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Castle Hill

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Term 4 - Week 6

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

Friday 22nd November:	Grandparents Day Celebration - 8:45 - 10:15am Marion College Year 5 Enrolment Information Session for students
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:	Year 5 STEM 3D Showcase Day First Reconciliation - OLOR - 6:00 pm
Monday 2nd December:	Morning Prayer - First Week of Advent - KY - 8:30am
Tuesday 3rd December	Brainstorm Productions - Antibullying
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

YEAR 5 MISSION MARKETS

This term, Year 5 students are learning to identify and create practical ways in which they can respond to God's love through leadership and service of others. Students are exploring this through **exploring the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service.**

On Wednesday, the students presented their initiatives at "The Mission Markets" to all of the grades. The hall was buzzing with excitement and activity as the Year 5 students shared their knowledge and raised awareness and funds for the work of the JRS. All proceeds raised will go directly to the JRS to support their work with refugees. Please make a donation using the Qkr! app.

Congratulations Year 5, we are so proud of you all!



2025 Beginning of Year Dates

Tuesday 4th February - First Day Students 1- 6
Thursday 6th February - First Day Kindergarten students
Wednesday 17th December - Last day of the year for students

2025 Staff development Days - Pupil Free

Term 1 -	Friday 31st January 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 Thursday 18th December 2025 Friday 19th December 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our Dance Crew who participated in the Captivate Dance festival on Monday and then performed in the evening for parents at St John XX111 Performance Hub. The students made Miss McEntee, Mrs Rubelj, Mrs Orsini, me and all the parents very proud as they performed alongside students from across the diocese.



We are also very proud of our Gymnasts who participated in the Diocesan Gymnastics Competition with over 200 student from across the diocese. Congratulations to - Tiahna Barjacoba, Gia Botoulas, Ava Buckley, Ruby Pace, Saraya Wilson and Izabelle Zeegers.



The teachers are working very hard preparing student learning reports for the end of the year and at the same time making arrangements for the students as they transition to their next year group in 2025. At this time of the year our K - 2 teachers are assessing the students for their reading and numeracy development. These are important 1:1 assessments that require the class teachers to be out of the classroom with the children. When your child's class teacher is not in the room one of our wonderful and very capable casual teachers is taking the class to continue the learning for the students.

This week we have hosted students from Marian College. These students have been working in classrooms supporting the teaching programme and the students as they learn. We have been delighted to be a part of this wonderful programme and in particular enjoy reconnecting with past St Angela's students who with their peers are great role models for our students - Jessica Lester, Madeline Nasso, Freya Begg, Keeley Rule, Lucy Pozzobon, Elodie Johnson, Isla Austin-Smith, Caeden Large, Alex Austen, Jada Yu, Gabriella Way-Moran, Abbey Cassai, Sahara Knipler, Jessica White, Nichols Eric, Ben McNamara, and Harry Petras

Tomorrow we will have our Grandparents in our classrooms across the school as we celebrate the wonderful contribution that Grandparents make to the lives of our students and their families. Following their visits to the classrooms Grandparents are warmly invited to share morning tea with each other in the Hall. The Kiss and Drop at the front of the school will be available for Grandparents to be dropped off. Book Fair is Open in the Library from 8:00am. Entry to the school is from 8:30am.

Grandparents, our guiding light,
A source of love, pure and bright.
With wisdom shared and stories told,
They weave a warmth that never grows old.
A gentle hand, a listening ear,
Their presence brings comfort near.
In their embrace, we always find,
A legacy of love, so kind.

"Together we can do so much"
Leanne Nettleton
Principal



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RELIGION

Grandparent's Day Prayer

Grandparents day in the Catholic tradition celebrates the memorial of **Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, also the grandparents of Jesus. It was in the home of Saints Joachim and Anne where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation. The Church invokes this saintly couple as the patron of grandparents.

A PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear God, Please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents
and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes
the glory of your Son, Jesus,
in the love of their children and grandchildren.
Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mini Vinnies MacKillop Fortnightly Visit

Our students visited the residents at MacKillop house and spent time chatting and making friendship bracelets with them. They also visited the chapel and offered their prayers. Thank you to these parents who assisted with the transportation - Mrs McGaulley, Mrs Lukas, Mrs Shorten, Mrs Genio, Mrs Seydler.

Here is what a couple of the students came back with about their experience...

"It was wonderful to make connections with the residents and I loved making friendship bracelets, these reminded me of Rosary beads and were very special" Tanya 6 Green

"I loved meeting everyone and they were all very kind and made me feel welcome, I also loved visiting the chapel to pray after our visit" Michael 4 Blue



Jocelyn Williams
REC

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's Happening at St Angela's
Christmas Concert Invitation

Swimming carnival Permission Form Reminder

Year 1: Year 1 Mad About Science Incursion

2 Yellow: Letter from Mrs Nettleton

Year 5: Year 5 Mission Markets

Year 6: Letter from the Parent Committee - Year 6 Dinner Dance

Sports Update

Representative Sport

Congratulations to our students who trialed this week for a place in the Parramatta Diocesan Team for TENNIS and BASKETBALL. A shout out to Noah Young, Lewis Norrish Evelyn Vallejo and Arianna Vallejo who have progressed forward in Basketball and will now be trialling for the MacKillop team. What an outstanding achievement!

Years 2-5 Swimming Carnival

Registrations and permission forms will be closing soon for the upcoming swimming carnival. Please be sure to have registered your child in the appropriate events. This is a HUGE help to our carnival preparations and the safety of all our students attending.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL PERMISSION AND EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered already. Without our parents' support we cannot run a successful carnival. If your circumstances have changed and you are now available to help at the swimming carnival please send Mrs Mazza an email expressing your interest in helping out.

Gymnastics

A shout out to Saraya Wilson, Ava Buckley, Gia Botoulas, Tiahna Barjacob, Ruby Pace and Izzy Zeegers who competed at the CSPD Gymnastics Competition with Mrs Mazza. It was a wonderful event that provided an opportunity for our students to really showcase their ability in a sport they love, gymnastics! We were blessed to have another two students from other schools in our group who commented on how supportive and friendly our St Angela's students were to them. This is a real credit to the girls on their true sportsmanship. Throughout the competition the girls received instant feedback on each apparatus, receiving some bronze, silver and lots of gold stickers on their score cards. Well done girls!

2025 Parramatta Diocesan PRIMARY Team Sport Trials Nominations are OPEN

You can now register for the following sports AFL, Hockey, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball & Touch.

Please note this is only if you are in Year 5 and 6 in 2025 and in some cases Year 4 in certain sports. Please note nominations close on 7th February 2025.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that MUST demonstrate an ABOVE AVERAGE ability, HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, or in particular sports demonstrate REPRESENTATIVE playing experience in their nominated sport. More information can be found on the Parramatta Primary Sports webpage.



Katrina Mazza - Sport Teacher

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Acelyn Seydler, Havana Seydler and Dylan Tongol for participating in the Kids Giving back Programme, packing meal packs and care packages for the disadvantaged. These students gave up their own recreation time to volunteer. Well done.

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Alannah Pupo - KB	Abel Norton - KB
Phoebe Franks - KG	Joseph Barakat - KG
Toby Whiting - KY	Emma Goodall - KY
Ace Latham - 1B	Elijah Leung-Young - 1B
Bianca Fedele - 1G	Felix Barnett - 1G
Finley Rados - 1Y	Chelsea Ruggier - 1Y
Jake Vallon - 2B	Gabriella Panto - 2B
Natalia Boumelhem - 2G	Lilah Anschau - 2G
Xavier Broadbridge - 2Y	Ruby Hoare - 2Y
Samuel Sourial - 3B	Ava Holeva - 3B
Aubrey Hochstetter - 3G	William Wallace - 3G
Mikayla Saad - 3Y	Olivia Katipunan - 3Y
Evelyn Vallejo - 4B	Acelyn Seydler - 4B
Hannah Merhi - 4G	Isabelle Judd - 4G
Luca D'Urso - 4Y	Sierra Honore - 4Y
Andrea Mateo - 5B	Tashmika Pillay - 5B
Sophia Arreza - 5G	Lilly Green - 5G
Taylor Manio - 5Y	Sarah D'Cruz - 5Y
Dylan Putra - 6B	Ivy Gualterio - 6B
Jack Hewlett - 6G	Giada Genio - 6G
Gabriella Chehade - 6Y	Alexis Foxe - 6Y



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

November

22nd November
Luke Eltatkchi - 3G

23rd November
Sebastian Burns - 4Y
Skye Doyle - 6Y

24th November
Mia Vassallo - 6B

25th November
Austin Iskandar - 4G

26th November
Aubrey Hochstetter - 3G

27th November
Luke Lin - 1G

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



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 Avenue 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**

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



Confidence & Motivation

Building confidence and motivation in young people is essential for their overall wellbeing and is a key aspect of their development. These qualities can have a lasting impact on their success and happiness. Confidence helps children believe in their abilities and face challenges with a positive attitude, while motivation drives their desire to learn, explore, and achieve their goals.

Fostering these traits involves creating an environment that encourages children to take risks, learn from their mistakes, and celebrate their achievements. Confidence is built when children feel capable and valued, while motivation is fuelled by the belief that their efforts will lead to growth and success. By actively supporting both, we can help young people thrive in the academic, social, and personal areas of their life. By offering positive reinforcement, setting realistic expectations, and celebrating their efforts, we can model a positive mindset that can go a long way in helping young people develop both confidence and motivation. Nurturing these qualities, will help them grow into self-assured individuals who believe in their ability to succeed, setting the foundation for a fulfilling future.

In this edition of SchoolTV, discover how to provide opportunities for autonomy and support your child in persevering through challenges.

Here is the link to your Edition <https://stangelaschill.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/confidence-motivation-au>



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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.



Travel or Holidays During the School Term



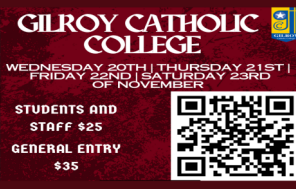
Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school.

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>



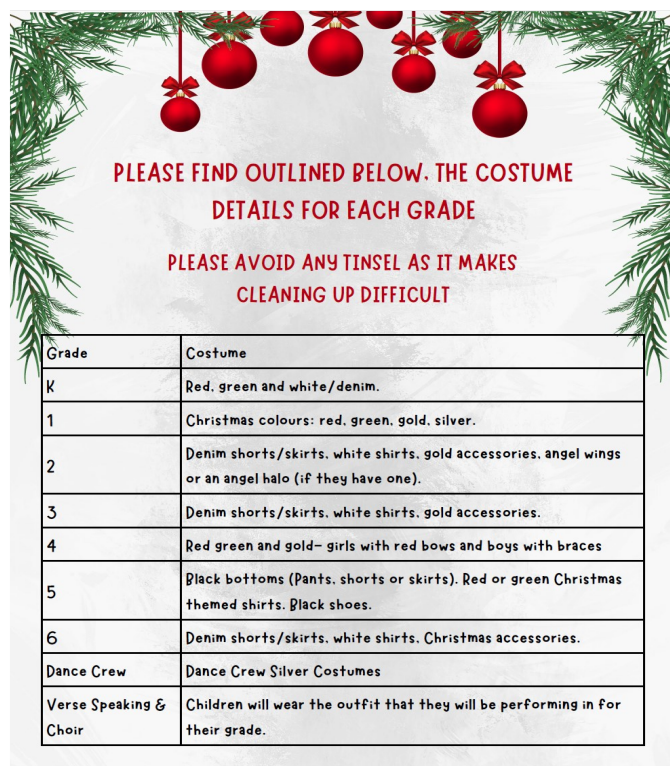


ST ANGELA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WILL
BE HELD AT ST JOHN XXIII, STANHOPE GARDENS

6PM. WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

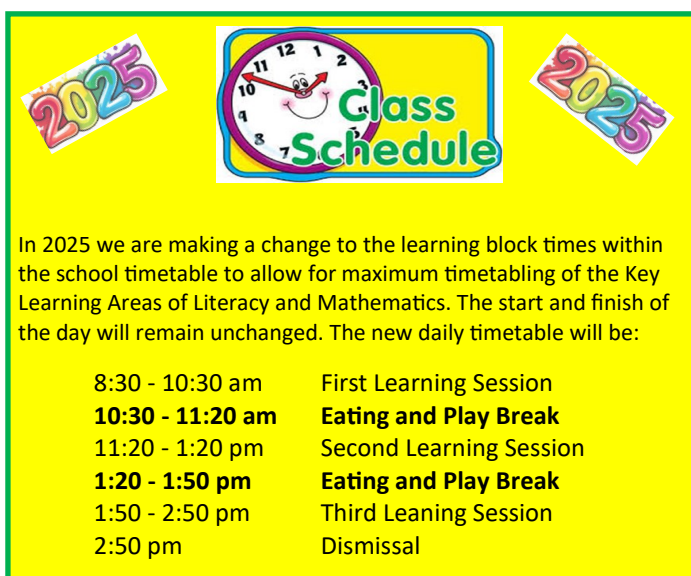
CHILDREN ARRIVE AT 5.30PM



PLEASE FIND OUTLINED BELOW. THE COSTUME
DETAILS FOR EACH GRADE

PLEASE AVOID ANY TINSEL AS IT MAKES
CLEANING UP DIFFICULT

Grade	Costume
K	Red, green and white/denim.
1	Christmas colours: red, green, gold, silver.
2	Denim shorts/skirts, white shirts, gold accessories, angel wings or an angel halo (if they have one).
3	Denim shorts/skirts, white shirts, gold accessories.
4	Red green and gold- girls with red bows and boys with braces
5	Black bottoms (Pants, shorts or skirts). Red or green Christmas themed shirts. Black shoes.
6	Denim shorts/skirts, white shirts, Christmas accessories.
Dance Crew	Dance Crew Silver Costumes
Verse Speaking & Choir	Children will wear the outfit that they will be performing in for their grade.



Class Schedule

In 2025 we are making a change to the learning block times within the school timetable to allow for maximum timetabling of the Key Learning Areas of Literacy and Mathematics. The start and finish of the day will remain unchanged. The new daily timetable will be:

8:30 - 10:30 am	First Learning Session
10:30 - 11:20 am	Eating and Play Break
11:20 - 1:20 pm	Second Learning Session
1:20 - 1:50 pm	Eating and Play Break
1:50 - 2:50 pm	Third Learning Session
2:50 pm	Dismissal


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.



SCHOOL CANTEEN CARDS

Canteen Cards Expire on 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

New Canteen Cards will not be issued until 2025 .

Due to the building works, stock in the canteen will be run down. New stock will not be purchased until 2025. Some items will not be available.

The last day for canteen will be Tuesday 10th December.

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

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](#)

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.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS 8:00 - 4:00 PM