



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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Term 4 - Week 8

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all our students and staff on such a wonderful Christmas Concert. The venue at SJ23rd Stanhope Gardens certainly is wonderful for this event - we are very appreciative of SJ23rd for allowing us access to the Hub.

I am sure that you will agree that the teachers are awesome - managing to present their classes on stage in such a magnificent production. A special thanks to

- Mrs Shiel and the Christmas Concert committee for all their organisation and coordination
- Mr and Mrs Petersen for their expert technical advice and support on the evening for sound and lighting. This included the donation of equipment and their services. It was generous of Reilly, Aiden and Seth Petersen ex St Angela's students to also contribute their time.
- Mrs Taylor, Mrs Criss, Mrs North, Mrs Murray, Miss McEntee, Mrs Rubelj and Mr Walton for preparing the Verse Speakers, Choir, Band and Dance Crew for their performances
- Chloe Campbell (St Angela's IT Trainee) and Mrs Kaelin for working in the sound tech room.
- All our parents for dressing your children in a festive way for the concert

We certainly make a great team and were able to bring everyone the joy of Christmas at this very special event.



"Together we can do so much"

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

Monday 9th December:	Swimming Carnival Years 2- 5
Tuesday 10th December:	Year 6 Motiv8 Big Day In
Friday 13th December:	St Angela's Day
Wednesday 18th December:	Students Last Day of the Year
Thursday 19th December:	Staff Development Day
Friday 20th December:	Staff Development Day

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.

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's Happening at St Angela'
Swimming Carnival - Reminder
Emergency Drill

Year 1: Whooping Cough

Yea 2: Whooping Cough

Code Camp: Wednesday Students - Postponement



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RELIGION

First Sunday of Advent, Year C - 2nd December 2024

Introduction to the Gospel:

On the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a special season in the Church where we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Advent is a time of hope, waiting, and getting ready for Jesus to come into our hearts. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus talking about a time when there will be signs in the sky and all the world will be waiting for God to come. He tells us that when these things happen, we shouldn't be afraid but be happy because it means that Jesus is coming to make everything right.

Let's Break It Down:

1. Jesus is Coming! (Luke 21:25-28)

Jesus says that one day, there will be signs in the sky. He tells us that when we see these things happening, we should stand tall and look up, because this means that Jesus is coming! Jesus is telling us not to be afraid but to be full of hope because He will make everything new and beautiful.

What does this mean for us?

It means that even when things are hard, we can have hope because we know that Jesus is coming to bring peace and love to the world. Just like how we wait for Christmas, we are also waiting for Jesus to come and make everything better.

2. Stay Ready and Watchful (Luke 21:34-36)

Jesus also tells us to be careful not to get too busy or distracted with things that make us forget about Him. Sometimes we can get caught up in too much playing, watching TV, or doing other things, and we forget to spend time with God. Jesus is reminding us to be ready for His coming and to live in a way that makes Him happy.

What can we do to be ready?

We can pray, help others, be kind, and love each other, just like Jesus taught us. When we do these things, we are getting ready for Jesus to come into our hearts.

Let's pray together:

Dear Jesus, thank you for coming into our world. Help us to be ready for your coming by being kind, loving, and always thinking about you. Help us to have hope and joy in our hearts as we wait for you during Advent. Amen.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE	
Tuesday 24th December 2024 – Morning Mass – 6.45am	
CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER	
5.30pm Children's Mass (Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Chris)	
8pm Family Mass	
11.30pm Christmas Carols sung by Youth Choir Midnight Mass begins at Midnight	
CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER 7am, 9am and 11am Masses	
(PLEASE NOTE: There is no Evening Mass on CHRISTMAS DAY)	
BOXING DAY, Thursday 26 December – 8am Mass only	
Friday 27 December – 6.45am and 9.30am Mass	
Saturday 28 December – MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - 9.30am Mass followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine, please bring a plate to share.	
- 6pm Vigil Mass	
MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:	
Wednesday 31 December – 6.45am and 7pm Vigil Mass	
Thursday 1 January – 8am Mass only	
Unmarked days have regular schedules	

Jocelyn Williams
REC

Sports Update

Years 2-5 Swimming Carnival

All families in years 2-5 would have received a reminder note this week for Monday's Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Boyd St Blacktown. A reminder for those students swimming in the 100m and 200m events, are to be driven straight to the pool by parents for 8.45am marshalling. All other students are to be at school by 8.30 as the buses will be leaving promptly. Parent helpers who have volunteered will meet Mrs Mazza at the pool at 8.15am.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL ORDER OF EVENTS

100m Freestyle
200 Medley
50m Freestyle 12yrs
50m Freestyle 11yrs
50m Freestyle 10 yrs
50m Freestyle 9 yrs
50m Freestyle 8 yrs
50m Backstroke Senior
50m Backstroke 11yrs
50m Backstroke Junior
50m Breaststroke Senior
50m Breaststroke 11yrs
50m Breaststroke Junior
50m Butterfly (Combined) Junior, 11yrs, Senior
25m Freestyle
25m Backstroke
25m Kickboard

Please note this is a guide only.

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.**

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
	Friday 26th September 2025
Term 4 -	Monday 13th October 2025
	Thursday 18th December 2025
	Friday 19th December 2025

Celebrating Our Gifts

<i>Learning Excellence</i>	<i>St Angela's Award</i>
Jonathan Collignon - KB	Elara Ekehov - KB
Isla Murphy - KG	Isabella Johnston - KG
Johannes Lin - KY	Jackson Holland - KY
Alissa Busono - 1B	Ansh Agarwal - 1B
Milan Haddad - 1G	Sophia Holden - 1G
Lyra Songara - 1Y	Hayes Leung - 1Y
Jayden Barjacoba - 2B	Milana Zullo - 2B
Chanelle Coco - 2G	Austin Szandala - 2G
Aarush Sharma - 2Y	Olivia Raad - 2Y
Maddison Cooray - 3B	Charlie Vassallo - 3B
Isaac Low - 3G	Jack Cashman - 3G
Natasha Clemente - 3Y	Annalise Grill - 3Y
Clarathea Kinsong - 4B	Tia Lawlor - 4B
Olivia Johnston - 4G	Oliver Raad - 4G
Jayden Thomas - 4Y	Vanessa Boumelhem - 4Y
Daniel Morr - 5B	Daniella Khodeir - 5B
Edward Taylor - 5G	Joseph Dababneh - 5G
Chase Panganiban - 5Y	Oliver Newbury - 5Y
Willow Neeld - 6B	Victoria Taouk - 6B
Angelique Bonasin - 6G	Olivia Millalonco - 6G
Lucas Mileto - 6Y	Thomas Morin - 6Y

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.



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

November

5th December	8th December
Natalie Holden - KG	Katrina Cheung - KB
Acelyn Seydler - 4B	Maximus Orefice - 5G
Lucas Tassone - 4Y	Joshua Raad - 5Y
6th December	9th December
Zachary Price - 1G	Ava Holeva - 3B
Hayden Sam - 2G	10th December
Madeleine Bonasin - 4G	Sophia Millalonco - 5Y
7th December	11th December
Nathaniel Katipunan - KY	Zachary Chacko - 2Y
Toby Williams - 4G	Olivia Katipunan - 3Y
Sierra Honore - 4Y	Emma Zhang - 4G



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

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS 8:00 - 4:00 PM

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Your child's Semester Two report will be shared with you via COMPASS on Monday 9th December. Teachers have been busy completing assessments and writing comments over the past few weeks.

Student Reports each semester can be accessed via the Compass Parent Portal. The benefit of this is that they are saved centrally for you to access at any time and you can also download and print them if you wish.






Please note that once your child has left the school you will no longer have access to their school Academic Reports on Compass. Please ensure that you download your child's reports before they leave the school.

Semester Two Reports

Student Learning Reports highlight particular strengths, as well as areas of development for your child. The A-E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different Reporting scale).

- * There are no predetermined number of A, B, C, D, E achievement levels to be allocated
- * Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated.
- * It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.
- * The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands. Although some KLA's have been broken into strands, it is important to note that some strands have more weight than others. The overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of strands.
- * Comparative data for the grade is included in the reports for Years 1-6.
- * The achievement levels / common grade scale are provided by the NSW Education Standards Authority and are included in your report for you to reference.

Parents are reminded that each year level introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. The achievement level of 'C' is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional 'C' from our own school days. Our parent/teacher interviews seek to explain, elaborate on, and support the Reports. The following website <https://arc.nesa.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6> provides work samples that illustrate A-E Achievement levels. It is well worth a look.

A	B	C	D	E
Grand Prix racer	Advanced driver training with extra skills	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	A person on "P" plates drives independently but still learning.	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.
				

ST ANGELA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS



FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR A WHITE T-SHIRT AND MUFTI

Next Friday we will be celebrating St Angela's Feast Day with the students. This is a day to celebrate our patron saint's charism at the same time as celebrate the wonderful year that we have had in 2024.

The Day will commence for the students with a Liturgy based on the life and teaching of St Angela's and then move into a day full of FUN

ACTIVITIES including:-

RUSH HOUR - organised lawn games

Water play

Art activities

Class Colour Fun

Gelato treat (complimentary)

Bucket Challenge (Teacher volunteers)

