

# Katandra Weekly

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## JUNE

Mon 3rd — Dentist Van this week  
Thurs 6 & Fri 7th - Life Ed Van  
Mon 10th — Queen's Birthday Holiday  
Tues 11th — Disco @ 6-7.30p.m.  
Mon 17th — School Council @ 7.30 p.m.  
Thurs 20th — Open Day @ school  
Fri 28th — End of Term

## JULY

Mon 15th — Start of Term 3.  
Thurs 18th — Parent Teacher Student Conference

## AUGUST

Mon 12th to Fri 16th — Year 5/6 Camp



DATES TO REMEMBER

Our next P & F Meeting will be held **TONIGHT** at the Katandra West Community Centre at 5.00 p.m.  
Looking forward to seeing you there.

### PIE DRIVE:

Yesterday we sent home an order form for our Pie Drive for this year.

Please return to school by **Thursday 13th June**, and pies will be able to be collected **Thursday 20th June** from 2.30 p.m. at school.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

## BIKES:

There are still a number of bikes in the sports shed that have not been collected after our successful Bike Hike last week. Could you please collect your child's bike if you haven't already done so.

## BOOK CLUB:

Closing date for Book Club orders is **TOMORROW.**

## SPORTING SCHOOLS:

Next Wednesday is the last Sporting Schools session for this Term. We hope the children have enjoyed the basketball this term with Atem.



**Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Strong - Be Your Best**

**BIKE HIKE**

Our 4/5/6 students participated in our annual Bike Hike in Shepparton last week. This gave them the opportunity to put the skills they have been learning, for the past few weeks in Bike Ed sessions, into practice. It was a challenge for some students, but all students successfully completed the ride. This event would not be possible without parent helpers. We are grateful for the following parents who volunteered their time to help either on the Bike Hike or for the lead up Bike Education sessions: Sam Smith, Janelle Wardle, Stephen and Jo Ash, Andrew and Liz Newby, Julie Harris, and Rochelle Clurey, **thank you.**



**AFRICAN DRUMMING**

It was my pleasure to spend a session with the F/1 and 5/6 classes to participate in their African Drumming Workshop. I'm not sure who had the most fun, the students or myself! I was tempted to sneak into the Workshop that the 2/3 and 4/5 classes attended just to have another turn. It was a fantastic interactive experience for our students, and the rhythm could be felt through the whole school. Thanks to the P&F Committee for helping bring this experience to Katandra West Primary School.



**LIFE ED VAN**

Whilst on yard duty this morning, the calls for Harold could be heard across the playground. Students were hoping to see Harold in his van before the school day started. Unfortunately, Harold was still sleeping so students have to wait until their Life Ed Van session today or tomorrow to see Harold. Today the 4/5, F/1 and 2/3 classes will visit Harold, with the 5/6 visiting Harold tomorrow.

**DISCO**

As part of the Music Program, Jacquie Monk has scheduled a School Disco for the students of Katandra West Primary School. All students are invited to attend the disco in the BER building from 6.00-7.30 pm. Children from the Katandra West Children's Centre have also been invited. The event is targeted for primary aged students, so siblings at High School need not attend. We ask that families send their child along with a supper plate to share. Staff will be supervising the disco so you can drop your child off at 6.00 and return at 7.30 to pick them up, coming in to the building. We would appreciate the help of two or three parents to look after the supper table, please contact the school if you can help with this.



**YEAR 7 2020**

Our current Year 6 students were sent home with forms for families to return regarding their secondary school placement in 2020. Some students have yet to return these forms, or have only returned part of the forms. New forms are being sent home with these students today. Please return them ASAP as they are overdue. If your child will be attending a non-government school, the forms still need to be returned indicating this. Further information about Greater Shepparton College (interim name) is also being sent home with today's newsletter, along with two brochures for students in Year 5 and 6.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters**

**NAME:** Laylla  
**GRADE:** 3  
**TEACHER:** Mr Wright  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Pasta  
**FAVOURITE GAME:** Soccer Dodgeball  
**FRIENDS at SCHOOL:** Layla, Alicia & Tom  
**WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING?** Persuasive Writing  
**FAVOURITE COLOUR:** Rainbow  
**FAVOURITE TOY/THING:** L.O.L.  
**BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL:** Playing with friends  
**WHEN I GROW UP:** Police Officer  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:** Gold Coast  
**WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR STRENGTH? WHY?**  
 Be Respectful, because I help the Foundation students.



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Foundation/1:** Nevaeh  
**2/3:** Laylla  
**4/5:** Dean  
**5/6:** Alana



## READERS:



Nevaeh, Joshua, Lilly Mc & Jack N



Jack N, Jed, Lilly Mc, Andrew, Zoe & Izzy



## **NEWSLETTER COPY**

### **GREATER SHEPPARTON COLLEGE – PLANNING THE NEXT STEPS**

Shepparton's four secondary schools merge as of January next year to create the Greater Shepparton College (interim name). I'm the Executive Principal, and I want to keep you updated about how we are preparing for that. The merger will be staged over two years. We have created a School Council Advisory Group to assist the four existing school councils and school community with that upcoming transition.

#### **What is a School Council Advisory Group?**

This group represents the school community (school staff, students, parents and community) with 18 representatives.

#### **Who is involved?**

- One parent/community representative from each of the current four secondary school councils
- Four principals (one from each of the existing secondary schools)
- One Department of Education & Training (DET) staff member from each of the current four secondary schools
- Four student representatives, one from each of the four secondary schools
- Executive Principal
- DET Senior Education Improvement Leader

#### **What do they do?**

- Contribute to designing the new school uniform and branding
- Propose the make-up of the interim school council which will operate in 2020.
- Assist with the process of naming the new school
- Help develop the new school's vision and values
- Work with existing secondary school councils to plan how to honour their schools' histories
- Communicate back to each of the four current school councils regarding the merger process

#### **How often are their meetings?**

We will meet every four to six weeks.

#### **Who makes the final decisions?**

The school council advisory group provides advice and recommendations to the existing four school councils, who make the final decisions.

#### **When will this group start?**

Our first meeting was held in April 2019 and will continue until the end of the year when the new interim school council starts operating.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

Minister for Education James Merlino visited Mooroopna Secondary College on 16 May 2019 to announce a one-off only payment for students enrolled with Greater Shepparton College (interim name) in 2020, to assist with the cost of a new school uniform.

All government school students enrolled at Greater Shepparton College (interim name) will be provided with a \$200 voucher to be redeemed at local uniform suppliers, so that all students can be wearing a consistent school uniform from the start of next year as we progress with our single school model. This voucher will provide each student with a uniform package consisting of two sets of summer uniform and one set of summer sports uniform.

Parents and students from the four current secondary schools are undertaking a joint process to design the new school uniform. Families will receive their uniform vouchers during Term 4 this year.

## NEXT ROUND OF INFORMATION SESSIONS

Greater Shepparton College's (interim name) vision is to give students the knowledge and skills to thrive throughout their lives.

As a school, we recognise that each student has different strengths, interests and ways of learning and to support these different styles we have developed a broad-based curriculum that will cater to all students. Our focus must be aspirational, for all of our young people and with a strong health and wellbeing focus.

We held Year 7 information sessions during May 2019 at McGuire College which appeared to go very well.

Our next round of information sessions will be oriented towards Year 8-9 students in 2020, and then Year 10-12 students in 2020.

Come and hear about our programs for next year. Dates and locations follow.

DAY & DATE	2020 YEAR LEVELS	TIME	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019	Years 8 and 9	6.30-7.30pm	Shepparton High School 31-71 Hawdon Street, Shepparton
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019	Years 8 and 9	6.30-7.30pm	Mooroopna Secondary College Echuca Road, Mooroopna
MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019	Years 10, 11 and 12	6.30-7.30pm	Wanganui Park Secondary College Parkside Drive, Shepparton
TUESDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019	Years 10, 11 and 12	6.30-7.30pm	McGuire College 92-100 Wilmot Road, Shepparton

The school leaders and I look forward to meeting you.

**Genevieve Simson**

**Executive Principal, Greater Shepparton College (interim name)**