

Katandra Weekly



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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wed 4th – NO PREPS
Mon 9th – School Council – 7.00 pm
Wed 11th – NO PREPS
Wed 18th – NO PREPS
Thurs 19th – STEM Workshop
Wed 25th NO PREPS

MARCH

Mon 2nd to Fri 6th – 5/6 Canberra Camp
Mon 9th – Labour Day Holiday
Wed 11th - NAPLAN
Fri 13th – SCHOOL SPORTS

CRICKET TEAS ROSTER



Thursday 5th February:

Cook: Laura Lawn
Helpers: Mizzi Family, Blanche Family & Bree Dudgeon
Chip Cooker: Phil Osmond
Desserts: Laura Lawn

Thursday 12th February:

Cook: Tam McLarty/Amy van Popering
Helpers: McLean Family, Ireland Family & Schultz Family
Chip Cooker: Aaron Howells
Desserts: Amy van Popering

PARENTS & FRIENDS

PARENT PAYMENT

Parent Payment for 2026, which School Council set at the November 2025 meeting, has been kept at last year's costs. Paying the Parent Payment ensures that we can continue to provide quality resources to support a rich educational program. You also have the option of making a voluntary payment to assist the school in maintaining our expansive school grounds, \$50.00 per family is a suggestion.

iPAD PAYMENT

Families that lease an iPad are reminded that their Term 1 Payment is due on Friday 6th February. The Term 1 payment was paid upon pick up by families of students in Year 4.

CSEF

If you currently hold a Health Care Card, your child is eligible for the CSEF payment. Please call into the office and sign a form to claim the CSEF payment. A new form needs to be signed each year. The amount of \$400.00 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 2026 school year to our students, parents, carers and our staff. It has been pleasing to see the smiling faces of our students over the past two days. In particular, our Year 6 students look very grown up in their Year 6 t-shirts! Our Foundation students have settled in well along with all other students. 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.



2026 STAFF

We have a slight change in staffing for 2026 to what was announced at the end of 2025. During the school holidays, Tilly Male accepted a full-time teaching position at another school. We wish her all the best in her new role. We also have an exciting announcement regarding Holly O'Dea. Holly is expecting a baby later in the year! Holly will go on maternity leave in Term 2. Michelle Hall will join our team for Term 1, teaching Health and PE on Fridays. The staffing for 2026 (Term 1) is as follows:

F/1: Rebecca Astley

2/3: Eachan Harrison

4: Kim Capper

5/6: Brodie McDonald

Education Support: Bri Armitage, Melissa Taylor, Maddie De Lai

Italian: Frances Ceravolo

Health and PE: Michelle Hall

STEM/Literacy and Numeracy Support: Holly O'Dea

MACC: Danida Ferres

MARC Katrina Cambell

Business Manager: Gabrielle Crowe

Principal: Marcia Waters

OUR GROUNDS & BUILDINGS

Thank you to the Katandra West & District Men's Shed 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. Also, a BIG thank you to Ross for the wonderful effort he put into the school with cleaning during the holidays, our school certainly scrubs up nicely. We also had some School Council members monitor the watering of the grounds, for which we are grateful.

XUNO

The main method of communication between school and home is via Xuno. Please ensure that you have downloaded the smartphone app **Xuno Family**, to receive notices, newsletters etc electronically. Xuno also allows families to notify the school of their child's absences.

ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY

Our first assembly will be on **Monday 2nd February in the BER building at 3.15 pm**. 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, we'll see you there.



ZOOPER DOOPERS

Students will be able to buy Zooper Doopers during the lunch break from Monday 2nd 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.



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 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.



CRICKET TEAS

Thank you to everyone for the support with this major fundraiser. Please see the Term 1 roster below. There may have been some swaps recently made, that are not reflected in this roster, however the relevant families will be aware of the changes.

Welcome to the 2025/26 Cricket season!
 Cricket Teas are a major fundraiser for our school. We use the money from these teas to subsidise school programs such as the swimming program, school camps, classroom supply items and major items such as new playground equipment that is loved by our students. Last year we raised around \$2000 for cricket teas thanks to your help!! There will be another roster at the start of the 2026 school year for the second half of the cricket season. These teas are a great social event, so even if you aren't rostered on, we encourage you to come down and have a nice night out!

CRICKET ROSTER 2026

If you are unable to do your shift, please arrange your own swap with someone from another week and let your cook/team leader know.

DATE	COOK/TEAM LEADER	HELPER 1 (Serves food/does dishes/clean up)	HELPER 2 (Serves food/does dishes/Clean up)	HELPER 3 (Serves food/does dishes/clean up)	CHIP COOKER (school council)	Desert
29th January	Amy van Popering 0428 198 305	Griffiths Family	Nate van Popering	Poyner Family	Tim van Popering	Amy van
5th February	Laura Lawn 0437 788 099	Mizzi Family	Blanche family	Bree Dudge	Phil Osmond	Laura Lawn
12th February	Tam McLarty/Amy van Popering 0428 198 305	McLean Family	Ireland Family	Shultz Family	Aaron Howells	Amy van
19th February	Amber	Blair Family	Hill Family	Watters family	Grant McLarty	Mel Blair
26th February	George Cleary 0409 401 370	Bianca Geisler	Osmond Family	Sandeman Family	Brooke Lawn	Bec Osmond
5th March	Emma/Krista 0400 250 085	Amy van Popering	Kristin D'Agruma	Emma/Krista	Ray Ireland	Krista
12th March	Bron Howells	Wright Family	Boyd Family	Ewer Family	Jedd Wright	Kymerly Boyd
19th March (final 22 nd /23 rd March)	Sonja/Mel 0419 766 535	Parker Family	Tyrrell Family	Sonja/Mel	Marcia Waters	Debbie Hill

Helpers please arrive around 5:30, unless otherwise arranged with your cook/team leader. Your shift will usually end around 8:30-9pm. Helper simply serves food does dishes throughout night and helps with clean up.

Chip cooker please arrive by 5:30pm. Keeps the flow of chicken schnitzels, chips and nuggets going. Chip cooker is first to leave the shift.