



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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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 9

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A big congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students on successfully completing NAPLAN over the past two weeks! While these tests are just one way for students to demonstrate their learning, we are incredibly proud of their effort, resilience, and commitment.

NAPLAN provides valuable insights into literacy and numeracy skills, but it is important to remember that each child's learning journey is unique and extends far beyond these assessments. We celebrate all the ways our students grow, learn, and achieve success every day.

Well done to our students, and a special thank you to our teachers and families for their support of the students at this time.

It has been wonderful watching our Year 6 students and their buddies over the past weeks as the Kinder students have been oriented to school. Yesterday Year 6 accompanied Kindergarten as they walked the Cross Country track in preparation for their participation in our Cross Country event on Monday. I know that the Year 6 students really look forward to this event and their support of their buddies. Thank you to the Kindergarten and Year 6 teachers for coordinating these special interactions between the buddies.

Together we can achieve so much

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



Morning Carpark entry before 8:05am



Morning drop off commences at 8:05am. Our carpark operates with an **ENTRY** and **EXIT** driveway. It is important that the **ENTRY** driveway is accessible for vehicles to enter before 8:05am. Please try not to enter the carpark before this time to enable staff to enter safely and the Klss and Drop area to remain clear for early trade visits. It is especially important that before 8:05am you do **DO NOT** block the **ENTRY** driveway waiting to drop your child off. Please also adhere to the signage that requests you **TURN LEFT when exiting the carpark**. This helps with the traffic flow in the mornings and afternoons and with the safety of the students crossing the driveway area in the mornings. Thank you for your cooperation.



2025 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR DATES



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

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 28th March:	Zing Activ Disco Night
Friday 28th March:	Whole School Assembly - Hosted by Year 1
Monday 31st March:	Cross Country Carnival
Tuesday 1st April:	Year 5 Excursion to the Blue Mountains
Wednesday 2nd April:	NSWCPS Swimming Carnival
Thursday 3rd April:	Kindergarten Liturgy 9:00am
Friday 4th April:	Whole School Assembly: Hosted by Year 2
Friday 4th April:	Bakers Delight Special Food Day
Monday 7th April:	2nd Hand Uniform Sale in Mozart Room - 2pm
Tuesday 8th April:	Parramatta Diocesan Touch Trials
Wednesday 9th April:	School Photo Day
Thursday 10th April:	Big Walk for Water - Caritas Project
Friday 11th April:	Last day of Term.
Wednesday 30th April:	Term 2 - Students Return to 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

Library Volunteers

School DISCO Payments on Qkr! Closes this afternoon

Caritas - The Big Wate Walk - Parent Volunteers

2025 ACARA Student Background Data Collection Notice to Parents and Carers

Parent Reps 2025 Class Parent Representatives

Year 1 Head Lice

Year 6 Dinner Dance Save the Date



RELIGION

Caritas Project Compassion - Big Walk for Water

In support of **Caritas Project Compassion** we will be holding a one-day sponsored walking event at school on Thursday 10th April for our students K-6. This will be a walking challenge to raise funds for people in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who walk to collect water every day. Each grade will encounter ways to reflect on the value of water in their daily lives and will be immersed in stories of people from all walks of life and how water is used everyday. Each student will be invited to bring a bucket to school for this event and to gather sponsorship for their walk. Sponsorship donations can be made by scanning the CARITAS QR code on their sponsorship card. Check out this link - [Project Compassion | Stories](#) to learn more about the Caritas Project Compassion drive this year.

A letter was sent home on Friday inviting parent volunteers from each grade to help on the day. We thank you for all your support.



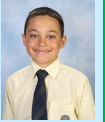
Jocelyn Williams
Director of Mission



Sports Update

Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League Team

Congratulations to Jamie Hochstetter (Yr 5) who has been selected into the U11 Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League Team. He will compete at the upcoming MacKillop Trials in May. Congratulations Jamie .



MacKillop AFL Trials

Congratulations to Lewis who played in the Parramatta Diocesan AFL team this week at the MacKillop Trials.

This term, students from many sports represented St Angela's at the Parramatta Diocesan Team Trials. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to play against other students from different schools in a high level of competition. Congratulations to the following students who have trialed this term:

Soccer: Madeleine Bonasin, Luca D'Urso, Jake Hansell, Catalina Fam, Sofia Garcia, Chloe Lukjanenko, Alexander Mearns, Lucia Mittiga, Marcus Saad, Lucas Tassone, Xavier Zullo

AFL: Neil Bajaj, Lewis Norrish,

Rugby League: Henry Brooker, Jamie Hochstetter, Lachlan Wade

Softball: Quinn Sargeant

Touch Football: Jamie Hochstetter, Domonic Trimboli

Still to come in Term 2 we have:

Rugby Union: William Hall, Jamie Hochstetter, Lachlan Wade

Karen Orsini

Assistant Principal

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Daniel Chetty who competed at the NSW Little Athletics Championships on the weekend. Daniel placed first in Discus and won The Gold Medal with a throw of 30m. Congratulations Daniel.



STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Renee Manandhar who has been awarded a Black belt in Taekwondo.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE PARISH SACRAMENTAL TEAM REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OPEN MONDAY MARCH 24TH

We invite all parents with children in **Year 3 or above** who have been baptised and received sacrament of reconciliation, to register their children to prepare and receive First Holy Communion in **June 2025**. Register your child by filling in the form attached to the QR code displayed or making a click [here](#).

Please complete it by **Monday April 28th**, to reserve a place.



If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at: sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au.

ASSEMBLY INTERRUPTIONS

A reminder to parents that assemblies cannot be interrupted. Students must be collected prior to 2pm on school assembly days.

NO INTERRUPTIONS

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.



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

February

21st March	25th March
Alexander Zareba - KB	Taika Waite - 4Y
Zachary Moss - 2B	26th March
Jake Gardiner - 6B	Jayden Barjacoba - 3B
22nd March	27th March
Mikayla Saad - 4Y	Zac Eberhard - KG
23rd March	Chelsea Ruggier - 2Y
Eliana David - 5G	Reuben Saab—6Y



A Special Report: Celebrating Harmony Week

Harmony Week is celebration held annually in March across Australia. It's aimed at promoting diversity, respect and inclusiveness. This event is an excellent opportunity for parents to teach their children about different cultures, traditions and customs. The goal is to encourage everyone to appreciate and celebrate differences and promote a sense of community and belonging for everyone.

During Harmony Week, there are a number of events and activities held to bring people from different cultures together. These activities include multicultural food festivals, cultural performances, art exhibitions and workshops. Participating in these events helps children to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse communities that make up Australia.

As a parent, you can engage your children in discussions about multiculturalism and encouraging them to ask questions. Promoting a more harmonious and inclusive society, can help children grow up with a greater appreciation for the richness and diversity of Australia's cultural landscape.

This Special Report hopes to instill positive values and create an opportunity to start a conversation with your child about understanding diversity and multiculturalism.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

[A Special Report - Celebrating Harmony Week](#)



School Photo Day - Wednesday 9th April

Tomorrow morning, all families will receive an email from MSP Photography with instructions on how to order photos through COMPASS this year. By following the instructions in the email, parents will be able to place an order for class photos, individual photos and sibling photos. (Note: Sibling photos will take place at 7:30am before school.)

Children K to 6 are to wear FULL school uniform on the day. Joggers can be brought to school in school bags for sports lessons.

WELLBEING

"My Child Struggles to Make Friends" –

How to Support Them

Friendships are an important part of childhood, helping children develop social skills, confidence, and emotional wellbeing. However, some children find it difficult to make and maintain friendships. If your child struggles socially, you're not alone! Many parents face this concern. The good news is that social skills can be learned and strengthened with the right support.

Understanding the Challenges

Some children are naturally shy and take longer to warm up to new people, while others may feel anxious in social situations or lack confidence in initiating conversations. Some children struggle with social cues, turn-taking, or reading body language, making interactions feel overwhelming. Understanding what's holding your child back can help you support them in meaningful ways.

How to Support Your Child

1. Teach and Model Social Skills

Friendship skills (like introducing oneself, asking questions, and listening) can be taught and practiced at home. Role-playing different scenarios, such as how to join a game at recess or how to respond if someone says something unkind, can help your child feel more prepared and confident.

2. Create Opportunities for Social Interaction

Some children need structured opportunities to build friendships. Arrange social catch up with classmates, encourage participation in extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, or creative groups), or find community events where your child can meet **peers with shared interests**.

3. Encourage a Growth Mindset

Friendships take time to develop, and rejection is a normal part of social interactions. Teach your child that making friends is a learning process and that some attempts may not go as planned, but each experience helps them grow. To build resilience, praise their efforts, not just the outcomes.

4. Support Emotional Regulation

For some children, social difficulties stem from frustration, anxiety, or difficulty managing emotions. Teach calming strategies, like deep breathing or counting to ten, to help them stay composed in social settings.

5. Be a Positive Role Model

Children learn social behaviours by watching adults. Model friendly and respectful interactions (e.g. greeting others warmly, showing kindness, and handling disagreements calmly). Talk openly about your own friendships and how you navigate social situations.

6. Foster Self-Confidence

When children feel good about themselves, they are more likely to engage socially. Encourage their strengths and passions and remind them that friendships come in many forms - sometimes one or two close friends are just as valuable as a large group.

When to Seek Additional Support

If your child is having difficulty making and maintaining friendships and is experiencing distress, loneliness, or avoiding school, please consider reaching out to their teacher or the School Counsellor for support.

Ekta Balu
School Counsellor

Celebrating Our Gifts

21/3/2025

Learning Excellence	St Angela's Award
Ivy Lahoud - KB	Dean Yogev - KB
Hugh Hogan - KG	Ruby Mogan - KG
Geard Cuyos - KY	Sophia Goh - KY
Ayen Madurapperuma - 1B	Zachary Stewart - 1B
Theodor Natividad - 1G	Dylan Buckley - 1G
Amaliya Heighway - 1Y	Olive Madden - 1Y
Monica Giblin - 2B	William Spragg - 2B
Annabelle Kosciuszko - 2G	Raina Li - 2G
Alissa Busono - 2Y	Ace Latham - 2Y
Emily Ison - 3B	Daniel Chetty - 3B
Jake Vallon - 3G	Skye Conde - 3G
Oliver Burchill - 3Y	Lilah Anschau - 3Y
Maddison Cooray - 4B	Leo Slabak - 4B
Ciara Treacy - 4G	Thomas Livingstone - 4G
Isaac Low - 4Y	Olivia Katipunan - 4Y
James Neo - 5B	Evelyn Vallejo - 5B
Archy Callan-Kerkenezov - 5G	Chloe Lukjanenko - 5G
Tia Lawlor - 5Y	Flynn Conde - 5Y
Nicholas Costa - 6B	Lilly Green - 6B
Norah Siountris - 6G	Oliver Newbury - 6G
Selena Bianca - 6Y	Beth Kenny - 6Y

CASH CARDS FOR CANTEEN

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. **Canteen cards must be purchased via Qkr! at least 2 days prior. Eg order by Sunday 5:30pm for canteen on Tuesday and order by Wednesday 5:30pm for canteen on Friday. Please be aware that canteen cards are issued for a calendar year and funds must be spent in the same calendar year.** Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding Canteen Cash Cards.

EASTER EGGS AT SCHOOL

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there is a high number of children at St Angela's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Angela's a safe environment for all our children.



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.

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 learning 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.
Children begin leaving school grounds towards back gate, front gate crossing, cars, buses etc.
- 2.55pm

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 DISCO

FRIDAY 28TH OF MARCH

DISCO will be held in the School Hall

YRS K-2 | 4:30pm - 5:45pm
YRS 3-6 | 6:00pm - 7:15pm

Cost: \$5 includes entry and donut

St Angela's students only

All students must bring a water bottle

Hosted + organised by our Kindy Parents

Payment to be made via QKR! by close of business **20th March 2025**

DON'T MISS IT!

Parking in Brookfield Way

We have received a complaint about parking over resident driveways in Brookfield Way during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Parents are reminded to be considerate of maintaining the access to resident driveways at all times by not parking over them at any time. Parking over driveways can incur fines and demerit points and the surrounding streets will be patrolled by both the police and council officers. We have wonderful neighbours and it is important that we respect their rights.



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$410 and 2 demerit points

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge



Number of students who have completed the challenge: 47

Total number of books read: 2061

Students who have completed the challenge:

Lilah Browne - 3G	Ava Holeva - 4Y
Christopher Yiu - 3Y	Isabella Homer - 4Y
Samuel Yiu - 3B	Sophie Hoon - 4Y
Emilia Azar - 4G	Olivia Katipunan - 4Y
Jennifer Chen - 4G	Isaac Low - 4Y
Matteo Circosta - 4G	Riley Muscat - 4Y
Yilan Luo - 4G	Charlotte Sam - 4Y
Alessandra Mifsud - 4G	Jude Schenke - 4Y
Benjamin Millalongo - 4G	Ainsley Tadiaman - 4Y
Ciara Treacy - 4G	Andre Vancuylenberg - 4Y
Francis Bautista - 4B	Liam Zeaiter - 4Y
Michael Boumelhem - 4B	Izabelle Zeegers - 4Y
Adriano Coco - 4B	
Noah Dib - 4B	Tanios Assaf - 5B
Tyler D'Morias - 4B	Amelia Browne - 5B
Evie Hogan - 4B	Gabriel Edouard - 5B
Serena Kosciuszko - 4B	Jack Hawke - 5B
Liam Perera - 4B	Harriet Kenny - 5B
Zoe Pupo - 4B	Jaydn Thomas - 5B
Harper Sweeney - 4B	Emmanuel Abu Duhou - 5G
Charlie Vassallo - 4B	Brendan Fadeli - 5G
Alannah Zaidan - 4B	
Elna El Ayle - 4Y	Cooper Bisson - 6B
Arabella Gordon - 4Y	



Special Food Day Friday 4th April

We will be holding our first special food day for all students on Friday 4th April, 2025.

Payment to be made on Qkr!

Please see the available options below - Cost \$6.00:

Cheese and Bacon Savoury Roll
Plus Fruit Tube Ice Block

Cheesy Scroll
Plus Fruit Tube Ice Block

Cheese and Tomato Savoury Roll
Plus Fruit Tube Ice Block

\$2.00 Snack Option Includes
One Fruit Tube Ice Block

ALL orders must be in by Monday 31st March, 2025

For catering purposes, no late orders will be accepted!