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Castle Hill

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Term 4 - Week 9



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that we are in the last full week of school term and that this is the final school newsletter for 2024. While I will reserve my wrap up for the year for a communication that will go home next week I would like to thank and congratulate our entire school community for a very successful year. Throughout the year our students have made us very proud "Letting their Light Shine" in so many ways.

A special congratulations to our Year 6 students who graduate from St Angela's next week. My best wishes to all of you as you move onto high school and continue your journey in faith and learning. Thank you to our school leaders for their enthusiasm, the mature manner in which they encouraged the younger students throughout this year, and the excellent way they have each carried out their particular role. It has been a pleasure to have their support and I wish them every success in the future.

Thank you to Father Chris and Father Christian who lead our faith development throughout the year and are a constant source of support and encouragement to the staff and students of St Angela's. We feel very connected to our parish through the Parish sacramental programmes, school visitations from our pastors and through our school participation in parish activities such as the Fiesta and Christmas Carols evening. This year our Year 6 students were motivated and supported by the Parish Youth Group especially Judith-Grace Vella and Ethan Gunawardhana as they reflected on their time at St Angela's and have been preparing to transition to high school.

Thank you to our dedicated and passionate staff for all their energy and enthusiasm throughout the year, preparing and planning rich learning opportunities for their students. Of course none of what we achieve at St Angela's is possible without the support of you, our parents and families. Thank you for your generosity and patience when it has been required. Our building project is looking amazing and progressing to schedule. Throughout this year the creative thinking of our parent volunteers and teachers working together, has enabled us to host every Open Day and extra curricular activity that occurs in the year. Everyone has been so flexible and adaptive - thank you.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating St Angela's Feast Day - a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our patron saint and also the end of a fabulous year of learning and faith together. The Day will commence with a liturgy especially focused on the life and charism of St Angela and then the children will enjoy a day of fun activities which will include RUSH HOUR Colour Fun and a complimentary gelato. The students are invited to wear a white shirt and mufti - joggers please for footwear, so that they can fully participate in the large games provided during the day.

Year 6 and their families will gather in the OLOR Parish Church to celebrate God's many blessings on them during their time at St Angela's. Grandparents/siblings are welcome. A light supper organised by our Year 5 parents will be held after Mass in the OLOR School Hall. Many thanks to the generous Year 5 parents who have volunteered to set up and offer hospitality.

Our thanks for the many years the following families who have been associated with St Angela's as their youngest child leaves Year 6 - Farewell and thank you from our St Angela's community. Aguilar, Araneda, Baker, Bell, Bressi, Colosimo, Despoges, Elizaga, Fernades, Foxe, Genio, Gibbons, Gigliucci, Glendenning, Gliddon, Hewlett, Khoury, Laird, Lang, Logarta-Scott, Maguire, Mares, McGualley, Miletic, Mills, Monet, Morin, Muscado, Neeld, Ochudzawa, Phung, Putra, Shalala, Shorten, Taouk, Tikellis, Tongol, Vujnovich and Yammine

"Together we can do so much"

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



2025 Beginning of Year Dates



Tuesday 4th February - First Day Students Years 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

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

Friday 13th December: St Angela's Day
Tuesday 17th December: Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 18th December: Students Last Day of the Year
Thursday 19th December: Staff Development Day
Friday 20th December: Staff Development Day



RELIGION

St Angela's Day - On Friday 13th December we are celebrating the feast day of St Angela Merici, our school patron saint.

St. Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursuline Order, led a remarkable life filled with devotion, education, and social reform. Here are some significant and interesting facts about her life:

- Born Into a Noble Family, Raised by Her Uncle** - St. Angela Merici was born in 1474 in Italy. Her parents died when she was young, and she was raised by her uncle, who made sure she got a good education.
- Lived Through Tragedy Early in Life** - Angela went through a lot of sadness early on. After losing both her parents, her younger sister also died. These tough experiences made her turn to God and helped her grow spiritually.
- A Vision Inspired Her to Teach** - When Angela was young, she had a spiritual vision that made her feel called by God to help others, especially to teach young girls. This was the start of her mission in life.
- Cared About Educating Girls** - Angela was one of the first to really focus on giving girls a good education. She believed that education wasn't just about learning facts, but about helping young women grow in both knowledge and good character.
- The Ursuline Order Started as a Small Group** - In 1535, Angela founded the Ursuline Order, but it didn't begin as a traditional religious group. It started as a small group of women who wanted to teach and help the poor. Over time, it grew into a well-known religious order.
- Encouraged Women to Live in the World** - Unlike other religious groups at the time, Angela didn't want women in her group to live in a convent or behind closed doors. She encouraged them to live in the world and serve their communities by teaching and helping others.
- Patron Saint of Teachers** - Angela is known as the patron saint of teachers, especially those who teach young girls. Her way of teaching, which focused on both the mind and the heart, had a huge impact on education.
- Inspired by St. Ursula** - Angela named her group the Ursuline Order after St. Ursula, a woman from the 4th century who was also known for helping young women. Angela felt connected to her mission to teach and guide girls.
- Her Legacy Lives On in Schools such as ours** - Angela's Ursuline Order grew quickly and became one of the most important groups in the world for educating girls. Ursuline schools and charities can be found in many countries today.
- She Was Honored as a Saint** - Angela was beatified (declared a "blessed") in 1768 and was later made a saint in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. Her feast day is celebrated on January 27th, the day she died in 1540.
- Humility and Service Were Her Core Values** - Even though Angela became famous for her work, she stayed humble and focused on serving others. She lived a simple life, always putting God and others first.

St Angela's School Prayer

Saint Angela
As I begin a new day
Help me to act as you did
while you were here on earth.
Help me to pray as you did
thanking God for His many gifts
Most of all help me to use my talents
to make the world a better place
as you did Saint Angela.
May I Let My Light Shine always.
AMEN

Jocelyn Williams
REC

Hamper Appeal



This term Year 4 and the whole St Angela's community have been supporting the St. Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) Christmas Hamper Appeal. They are helping many families and individuals who need our contributions providing nourishment for themselves and their families in the HILLS community.

On behalf of all of Year 4, we would like to say thank you to all of the families who have generously donated to our school. We are immensely grateful for all the donations this amazing St Angela's community has donated. We have raised over **\$400** in gift cards and around **100** bags of food, toys, clothes and much more!

Your compassion and acts of kindness are going to make someone's Christmas a whole lot brighter. They will be filled with joy, hope, love and happiness!!!

Wishing you all a cheerful Holiday on behalf of all of Year 4!



SCHOOL CANTEN

SCHOOL CANTEN IS CLOSED FOR 2024

Thank you to Mrs Ross in the office and Belinda Muscat and all our Canteen Helpers who provided service to our students throughout the year. You are CHAMPIONS!

We invite you to our
OPEN EVENING

Enrolments for Year 7, 2026
close on Friday 14 March, 2025.
marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025 | 4PM OR 6PM

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

- Whole School:** What's Happening at St Angela's Semester 2 Learning Reports are now available on Compass
Updated Semester 2 Learning Reports are now available on Compass - Attendance data included
OLOR Christmas Concert
- Choir:**
Year 3: Year 3 Sports Uniform tomorrow
Year 4: Whooping Cough
Year 5: Whooping Cough
Year 6: Year 6 Graduation Mass and Light Supper - RSVP
Year 6: Year 6 Motiv8
Change to Sports Uniform days for Year 6 this week
- Allergies & Anaphylaxis:** Pizza Day Motiv8

Sports Update

Swimming Carnival

From the thrilling swimming races to enthusiastic cheering, the St Angela's House Spirit and Sportsmanship shone brightly at this year's Swimming Carnival! It was great to see that our number of students entering swimming races had significantly improved from last year. Whether the students were in the water or on the sidelines, there were lots of smiles on their faces and fun to be had. Well done, everyone!

Events like these aren't possible without the support of our wonderful community. A heartfelt thank you to all the parent helpers who gave their time and energy to ensure the carnival ran smoothly. Your support, from timekeeping to marshalling and everything in between was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to the Secondary Marian staff and students who generously helped run Water Safety Lessons with our non-swimmers. Your guidance, patience, and encouragement were key in helping our students have a fun day. You made a real difference, and we are so grateful for your partnership.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to making this year's Swimming Carnival such a memorable event. We're already looking forward to next year!

Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who were presented yesterday with their Age Champion Trophies for their outstanding achievements at the swimming carnival.

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| 13 Yrs Boys Champion - Cooper Chan | 12 Yrs Girls Champion - Gia Botoulas |
| 12 Yrs Boys Champion - Dylan Crawford & Aidan Theoharous | 12 Yrs Girls Runner Up - Harper Pickles |
| 12 Yrs Boys Runner Up - Dean Alcock | 11 Yrs Girls Champion - Lilly Green |
| 11 Yrs Boys Champion - Nicholas Gumuljo | 11 Yrs Girls Runner Up - Acelyn Seydler |
| 11 Yrs Boys Runner Up - Liam Kennedy | 10 Yrs Girls Champion - Lilah Kenny |
| 10 Yrs Boys Champion - Kai Theoharous | 10 Yrs Girls Runner Up - Molly O'Reilly |
| 10 Yrs Boys Runner Up - Harvey Lukas | 9 Yrs Girls Champion - Isabelle Riley |
| 9 Yrs Boys Champion - Jake Vallon | 9 Yrs Girls Runner Up - Florence Guglielmi |
| 9 Yrs Boys Runner Up - Joshua McDowall | |
| 8 Yrs Boys Champion - Lucas Riley | |
| 8 Yrs Boys Runner Up - Ethan Zhang | |



Spirit Medal Winners

Congratulations to **Ruby Pace** and **Tobias Brook** for taking home the Swimming Carnival Spirit Medals this year for their outstanding enthusiasm and House Spirit at the carnival.



Swimming Carnival House Winners
Congratulations to our winning house **Merici** with 578 Points in total .

Well done to **Brescia** winning the Spirit Cup with 2600 points.



Be sure to check out all the highlights of the carnival in this term's Sport News.

Representative Sports

Congratulations to Sienna Mearns who was recognised and awarded the CSNSW Maroon Sporting Award this week at the Sydney Cricket Ground for her outstanding achievements in this year's sporting pathway program, in particular all her achievements in football (Soccer). Sienna originally signed up to trial for a position in the Parramatta Diocesan Team for Soccer in term 1, she then progressed forward trialling for a position in the MacKillop team and continued all the way to the end playing in the National team in Perth just recently. We are so proud of Sienna and all her achievements and wish her well in her Soccer journey, which includes selection into the NSW U13 Storm Futsal Team National Championship which includes competing in Melbourne in January 2025.



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.

PRIMARY SPORT
Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

2025
**Parramatta Diocesan PRIMARY
Team Sport Trials
Nominations OPEN**

AFL, Hockey, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby
League, Rugby Union, Softball & Touch

The expression of Interest registration window is OPEN for the sports listed above. Closes on 7th February 2025. One nomination per sport. A copy of responses to the submitted form will be emailed to the address provided in the EOI.

Click on QR Code to nominate

Celebrating Our Gifts

Learning Excellence	St Angela's Award
Karina Cheung - KB	Ishaan Lele - KB
Charli Carey - KG	Jaxon Gioiello - KG
Syrus Chen - KY	Rhiannon Crosby - KY
Marcus Gittany - 1B	Mila Kwoka - 1B
Isabelle Masik - 1G	Zachary Price - 1G
William Spragg - 1Y	Jason Tedja - 1Y
Cara Villanueva - 2B	Noah Judd - 2B
Emily Ison - 2G	Grace Kennedy - 2G
Daniel Chetty - 2Y	Elina Kasparian - 2Y
Jude Schenke - 3B	Michael Boumelhem - 3B
Madeline Gentile - 3G	Daxon Lui - 3G
Kai Cassar - 3Y	Andre Vancuylenberg - 3Y
Gabriel Edouard - 4B	Emilia Caparros - 4B
Lily Mogan - 4G	Nathaniel Zhou - 4G
Grace Lim - 4 Y	Elanor Gandajana - 4Y
Arianna Vallejo - 5B	Joshua Losco - 5B
Eva Ilijic - 5G	Georgia Grill - 5G
Joshua Raad - 5Y	Ruby Pace - 5Y
Matthew Zhou - 6B	Aoife Maguire - 6B
Dylian Tongol - 6G	Sienna Andrew - 6G
Adrianna Tikellis - 6Y	Skye Doyle - 6Y



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

December

13th December	Beth Kenny - 5B
Sebastian Loganathan - KY	Hudson Lukas - 6B
Emmanuel Dib - 6G	William Lakeman - 6B
14th December	21st December
Aaron Chelvaratnam - 1B	Marco Barba - 1B
Lilah Browne - 2G	Joseph Cook - 1G
Charley Natividad - 6Y	Vicky Zhang - 2Y
	Jayden Olah - 3Y
	Miranda Soliman - 5Y
15th December	23rd December
Leonardo Cruz - KB	Khloe Ibrahim - 4B
Liam Zeaiter - 3B	24th December
16th December	Willow Neeld - 6B
Grace Baylis - 4Y	Elizabeth Glendenning - 6G
Rose Baylis - 4Y	25th December
Ruby Aquilina - 5G	Samaan Abu Duhou - 6G
Oliver Nwbury - 5Y	27th December
17th December	Dayna Mills - 6Y
Ronan Phung - 6G	29th December
18th December	Chloe Cruz - 3Y
Tia Lawlor - 4B	30th December
Amelia Baylis - 6B	Leah Ryan - 2B
19th December	Nicholas Gumuljo - 4B
Jaxon Gioiello - KG	Norah Siountris - 5B
Sebastian Kasparian - KG	Eden Gliddon - 6Y
Gabriel Kasparian - 4G	31st December
20th December	Ricardo Circosta - KB
Amelia Halfhide - 1Y	Phoebe Huang - 2Y
Emilia Holland - 2Y	Molly O'Reilly - 3B

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.



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

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)

