

Katandra Weekly

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No: 1 Thursday 30th January, 2025

Principal: Marcia Waters

FEBRUARY

Wed 5th — NO Foundation students

Mon 10th — School Council

@7.00pm

— P&F AGM @ 3.30 pm

Wed 12th — NO Foundation students

Wed 19th — NO Foundation students

Wed 26th — NO Foundation students

MARCH

Mon 10th — Labour Day Holiday

Wed 12th to Mon 24th — NAPLAN

Fri 14th — Athletic Sports Day

APRIL

Thurs 3rd — School Photos

Fri 4th — Last Day of Term 1.



DATES TO REMEMBER

P&F AGM Monday 10th February @ 3.30 in BER, new members welcome

CRICKET CLUB TEAS

This week's helpers for Thursday 30th January:

Cook: Amy van Popering

Helpers: Nate van Popering Family, Mizzi Family and Carroll Family

Chips: Tim van Popering

Dessert: Amy van Popering

Next week Thursday 6th February:

Cook: Sonja van Eyk

Helpers: Ford Family, Ireland Family & Boyd Family.

Chips: Luke Felmingham

Dessert: Boyd Family

Thursday 13th February:

Cook: Amy Lougoon

Helpers: Audrey Marks Family, Sandeman Family & Poyner Family.

Chips: Rob Campbell

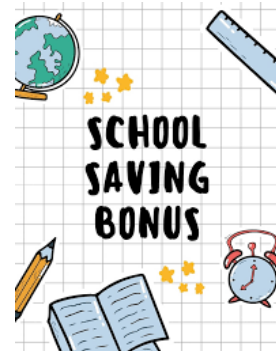
Dessert: Marks Family

PARENTS & FRIENDS

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS (SSB)

Families wanting to utilise part or all of their SSB for School Activities, (such as camps and excursions) are required to follow the steps outlined below:

1. Log on SSB parent portal and allocate the amount you wish to use for the Camp to School Activities
2. Call the office (58283350) and advise the amount you wish to utilise towards camp. Once your transaction from the parent SSB portal has imported into the school's accounting system (this may take 2 – 3 days) we will process your SSB amount against the camp and adjust the cost for your child.
3. Parents / Carers are then required to consent and pay any balance if required.



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WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to the 2025 school year to our students, parents and our staff. It has been pleasing to see the smiling faces of our students throughout the day. 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.



2025 STAFF

The staffing for 2025 is as follows:

F/1: Rebecca Astley

2/3: Kim Capper

3/4: Jayne Loveridge (Tues-Fri) and Tilly Male (Mon)

5/6: Brodie McDonald

Music: Jacquie Monk

Mental Health and Wellbeing / STEM: Tilly Male

LOTE (Italian): Frances Ceravolo (Tuesday)

Tutor Learn Initiative: Holly O'Dea (Wednesday & Thursday)

MARC: Katrina Campbell (alternating Wednesdays)

MACC: Danida Ferres (alternating Wednesday)

Business Manager: Gabrielle Crowe

Education Support: Maddie De Lai, Brianna Armitage & Melissa Taylor

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 Lisa and crew for the wonderful effort they have put into the school with cleaning during the holidays, our school certainly scrubs up nicely.

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 3rd February in the BER building at**

9.00am. 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. Hot weather is predicted for this Monday, so we will conduct this first assembly at 9.00 am, however school assemblies are usually on Mondays at 3.15pm each week. Students will line up with their class, when the first bell rings on Monday morning, they will then walk to assembly with their teacher. Everyone is welcome to attend, please make your way to the BER building when the first bell rings and we'll see you there.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

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ZOOPER DOOPERS

Students will again be able to buy Zooper Doopers during the lunch break from Monday 3rd 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 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.

PARENT PAYMENT

Separate to this newsletter is the **Parent Payment 2025**, which School Council set at the November 2024 meeting. 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 per family is a suggestion.



IPAD LEASE PAYMENT

Families that lease an iPad are reminded that their Term 1 Payment is due on **Friday 7th 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 \$150.00 will be received by the school and will be used to cover the cost of the swimming program and excursions.

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