

Katandra Weekly



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FEBRUARY

Mon 7th—School Council @7.00pm

Tues 8th — F/1 Information Session
@ 5.00pm

Wed 9th — NO Foundation students

Fri 11th — P&F AGM and General
Meeting @2.00pm

Sat 12th — Bunnings BBQ

Wed 16th — NO Foundation students

Mon 21st to Fri 25th —

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp

Wed 23rd — NO Foundation students

MARCH

Mon 14th — Labour Day Holiday

Fri 25th — Athletic Sports Day



DATES TO REMEMBER



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 11th February at 2.00 pm at school followed by our General Meeting. All welcome especially our new parents.

Please also check the Bunnings BBQ volunteer notice sent home today. We have grabbed the opportunity for a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for **Saturday 12 February**. We need your help to make this a successful fundraiser.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

PARENT PAYMENT

Separate to this newsletter is the **Parent Payment 2022**, which School Council set at the November 2021 meeting. Paying the Parent Payment ensures that we can continue to provide quality resources to support a rich educational program. You have the option of making a voluntary payment to assist the school in maintaining our expansive school grounds, \$50 per family is a suggestion.

IPAD LEASE PAYMENT

Families that lease an iPad are reminded that their Term 1 Payment is due on **Friday 4th February**. The Term 1 Payment was paid upon pick up by families of students in Year 4 and other students that have just joined the program.

CSEF:

If you currently hold a Health Care Card, your child is eligible for the CSEF payment. Please call into the office to sign a form to claim the CSEF payment.

A new form needs to be signed each year. The amount of \$125.00 will be received by the school and will be used to cover the cost of the swimming program and excursions.



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

WELCOME BACK:

A warm welcome back to the 2022 school year to our students, parents and our staff. A special welcome to our new Foundation students: **Alex, Daniel, Olivia, Summer, Scarlett, Sylvi, Grace, Arwin, Emily, Poppie, Ollie, Charlie, Thomas and Lilah.** During February, Foundation students are not required at school on Wednesdays. This is to allow Foundation students a rest so they can ease their way into the school routine.

OUR STAFF

The staffing for 2022 is as follows:

F/1: Jayne Loveridge/Jacquie Monk

2/3: Brady Mulcahy

4/5/6: Brodie McDonald

F-3 and Tutor Learn Initiative: Janelle Lesich

Music: Jacquie Monk

LOTE (Italian): Frances Ceravolo

MARC: Bob Boyer

MACC: Clarke Pettigrew

Business Manager: Gabrielle Crowe

Education Support: Caroline Clarke

Principal: Marcia Waters

During Term 1, Frances Ceravolo is on long service leave. Janelle Lesich will run a specialist STEM program on Tuesdays for all classes instead of the Italian program.

OUR GROUNDS & BUILDINGS

Thank you to the Katandra West & District Men's Shed and Sam for looking after our grounds throughout the long break. It is a big job, we all appreciate your time and effort in maintaining our beautiful grounds. Sam no longer has children attending Katandra West Primary School so we are seeking a volunteer that is able to take on the role of irrigation maintenance. This person would need to check and repair any minor issues, we will always employ the service of a specialist with larger issues. Sam has done an amazing job over many years which has saved the school the cost of paying a specialist for minor works. It would be appreciated if someone could step up and lend a hand. Also a BIG thank you to Michelle for the wonderful effort she has put into the school with cleaning during the holidays, our school certainly scrubs up nicely.

**SCHOOL STREAM**

The main method of communication between school and home is via School Stream. Please ensure that you have downloaded the smartphone app to receive notices, consent forms and the newsletter electronically. School Stream also allows families to notify the school of their child's absences. When you download the app you will see a number of school groups, including the three classrooms and sporting schools. You are able to remove a school group by swiping left and choosing to delete. This will help you to avoid receiving notices that are not relevant to your child.

ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY

We will have our first assembly for 2022 on **Monday 7th February @ 3.00 p.m.** in Joel's Garden. At the conclusion of the assembly, we'll move to the front of the school where the Foundation students will ring the old school bell to signal the start of a new year of learning. Everyone is welcome to attend, you will need to check in using the school QR code and be fully vaccinated. Please visit the office to show evidence of vaccination prior to the assembly if you have not previously done so.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

SCHOOL POLICIES

I am hoping you found the school policies and documents that were sent home yesterday. They include a pack with the Katandra West Primary School Student Engagement Policy, Child Safe Policies/ Document, Parent Handbook, SWPBS Student Handbook and Volunteer OHS Induction Handbook. I know it's a lot to take in, but they are all policies/documents you need to be familiar with. These policies, and all other school policies, are also available electronically on our school website. Thanks for taking the time to look over them as we start the new year of learning.



ZOOPER DOOPERS

Students will again be able to buy Zooper Doopers during the lunch break from Monday 7th February for **50 cents** each. Students are only able to purchase one Zooper Dooper a day and are discouraged from purchasing one for a friend. Students are responsible for their own 50c.



MARC VAN

There was a letter sent home yesterday on behalf of the MARC Van, that we would like you to read, sign and send back to school as soon as possible, so that your child can borrow in this program.

PAST STUDENTS VISITING

From time to time, our past students (now attending secondary school) visit Katandra West Primary School when they have a curriculum day. We enjoy catching up with past students and take pride in knowing that they have strong connections to their primary school. We do have some expectations around these visits, however. Past students are welcome to help in the junior classrooms or to complete tasks assigned by teachers. Parents are encouraged to arrange their child's visit prior to the day to ensure there are things planned for them and also to avoid having an excess of past students with not enough for them to do. It is also important that past students present themselves at the office on arrival and departure to assist in the case of emergency procedures. We also feel that secondary school students who attended other primary schools need not visit during their curriculum days. Some past students who like to visit no longer have siblings at the school, therefore do not receive this newsletter. We would appreciate families letting others in the wider community know about what is expected.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...



School starts at 9 a.m. each day!

Don't miss out!