



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we educate our students.

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Term 2 - Week 7

UPCOMING DATES

Term 2

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 @ 9am —parents welcome.
Friday 21st June:	Special Food Day—"Sausage Sizzle"
Tuesday 25th June:	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day— Boys and Girls
Friday 28th June:	Whole School Assembly— Year 3 @ 2pm—Parents Welcome

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
Dance Crew 2024—Costumes

Kindergarten: Kindergarten—Reward

Year 2: Year 2 Grade Reward—Picnic Afternoon

Year 5: Impetigo

Year 6: Pyjama Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week, we have heard from our students about how they have spent time as a family, visiting grandparents, playing board games, having a family movie night, sharing story time and much more. It's fitting then that this week, we are sharing with you an article from our Happy Families Schools author, Dr Justin Coulson. In the article, he talks about the importance of *Making Family Life Fun. Once again, he shares some great ideas to find ways to make family life FUN:*

1. Smile more
2. Learn New Things Together
3. Just add treats
4. Celebrate - whatever!
5. Five minutes of fun.

Justin reminds us of the importance of fun and how these small moments of fun help strengthen the bond and promote togetherness. (To read more, the article is located at the end of this Newsletter).

Today, Year 6 set off on their Canberra excursion, visiting Australia's capital to continue learning all about Government. The teachers and children look forward to a fast-paced, action-packed two days of learning as they visit Parliament House, the Electoral Commission, the War Memorial and ANZAC parade. We can't wait to see updates on Facebook over the next two days. We have to say a big thank you to our Year 6 teaching team - Mrs Kelly, Mrs Fisher, Mr Hurst and Mrs Bisson for organising this fantastic camp for our children.

Staff Development Day Reminders for Term 3

The first day of Term 3 July 22 has been declared by CSPD as a Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) for staff to work on the New English/Maths Syllabus being rolled out this year.

Later in Term 3 - Monday August 19, is a Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) for Staff Spiritual formation.

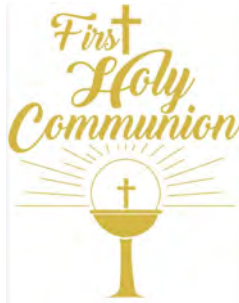
Karen Orsini
Acting Principal



RELIGION

OLOR Parish celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

We congratulate all the students who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday: Ava Holeva, Francis Bautista, Alexandra Chehade, Jennifer Chen, Annalise Grill, Sophie Hoon, William Iannetta, Austin Iskandar, Serena Kosciuszko, Thomas Livingstone, Daxon Lui, Isaac Marquez, Charlotte Moran, Milla Netrayana, Molly O'Reilly, Jacinta Raad, Isabelle Riley, Jessica Rimando, Jacob Stornelli and Narayan Elliott.



The rest of our Year 3 students will receive the sacrament of First Communion in the next Sundays to come. We continue to pray for God's blessings over them and their families.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal As launched at our mass on Friday, we are requesting donations of non perishable food items which will be added to OLOR parish collection. Suggested list of donations are:

- Year 6: rice and dry pasta
- Year 5: powdered or tinned soup
- Year 4: tinned spaghetti, tinned baked beans or tinned fish
- Year 3: instant coffee or tea
- Year 2: muesli bars or biscuits
- Year 1: long life milk or Up and Go
- Kindergarten: instant noodle cups or noodle packets

We thank you in advance for supporting this social justice initiative.



God bless,
Jocelyn Williams
REC

Sports Update

Representative Sport

We wish Rafferty Castillo and Alexis Foxe the best of luck as they attend the MacKillop trials over the next week. Alexis will be heading to Goulbourn for Touch Football and Rafferty to Panania for Softball. We are so proud of you both.

Stage 3 Boys Soccer

Unfortunately the Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala was postponed this week due to some damage to the fields over the weekend. CSPD is looking at a new date for the gala day and this will then be communicated once made available.

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala

It's great to see so many students trying out for gala days this term. Mrs Mazza is in the process of finalising the last of the Stage 2 trials this week. Teams will be communicated as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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

Celebrating Our Gifts



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

JUNE

June 16th

Thomas Livingston 3Y

June 13th

Odin Wilden KB

Annelise Araneda 6Y

June 17th

Emily Ison 2G

June 14th

Andreas Saad 2G

June 18th

Toby Whiting KY

June 15th

Ava DeSilva 3B

June 19th

Lilian Zhang KB

Elena Miranda Guinand KY



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.

Parent– Teacher Interviews

Each Year we schedule 2 formal opportunities for teachers and parents to meet:

Term One Meet the Teacher Interviews and

Term Two Parent Teacher Interviews following the distribution of Semester One Reports.

In Term 1 we offered Meet the Teacher Interviews during the school day to support the needs of both the teachers and our families.

This term, the Parent Teacher Meetings will be held in the format of an extended day for teachers, with some appointments before school and the majority of appointments between 3:30pm and 8pm. We have offered face to face and zoom interviews as options again. As has always been the case, we understand that some families may need to request an appointment before or after school on another day, and this can be done by contacting the class teachers.

Tomorrow, parents will receive a Compass message with a link to the School Interview site where you can book a face to face meeting or a zoom appointment for your Parent Teacher interview. If you would like to make an alternate arrangement please contact your child's teacher.

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.



2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge



Q: Our family is so busy. How can we make time for reading together?

A: Think about the times when everyone is home. Put family reading on the schedule then, even if it's just once a week. Perhaps you could schedule a reading dinner or a surprise "DEAR" (Drop Everything and Read) time during Saturday chores. Make reading a fun part of established family routines.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ = 8256
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE = 296

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE

Alexa Mignemi KG	Michael Tyler-Ottolino 4B
Charmaine Au 1Y	Ashton Stopps 4G
Daxon Lui 3G	Selena Bianca 5B
Khloe Ibrahim 4B	
Tia Lawlor 4B	

2025 CANTEEN COORDINATOR

Mrs Belinda Muscat has been our Canteen Coordinator and Special Food Day organiser for many years. With her eldest child graduating in 2024, she will finish up at the end of the year. We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all her support at St Angela's.

Belinda is calling for help in 2025. We are looking for a new parent volunteer for 2025 to take over creating the canteen roster twice a year and coordinating the special food days that we have for the children each term.

If you are interested in taking on this important role please contact Belinda or the school office.



Top classes in the lead (Pizza Party)

1. 4B
2. 6Y
3. 4Y
4. 6G



Congratulations to the following students who were in the draw (having completed the challenge) and won a book.

1. Alexa Mignemi KY
2. Ealin Zhang 1Y
3. Abigail Vavayis 2B
4. Jude Schenke 3B
5. Michael Tyler-Ottolino 4B
6. Chloe Ibrahim 4B
7. Jaxon Hogan 4Y
8. Marcus Saad 4Y
9. Saskia Wallace 6G

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.



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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

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who participated in the Round 2 debate last week against St Michael's. The topic was *The Olympics are not a Waste of Money*. Both teams were praised for their preparation and delivery of speeches



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.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPECIAL FOOD DAY! FRIDAY 21ST JUNE, 2024

**Orders will close on
16th June, 2024 @ 5pm**

This terms special food day will be held on Friday 21st 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

School Photo Day: Tuesday 18th June.

School photo day will take place next 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.



St Angela's Primary School

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 - HK7U2RN2
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.

misp online

LIFE IS
EASIER
WITH MSP

WALKING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Last Thursday Year 4 participated in “Walking with the Holy Cross”. Here is just a few things the students had to say about the morning.

Georgia—While I was walking with the Holy Spirit, it felt refreshing and peaceful. I enjoyed the prayer stops and having different people reading. We walked 5km and got as many sponsors as we could. It was the best, especially because it was going to help support the ‘Youth off the Streets’.

Saraya—Walking with Holy Spirit has enabled me to open my mind and recognise what God has done for us and that Jesus sacrificed his life for us. I’ve realised that “little things make BIG DIFFERENCES”.

Andrew—When we were walking it was peaceful. I saw God in many people. We walked with the Holy Spirit because we were raising money for the “Youth off the Street”, organisation. I felt like the better person for doing the laps.



OZ FASHIONS—UPDATED UNIFORM PRICE LIST

OZ Fashions have advised us that as of the 1st July, there will be a price increase for uniforms. Please see below the new price-list for your reference. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact them via elle@ozfashions.com.au.



St Angela's Catholic Primary School 2024 Uniform Price List

DESCRIPTION	Price
Unisex	
Pullover	\$38.60
College Jacket	\$60.65
Boys Summer	
Price	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$33.10
Navy Shorts	\$33.10
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.55
Boys Winter	
Price	
Long Sleeve Shirt	\$38.60
Navy Trousers	\$38.60
Tie	\$22.05
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.55
Girls Summer	
Price	
Summer dress	\$60.65
Lemon Turnover Socks	\$5.55
Scrunchy	\$5.55
Soft Headband	\$5.55
Hard Headband	\$5.55
Girls Winter	
Price	
Winter Tunic	\$66.15
Lemon Blouse	\$33.10
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	
Price	
Polo Top	\$38.60
Shorts	\$38.60
Jacket	\$60.65
Trackpant	\$49.60
White Turnover Socks	\$5.55
House Polo	
Price	
House Polo Green-Brescia	\$27.60
House Polo Blue - Garda	\$27.60
House Polo Red - Salo	\$27.60
House Polo Gold - Merici	\$27.60
Accessories	
Price	
Library Satchel	\$19.85
Excursion Bag	\$19.85
College Backpack	\$55.15
Slouch Hat	\$22.05
Allergy Hat with Yellow Piping	\$22.05
Lice off Kit	\$6.60
Art Smock	\$16.55
Raincoat – Yellow or Navy	\$27.60

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

WEEK 1 WINTER 2024



St Angela's
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EARLY 'BEE' DISCOUNT! applies if booking form received by service before 6pm, 14th June 2024.



MINI OLYMPICS

Monday 8 July
Early 'Bee' \$85
Standard Fee \$95



The children will challenge themselves in a range of different mini Olympic activities throughout the day. They will verse their peers and there will be plenty of opportunities to win some prizes for our winners.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

MOVIE MAGIC

Tuesday 9 July
Early 'Bee' \$85
Standard Fee \$95



Today we will be participating in activities based around our favourite movies. The children will also sit back and relax while they watch a group movie together.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

NINJA PARC

Wednesday 10 July
Early 'Bee' \$100
Standard Fee \$110



The children loved our last ninja themed day and have asked to do something similar again. We will have an excursion to a Ninja Park & enjoy some physical activities and obstacle courses.

EXCURSION – Authority Form Required.

EXCURSION

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

CARDBOARD CONSTRUCTION

Thursday 11 July
Early 'Bee' \$95
Standard Fee \$105



Today will be all things sustainable and construction. We will do a range of recycled material activities and building challenges. We will also have a workshop join us for more cardboard construction fun.

WORKSHOP – Authority Form Required.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

INDIGENOUS CLAY PLAY

Friday 12 July
Early 'Bee' \$90
Standard Fee \$100



Today we will participate in a range of indigenous activities & learn more about their culture. We will have a workshop join us and they will guide us through some clay play which the children will love.

WORKSHOP – Authority Form Required.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED.

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Phone: 0408 499 219 Email: stangelas@ambrose.org.au



Children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, enclosed sports shoes, socks & a sun-safe hat (legionnaire or bucket hat with wide brim) for all outdoor play and excursions. The service will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day and is an allergy aware service—please do not bring nuts or eggs. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site.

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

WEEK 2 WINTER 2024



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EARLY 'BEE' DISCOUNT! applies if booking form received by service before 6pm, 14th June 2024.



SCALES & TAILS

Monday 15 July
Early 'Bee' \$90
Standard Fee \$100



Today we will have a workshop join us with a range of Australian reptiles. We will learn some facts and get to see them up close. We will also have a range of reptile themed activities planned to go with the theme as well.

WORKSHOP – Authority Form Required.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

LET'S BAKE

Tuesday 16 July
Early 'Bee' \$85
Standard Fee \$95



The children will enjoy a range of cooking experiences today that they will indulge in throughout the session. They love being mini chefs & this is always a day they request.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

TEN PIN & ARCADE

Wednesday 17 July
Early 'Bee' \$100
Standard Fee \$110



It is our excursion day today and we will be participating in ten pin bowling and a range of arcade games which the children always look forward to. We will also plan a range of other group activities to join in on once we return.

EXCURSION – Authority Form Required.

EXCURSION

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

FINE ARTISTS

Thursday 18 July
Early 'Bee' \$85
Standard Fee \$95



Today is all about arts & craft. The children will explore their creativity and imagination in a range of different craft activities.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

KIDS DISCO

Friday 19 July
Early 'Bee' \$95
Standard Fee \$105



Today is full of disco fun. We have a workshop joining us to throw a disco party and we will have a range of fun party games for the children to participate in as well to end our winter Vacation Care.

WORKSHOP – Authority Form Required.

WORKSHOP

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat

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Making Family Life Fun

For many of us, fun stopped becoming spontaneous and automatic around the time that we decided we had to be responsible adults. But if we want our families to be happier, we need to find ways to make family life FUN!

Here are 5 ways to make fun a habit:

1. Smile more

Imagine a child whose every interaction with their parent is met with a look of serious concentration or contemplation—they are not angry or annoyed, simply preoccupied. Now, imagine that when that same child looks at their parent, they receive warm smiles and gentle, approving eye contact. Which would have the most positive influence on the child's wellbeing?

Smiles improve relationships, and they seem to make life more fun. Let your face know you feel great. Smile!

2. Learn new things together

Most children are naturally inquisitive and deeply curious. They love to learn new things. Learning is both fun and potentially profound when we do it together. We can have fun helping our children explore a topic they are interested in; we can plant a garden, learn new sports, and do crafts.

Exploration, learning, and curiosity are fun and make families happy. It simply requires that we are willing to be creative, explore ideas, and respond to our children's questions with enthusiasm and interest.

3. Just add treats

I don't know of any family activity that can't be enhanced with treats. If you are having a family meeting or a working bee in the garden, include popcorn, ice cream, brownies, or, if you don't do processed sugars, a big bowl of strawberries or freshly chopped watermelon.

This approach is best used randomly and for fun, rather than as a bribe. Treats are fun! But they should be offered unconditionally and to everyone, rather than only on conditions being met and only to those who meet the conditions. Otherwise, it stops being fun for everyone.

4. Celebrate—whatever!

Our lives are full of reasons to celebrate, from a child's small success to a big achievement. Celebrate in varied ways: a hug, high-five, ice cream, movie outing, special date, or a family dinner. For best results, make celebrations spontaneous and unexpected, not used as bribes.

We don't need to make our children's minor experiences into front-page news, but we can have fun when they do well. Do something more than nod 'well done' while chopping carrots for dinner. Pause. Get into the moment. Respond actively and constructively. Celebrate!

5. Five minutes of fun

If your children are demanding your attention, give it to them. We can all afford 5 minutes to become engrossed in some fun with our children. This can be unstructured play, like rolling around on the floor or dancing to a favourite tune, or it can be structured play, like a game of UNO or charades.

These micro-moments of positive engagement show that we are involved and available to our children. They teach our children that they are worthy, and they promote a sense of family cohesion and togetherness. They give us moments to be grateful for, to reflect upon, and to savour.

So today, find something to smile about. Drop your agenda and have some fun. Find something new to learn about or explore with your children. Cook treats, buy treats, or just eat treats. And find something—anything—to celebrate.

Then, do it again, maybe a little differently, tomorrow.



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