



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

SHINE

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 1 - Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Next week, we will once again join with Catholic schools across the diocese to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This is a special time which encourages schools to showcase the many learning opportunities available to students, and celebrate our unique Catholic schools. It is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community. On Wednesday 5th March and Friday 7th March we will hold Open Days for new enrolments to St Angela's for 2026. This will be an opportunity for us to showcase our St Angela's community including the anticipation of our new school buildings which will be fully operational for the kindergartens when they commence their primary school journey. 2026 will be a milestone in our school's history as we will be enrolling students for 4 Kindergarten class groups. Mrs Orsini and I look forward to showcasing our wonderful school which has a strong focus on giving students the best catholic education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion. Everything we do in our St Angela's community is underpinned by our Gospel values. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Angela's and we look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with our students and visitors at our Open Days.

Together we can achieve so much

Leanne Nettleton

Principal



2025

2025 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR DATES

2025

Wednesday 17th December - Last day of the year for students

2025 Staff Development Days - Pupil Free

- 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



Car Park

Monday 3rd March



Next Monday our builders will be doing a temporary resurface of the carpark. The carpark will not be accessible from 8:30am. It will reopen in time for car pick up after school.

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

- Whole School:** What's Happening at St Angela's this week
Mother's Day Gifts—2025
- Kindergarten:** Kindergarten - StEPS Eyesight Screening Programme
Kinder and New Families Welcome BBQ
- Year 6:** Year 6 - ENCOUNTER

UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday 25th February: Parramatta Diocesan AFL Trials
- Thursday 27th February: Hills Zone Swimming Carnival - Mt Druitt
- Friday 28th February: Year 6 Parent Meeting
- Thursday 6th March - Youth Liaison Officer - Senior Constable Ethan West
- Monday 3rd March - Catholic Schools Week
- 7th March Shrove Tuesday
- Tuesday 4th March: 2025 Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League
- Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday
- Kindergarten 2026 Open Day 9am (Session 1)
- Friday 7th March: Kindergarten 2026 Open Day 9am (Session 2)
- Tuesday 11th March: Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 12th March To Monday 24th March:**
NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and Year 5



RELIGION



This character, designed by the illustrator Simone Legno, was designed with the intention of reflecting pop culture, popular among young people, and brings with it a message of hope and welcome.

Luce is a pilgrim dressed as a typical traveler: a yellow anorak to protect herself from the elements, dirty boots that bear witness to the path she has already traveled, a missionary cross around her neck and the pilgrim's staff in her hand. Particularly evocative are Luce's eyes, which shine with an intense light: they symbolise the hope that is born in the heart of every pilgrim, and reflects the desire for spirituality and connection with the divine. They act as a reminder of the universal message of peace and brotherhood. The choice of a mascot like Luce is part of a broader context, aimed at reaching new generations and promoting intergenerational dialogue. The mascot not only represents the Jubilee, but is also a symbol of community, of welcome and of sharing.



Mini Vinnies 2025

Mrs Nettleton and Miss McEntee invited students from **Years 4 to 6** on Friday 21 Feb, to discuss what Mini Vinnies at St Angela's is all about. They reflected on the initiatives our group has led so far and the difference we are making in our community as part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The teachers from these classes shared the application form in their Google Classroom pages. Please assist your child in filling out the form if they are interested in applying. All forms are to be submitted by Monday 3rd March. Here is the [link](#) to learn more about St Vincent de Paul Society - Mini Vinnies.

Jocelyn Williams
Director of Mission



Sports Update

Congratulations to Noah, Lewis, Evelyn and Arianna who represented the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Basketball Trials on Friday. They played well throughout the tournament and were a wonderful example of the talent and sportsmanship we have at St Angela's. A special mention also to James who was selected to play, but had to pull out due to injury just before the day. 🏀

Congratulations to Noah who was selected into the MacKillop team and will compete in the NSWPSA tournament later in the year. 🙌🙌🙌



Parramatta Diocesan AFL Team

Congratulations to Lewis (Yr 6) and Neil (Yr 5) who trialed for the Parramatta Diocesan AFL team this week. The boys were selected into the team and will now represent us at the MacKillop trials later in the year. Congratulations Lewis and Neil. 🏈



SHROVE TUESDAY TUESDAY 4TH MARCH



The tradition each year at St Angela's is that all students will receive two pikelets in celebration of Shrove Tuesday. The pikelets will be Woolworths own brand. If your child has an allergy, please bring in a substitution and email the classroom teacher.

ATTENDANCE: EVERYDAY MATTERS

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

Youth Liaison Officer Senior Constable Ethan West - Visit

On Thursday 6th March, Senior Constable Ethan West will visit St Angela's to speak with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children.

As the Youth Liaison Officer in the Hills District, he has great insight into what's happening in local schools and the community. On Thursday he will talk to the children about cybersafety, online behaviour, school expectations and expectations in the wider community.

Mrs Karen Orsini
Assistant Principal



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

February

23rd February	26th February
Savannah Thew - 1Y	Nicholas Costa - 6B
Evelyn Lukas - 2B	
	27th February
25th February	Archer Tadiaman - 1G
Isabel Estera - KG	
Carlo Gorospe - 3Y	
Grace Kennedy - 3Y	



Living Alongside our Neighbours



Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours, and the safety of everyone - in particular, in surrounding streets around our back gate area. Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and parents must not park across driveways or drive in an unsafe manner. A reminder that police and council officers regularly patrol (as has been the case recently) and fine drivers.

Crossers: We ask that parents who have children as 'Crossers' in the afternoon do not cross back with their children as we are trying to model safe behaviour.

Kiss and Drop: We also ask that all school bags are kept in the car with children at all times. Accessing car boots is extremely unsafe both for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We thank you for your support.



Sunscreen



Students are welcome to bring sunscreen to school and reapply it during the school day. Please discuss with your child that the sunscreen is for their personal use and not to be shared with other students who may have an allergy to the sunscreen.



Library Helpers Needed Book Covering



St Angela's needs your help!

We have many new readers that need covering before our Infant students are able to use them. If you can provide the time, we provide the contact book covering and the books. You can even do this at home. Just collect the books from the Office and then return them as soon as they are done.

Please email the school if you are able to help.

Thank you for your support.



Class Parent Representatives



Congratulations and thanks to the wonderful parents who have volunteered to be class parent representatives.

Kindergarten	Kinder Blue - Amanda Baker Kinder Green - Vaibhav Yani Kinder Yellow - Renee Fedele
Year 1	1 Blue - Laura Mignemi, Bronwyn Stewart 1 Green - Elaine Ryan 1 Yellow - Sabrina Bakla, Zeina Boumelhem
Year 2	2 Blue - Brooke Seydler, Sacha Spragg 2 Green - Elizabeth Sourial 2 Yellow - Victoria Lawlor, Dinuli Heighway, Hayley Rados
Year 3	3 Blue - Sara Assaf 3 Green - Kirsten Bacon 3 Yellow - Erica Burchill
Year 4	4 Blue - Simon Olah, Zeina Boumelhem, Elizabeth Sourial 4 Green - Amanda Circosta 4 Yellow - Carmen Cassar
Year 5	5 Blue - Zeina Boumelhem, Sara Assaf 5 Green - Juliet Mearns, Daniel Mittiga 5 Yellow - Brooke Seydler, Victoria Lawlor, Owen Vavasour
Year 6	Jessica Glass, Kylie Pace, Belinda Kenny Year 6 Dinner Dance Year 6 Year Book

WELLBEING



The Power of Early Experiences: How Young Brains are Shaped by Everyday Moments

It is scientifically proven that young brains are highly sensitive to experiences, especially in the early years. From birth, a child's brain is constantly growing, forming billions of neural connections that shape their learning, emotions, and relationships. So how can parents and carers use this knowledge to support their child's development?

Early Experiences Matter

A child's brain develops more in the first five years than at any other time in life. Positive interactions, loving relationships, and engaging environments strengthen brain pathways, while stressful or negative experiences can shape emotional responses and behaviour patterns. This is why everyday moments—big and small—have a lasting impact on a child's well-being.

How can Parents and Carers Support Brain Development

Talk, Read, and Sing – Even before babies understand words, hearing language helps build communication skills. Talking to your child, reading stories, and singing songs strengthen the brain's language centers.

Positive Connections Matter – A child's sense of safety and security is shaped by their relationships. Responding with warmth, eye contact, and reassurance helps build emotional resilience.

Play is Learning – Play helps children develop problem-solving skills, creativity, and social abilities. Whether it's building with blocks, role-playing, or exploring nature, hands-on experiences create strong neural connections.

Routines and Consistency – Predictable routines help children feel secure and reduce stress. Simple daily habits, like bedtime stories and family meals, reinforce emotional stability.

Model Emotional Awareness – Children learn how to manage emotions by watching adults. Talking about feelings, showing empathy, and helping them navigate big emotions teaches lifelong self-regulation skills.

The experiences children have today shape who they become tomorrow. Every interaction, whether it's a hug, a conversation, or a shared laugh, contributes to a strong foundation for learning, resilience, and emotional well-being. **By** embracing the power of early experiences, parents and carers can help their children grow into confident, capable, and emotionally secure individuals.

CASH CARDS FOR CANTEEN

Canteen operates for students at second break each Tuesday and Friday (1:20pm). In accordance with CSPD guidelines, our Canteen operates as a cashless service to students. Students are able to purchase a variety of items at the canteen in the price range of 50c - \$2.00 using a school issued CASH CARD that can be purchased by parents on Qkr. Parents can purchase either a \$5 or \$10 CASH CARD. The card will be punched at the canteen each time a student purchases an item according to its cost. Please see price list at the end of the newsletter.

YEAR 6 DINNER DANCE AND YEARBOOK PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Reminder - End of Year 6 Events Parent Meeting Friday 9:00am in the staffroom. For more information click on the Google form attached. If you are unable to attend the meeting, complete the form anyway and the committee will include you in future communications.

[Year 6 Parent Volunteer Form and RSVP](#)



MOTHERS DAY GIFTS

This year the Year 2 Parent Representatives are introducing a new process for Mothers Day gift purchasing. To replace the Mothers Day Stall children will be given the opportunity, in class time, to choose 2 preferences for a Mothers Day gift from a selection of 10 possible gifts. A gift will then be ordered for your child based on these preferences (Stock availability from the suppliers will determine if the first or second preference is secured). Payment for the gift will be the same as in previous years using Qkr!. Payments can be made on Qkr! from today under "fundraisers". Qkr! will close at 4pm Thursday 6th March 2025. If a payment is not made on Qkr! a gift will not be ordered for them.

We expect that this new process and ordering the gifts at an earlier time will allow the children to receive the gift that they have carefully chosen for their mum.



KINDERGARTEN 2026 OPEN DAY ENROLMENT



INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOURS

We will be holding our

OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH, 2025
AND
FRIDAY 7TH MARCH, 2025
9:00 AM

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school. Please go to St Angela's [website](#) to register your attendance.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are aware that there are a number of parent groups that have been set up on WhatsApp and this can provide parents with a great opportunity to connect with other parents. Please be aware that these groups are not administered by school staff.

The school does have a Facebook page that we use to showcase and celebrate student learning and achievement that takes place throughout the year. If you have any questions about upcoming events, please be aware that notes and information are published

- In SHINE - the school newsletter,
- In What's Happening each week and
- Via Compass messages

and these can be accessed at anytime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The appropriate place to deal with queries or concerns that you may have is with the school and your first port of call should be your child's classroom teacher.

SIBLING ENROLMENTS 2026

If you are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings for Kindergarten at St Angela's in 2026 please complete this form [Kindergarten 2026 Sibling Enrolment Intention](#) It is important for this information to be conveyed to the school ASAP so that we can have a position available for your child when we receive applications from new families attending our Kindergarten Open Day on March 5 and 7 at 9am.

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.



Are you a new family to St Angela's?

Please ensure you have access to the following online platforms. If you have not received your Compass log in please contact the office.

STAGE COORDINATORS

From time to time you might want to discuss an issue with a member of the leadership team. Each Stage has a dedicated coordinator:-

Early Stage One (K)	Mrs McDonald
Stage One (Yrs 1&2)	Mrs Sheil
Stage Two (Yrs 3&4)	Mrs Williams
Stage Three (Yrs 5&6)	Mrs Fisher

You may also contact myself or Mrs Orsini to discuss your child's needs.

SCHOOL FEES

CSPD have now posted the school accounts for Term 1, 2025. Payment is due by the 19th March unless a payment arrangement has been entered into. If you did not receive your account please contact the office.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

To volunteer at St Angela's parents must complete the [Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking and Training Module](#). Your BCSC status is only valid for 2 years. Volunteers must adhere to the NSW Health COVID Safe guidelines. We thank you for your continued support of the staff and students of St Angela's.

CHANGING GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8:30am until 2:50pm and that your child is required to be present between these times. Children should not be taken out of school early unless it is for an important reason (ie. appointment for specialists etc.) Likewise, any changes of going home arrangements should only be made in cases of emergencies. As you can appreciate, contacting classes for children to come to the office for early departures or to advise going home changes is disruptive to the learning, in particular to the whole school if the class is not in their room and an announcement needs to be made.

We ask that all early departures and changes to going home arrangements are advised in writing to stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au **before 2.30pm on the day the change is taking place.**

Please do not email going home changes days in advance. This assists with our process of notifying the class teacher via their office bag.

MEET THE TEACHER PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the Kindergarten parents who participated in the Meet the Teacher Parent Interviews this week. The teachers appreciate working in partnership with you.



Mr Lee's (5 Green) Meet the Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 6th March. Further information will be sent out this week.

ST ANGELA'S SCHOOL BELL TIMES

Please be reminded of the following:

8.05am	School Entry Gates Open for Student & Vehicle Access
8.25am	Music to move to assembly area
8.30am	Official start of the school day
	Start of the first learning session
	All children are expected to be ready for announcements at assembly and move into classrooms for the first leaning session.
10.30am	1ST BREAK - LUNCH
11.17am	Music to move to assembly points
11.20am	Start of second learning session
1.20pm	2ND BREAK - RECESS
1.47pm	Music to move to assembly points
1:50pm	Start of third learning session
2.50pm	Official end of the school day
	Bell to move to and assemble in dismissal zones.
2.55pm	Children begin leaving school grounds towards back gate, front gate crossing, cars, buses etc.



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




OPEN EVENING

17-37 Marie Street,
Castle Hill NSW 2154



TUESDAY
4 March 2025
4pm - 7pm




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Join Castle Hill Sports Netball Club

Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to stay active? Castle Hill Sports Netball Club is on the lookout for enthusiastic players to join our vibrant community!

Who Can Join?

We welcome players of all ages from 5 to 14 years old. Whether you're stepping onto the court for the first time or you've been playing for years, there's a place for you here at Castle Hill Sports Netball Club.

Training and Games

- Training Locations:**
 - Bernie Mullane
 - Wellgate Ave Kellyville
- GameDay:**
 - Fridays (7-9 age group)
 - Saturdays (10 - seniors)

Venue: Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association

Why Join Us?

- Friendly Community:** Be part of a supportive and welcoming club where everyone is encouraged to have fun and improve their skills.
- Skill Development:** Learn from experienced coaches and enhance your netball abilities.
- Make New Friends:** Meet other players and form lasting friendships both on and off the court.

How to Get Involved

If you're interested in joining us or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact our vice-president, Luci, via email at chsnnetball.vicepresident@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to our netball family!

CANTEEN TREATS!

PRICE LIST 2025



ICY POLES - \$1.50
raspberry + lemonade



PADDLE POPS - \$2.00
rainbow + chocolate



GRAIN WAVES - \$1.50
sour cream + chives



POP TOPS - \$1.50
orange, apple, apple blackcurrant



MINI CALIPPO - \$1.00



FLAVOURED MILK - \$2.00



QUELCH STICK - \$0.50



POPCORN - \$0.50

Oz Fashions Uniform Orders

Please use the QR code below to order uniforms or go to the website

stangelas.uniforms4u.com.au

Code: sta2154

Uniforms are delivered every Tuesday and Friday as well as now offering Home Delivery.

For any questions please contact Elle at Oz Fashions via elle@ozfashions.com.au



St Angela's Catholic Primary School 2025 Uniform Price List

DESCRIPTION	Price
Unisex	
Pullover	\$38.60
School Jacket	\$60.65
Boys Summer	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$33.10
Navy Shorts	\$33.10
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.55
Boys Winter	
Long Sleeve Shirt	\$38.60
Navy Trousers	\$38.60
Tie	\$22.05
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.55
Girls Summer	
Summer Dress	\$60.65
Lemon Turnover Socks	\$5.55
Scrunchy	\$5.55
Soft Headband	\$5.55
Hard Headband	\$5.55
Short Sleeve Shirt - NEW	\$33.10
Navy Skort - NEW	\$40.00
Girls Winter	
Winter Tunic	\$66.15
Lemon Blouse	\$33.10
Navy Girls Pants	\$55.00
Navy Tights	\$16.55
Navy Knee High Socks	\$11.00
Tab Tie	\$5.55
Scrunchy	\$5.55
Soft Headband	\$5.55
Hard Headband	\$5.55
Curly Ties - Lemon, Bottle Navy	\$5.55
Sports	
Polo Top	\$38.60
Shorts	\$38.60
Jacket	\$60.65
Trackpant	\$49.60
White Turnover Socks	\$5.55
House Polo	
House Polo Green - Brescia	\$27.60
House Polo Blue - Garda	\$27.60
House Polo Red - Salo	\$27.60
House Polo Yellow - Merici	\$27.60
Accessories	
Library Satchel	\$19.85
Excursion Bag	\$19.85
College Backpack	\$55.15
Slouch Hat	\$22.05
Navy Rope and Toggle for Slouch Hat	\$3.00
Allergy Hat with Yellow Piping	\$22.05
Knitted Scarf	\$25.00
Knitted Beanie	\$20.00
Navy Gloves	\$6.00
Art Smock	\$16.55
Raincoat - Yellow or Navy	\$27.60



St Angela's Uniform Ordering



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