



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 2 - Week 6

UPCOMING DATES

Term 2

Friday 7th June:	Debating Year 6 Feast of Holy Family Mass
Wednesday 12th June:	Stage 3 (Boys) Soccer Gala
Thursday 13th June:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday 14th June:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 18th June:	School Photo Day
Wednesday 19th June:	Year 6 Pyjama Day
Thursday 20th June:	Mackillop Softball Trials
Thursday 20th June:	Kindergarten Liturgy— parents welcome.
Friday 21st June:	Special Food Day—"Sausage Sizzle"

2024 Staff Development Days

This year CSPD continues to support schools to transition to the New NSW Syllabus and all schools have been allocated additional Staff Development Days. The Staff Development Days (Pupil free) for 2024 are:

Term 3	Mon 22nd July
	Mon 19th Aug
Term 4	Mon 14th Oct

**Last Day of School 2024—Wednesday 18th
December**

SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Emailed from Compass Portal: Please check your COMPASS APP

Whole School: What's Happening at St Angelas
Tell them from Me—Closing Tomorrow

Year 4: Walk with the Spirit

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We would love your feedback.

As emailed to every family, please find below The Learning Bar link to "Tell Them From Me" (TTFM) survey. We encourage all parents to complete the survey. (This survey will take place in every school across the Diocese.) Your responses are confidential and anonymous. We truly value your input and would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey (less than 15 minutes). Once you access the link below just follow the steps on the screen. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

<https://telltthemfromme.com/stangela24>

This coming week is once again St Angela's 'Family Week'. Family Week will see the children have a break from formal homework (although we ask that every child still reads each night). This opens up a wonderful opportunity for family time. You might 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 parents and family.

Karen Orsini
Acting Principal



Parking in Orleans Way Before and After School

Parents are reminded to follow the road signage in Orleans Way when parking. Council officers will be patrolling this area to support us in keeping our children safe. Thank you to everyone for your support.

It is not safe for our children to be double parking, stopping on the crossing or letting children out at the driveway in Orleans Way. This is a very busy part of the school in the mornings and we need everyone to follow the rules in order to keep our children safe.

Please remember that the Kiss and Drop in Harrington Avenue accessed in the front of the school, is the safest option to drop off your children in the morning.



RELIGION

Year 4 Walk with the Spirit: The rain held off as our Year 4 students, teachers and families successfully engaged in an immersive experience today during their walkathon. Proceeds of this social justice initiative will go to [Fr Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets](#). A huge thanks to the students, families and friends in supporting this worthy cause. We also acknowledge the Year 4 teachers for their work in making this day happen.

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Year B 7th June 2024 11:30am

To honour this solemnity, Fr Chris Shorrock will be celebrating mass in our school hall tomorrow Friday 7th June at 11:30am. At this mass we are launching the [St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal](#). As in previous years, we are supporting Our Lady of Our Rosary Parish in this drive. We request for non perishable food donations such as rice, dry pasta, noodle cups, noodle packets, tinned soup, tinned fish, tinned baked beans, tinned spaghetti, powdered soup, muesli bars, cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, Up and Go. A huge thanks for your generous donations to assist the less fortunate brothers and sisters in our community.



OLOR First Holy Communion: Over the next four Sundays, our Year 3 students will receive the sacrament of First Communion. We pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey in Jesus Christ.

God bless,
Jocelyn Williams
REC

Sports Update

Representative Sport

A shout out to Anthony Mittiga, Jacob Fam, Willow Neeld and Sienna Mearns who last Friday competed in Goulburn for a spot in the MacKillop team. We heard the weather conditions on the day were dreadful, with rain and cold winds but it didn't stop our St Angela's players from shining on the field. Congratulations to Sienna who was selected into the MacKillop Team for the NSWPSA Carnival in Tamworth in early August.

NSWCPS & NSWCCC Cross Country

Congratulations to Oliver Masik, Sienna Mearns, Chloe Lukjanenko, Maisie Brown, Sebastian Brook, Thomas Morin, Alessandra Mifsud and Joshua McDowall who ran at the NSWCPS & NSWCCC Cross Country yesterday. This time our students had to run a much harder track across the Sydney Olympic Equestrian Center. What a wonderful achievement to get to this level. We are so very proud of our athletes in the making!

Gala Days

Last week we trialed nearly 50 boys for the CSPD Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day. Congratulations to the Stage 3 boys who were selected to represent the St Angela's team next Wednesday. It was a tough trial with so many skilled boys. The level of soccer ability in year 5 and 6 is impressive and a credit to all their hard work in training and their weekend games.

Trials didn't stop at Stage 3, we quickly moved on to Stage 2, trialling the girls this week. It is so great to see so many girls playing soccer and having fun too! We will continue to trial our boys next week for the stage 2 teams. Thank you for your patience as we trial nearly 80 children.

Celebrating Our Gifts



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

JUNE

June 6

Alexander Maait 3B
Jobe Fee 3Y

June 11th

Owen Muscat 3G
Anthony Khodeir 3Y
Riley Muscat

June 9th

Levi Tassone 1Y

Paige Tadiaman 5G
Boriu Zhang 6Y

June 12th

Benamin Millalonco 3Y



Any parents who are able to help with book covering, please contact Mrs Castro via the office and she will organise a pack for you to take home.

ARE YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS LABELLED?

With the constant change in weather please ensure that every item your child brings to school is labelled with their name and class.

Also, if you could take two minutes to check that your child's items are actually theirs as often children can pick up another child's jacket, hat etc and bring it home accidentally.

If your child has misplaced an item of clothing or water bottle if it has their name on it, it is then returned to their classroom.

Please keep in your prayers

Please keep Mrs Burke (office) in your prayers as she cares for her mum who is unwell.

Travel or Holidays During the School Term

Applications for Extended Leave Travel - (5 or more days must be completed and then submitted to the office 3 weeks prior to the travel.

Application forms can also be downloaded via the school website.

<https://www.stangelaschill.catholic.edu.au/In-The-Loop/School-Notes>

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE, 2024

This terms special food day will be held on Friday 21st June, 2024.

Orders will open at 5pm on Friday 7th June, 2024.

To place your order please go to the Qkr! App and click on “special food days—sausage sizzle” link in the app. Please see the available options below:

\$6 Meal One Includes:

1 x sausage sizzle

1 x chocolate chip cookie

\$2 Snack Option Includes:

1 x chocolate chip cookie



Student Workbooks Coming Home

Over the next few weeks the children will be bringing home their exercise books to share with you. 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.

In English, you will be able to see the learning from a range of Literacy lessons including Writing, Reading Groups, and Responses to Literature, Handwriting etc. You may also be looking for their responses using technology, Seesaw in Kindy and Year 1, and Google Classroom in Years 2 to 6.

You will notice in each of these workbooks, the children have placed a sticky note 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.



Semester One Reports

Teachers are preparing Semester One Learning Reports. These Reports highlight particular strengths, as well as areas of development for your child. The A-E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different Reporting scale).

*There are no predetermined number of A, B, C, D, E achievement levels to be allocated

*Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated

*It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.






*The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands. Although some KLA’s have been broken into strands, it is important to note that some strands have more weight than others. The overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of strands.

*Comparative data for the grade is included in the reports for Years 1-6.

*The achievement levels / common grade scale are provided by the NSW Education Standards Authority and are included in your report for you to reference.

*Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 9 (Tuesday 25th June) to supplement and further explain reports.

Each year level introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child’s achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. The achievement level of ‘C’ is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional ‘C’ from our own school days. Our parent/teacher interviews seek to explain, elaborate on, and support the Reports. The following website <https://arc.nesa.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6> provides work samples that illustrate A-E Achievement levels. It is well worth a look.

A	B	C	D	E
<p>Grand Prix racer</p> 	<p>Advanced driver training with extra skills</p> 	<p>Full drivers licence, like most of us!</p> 	<p>A person on “P” plates drives independently but still learning.</p> 	<p>A person on “L” plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</p> 



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<https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/sapsch>

PASSWORD: happysapsch



The school now has a subscription to [Happy Families](#) and we will be sharing many of the resources that Justin Coulson provides. Along with our [SchoolTV](#) resource that can be found on the school website we hope that this is supporting you to discuss topics with your children as they grow and develop through their early years.

Year 6 Debating—Round 2

We look forward to our Round 2 debate tomorrow at 9:45am, where our teams will be debating the topic *The Olympics are not a Waste of Money*. Parents Welcome

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

It would be most helpful if parents who need to make last minute temporary changes to going home arrangements, inform the school no later than 2.30pm via email on the day and not in advance. Thank you

COVID

Families at St Angela's continue to experience COVID cases, so it is important for you to monitor your children for symptoms and keep them at home if they are unwell.

We will also contact you if your child feels unwell at school. As it is flu season, please be vigilant about the early signs of influenza which also require you to keep your children at home to ensure that we continue to maintain a healthy environment for the children and staff while at school.

COVID SAFE PROTOCOLS

All students, families and staff are requested to follow NSW Health's advice to reduce the risk of not only transmitting COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect schools this winter such as the flu. Therefore we ask that students, staff and family members who visit the school to Inform the school if their child tests COVID positive and keep the child at home until they are symptom free and well again. Thank you for all that you do to support the health of students, families and staff.

Arrival at school - being on time is important

Parents are reminded of the importance of their children arriving at school on time. All children must be within the school grounds by **8:30am** so that they are ready to join the morning assembly which commences at 8:30am.

A small number of parents are regularly driving into the school, carpark at 8:30am and therefore their children are late for class - this is unsettling for the children .

If you use the Kiss and Drop in the car park in the mornings please:

- drive to the next available car space closest to the top of the Kiss and Drop area - do not stop at the walkway as this holds up traffic and causes a traffic jam in Harrington Rd.
- your child must get out of the car on the footpath side.
- your child must be able to get out of the car by themselves - parents do not get out of the car
- your child's bag must be in the car with them - no child is to move to the back of the car to get their bags out of the car boot.
- NEVER overtake another car in the Kiss and Drop zone.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the Kiss and Drop area safe for all users.

School Photo Day: Tuesday 18th June.

School photo day will take place on Tuesday 18th June. All class, group, individual and optional sibling photos will take place on this day.

Photos can be ordered on the [MSP webpage](#) using the instructions below.

SAY CHEESE

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Photo day for your school is on Tuesday, 18th June 2024

How to place your order via MSP Online.

1. Visit www.misp.com.au select the Download Portrait or Order Online portal, click Order Packs
2. Use your school's unique Schoolkey - HK7U2R2
3. Complete the required fields ensuring you include your child's full name and class and then click through to order
4. A confirmation email with your order details will be sent to your email address

A late/processing fee will apply for orders received 1 week after photo day.
All family/sibling orders must be placed by 11pm the day before photo day.

LIFE IS EASIER WITH MSP

Teaching Children That Mistakes Are Okay

You won't find a child more chuffed with themselves than a preschooler who is learning to write their own name. In the beginning, they courageously create a jumble of mixed-up letters and back-to-front S's to piece together the first iteration of what will become their signature. Very quickly, those mistakes lead to mastery, and they're equipped with a skill they'll use hundreds of thousands of times throughout their lives.

As our children grow, their fearlessness in the face of mistakes often gives way to a paralysing fear of failure. They become less willing to take risks, try new things, and broaden their experience because of the risk of not getting it "right" straight away.

How do we help our kids overcome perfectionism and make friends with mistakes again?

Here are my top tips for parents and educators:

#1: Talk it through.

Whether it's learning to ride a bike or writing a story, when a child shows reluctance to try before they start, ask them what they're worried about. Give them the chance to share their fears and talk it through. Ask them, 'What's the worst thing that can happen?' Putting words around their fear can help contextualise and minimise it, making 'the scary thing' seem smaller and easier to handle.

#2: Share your story.

Younger children love to hear stories from their parents and trusted adults. Share a story with them of when you were scared, then tried, failed, and learned something from making a mistake. You can make it funny to lighten the load and help diffuse their worry.

#3: Resilience.

Making mistakes and learning from mistakes helps children build resilience, which will stand them in good stead later in life. If they have tried, failed, and then tried again, it helps them build confidence to tackle bigger, more daunting tasks down the track. Failure is not the enemy; failure to try is! Failure, ironically, can build success. As the saying goes, 'If at first you don't succeed, then try and try again.'

#4: Reward the effort.

If you have coached and coaxed your child or student into trying something new for the first time, or if they have worked hard to conquer their fear, then regardless of the outcome, let them know they are champs for trying. This way, the reward is linked, not to whether they failed or succeeded, but to the effort they made in the first place. Being a 'doer' with a positive 'at least I tried' attitude will help children build a positive approach to tackling new activities and tasks later in life.

#5: Practice makes perfect.

Perfect is of course not needed but practice is important. Give children plenty of opportunity to keep trying their chosen activity, whether they've taken up a new sport, musical instrument, or hobby, or whether they're plucking up courage to make new friends at school. Help them stay positive and celebrate their achievements and learnings with them along the way. Whether they tell you this or keep it to themselves, kids love it when their parents, carers and teachers are their support team (and they'll remember it later too!).



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