



# 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.

Newsletter  
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March 6th, 2025  
Term 1 - Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Yesterday the students and staff came together for Ash Wednesday Mass and Liturgies. With Father Chris the students reflected beautifully on ways in which they can be faithful to the teachings of the gospels throughout Lent. Thank you to our Student Leadership Team, Mrs Williams and Miss McEntee for preparing and leading us in the Ash Wednesday Mass this year. Thank you to Claire Ison, Clarathea Kinsong and Joshua Raad who were our alter servers for the mass.

Over the next 2 weeks we will be celebrating

**Family Week ( Week 7) Monday 10th - Friday 14th March** In Family Week the children have a break from formal homework (although we ask that every child still reads each night). During Week 7 you may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples in the past have included playing a board game, sitting and sharing stories, cooking a meal together, feeding the pet, playing cards, helping put away laundry, setting the table, reading mum or dad a book, washing the car, gardening, writing mum and dad a thank you note, spending time in prayer/saying the Rosary, going for a family walk etc. Family Week is aimed at freeing children up to assist and/or spend time with those who love them most, their greatest heroes, you, their parents and family.

**St Patrick's Day ( Week 8) Monday 17th March Parents welcome**

CELEBRATIONS commence at 8:45 am - 10:00 am. Come along at any time during this morning—there is no set schedule.

- Children wear Green Mufti to school in exchange for a Donation to CARITAS on Qkr!
  - Open Classrooms
  - House Colour Dancing and Limericks on the Driveway
- And of course our Irish Dancers will be performing!



**Harmony Day ( Week 8) Friday 21st March**

Students are invited to wear cultural dress or Orange as we recognise and celebrate the rich cultural diversity at St Angela's. This will be a day of cultural immersion commencing with a liturgy in the hall at 8:45 am - Parents welcome and concluding with a performance by a Polynesian Dance Group.

Each of these opportunities helps the families in our school community grow in connection with each other so that we are able to work in partnership for the benefit of our children.

*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

### SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's Happening at St Angela's this week

Letter from Bishop Long Van Nguyen

School Carpark Access Monday 3rd March

Reminder: Carpark Gates closing at 8:30am sharp

Mother's Day Gifts

Year 3 - 6: Representative Sport Trials - Gold, Girls Rugby 7's, Girls AFL, Boys Netball

Year 5: Meet the Teacher Parent Teacher Interviews - 5 Green

## UPCOMING DATES

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| Friday 7th March:     | English and RE Books to come home              |
| Monday 10th March:    | Year 6 - Encounter Day St John XX111           |
| Tuesday 11th March:   | Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival          |
| Friday 14th March:    | Maths and Science Books to come home           |
| Monday 17th March:    | Feast of St Patrick                            |
| Tuesday 18th March:   | 2025 Parramatta Diocesan Girls Football Trials |
| Wednesday 19th March: | 2025 Parramatta Diocesan Boys Football Trials  |
| Wednesday 19th March: | Feast of St Joseph                             |
| Friday 21st March:    | Harmony Day                                    |
| Friday 21st March:    | All other books to come home                   |
| Monday 24th March:    | Parramatta Diocesan Softball Trials            |
| Friday 28th March:    | Zing Activ Disco Night                         |
| Monday 31st March:    | Cross Country Carnival                         |
| Tuesday 1st April:    | Year 5 Excursion to the Blue Mountains         |
| Tuesday 8th April:    | Parramatta Diocesan Touch Trials               |
| Wednesday 9th April:  | School Photo Day                               |
| Friday 11th April:    | Last day of Term.                              |

**Wednesday 12th March To Monday 24th March:  
NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and Year 5**



# RELIGION

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of Lent. A season of reflection on Jesus' life and suffering for humankind. We are called to grow closer to Jesus everyday as we live in prayer, alms giving and sacrifice. As a St Angela's community we continue to support the work of Caritas Australia Project Compassion this year. Information on our social justice project for this cause will soon follow. Let us pray for one another and the healing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

God of all life,  
You bring us together by your love.

As we enter the Season of Lent,  
You call us to greater justice and care for our common home.  
You call us to help bring about a world where all can live in peace.

Bless our efforts this Lent  
to walk humbly with you  
as we Unite Against Poverty  
and put our faith into action.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting,  
almsgiving and prayer  
bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Your Son and our Brother.

Amen



Jocelyn Williams  
Director of Mission



# Sports Update

Our St Angela's swimming team swam beautifully at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday. The sportsmanship and skill demonstrated was outstanding. Congratulations to all the students who competed! Special mention to Lucas (Yr 3), Isabelle (Yr 4), Acelyn (Yr 4) and Kai (Yr 4) who all placed in their events and will now go on to compete at the Diocesan Carnival in Week 7.



## 2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

### PRC KEY DATES

Challenge Opens: Monday 24th February, 2025

Challenge Closes: Friday 22nd August, 2025

PRC Website Link: [PRC Website](#)

PRC Student Link: [PRC Student Experience Website](#)

OUR GOAL FOR 2025 IS 100%

of St Angela's students complete the Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enable students to experience quality literature. The challenge encourages students to read, to read more and to read more widely. The NSW Premier Reading Challenge was launched on Monday 24th February 2025.

### ATTENTION

Passwords have all been reset. The Reading Log with the student's username and password in grades 1 - 6 will be sent home this week. Kindergarten's Reading Log will be sent home next week.

## SCHOOL FEES

CSPD has 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.

### 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.

## ON TIME STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS



Student attendance is one of the most common predictors of academic achievement. Students who consistently miss school hours develop habits that will lead into their adult life, affecting their education, career, and social connections. In contrast, students who participate entirely in school activities will have more opportunities to achieve academically, make healthy and informed lifestyle choices.



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

**February**

28th February  
Arabella Alexander - KB  
Grace Meshreky - 1B

2nd March

Olivia Hansen - 1B  
Aria D'Morias - 2B  
Isaas Lahoud - 2G

3rd March

Hayes Leung - 2Y  
Alannah Zaidan - 4B  
Neil Bajaj - 5B

4th March

Aadya Yami - KG  
Hugh Hogan - KG  
Luca D'Urso - 5G

5th March

Lorenzo Sarmiento - 5B  
Sophia Arreza - 6G  
Maisie Brown - 6Y

6th March

Auralia Massaioli - KY

**STUDENT WORKBOOKS COMING HOME**

This week the children will be bringing home their exercise books to share with you. Please take the time to look through, discuss and enjoy the work and responses your child has completed. Please remember that not all work undertaken is recorded in workbooks. In Religion, lessons involve prayer, role plays, research reading, listening to God's word etc., all of which play an important part in the children's learning. You may like to discuss your child's everyday faith experiences.

When looking at Mathematics books remember that mathematical thinking is often recorded in different ways. Children undertake a great deal of mental computation, reasoning and problem solving. They are also often required to articulate their thinking in a group.

You will notice in each of these workbooks, the children have placed a sticky note in their books to indicate a piece of work that they would like to share with you. We encourage you to write a comment about something they have done well. Children really do treasure your comments.

Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.



**WELLBEING**

As parents and carers, we often feel the need to correct our children's behavior right away, especially when they are acting out, or struggling to follow expectations. However, research highlights the importance of **connection before correction**, prioritising a strong, trusting relationship with your child before addressing their behavior.

**Why Is Connection Before Correction Important?**

- **Builds Emotional Security** – When children feel safe, valued, and heard, they are more open to learning and growth.
- **Reduces Power Struggles** – Children are less likely to become defensive or shut down when they feel connected to the person guiding them.
- **Encourages Emotional Regulation** – A connected child can better manage emotions, making them more receptive to problem-solving and behavior change.
- **Strengthens Communication & Trust** – When children feel understood, they are more likely to share their thoughts and feelings, which helps prevent future challenges.
- **Promotes Long-Term Positive Behavior** – Rather than using fear or punishment, connection fosters internal motivation to make good choices.

**What Can You Do to Support Your Child**

Instead of jumping straight to discipline or consequences, you may wish to try these strategies to connect with your child first:

- **Pause & Stay Calm** – Take a deep breath before reacting. Responding with calmness models emotional regulation for your child.
- **Acknowledge Their Feelings** – Before addressing the behavior, show that you understand their emotions. *For example: "I can see that you're really frustrated right now."*
- **Offer Comfort & Reassurance** – Let your child know they are safe and loved, even when they make mistakes.
- **Use Gentle Curiosity Instead of Judgment** – Ask open-ended questions to understand what's happening. *For example: "Can you help me understand what's making you upset?"*
- **Be Present & Engaged** – Sometimes, a hug, a calm voice, or sitting beside them can make all the difference in helping a child feel secure.
- **Correct with Guidance, Not Punishment** – Once your child is calm, guide them toward better choices. Instead of "Stop yelling!", try: *"Let's take a deep breath together and talk about what's bothering you."*
- **Encourage Problem-Solving** – Help your child think of better ways to handle similar situations in the future. *For example: "Next time you feel this way, what can we do instead?"*

By prioritising connection before correction, we are not ignoring behaviour, but rather teaching children how to manage emotions, make thoughtful decisions, and feel supported - helping them grow into confident and emotionally resilient individuals.



**WELLBEING - School TV**



SchoolTV is inviting parents, carers, grandparents, educators and school leaders to attend an exclusive webinar supporting primary and secondary students.

WEBINAR: Digital Media Literacy & Safety (Part1)

DATE: Wednesday, 19 March 2025

TIME: 7:00 pm

This presentation is Part 1 of a two-part series.

This will be an exclusive session with two of Australia's leading experts in youth wellbeing and cybersafety, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Susan McLean. Gain invaluable insights on how to empower young people to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

Topics in this session will include:

- New Regulations on Social Media
- Cyberbullying
- Exposure to Hate Speech
- Online Safety and Fraud



**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.



# Celebrating Our Gifts

21/02/2025

Learning Excellence	St Angela's Award
Maxwell Yan - KB	Harper Manaog- KB
Islan Clisby - KG	Harry McDowall - KG
Leonardo Fedele - KY	Auralia Massaioli - KY
Emma Goodall - 1B	Johannes Lin - 1B
Sophia Angara - 1G	Theodore Natividad - 1G
Elliot Palet - 1Y	Charli Carey - 1Y
Marcus Gittany - 2B	Mila Kwoka - 2B
Charmaine Au - 2G	Cameron Cao- 2G
Charlotte Fitzpatrick - 2Y	Ethan Zhang - 2Y
Sophia Beshay - 3B	Matthew David - 3B
Tinaye Mombayarara - 3G	Anjani Singh - 3G
Nikolas Mileto - 3Y	Sienna Lucas - 3Y
Sara Crisfulli - 4B	Jessica Rimando - 4B
Lucia Mauceri - 4G	Luke Hansen - 4G
Isabella Homer - 4Y	Ava Holeva - 4Y
Olivia Gale Abesamis - 5B	Harriet Kenny - 5B
Sarah Faruqui - 5G	Thomas Taylor - 5G
Ryder Aguilar - 5Y	Hannah Merhi - 5Y
Kelci Reese Anonical - 6B	Joseph Dababneh - 6B
Aiden Theoharous - 6G	Laila Henderson - 6G
Zac Holeva - 6Y	Elena Mauceri - 6Y

# Celebrating Our Gifts

28/02/2025

Learning Excellence	St Angela's Award
Harper Manaog - KB	Miley Rugless- KB
Ashton Sakr - KG	Joshua Ruggier - KG
Edward Marques - KY	Sylvia Beaini - KY
Carter Chetty - 1B	Elle Dominguez - 1B
Rhiannon Crosby - 1G	Jaxon Gioiello - 1G
Reeva Taneja - 1Y	David Saad - 1Y
Isaac Nunez-Erazo - 2B	Lara Alam - 2B
Ealin Zhang - 2G	Levi Tassone - 2G
Milan Haddad - 2Y	Isabelle Masik - 2Y
Seth Franks - 3B	Abigail Vavayis - 3B
Stella Williams - 3G	Azariah Abu Duhou - 3G
Oliver Todd - 3Y	Maddison Merhi - 3Y
Noah Dib - 4B	Zoe Pupo - 4B
Gabriel Fonseca - 4G	Alessandra Mifsud - 4G
Riley Muscat - 4Y	Ainsley Tedi - 4Y
Neil Bajaj - 5B	Ayden Martin - 5B
Brendan Fadel - 5G	Matthew Livingstone - 5G
Nichols Gumuljo - 5Y	Keira Vavasour - 5Y
Edward Taylor - 6B	Ethan Chetty - 6B
Francesca Espinosa - 6G	Steven Zeaiter - 6G
John Fang - 6Y	Paige Tadiaman - 6Y

## 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.

### Youth Liaison Officer Senior Constable Ethan West - Visit

Today, Senior Constable Ethan West visited St Angela's to speak with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children.

He spoke to the children about cybersafety, online behaviour, school expectations and expectations in the wider community.

Mrs Karen Orsini  
Assistant Principal

## SIBLING ENROLMENTS 2026

If you are intending to enrol a sibling/siblings for Kindergarten at St Angela's in 2026, please go to our [website](#) and click on the icon to "REQUEST AN APPLICATION" form. This will generate an email that includes your application form.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some uniform reminders for parents to attend to with their children:-

Shoes and Socks:-

- Ankle navy socks with black leather shoes are to be worn with the boys Summer Uniform
- Plain ankle lemon socks, turn down tops with Black leather shoes are to be worn with the girls Summer Uniform

Please note that Black sneakers are not permitted with the school uniform or the sports uniform

- White socks ankle length – NO sockettes with a basically white jogger are to be worn with the girls and boys sports uniform.

A number of girls have been wearing extra large bows in their hair. Hair ties should be either the school scrunchie or a basic ribbon. See below for clarification

**INCORRECT**



**CORRECT**



## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.**



## Bringing fun after-school classes to your school



**Little Coders . Coding . Curious Minds . Robotics Animation . Design . Minecraft Engineers**

See what's on at your school and book at

[www.codecamp.com.au/angela](http://www.codecamp.com.au/angela)

Get in touch at [hello@codecamp.com.au](mailto:hello@codecamp.com.au) or 1300 263 322

Rated 4.9 on [PRODUCT REVIEW](#) with over 950 ★★★★★ reviews

# 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](http://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](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)



### St Angela's Catholic Primary School 2025 Uniform Price List

DESCRIPTION	Price
<b>Unisex</b>	
Pullover	\$38.60
School Jacket	\$60.65
<b>Boys Summer</b>	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$33.10
Navy Shorts	\$33.10
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.55
<b>Boys Winter</b>	
Long Sleeve Shirt	\$38.60
Navy Trousers	\$38.60
Tie	\$22.05
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.55
<b>Girls Summer</b>	
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
<b>Girls Winter</b>	
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
<b>Sports</b>	
Polo Top	\$38.60
Shorts	\$38.60
Jacket	\$60.65
Trackpant	\$49.60
White Turnover Socks	\$5.55
<b>House Polo</b>	
House Polo Green - Brescia	\$27.60
House Polo Blue - Garda	\$27.60
House Polo Red - Salo	\$27.60
House Polo Yellow - Merici	\$27.60
<b>Accessories</b>	
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



Please scan QR Code:



Password: sta2154

[stangelas.uniforms4u.com.au](http://stangelas.uniforms4u.com.au)