

Katandra Weekly

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OCTOBER

Fri 22nd — All year levels return for on-site learning

NOVEMBER

Mon 1st — Curriculum Day—Report Writing

Tues 2nd — Melbourne Cup Holiday

Tues 8th — Italian Expo

Thurs 18th — Foundation 2022 transition session



DATES TO REMEMBER

IPAD LEASE PAYMENT DUE

The iPad lease payment for families is due.

Payments are always due the Friday of the first week of each term.

Please contact the office if you need to discuss this payment.



FACE MASKS

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has announced new rules around mask wearing to keep everyone at school safe. We know that returning to school will look a little different this time and it's important that we support you and your children with effective ways to keep everyone safe and well. One of the most important and effective things we can do to help keep students in the classroom is to wear masks to help minimise COVID-19 transmission risk. When worn properly, masks can play an important role in reducing the transmission risks of Covid-19 that could happen from common activities in school. Face masks are now required for all school students in Grade 3 and above indoors including at Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exception applies. Face masks can be removed while outdoors at school for primary students. Face masks are strongly recommended for Prep to Year 2 students. For composite classes of Grade 2 and 3 students, Grade 2 students will be strongly encouraged to wear masks like their Grade 3 peers. Students with a medical condition, or disability that make wearing a face covering unsuitable, are not required to wear a mask. Exceptions include students with a physical or mental disability where their disability means it would not be suitable. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception must provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school. We encourage you to discuss wearing masks with your child to keep

kids in the classroom and minimise COVID-19 transmission risk. The Raising Children Network has resources that can help you with having conversations with your children about wearing masks.



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TOGETHER AGAIN

We continue to enjoy having students back in our classrooms this week. The atmosphere around the school is positive and there is lots of smiles and laughter. All students will return to on-site learning everyday from **Friday 22nd October**. Finally, we will be together again!

**YEAR 3/4 BALLARAT CAMP**

It is with a great disappointment that I inform you that a decision has been made to cancel the Year 3/4 Ballarat Camp that was scheduled for 3-5 November. Under the current guidelines, camps and excursions are not permitted. Even if the guidelines change between now and the scheduled camp, it is not practical to make the necessary arrangements for the camp to proceed. Additionally, prior to each camp, a risk assessment is undertaken. The risk to students and staff travelling and mixing with the wider public is quite high at this time, especially as restrictions across Victoria ease. We are committed to providing our Year 3/4 students an alternative experience later in the Term that complies with guidelines and is safe.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

It is pleasing to see more families accessing OSHC at Katandra West Primary School. The service is invaluable to families with working/studying parents/carers. Session times are 7.00-9.00 am and 3.30-6.00 pm. OSHC will also be available on **Monday 1st November** from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm for the curriculum day. Bookings can be made through the TheirCare website.

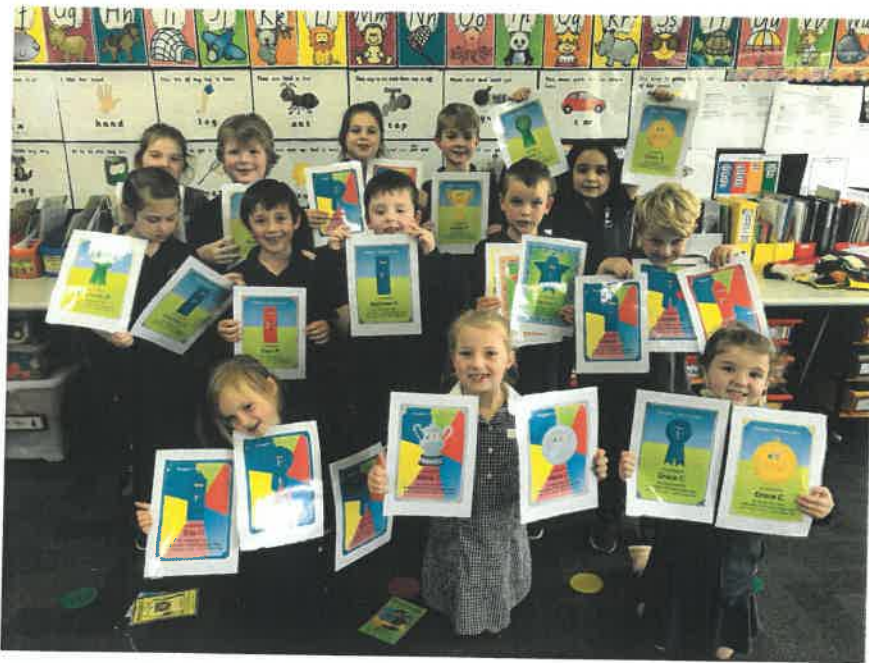
**SCHOOL FEES**

Accounts will be sent home to families on Friday. We ask that families with outstanding school fees finalise their account by the end of the 2021 school year. Please contact the office to make a payment plan if necessary.



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F/1 READING EGGS AWARDS



F/1 HOME READING AWARDS





Italian Expo



Buongiorno a tutti!

This year we are delighted to celebrate Italy and our language course at Katandra Primary School by putting on an Italian Expo. It will take place during Week 6 of this term on the 8th of November. Our theme is "Andiamo in Italia" (Let's go to Italy). Our celebration will also exhibit what the different classes have studied.

Students will be involved in **Italian activities**. The 4/5/6 class will be presenting their exhibits, showing the contributions Italy has had to the world. The students have created fantastic displays to set up an expo atmosphere for the school.

The 2/3/4 class will show their funny photos with an Italian item or food. These photos will be judged by students and staff for prizes.

The F/1 class will bring their teddy bears to show and we will celebrate "The Teddy Bear's" birthday. Our theme has been "Il compleanno" (Birthdays). The students will introduce their teddy bears to other students. We will sing "Tanti auguri a te" (birthday song) and finish off with a birthday cake. (Torta)

The day will be filled with Italian dancing, singing, eating and competitions. As a special treat we will have pizza for lunch and gelati.

The ice cream contains water, cane sugar, glucose (corn), corn starch, acid (330), colour (102, 110, 142), vegetable gum (412, 415, 410), emulsifier (471).
The cone contains wheat flour, wheaten cornflour, vegetable oil, emulsifier.

Students will have their normal recess from home.

We encourage all students to come to school dressed up representing an Italian icon, such as Pinocchio, a gondoliere, a famous Italian artist, scientist or inventor, a popular Italian car, Italian food, a chef, Mona Lisa, la Befana, etc. Just use your imagination and get some inspiration from Italian culture and folklore!
Or wear Italian colours.

Grazie! Signora

