca 2G	William McDowell 4Y
Phoebe Huang 2Y	Oliver Raad 4G
Sienna Lucas 2B	Sebastian Raad 5Y
Sara Cristafulli 3G	

Canteen Cash Cards Update

It is becoming increasingly difficult to process Canteen Cash Cards with one days notice, given the busyness of the school office. From Monday 27th May to ensure your child has their canteen card for use on Canteen day, please order via Qkr at least 2 days prior. Eg order by Sunday 5:30pm for canteen on Tuesday and order by Wednesday 5:30pm for canteen on Friday. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding Canteen Cash Cards.



Congratulations to the following classes who are blitzing the challenge and are now in the running for a class pizza party.

1. 4B
2. 6Y & 6G
3. 5G

Congratulations to these children who are now in the draw to win a book as they have completed the challenge.

Dylan Crawford 5G	Jack Hewlett 6G
Nicholas Costa 5G	Serena Kosciuszko 3G
Isabelle Masik 1G	Livia Gigliucci 6Y



Sports Update

Gala Days

Congratulations to all the girls in Stage 3 who attended the trials for the soccer gala day. The skills and determination of our students made it a very hard trial to judge. We congratulate the girls who were selected and wish them well at the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day next Wednesday at Jamison Park.

Stage 3 Boys Soccer will be the next group to trial. Please keep an eye out on the 'What's Happening' Compass message that goes out on Sunday for trial information.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in years 2-6 who attended the St Angela's Athletics Carnival this week. Many hours of planning and organisation goes into our sporting events and they wouldn't be as successful if it wasn't for all the help and dedication from our office staff, the AMAZING parent helpers on the day, the House Captains, the St Angela's Staff, the staff and students from Marian College and of course our students. Thank you to everyone for helping to make it a GREAT day. AGE CHAMPIONS will be presented in the coming days.

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Rafferty Castillo who attended the Parramatta trials for Softball this week. We look forward to hearing how the trials went.

Term 2 signals changeover to

WINTER UNIFORM

Next week all students will change over to full winter uniform.

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 blue striped tie
Navy Socks
Black Leather Shoes

Regulation Navy jumper or jacket with school logo only.

Sports Shoes

Basically white jogger with white shoe laces.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who are leading the way in uniform standard setting.



TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM) 2024

St Angela's Tell Them From Me survey is now available. Parents are invited to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online system.

To complete the survey, please click on the following link
<http://tellthemfromme.com/stangela24>

We truly value the role of the parents and carers within our school community and would greatly appreciate your feedback. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parking in Orleans Way Before and After School

Parents are reminded to follow the road signage in Orleans Way when parking. Council officers will be patrolling this area to support us in keeping our children safe. Thank you to everyone for your support.

It is not safe to be doing u-turns or 3 point turns in Orleans Way. Please remember that the Kiss and Drop in Harrington Avenue accessed in the front of the school, is the safest option to drop off your children in the morning.



Laila and Ruby from year 5 are excited to be performing in the upcoming production of 'Seussical' with Hills Musical Theatre Company. If you're looking for a fun night out for the family, tickets are still available!



It was great to have so many families access the online Resilience Webinar hosted by Justin Coulson on Tuesday evening. If you would still like access to this, we have 12 days in which you can click on the [link](#) and view the presentation. The school now has a subscription to [Happy Families](#) and we will be sharing many of the resources that Justin Coulson provides. Along with our [SchoolTV](#) resource that can be found on the school website we hope that this is supporting you to discuss topics with your children as they grow and develop through their early years.



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Technology Giants & Our Kids

Google, X (formerly Twitter), Meta (the parent company of Facebook, Instagram, and Whatsapp) and other big tech companies do not care about you or your kids. They don't care about bad actors, scammers, paedophiles, abusers, bullies, or anything that could impact their bottom line.

After surveying 27 of the biggest names in tech, the e-Safety Commissioner's Office found that, "Many companies weren't even using available tools and technologies to detect child sexual exploitation and abuse material, let alone detecting grooming or live streamed child abuse. What's more, there were no real barriers to stop users creating new accounts and reoffending."

Zuckerberg, Sandberg, Musk and all of the other executives at these big tech companies are culpable. There's no denying that.

But the real culprits are the politicians who are failing to act. We're dealing with it at an Australian level where we just pass the buck to the USA, and in the USA it's an exercise in cynicism. It's not just the platforms. It's the politicians too – who are ironically trying to create a gotcha moment that will go viral on the very platform they're trying to catch out with their "gotcha" moments.

When X and Google plainly ignore our e-Safety Commissioners warnings and even fines, we are going nowhere fast. Until feckless politicians legislate, we're not going to see change.

We could fix so many of these problems so easily. Claims of complexity are overblown. We have rules around when kids can drive, drink alcohol, finish school... The online world doesn't have to be any different. But our politicians won't age-gate tech at all – not even pornography (where the Federal Albanese government walked away from an e-Safety Commissioner recommendation for an age-gate trial last year).

The bottom line: there are no benefits to the world or to our children's lives from social media at the young ages they're given access.

Meta won't implement safety measures to stop our kids from seeing pro-anorexia content. They won't implement basic procedures to block IP addresses from known scammers and paedophiles. They won't remove explicit content that messes up our kids. And the list goes on.

The mendacity of this company is astonishing. They speak with such duplicity. They weaponise their armies of PR people and effectively scrub the negative realities of their product because at the end of the day, it's all about the money. The politicians, the shareholders, the economy... they'll let profitability rule over the wellbeing of our kids.

So what's the upshot?

We have government legislation and organisations to protect our environment and our industrial relationships. But 'big tech' are immune. They can't be touched. Their balance sheets are bigger than that of several countries in the world, and governments won't go near them.

Cigarettes require warnings. They highlight that smoking them can kill you. But there's nothing like that for tech.

And that means that as parents we have to pick up the pieces and take individual responsibility since we have ineffective elected officials who care more about kow-towing to mendacious, duplicitous tech billionaires than helping our kids. Their focus is on prosperity over protection and ironically, society is the poorer for it.

What can parents and carers do?

1. Be across your kids' tech. Keep them off it as long as you can. But when you do give them the go ahead, be aware of who they're talking to and what they're viewing.
2. Be firm on screens never being allowed in bathrooms and bedrooms. It's just not safe.
3. Have regular and consistent conversations with your kids about the risks that come with their tech, and invite them to share what's going on with their friends and tech. Be up front and describe "capping," "sextortion," and so on. Don't water it down or they won't understand the seriousness of it.
4. Make sure they know they can come to you if anything happens that's concerning.
5. Use resources from the e-Safety Commissioner and the Australian Centre To Counter Child Exploitation so you know what's going on.

And finally, hope that tech executives grow a conscience or that politicians grow a spine and start doing something at a society-wide level for the wellbeing of our kids (but don't hold your breath).



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