



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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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 2 - Week 5

UPCOMING DATES

Term 2

- Wednesday 5th June: NSWCPSS & NSWCCC Cross Country.
- Thursday 6th June: Walk with the Spirit—Year 4
- Wednesday 12th June: Stage 3 (Boys) Soccer Gala
- Thursday 13th June: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Friday 14th June: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Monday 18th June: School Photo Day
- Tuesday 19th June: Year 6 Pyjama Day
- Wednesday 20th June: Mackillop Softball Trials
- Wednesday 20th June: Kindergarten Liturgy—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 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
School Photo Day
Tell them from me closing

Kindergarten: Kindergarten Sports Uniform this Week

Year 4: Year 4 Sports Uniform this Week

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week is Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June), a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme this year, *Now More Than Ever* is a reminder to all of us that the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will - and must continue.



Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

Throughout this week, teacher's have led the students in learning experiences about Australia's Indigenous History, through story-telling from an Indigenous perspective and participation in prayer to reflect on reconciliation. On Monday, the SRC will lead us in a Reconciliation Prayer Assembly in the hall at 8:30am. All parents are welcome to join us.

Now more than ever, we need reconciliation.

Karen Orsini
Acting Principal



RELIGION

Feast of the Holy Trinity

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar, and the Sunday of Pentecost in Eastern Christianity. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We thank our friends in Year 2 and their teachers for leading our prayer today. A huge thanks to all the parents who joined us in this celebration.

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Year B 7th June 2024 11:30am

To honour this solemnity, Fr Chris Shorrock will be celebrating mass in our school hall on Friday 7th June at 11:30am. At this mass we are launching the [St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal](#). As in previous years, we are supporting our Our Lady of Our Rosary Parish in this drive. We request for non perishable food donations such as rice, dry pasta, noodle cups, noodle packets, tinned soup, tinned fish, tinned baked beans, tinned spaghetti, powdered soup, muesli bars, cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, Up and Go. A huge thanks for your generous donations to assist the less fortunate brothers and sisters in our community.

Year 4 Walk with the Spirit: Thank you to our Year 4 students and teachers for their wonderful effort in supporting the homeless as they prepare to engage in an immersive experience on Thursday 6th June as a highlight of their Religion unit this term. Proceeds of this walkathon will go to [Fr Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets](#). A huge thanks to their families and friends in supporting this worthy cause



God bless,
Jocelyn Williams
REC

Mini Vinnies Visit to Mackillop House Catholic Healthcare

Last week, Miss McEntee and Mrs Williams had the pleasure of taking a group of students to visit Mackillop House Norwest to participate in craft activities and conversations with the elderly residents.

We started with a simple craft project creating tea cups for their morning tea the next day. The students paired up with the residents, and it was heartwarming to see the immediate connections forming. Laughter and chatter filled the room as they shared stories and creative ideas.

This visit not only provided the elderly residents with companionship and joy but also left a lasting impression on the students, teaching them the value of empathy, patience, and the rich experiences of older generations.

We look forward to taking another group of students to visit next week where they will participate in another art class and perform a song for the elderly. We would like to thank Mrs Spragg, Mr Chetty and Mr Espinosa for generously giving their time to help transport the students to and from the venue. Mackillop House are excited to continue to build this connection with St Angela's and want to see these connections in all of their Catholic Aged Care Homes.

Chelsea McEntee (FIAT Coordinator)

"I really enjoyed seeing how happy the elderly were when they were making connections with us, specifically one of the residents who had a big smile on his face after our conversation. I look forward to participating in this initiative again" - Kayleigh 5 Blue

"I like the fact that not only were we accompanying the elderly people and bringing them joy but we also helped out with 'The Biggest Morning Tea' initiative which was so special. I would love to do it again because they were so nice and I want to continue building these relationships" - Matthew 4 Yellow

"It was fun hanging out with the old ladies and cutting out cool tea cups for the big breakfast in the morning. It was good to spend time with people who are lonely." Kai



Theoharous 4



Blue



Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Odin Wilden KB	Gabriel Gittany KB
Maxwell Fee KG	Savannah Thew KG
Amelia Ronan KY	Jerome Cruz KY
Elliott Norrish 1B	Angelo Luis Paras 1B
Joseph Cook 1G	Rhodes Seydler 1G
Sarah Sourial 1Y	Nicole Gunarathna 1Y
Vyaan Chopra 2B	Ashley Iskandar 2B
Austin Szandala 2G	Sophia Cook 2G
Margaret Barua 2Y	Daniel Chetty 2Y
Charlie Vassallo 3B	Calissa Layoun 3B
Lucia Mauceri 3G	Serena Kosciuszko 3G
Charlotte Green 3Y	Olivia Katipunan 3Y
Tadhg McGowan 4B	Kai Theoharous 4B
Michael Whyte 4G	Austin Iskandar 4G
Rose Baylis 4Y	Lucia Mittiga 4Y
Lewis Norrish 5B	Gia Botoulas 5B
Jordan Pupo 5G	William Hall 5G
Francesca Espinosa 5Y	Ethan Chetty 5Y
Oliver Stornelli 6B	Saoirse McGowan 6B
Annabelle Shalala 6G	Dylan Tongol 6G
Thomas Morin 6Y	James Lang 6Y

ARE YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS LABELLED?

With the constant change in weather please ensure that every item your child brings to school is labelled with their name and class.

Also, if you could take two minutes to check that your child's items are actually theirs as often children can pick up another child's jacket, hat etc and bring it home accidentally.

If your child has misplaced an item of clothing or water bottle if it has their name on it, it is then returned to their classroom.

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.

Year 4 Excursion—Cockatoo Island

We came to school buzzing with excitement and anticipation because most of us had never been to Cockatoo Island before. As soon as we jumped off the ferry our eyes were drawn to the intriguing, thought-provoking artefacts that have been on this beautiful Island for centuries.

We heard tragic stories about how the convicts lived. We were astonished at how human rights were not considered at that time, especially when we saw how they crammed 500 convicts in one room that was about the size of our classroom, and the harsh conditions they had to endure. Many of the buildings are heritage listed and some of them are now used to film famous movies.

We remember feeling more knowledgeable at the end of the day and with more facts to share with our families. We were very fortunate to enjoy being in Sydney Harbour.



Sports Update

Gala Days

Congratulations to the Stage 3 Girls soccer teams , *Angie Bonasin, Sienna Bressi, Maisie Brown, Lily Cassar, Amalie Cordi, Sienna Fernandes, Sofia Garcia, Giada Genio, Sienna Glass, Lilly Green, Jessica Guirrerri, Beth Kenny, Tabitha Lee, Aoife Maguire, Taylor Manio, Holly McGaulley, Sienna Mearns, Olivia Millalonco, Sophia Millalonco, Dayna Mills, Sofia Muscardo, Willow Neeld, Havana Seydler, Annabelle Sprem, Tori Taouk, Elissa Zaidan and Alexis Foxe who competed in the CSPD Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park, Penrith this week.*

Both our Year 6 and Year 5 teams had a sensational day playing their favourite sport, Soccer! It was so great to see so many skilled girls on the fields throughout the day. The Matilda's would be so proud!! Our Year 6 team had some tough games and it was very close at one point as to who was going to take home the win but St Angela's came out on top with 1st place on the day. We look forward to presenting our girls with their medals at our school assembly.

Our Year 5 team grew together throughout the day, at one point it was like they had won the Women's World Cup! There were leaps and bounds, high fives all round and cheers of happiness. If there was one team on the day that could have taken home a medal for their spirit and how much fun they had, it would definitely have gone to the Year 5 St Angela's team. Thank you to our AMAZING parent team managers and step in timers and coaches on the day. Your dedication and enthusiasm reflected on the girls immensely.

A shout out to Olivia who unfortunately had injured herself and wasn't able to play yesterday but as she watched on from the sideline she showed tremendous sportsmanship and resilience whilst always having a smile on her face in support of her fellow peers.

We look forward now to trialling for our boys teams this week and preparing for the next Gala Day on the 12th June.

Athletics Results

Last Friday we were pleased to announce the overall winners for the Athletics Carnival. Together we congratulated the Age Champions and Runners Up for their outstanding achievements at the 2024 St Angela's Athletics Carnival.

An Age Champion is the competitor who scores the most points at a carnival for the events they compete in for both field and track events. Every student who competes in an event is awarded a point. This goes towards our overall Carnival House winners and Age Champions on the day.

Congratulations to the following students:

U7 Girl Champion Stella Williams
U7 Girl Runner Up Margaret Barua
U7 Boy Champion Lucas Riley
U7 Boy Runner up Lawson Fee

U8 Girl Champion Natalia Boumelhem
U8 Girl Runner Up Ciara Treacy
U8 Boy Champion Joshua McDowall
U8 Boy Runner Up Daniel Chetty

U9 Girl Champion Lilah Kenny
U9 Girl Runner Up Lucia Mittiga
U9 Boy Champion Charlie Vassallo
U9 Boy Runner Up Kai Cassar

U10 Girl Champion Catalina Fam
U10 Girl Runner Up Evelyn Vallejo
U10 Boy Champion Lachlan Kelly
U10 Boy Runner Up Jamie Hochstetter

U11 Girl Champion Maisie Brown
U11 Girl Runner Up Alexis Foxe
U11 Boy Champion Anthony Mittiga
U11 Boy Runner Up Thomas Morin

U12 Girl Champion Sienna Bressi
U12 Girl Runner Up Willow Neeld
U12 Boy Champion Sebastian Brook
U12 Boy Runner Up Jack Hewlett

Spirit Medal Winners and Carnival Winners

A shout out to Harriett Kenny and Lily Cassar who received this year's Spirit Medal for their awesome Sportsmanship displayed on the day. Well done to **SALO** for winning the 2024 Athletics Carnival and to **BRESCIA** for winning the Spirit Cup for our non competitive events including the novelty relays, ball games, javelin quoits and war cries throughout the day.

Congratulations to all of the students in years 2-6 who competed in events on the day

House Captain Award to Best Dressed Staff Member

SALO	MERICI	GARDA	BRESCIA
Mrs Stagnitta	Mrs McPherson	Miss Claxton	Ms Driver

Carnival Winners

SALO	MERICI	GARDA	BRESCIA
1114	1072	1003	969

Spirit Cup Winners

BRESCIA	MERICI	GARDA	SALO
2606	2565	2301	2203

Representative Sports

A shout out to Rafferty Castillo who has been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocesan in the Mackillop trials in Soft ball. He will be heading off to Panania in late June for his game. We wish him all the best and look forward to hearing all about it.



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

MAY

May 30th

Ariana White 4G

May 31st

Laila Henderson 5B

JUNE

June 1st

Joseph Barakat KG

Sarah Sourial 1Y

Catalina Halfhide 3G

June 2nd

Hayden Dias 2G

Oliver Todd

June 3rd

Noah Young 5G

June 4th

Elliot Palet KG

June 5th

Leo Sirbadhoo KG

Danai Murgerera 4G



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 =
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE
COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE =**

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE

Ricardo Circosta KB

Natalie Ison KB

Samuel Montecinos-Bernal KB

Elliot Palet KG

Evelyn Lukas 1B

Jason Tedja 1Y

Olivia Dababneh 2G

Joshua McDowell 2G

Matteo Circosta 3B

Tyler D'Morias 3B

Thomas Livingstone 3Y

Rose Baylis 4Y

Emilia Caparros 4B

Jaxon Hogan 4Y

Claire Ison 4G

Liam Kennedy 4B

Matthew Livingston 4Y

James Neo 4Y

Marcus Saad 4Y

Thomas Taylor 4B

Kelci Reese Ananical 5B

Alexander Lane 5B

Sofia Muscardo 6G



Technology Giants and Our Kids

Happy families Schools Term 2 Newsletter

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

PASSWORD: happysapsch

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



Top 3 classes in the lead (Pizza Party)

1 4B

2 4Y

3 6G



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.



Any parents who are able to help with book covering, please contact Mrs Castro via the office and she will organise a pack for you to take home.

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

It would be most helpful if parents who need to make last minute temporary changes to going home arrangements, inform the school no later than 2.30pm via email on the day and not in advance. Thank you

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.

COVID

Families at St Angela's continue to experience COVID cases, so it is important for you to monitor your children for symptoms and keep them at home if they are unwell.

We will also contact you if your child feels unwell at school. As it is flu season, please be vigilant about the early signs of influenza which also require you to keep your children at home to ensure that we continue to maintain a healthy environment for the children and staff while at school.

COVID SAFE PROTOCOLS

All students, families and staff are requested to follow NSW Health's advice to reduce the risk of not only transmitting COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect schools this winter such as the flu. Therefore we ask that students, staff and family members who visit the school to Inform the school if their child tests COVID positive and keep the child at home until they are symptom free and well again. Thank you for all that you do to support the health of students, families and staff.



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, 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.

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.

Photos can be ordered on the [MSP webpage](#) using the instructions below.

SAY CHEESE

St Angela's Primary School

Photo day for your school is on **Tuesday, 18th June 2024**

How to place your order via MSP Online.

1. Visit www.misp.com.au select the Download Portrait or Order Online portal, click Order Packs
2. Use your school's unique Schoolkey - HK7U2RN2
3. Complete the required fields ensuring you include your child's full name and class and then click through to order
4. A confirmation email with your order details will be sent to your email address

A late/processing fee will apply for orders received 1 week after photo day.
All family/sibling orders must be placed by 11pm the day before photo day.

misp online

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DEBATING ROUND 1

Congratulations to our round 1 debating team who were successful in winning their first debate against Christ the King last Friday. The topic idea on the day was *"Technology is destroying our social skills"*.



Every day counts

There is a strong correlation between school attendance and how well your child performs at school - academically and socially. Children who have frequent days off school or who regularly and consistently arrive late and leave early are at risk of missing out on key learning experiences and can find it more difficult to connect with friends and maintain friendships. It is every parents responsibility to ensure that they instil a healthy habit of school attendance in their child with the aim being 100% attendance. Dr Justin Coulson addresses this significant topic in his latest [INSIGHT for parents](#).



National Simultaneous Storytime 2024

Recently, St Angela's celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime, is a special event held every year to promote the value of reading and literacy. Each year a picture book, written & illustrated by Australians is read simultaneously in schools and libraries. Students at St Angela's took part in this incredible event, now in its 24th year, with over 2,000,000 other students all over the country and the world. They watched an online digital representation of the book 'Bowerbird Blues' written and illustrated by Aura Parker and took part in a variety of activities. A fun and exciting occasion to bring books alive.



READING is a portal to infinite
ADVENTURES. It is the
foundation that makes all
other learning possible.





Every Day Counts

There's a relationship between how much your child attends school and their overall academic achievement. Regular school attendance is strongly correlated with academic success, and chronic absenteeism, or prolonged periods of school absence, can have a negative impact on a child's educational attainment.

There is also a relationship between attending school and social and emotional outcomes. On average, we see that regular interaction with peers and teachers fosters social skills, emotional intelligence, and a sense of belonging. Children who consistently miss school may experience feelings of isolation, struggle with forming positive relationships, and face challenges in developing essential life skills. School is often a place where students receive emotional support from educators and peers. Additionally, completing education is often associated with better employment prospects, higher earning potential, and an improved overall quality of life. Children who miss substantial amounts of school may face difficulties transitioning to higher education or entering the workforce. This can limit their options and hinder their ability to pursue fulfilling and rewarding careers.

Based on research from around the country and the world, most Australian states have a mantra (and a marketing message) that every day counts. QLD Education, for example, states on their website that:

"Every Day Counts is a state-wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools, and the community."

Multiple days of absence from school, especially consecutive days, can be problematic for students. But a day here or there is less about impacting learning outcomes for kids and more about:

- Making life harder for teachers who have to continually repeat work and try to help students catch up on missed content.
- Helping students with consistency.

- Allowing parents to complete their responsibilities, which can often be completed only when kids are at school.

So, when the kids are asking for days off, what's the best way forward?

Understand Root Causes

If kids are pulling a “sickie,” understanding what’s really going on is vital. It’s obvious, but often we miss the mark on this. Sometimes kids choose not to tell us what’s really going on. This is where we *get curious, not furious*.

Do they need your attention because things aren’t good at home? Do they need your attention because things aren’t good at school? Are they saying they’re “sick,” but they’re struggling with a teacher, a peer, or a bully? Are they complaining about school, but they’re on their period and feel nervous about being at school at a sensitive time? Pausing to really explore and understand is key.

Explore, Explain, Empower

When faced with the dilemma of kids wanting a day off, explore, explain, and empower. Discerning the underlying reasons, communicating a clear rationale for what you’re asking, and developing solutions together will usually be the best way forward. And if it’s something deeper (that could lead to school refusal), this process will generally help you discover that issue faster.

In doing these things we gain perspective, and we open a dialogue with our child that is more likely to lead to productive conversation and resolution.



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