



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.

Newsletter
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Term 1 - Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to the parents who were present on Monday night at our first **General Parent Meeting** for 2025. The evening provided an ideal opportunity to present an update on our Building Project as well introduce the school goals for 2025 and brainstorm for opportunities that families would like support in. At St Angela's we are truly blessed to have a very supportive community of parents who help to ensure our success. Our **Meet the Teacher Interviews** have provided a fabulous opportunity for parents and teachers to work in partnership to share information about your children.

My appreciation and thanks to the talented and committed group of parents who gathered last Friday afternoon in the library to form our **Class Parent Representative Group**. Being a volunteer and/or helping with your child's grade's allocated activities is a great way to meet new people and, of course, help the children at St Angela's. Your time, big or small, during the year is very much appreciated as we work together to provide the best possible Catholic Education and environment for your child and to build upon our wonderful community. Our first family focused activity, the **Welcome BBQ for Kinder and New Families** is being hosted on Friday afternoon/evening, by our Year One Parents. If you are able to assist on the evening setting up, serving or packing up please email the office - it is not too late to lend a hand.

Canteen has commenced for the year. Thank you to Kathy Sustek for coordinating our Volunteer helpers, we do however need more volunteers to ensure that the canteen remains open for the children. Please contact Kathy Sustek on 0421 555 597 to volunteer

Congratulations to our beautiful Kindergarten children who were formally presented to the larger school community this afternoon. I am sure all our Kinder Parents were touched to see their children welcomed by all the other grades and of course the singing of 'This Little Light of Mine' was just precious. Congratulations to our Kinder teachers Mrs Smith, Mrs Newbury and Miss Saad and to Ms Lewis Driver as well as our Year 6 Buddies who have all supported the Kindies in their first weeks.

With the news that Pope Francis is hospitalised with bilateral pneumonia we join Catholics across the world in praying for the Holy Father.

Prayer for Pope Francis

We thank you for the loving service of Pope Francis
and the hope he has inspired in so many in your great mercy.
Have mercy on him in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff in his care.
Grant him peace and healing.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Together we can achieve so much

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



2025 BEGINNING OF THE 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



Late Arrivals



Parents, please note that school commences at 8:30am. If you have found traffic difficult this week please consider changing your morning routine to ensure that your child is at school prior to 8:30am everyday. Attendance at school and being on time is closely connected to your child's learning and wellbeing.

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP
Whole School: General Parent Meeting - All Parents Welcome

What's Happening at St Angela's this week -
Term 1 Week 4

Year 3: NAPLAN 2025
Year 4: Religion Unit - "Why are People Hungry"
Year 5: NAPLAN 2025
Year 5G Meet the Teacher Interviews - Postponed
5G - Letter from Mrs Nettleton
Year 5 & 6 Captivate

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 20th February: Kindy presented to the school 2pm
Parents Welcome
Friday 21st February: MacKillop Basketball Trials
Welcome BBQ Kindy and New Families (5-7pm)
Thursday 27th February: Hills Zone Swimming Carnival - Mt Druitt
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



In the Diocese of Parramatta, all are invited to participate in the many events planned for the Jubilee Year. In particular, there is an opportunity to embark on a pilgrimage, either individually or in small groups, to one or all three of the designated local pilgrimage sites. These sacred places provide a chance to step away from the busyness of daily life, reflect on the faith journey, and encounter God's grace in a deeper way. Visitors to these sites are encouraged to engage in prayer, pass through Holy Doors, participate in the sacraments, and embrace the spirit of renewal and hope that the Jubilee Year offers.

[St Patricks Cathedral, Parramatta](#)
[Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa](#)
[The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville](#)

A Student's Prayer

Loving God,

You call me to walk as a Pilgrim of Hope,
to seek you in my life, my learning, and my friendships.
Help me to encounter Jesus in my school,
in the kindness of my friends,
in the wisdom of my teachers,
and in the moments when I listen, serve, and love.

Like Mary MacKillop, who reminded us that
"we are but travellers here,"
help me to journey with an open heart,
trusting that You walk beside me,
guiding me to bring hope to others.
Teach me to see You in every person,
especially those who feel alone or left out.
Give me courage to stand up for what is right,
to care for the earth,
and to be a peacemaker in my world.

May our school be a place of welcome,
where every voice is heard,
every culture is celebrated,
and every heart is filled with Your love
With Mary, Mother of Hope, to guide me,
help me to step forward in faith,
to shine Your light,
and to walk the path of Jesus every day.
Amen.

Jocelyn Williams
Director of Mission



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.



Baby Announcement



Congratulations to the Louang Amath family on the birth of Lorenzo, a beautiful baby brother for Santiago in 1 Yellow.

Sports Update

Best of luck to our St Angela's Swimming Team who will compete at the Hills Zone Carnival next Thursday at Mt Druiitt Swimming Centre.



Understanding Wellbeing in Children

Wellbeing in children goes beyond just happiness—it includes their social, emotional, and mental health. A child's wellbeing is shaped by their relationships, environment, and ability to manage emotions and challenges.

What Does Wellbeing Look Like?

Children with strong wellbeing often:

- ◆ Feel safe, secure, and valued
- ◆ Form positive relationships with peers and adults
- ◆ Express and manage emotions in a healthy way
- ◆ Show resilience in the face of challenges
- ◆ Engage in learning with curiosity and confidence

How Can Parents and Carers Support Children's Wellbeing?

Build strong relationships – Children thrive when they feel connected and supported. Spend quality time together and listen to their thoughts and feelings.

Encourage emotional expression – Help your child name and talk about their emotions. Books like 'The Kissing Hand' by Audrey Penn; 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst and 'In My Heart - A Book of Feelings' by Jo Witek can help.

Foster a growth mindset – Praise effort rather than results to encourage resilience and confidence.

Promote a healthy routine – Sleep, nutrition, and physical activity play a big role in wellbeing.

Teach coping strategies – Simple breathing exercises, mindfulness, and problem-solving skills can help children manage stress.

Supporting a child's wellbeing is a journey, and small, everyday moments make a big difference. Let's work together to help our children grow into happy, resilient individuals!





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

February

15th February	17th February
Zachary Chuszno - 1G	Lily Whiting - KG
Zachary Fernandez - 3G	Alissa Sam - 1G
	Eloise Hoon - 6B
16th February	20th February
Amelia Browne - 5B	Dominik Kwoka - KY
	Archy Callan-Kerkenezov - 5G

SAFETY AT THE BACK GATE

Each afternoon teachers supervise students closely at the back gate to ensure that children are collected by parents in a safe way. We need your help and cooperation to keep your child safe.

- Parents are to meet the children on the school side of Orleans Way and no child is permitted to walk across the road to a waiting parent.
- Please NEVER call or wave your child across the road. The most common pedestrian accident for children occurs when a parent is waiting on one side of the road and the child runs across to them taking no notice of the cars travelling along the road in between them. Orleans Way is a public road and it must be treated as such.
- Parents are not to wait on the road itself, you must be on the footpath. As adults we must model road safety to our young children.
- Please move off from the gateway as soon as you have collected your child so that other children can exit the driveway safely to their parents. This is not an area for social catch ups.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping all our children safe.



SAFETY FIRST



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



Feedback Platform for Schools

Research shows that student feedback is one of the most reliable and effective tools for improving outcomes. Our school is dedicated to using student feedback to understand and improve student experiences. This year we have again engaged Pivot, an Australian-based Education Technology resource that will provide teachers with a simple way to gather authentic and timely feedback on wellbeing.

What will the Students do?

Our Students will routinely complete short surveys where questions relate to student wellbeing. Teachers will guide their students through the survey process and will engage students in conversation about the feedback they have received.



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.



CASH CARDS FOR CANTEEN

Canteen operates for students at second break each Tuesday and Friday (1:20pm). In accordance with CEDP 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.

happy families.

As part of our Happy Families Schools Subscription, our parents can access live webinars with Dr Justin Coulson. The first of these 4 webinars for 2025 is on Emotional regulation, where Dr Justin Coulson shares his powerful guide to helping children understand and regulate their emotional world. This presentation will equip parents with a five-step "emotion coaching" process that brings together the very best in emotional intelligence research from Dr John Gottman, the Yale Centre for Emotional Intelligence, and others, to build children's resilience, increase wellbeing for the whole family, and develop healthier humans.

Emotional Regulation

A Heart-Centred Approach to Supporting Your Child

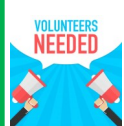
Wednesday 12 March, 2025

7pm AEST, 8 AEDT

To access the webinar use the login details below:

[Happy Families Schools Website](https://www.happysapsch.com)

Password: happysapsch



Year 1 - Parent Volunteers Needed for the Welcome BBQ



Traditionally, Year 1 Parent Volunteers help at the Welcome BBQ. If you are able to assist on Friday 21st February please complete [Welcome BBQ Volunteers Form](#). In 2024 you will remember that you received this hospitality from our current Year 2 families.

New Families and Kindergarten BBQ Friday 21st February 5.00pm-7.00pm

It is tradition at St Angela's, to welcome all the Kindergarten families and any new families from Years 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ in the new school year.

We look forward to seeing new families and Kinder families on Friday 21st February, 5.00pm -7.00pm for this event.



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 contact the school office to register your attendance.



Please keep in your prayers



We extend our condolences to Jayden (5B) and Chelsea (3G) Thompson (Year 1) and their family. Sadly the children's grandfather, Noel D'Mello passed away. May he rest in peace.



Please keep in your prayers

Please keep the Zeegers family in your prayers.

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.

Meet The Teacher Parent Interviews

Thank you to the Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents who have participated in the Meet the Teacher Parent Interviews. The teachers appreciate working in partnership with you.



COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS



St Angela's Primary recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher. As you would appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, that other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply will not be received until the following working day.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to the school email account which will then be passed onto the relevant teacher, as per our usual practice.

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.

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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