



Angle Vale Primary School

Building our bridge to the future



Principal's Message

Friday, 14th November 2025

Dear Families,

Maintaining high standards and quality learning for all students remains our priority. Teachers will continue to challenge and support them to reach their full potential. At Angle Vale, we take pride in making a difference for every student, which is reflected in the high-quality programs and opportunities they have access to.

As parents, you play an important role in supporting your child's learning at home. This may include discussing their learning, asking them something they did, something they learnt, something they found interesting or a question they might have. Our students are familiar with these questions and their answers will give you more insights to the learning happening in the classroom.

Angle Vale Primary School is a thriving community because of the strong partnerships we foster with our families and local community. I extend a sincere thanks to our staff, Governing Council members and other parent volunteers for the amazing work they do to support our students.

Staffing News

Charlie Wood has been appointed Student Wellbeing Leader for the next three years, commencing from January 2026. We welcome Charlie to Angle Vale Primary School and look forward to her working with students, staff and families.

Punu McGovern (Senior Leader, Inclusion) will continue in her role for another 12 months. Her leadership and commitment to supporting inclusive practices have been invaluable to our school community.

Sonia Ghimire (Teacher, G6) has commenced maternity leave. We wish her all the very best with the arrival of her second child. **Chelsea Ellis**, who was most recently working with us as an SSO, will be replacing Sonia in G6.

I'm also pleased to announce that **Jess Gardner** (Business Manager) has had her permanency transferred to Angle Vale Primary School. It is great that Jess will now be working with us in an ongoing capacity.

Our Groundsman, **John Crowley**, is now a permanent member of staff. John does an amazing job keeping our grounds looking spectacular and we look forward to him continuing in this role.

Year 6 Nunga Graduation

Last Friday, 7th November our Year 6 Nunga students Nevaya, Eloise and Bentley, along with other Nunga students in our partnership, took part in the Deadly Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander 2025 Year 6 Graduation ceremony. It was a fantastic night to be part of with our graduates and their families. A big thank you to our Aboriginal Education staff Lisa Francis, Caitlyn Walker and previous staff member Jolanda Majstrenko for the important part they have played in both celebration and the education journey of Nunga Graduates.

Playground equipment use and safety

Earlier in the week communication was sent home via Class Dojo re use of play equipment and safety. Please ensure you have read this as it contains reminders for parents/carers around the playground each year level can use the before and after school.



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Principal's Message Cont.



Why Balance Matters

Childhood has changed a lot over the past 20 years. Many children now spend more time on devices and less time playing outside, solving problems with friends, and exploring the world around them. While technology has its benefits, it's important to find a healthy balance between screen time and opportunities for children to play, connect, and explore.

Spending too much time on screens, especially on social media, can sometimes lead to worry, affect sleep, and take away time from activities that build confidence and resilience. On the other hand, outdoor play, strong friendships, and family moments help children feel happy and secure, while also helping them grow into curious and resilient individuals. Having two children of my own, I've seen the positive and negative effects screen time can have, which makes finding the right balance even more important.

Practical Ideas for Families

Here are some simple ways parents can help their children find balance and support their wellbeing:

- Set screen boundaries: Try phone-free meals, device-free bedrooms, or set clear daily screen limits.
- Protect sleep: Encourage a calm bedtime without screens, remembering that good sleep is vital for learning, mood, and energy levels.
- Encourage outdoor play: Unstructured play outside helps kids solve problems, build resilience, and feel happier.
- Prioritise friendships: Make time for playdates, team sports, or community activities that build social skills.
- Model healthy habits: Children notice how we use technology, so showing balance ourselves can make a big difference.
- Create family connection rituals: Shared moments like meals, walks, or game nights create security, joy, and strong family bonds.

Working Together

At school, we work hard to help children grow into confident, resilient learners who can tackle challenges. We provide opportunities for them to learn with technology but also create space for activities that encourage problem-solving, teamwork, creativity, and self-worth. Technology has many benefits, but protecting the simple joys of play, connection, and discovery will help our kids grow into happy, balanced individuals.

Celebrating Our Teachers - World Teachers' Day

On 31 October we celebrated **World Teachers' Day**, a special occasion to recognise and thank our incredible teachers for the dedication, care and passion they bring to their work each and every day.

Teaching is so much more than delivering lessons - it's about inspiring curiosity, nurturing confidence, and helping every student grow into their best selves. Our teachers do this with heart, patience and professionalism, creating classrooms where students feel valued, supported and excited to learn.

On behalf of our school community, we say a **huge thank you** to all our teachers. Your commitment to our students and your contribution to their learning and wellbeing make a lasting difference.

School Closure - Week 7

A reminder that Friday 21st November is a School Closure. Camp Australia will be open.

Kind regards,
David

Dates to Remember



Family Fun Night
Thursday 20th November

School Closure
Friday 21st November

Swimming
Monday 24th November - Friday
28th November

Colour Run
Friday 28th November

Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 10th December

Last Day of Term
Friday 12th December
Early Dismissal 2:15pm