

Katandra Weekly



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No: 19 Wednesday 15th July, 2026

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Mon 27th – School Council – 7.00 pm
Wed 29th – Student Learning Conferences
Thurs 30th – STEM Incursion

AUGUST

Thurs 6th – STEM Incursion
Mon 10th to Fri 14th – Swimming
Thurs 20th – Science Week activity
Fri 28th – Book Week activity



BEANIES ON SALE

With winter well and truly arriving this week, it's a good time to remind families that Katandra West Primary School beanies are available to purchase from the office. The beanies cost \$25.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

PARENT PAYMENT

Accounts will be sent home to those who have not paid Parent Payment for the many and varied excursions that were held in May.

Parent Payment ensures that we can continue to provide quality resources to support a rich educational program at Katandra West Primary School.

The Parent Payment can be paid using direct deposit, cash or EFTPOS. It can also be paid via instalments throughout the year. Contact the office to discuss this.



PREPARING FOR SCIENCE WEEK

The school theme for National Science Week in 2026 (15-23 August) is **Seeds of Science: nurturing science for all**. Our plans for our Science Week celebration (during Science Week) need your help. We need each student to bring in a clean, label free jar by **Wednesday 22nd July**. A jar that contained something approximately 500g would be sufficient, such as a pasta sauce jar. Families can drop off their child's jar to the office. If students are transporting the jar to school, please ensure it is carefully packaged to avoid breakage. Contact the office if you need help in finding a jar for your child, and/or you have any questions.



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ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS

We are now **accepting enrolments for students in Foundation for 2027**. Enrolment packs are available at the office, please let us know if you would like us to send one home to you. If you know of any local families with their first child starting school in 2027, encourage them to contact Katandra West Primary School to arrange for a personal tour.



CHESS TOURNAMENT



Katandra West Primary School was proudly represented by six students at the Gowrie Street Interschool Chess Tournament (Term 2), including Isabella, Emmett, Cooper, Harry, George and Karlee. Competing against a field largely made up of Grade 5 and 6 students, our team performed strongly, with four students scoring 3 points or more. As a school, Katandra West finished with 16 points overall and ranked 4th by average points per player. Mr Harrison remarked that they were the best-behaved school in attendance and was very proud of their efforts. A fantastic effort from our small but determined team!

LITTLE ANGLER KITS

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing the number and diversity of people fishing and enjoying Victoria's local seafood, growing healthy and sustainable fisheries sectors and contributing to Victoria's social and economic prosperity. This is why the Victorian Government is **offering 82,500 Little Angler kits to Year 5 students in 2026**. The **FREE kits** provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home. Year 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a **FREE Little Angler Kit**. Year 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations. **The roll out of kits will occur in August 2026 so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the September school holidays**. The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including fishing hooks and lead-free sinkers) and information on how to use them to catch a fish. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer. The kits will also have a safety label attached to the outside of the kit bag, recommending that students wait to open the kits until they are under the care and supervision of an adult.



STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

At Katandra West Primary School, we believe it is important for students to have a voice in their learning and take responsibility and ownership of their progress (that's why we call them Student Learning Conferences rather than Parent Teacher Interviews). A full day has been set aside for Student Learning Conferences on **Wednesday 29th July**. The Student Learning Conferences provide students with the opportunity to discuss their learning with the support of their Parents/Guardians and Classroom Teacher. Students are required to attend their Student Learning Conference, but not at other times that day. As students are not required to attend school, other than for their Student Learning Conference, **families will be able to book children into TheirCare from 7.00am to 6.00 pm on Wednesday 29th July**. Use the TheirCare website to book your child in. Bookings for Student Learning Conferences can be made via the Xuno Portal online or the Xuno Family app. Look for "Parent Teacher Interviews" (that's what Xuno calls them). If you need assistance, please call the office on 58283350. If families require a second conference time for a secondary Parent/Guardian, please contact the office.



SAVE THE DATES

We will be celebrating both Science Week (15-23 August) and Book Week (22-28 August) in Term 3. Please save the following dates: Thursday 20th August (Science Week) and Friday 28th August (Book Week). These will be the days that we will have activities to celebrate. Details of the activities will be provided closer to those dates.



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STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Daniel

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss Capper

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate Cake

FAVOURITE GAME: Tiggy

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Ed, Ollie, Jono, Matthew & Walter.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Multiplication & Division

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Red

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Lightening McQueen

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Maths

WHEN I GROW UP: Astronaut

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Geelong

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR FAVOURITE? Be Your Best

WHY: Because I always try my best.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



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ASPIRATION
INTEGRITY
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY

YEAR 7 FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

JOIN US TO DISCOVER EVERYTHING GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS TO OFFER



THURSDAY 20 AUGUST



SCHOOL TOURS

🕒 4:00PM

📍 MEET AT ENTERPRISE RECEPTION

explore our neighbourhoods, specialist learning facilities and student spaces with a guided tour of the college



INFORMATION SESSION

🕒 5:00PM - 6:00PM 📍 GSSC GYM

Learn about:

- Transition to Secondary School
- Curriculum & Learning
- Extra-Curricular Opportunities
- Student Support Programs
- Frequently Asked Questions

ON THE NIGHT



COLLECT YOUR
ENROLMENT PACK



TRANSITION
INFORMATION

SEE A DAY IN
THE LIFE OF A
YEAR 7 AT GSSC



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HIGH ABILITIES PROGRAM

APPLY NOW FOR 2027

Interested students will be required to undertake an assessment to determine suitability for this program.

REGISTER TO SIT THE ASSESSMENT

Expressions of Interest open:
Monday, July 13



Year 7



CHALLENGE YOURSELF ACADEMICALLY

Learn valuable 21st Century Skills in communication, collaboration and creativity.

Set yourself up for the rigour of senior secondary school and the opportunity to fast track subjects.

If anyone has a child that would enrol in Katandra West in 2027, please put them down as one of your two preferences when applying via the Council website. Alternatively, you can email admin@grpsa.com.au with an EOI – Child's name, date of birth and year of kinder. Please only do this if you have an intention to send your child there in 2027. We have been told that if another provider takes on Katandra West in 2027, they will run 3 days per week from 8:45-3:15. Days have not been decided.

Spread the word!



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The Lions Club of Shepparton Inc. proudly presents

2026 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Circus Quirkus is a one-hour, animal-free, contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past, with an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts from all over the world.

Enjoy a relaxed theatre experience with a casual attitude toward audience noise and movement in an accessible, inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

One hour show. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- *with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)*
- *who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when attending the theatre (sensory and neurodiverse friendly).*
- *who are facing hardship.*
- *who are without access or opportunity to attend live theatre.*

**Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.*



Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...



ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

**Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.*

VISY COMMUNITY STADIUM 1-19 Parkside Drive, Shepparton, VIC	
SHOW DATE	SHOWTIME
FRIDAY 31st JULY 2026	6.00 PM to 7.00 PM

To book tickets, please email your name, preferred showtimes and ticket numbers to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text 0404-367-782

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