



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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

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November 14th, 2024
Term 4 - Week 5

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

Wednesday 20th November:	Year 5 Mission Markets - 1:30 pm Parents Welcome
Friday 22nd November:	Grandparents Day Celebration - 8:45 - 10:15am
Sunday 24th November:	Year 6 Dinner Dance - Castle Hill RSL 5 - 8pm
Monday 25th November:	Year 1 Excursion to Fagan Park, Galston Feast of Christ the King - 4 Blue-8:30am
Wednesday 27th November:	Thanksgiving Mass and Parent Helpers Morning Tea - 9:00 - 10:30 am First Reconciliation - OLOR - 6:00 pm
Thursday 28th November:	First Reconciliation - OLOR - 6:00 pm
Monday 2nd December:	Morning Prayer - First Week of Advent - KY - 8:30am
Wednesday 4th December:	School Christmas Concert @ John XXIII at 6pm. Children arrive at 5:30 pm
Monday 9th December:	Swimming Carnival Years 2- 5
Tuesday 10th December:	Year 6 Motiv8 Big Day In
Friday 13th December:	St Angela's Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On Monday 11th November our students, staff and parents marked Remembrance Day with a beautiful liturgy prepared and presented by our Year 5 students. We remembered and paid tribute to the men and women who have served their country in war, conflict and peace. In 2024 we keep in our prayers those countries where war is a daily reality for children and families.

O God, our ruler and our guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
May have grace to live in a spirit of justice,
Of generosity, and of peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Congratulations to the St Angela's Training Band who performed at the Captivate Eisteddfod on Monday. Mr Walton, Mr Dunne, Mrs Nettleton and Mrs Kassis were so proud of the way in which all the students engaged in the day - performing for the other schools attending and learning from Mr David Russell and Mrs Francois D'Unienville as part of a Combined Student Band of 250+students. We look forward to the Training Band performing for our Grandparents at our Grandparents Open Day next week. Training Band Students:- Jack Cashman, Alexandra Chehade, Sara Crisafulli, Noah Dib, Narayan Elliott, Madeline Annalise Grill, Olivia Henderson, Sophie Hoon, William Iannetta, Thomas Livingstone, Joshua Losco, Daxon Lui, Jayden Thomas, Arabella Gordon, Charlotte Green, Lilly Green, Jessica Rimando.



"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton
Principal



Thank You Morning Tea for Parent Helpers 27th November



We would like to invite parents to attend our Thanksgiving Mass in the hall followed by a Thank You Morning Tea in the library, in recognition of the wonderful support teachers have received throughout the year. You may have assisted in the canteen, library, on excursions, at carnivals or gala days, at special food days, school discos, mothers day and fathers day stall, at the uniform sales or at the family bingo evening. You may have helped out by covering books or by making games or resources for students. We want to recognise you and thank you. Please come along and enjoy each others company as we reflect about the wonderful year that we have had together. To assist with catering please RSVP your attendance. [Parent Thank You Morning Tea 2024 RSVP](#)

2025 Beginning of Year Dates

Tuesday 4th February – First Day Students 1- 6
Thursday 6th February - First Day Kindergarten students

2025 Staff development Days - Pupil Free

Term 1 -	Friday 31st Jan 2025 Monday 3rd February 2025
Term 2 -	Monday 28th April 2025 Tuesday 29th April 2025
Term 3 -	Monday 21st July 2025
Term 4 -	Monday 13th October 2025

Please note: Other Staff Development Days will be confirmed in 2025.

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's Happening at St Angela's
St Angela's Swimming Carnival
- Permission Note
CSPD Survey Letter

Dance Crew: Letter - Performances - Term 4
Year 1: Year 1 Excursion to Fagan Park Note
Year 1 Liturgy - Change of Time

Year 5: 2025 Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirt



RELIGION

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B:
10th November 2024
Mark 12:38-44



The gospel on Sunday was the story of the Widow's offering which is coincidentally the same scripture passage we reflected on last week when our Year 3 friends led the morning prayer for Socktober. The message of immense generosity out of poverty is highlighted. Over the past days our Mini Vinnies friends in Years 5 and 6 have been working with Miss McEntee and delving deeper into the impact of our own generous social justice efforts on the less fortunate communities. Next week, these students will be visiting classrooms during Religion lessons to share what they have learnt with the rest of the school. Once again we thank all our families and parents for their constant support in our ongoing mission.

Year 2 Reconciliation

Let us continue to pray for our students in Year 2 who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the coming weeks.

Prayer for children preparing for Reconciliation

Dear Lord, we pray for families and children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May their minds and hearts be open to Your loving mercy, and may our sacramental team be guided by Your wisdom. We ask that the Holy Spirit provide us all with knowledge and faith to understand the beauty of Your love through this healing Sacrament.

Jocelyn Williams
REC



Sports Update

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Rose Baylis, Harvey Lukas, Lewis Norrish, Arianna Vallejo, Noah Young, Evelyn Vallejo and Nathaniel Zhou who were selected to trial next week for a place in the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball team. A wonderful achievement. We wish you all the best of luck!

Swimming Carnival

This week families in Years 1-5 would have received the information and permission form for the upcoming swimming carnival on Monday 9th December.

A reminder that to compete at this carnival students need to be in;

- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
- Year 1 (only those students who turn 8 in 2025) - and **MUST BE ABLE TO COMPETENTLY SWIM 50M FREESTYLE IN 1 MIN 20 SECONDS TO ENTER 50M RACES**

Registrations and permission needs to be submitted by the 25th November to enter events.

CSPD Gymnastics Competition

Tomorrow Mrs Mazza is accompanying our team of gymnasts to Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre for the Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition. We wish the girls the best of luck as they compete in the individual competitors component of the competition.

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Kai Cassar - 3 Yellow who competed in the State Relay Championships on Sunday 10th November at Sydney Olympic Park Homebush. His team consisting of 3 boys competed in U10 Long Jump. Kai and his team came first against 21 teams and won a gold medal. Huge achievement for them all.



Please keep in your prayers



Mr Paul Griffin, past St Angela's parent and father to Kayla, Jayden, and Dana students at St Angela's 2002-2011 who tragically passed away last Friday. We keep the family in our prayers and thoughts. May he rest In peace.

SCHOOL CANTEEN CARDS

Canteen Cards Expire
10th December 2024

If your child/ren have credit on their current cards we remind you that this credit must be used before the end of this term. [2024 Canteen Cards cannot be credited and will not be rolled over to 2025 Canteen Cards](#)

Please be mindful of purchasing new cards via Qkr! Over the next 6 weeks to ensure you are not left with any unused value that will not be carried over the new year.

We will begin 2024 with **new** Canteen Cards that will be available to purchase via Qkr! the last two weeks of the Christmas school holidays.

We thank you for all your support with St Angela's being a "Cashless" school.

Notification of leaving St Angela's Primary

We are currently planning for the 2025 school year. At this time of the year there may be movement of families out of the area. If your family will not be continuing at St Angela's in 2025, please notify the office via email as soon as possible so that an "Advice of Withdrawal Form" can be emailed to you.

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Micah Tiqui - KB	Victor Grima - KB
Bessie Siountris - KG	Alessia Saad - KG
Eliana Burns - KY	Dylan Buckley - KY
Karley Sung - 1B	Kiera Eberhard - 1B
Sophia Holden - 1G	Rhodes Seydler - 1G
Jackson Reid - 1Y	Ruaan Dutta - 1Y
Ashton Rodriguez - 2B	Isabella Guimenez- 2B
Olivia Dababneh - 2G	Joshua McDowall - 2G
David Yang - 2Y	Azariah Abu Duhou - 2Y
Liam Zeaiter - 3B	Isabella Homer - 3B
Cooper Lewis - 3G	Jennifer Chen - 3G
Olivia Henderson - 3Y	Leo Gordon - 3Y
Saraya Wilson - 4B	Keira Vavasour - 4B
Isabelle Judd - 4G	Madeline Reilly - 4G
James Neo - 4Y	Sienna Wis3 - 4Y
Norah Siountris - 5B	Eloise Hoon - 5B
Ava Buckley - 5G	Dylan Crawford - 5G
Sophia Millalonco - 5Y	Jack Clarke - 5Y
Amelia Baylis - 6B	Joshua Wade - 6B
Saskia Wallace - 6G	Tanya Muregerera - 6G
Thomas Morin - 6Y	Charley Natividad - 6Y



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

November

14th November

Eva Wilson - KG

15th November

Shaia Yang - KG
Selena Scuglia - KY
Olivia D'Urso - 2G
Tyler Petersen - 5B

16th November

Sophia Cook - 2G
Leo Slabak - 3G
Tanya Muregerera - 6G

17th November

Cooper Chan - 5Y
Alexa Yammine - 6G
Giada Genio - 6G

18th November

Oliver Raad - 4G

19th November

Elizabeth Gerig - 1Y
Vanessa Boumelhem - 4Y

20th November

Olive Madden - KY

ST ANGELA'S CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS DAY!

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2024
COMMENCING @ 9:00am



8:00am - Library opens for the Book Fair. This is a great opportunity for grandparents to purchase a book.

8:45am - Gates open for entertainment Band, Verse Speaking and Choir

9:00am - in the classrooms with prayer and then Open Classrooms.

9:30am - Morning tea in the St Maximilian School Hall

Access to the School - Entry this year is from Harrington Road only. The Back Gate will be locked after 8:30 am.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL EVENT AND IS A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR CALENDAR FOR ALL GRANDPARENTS WHO ENJOY VISITING THE SCHOOL.

GRANDPARENTS DAY MORNING TEA

Morning tea/catering arrangements: Morning tea will be in the hall. We kindly ask families to assist with the catering for our special guests - the children's grandparents. As a large number of visitors are anticipated we ask that students bring in a plate to share for morning tea if they have a grandparent attending. All items need to be taken straight to the hall on Friday 22nd November.

It would be appreciated if the goodies are provided on

dinner sized disposable plate
and ready to serve (nut free please).

To ensure a balance of food items -

- ▲ all yellow classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring cakes, scones, pikelets or slices
- ▲ all blue classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring sandwiches and wraps
- ▲ all green classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring savouries, dips or cheese & biscuits.

Families with more than one child at school are only required to provide one plate of whichever category they would like to choose. Thank you for your generosity.



GRANDPARENTS DAY VOLUNTEERS

If you are available to volunteer your time the please complete the

[Grandparents Day Morning Tea Volunteers Google Form](#)

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8:00AM - 4:00PM

Alternative for the Girls Summer School Dress

In collaboration with OzFashions we will be able to offer the girls a skort and lemon peter pan collared blouse to wear as an option for the summer dress. The summer dress will remain as the summer uniform for girls. Please see photos below.

We would like to gauge parent interest in the skort and blouse option. Please complete this [form](#) if you would be interested. Please note that this is NOT an order form.



CODE CAMP—TERM 4

Code Camp continues at St Angela's in Term 4.

Course: Little Coders

Day: Monday

Dates: 21st October - 9th December

Times: 2:55pm - 4:10pm

Booking Link: www.codecamp.com.au/angela

Course: Coding

Day: Wednesday

Dates: 23rd October - 11th December

Times: 3:05pm - 4:20pm

Booking Link: www.codecamp.com.au/angela

Term 4, Issue 5 Happy Families Schools Article:

This week's article from Happy Families Schools is titled **Soft Eyes**. In the article, Dr Justin Coulson talks about one of the best ways to help parents guide their children successfully—particularly at those tense times—is to practise “soft eyes”. When your child is stressed or anxious, seeing your soft eyes can send a reassuring message. Their brain's mirror neurons pick up on your calm demeanour, signalling that the environment is safe.

Read more by following the link to the [Happy Families Schools Website](#)



Password: happysapsch

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



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Travel or Holidays During the School Term

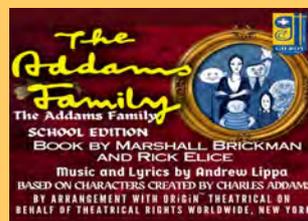


Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school.

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>



GILROY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 20TH | THURSDAY 21ST |
FRIDAY 22ND | SATURDAY 23RD
OF NOVEMBER

STUDENTS AND
STAFF \$25
GENERAL ENTRY
\$35



St Angela's Christmas Concert

**Our whole school Christmas Concert will be held on
Wednesday 4th December at 6pm
at John XXIII School Auditorium
(Children arrive at 5:30 pm)**

Invitation to Parents and Carers



Dear Parents and Carers

We'd like to invite you to our quarterly PRC meeting, where we'll discuss current issues and upcoming community events across CSPD schools. **The main theme for this meeting will be: "Transitions in Schools"** Practical tips for supporting young people as they navigate key stages: starting primary school, adjusting to high school, preparing for Year 12 and HSC, and navigating life beyond school. We warmly invite all parents and carers from CSPD schools to join us for this informative and engaging session. Let's connect, share, and wrap up the year together!

Guest speakers:

- ♦ Jack DeGroot – CEO of Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD) Dr Greg Elliott – Executive General Manager Quality and Performance - CSPD
- ♦ Anoushka Houseman – Wellbeing Leader, Santa Sophia Catholic College Gables
- ♦ Nicky Alsemeest – Partnership Manager, St Columba's Catholic College Springwood
- ♦ Steve Batchelor – CSPD Family Engagement Officer | Introducing the CAFE Club: A simpler, more flexible, and empowering alternative to the traditional P&F model

When: Monday 18 November

Where: St Pauls Catholic College Greystanes, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Time: 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

[PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE!](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parents Representative Council meeting!



BOOK FAIR

Do you want the best children's books? They've arrived at St Angela's! Pay online or join us on the **22nd November at our Grandparents Day** in the library and find child's your next favourite read. See the flyer for further details



STUDENT ILLNESS OR INJURY

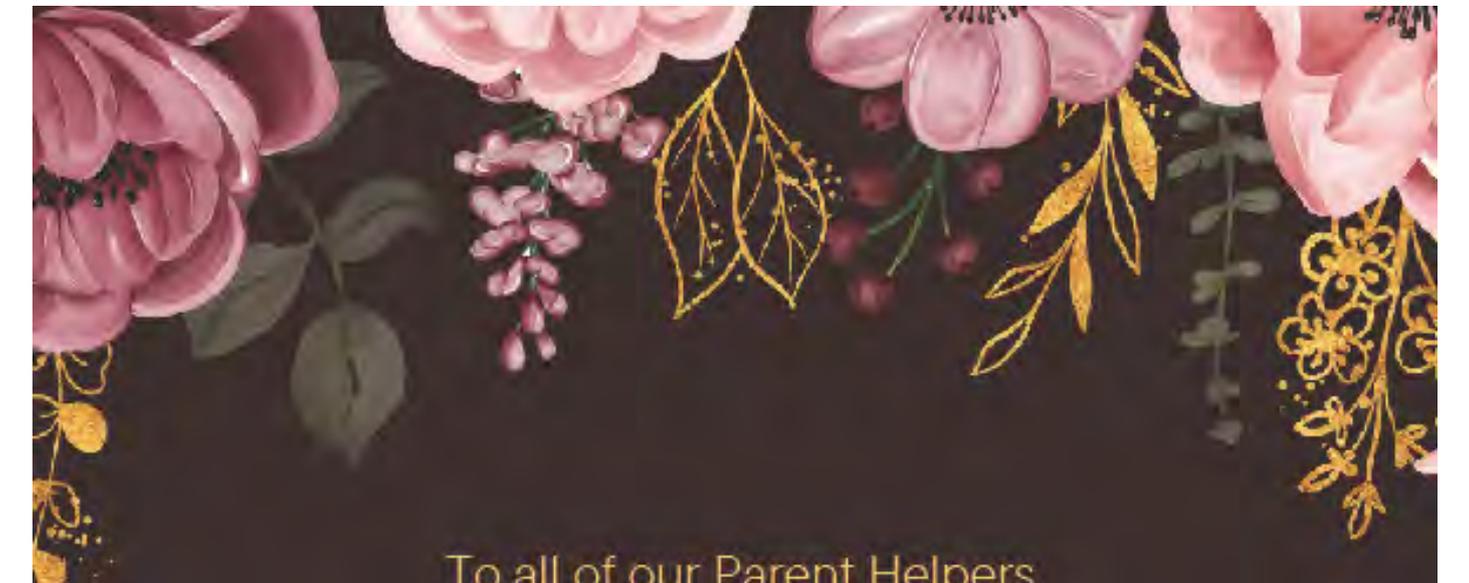
If your child has been injured and requires assistance to move around the school, parents are asked to advise Mrs Nettleton, prior to them returning to school.

Parents are required to get a doctor's letter that outlines the student's injury and that the student is able to return to school.

The treating doctor should also indicate any restrictions that need to be considered on the child's return to school.

Children who carry an injury and are required to wear a Post Surgery Boot, use crutches or operate a wheelchair must have their safety reviewed whilst onsite. It is important that we provide a safe and supportive environment whilst your child recovers.





To all of our Parent Helpers

Thank You Morning Tea!

All parent helpers are warmly invited to attend our Thanksgiving Morning Tea and Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 am. Join us as we celebrate you and reflect on the wonderful events we have shared with you in 2024

Date: Wednesday 27th November.

Time: 9:00 - 10:30am

RSVP

Thank you for all that you do.