

Katandra Weekly

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No: 1 Wednesday 31st February, 2024

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FEBRUARY

Thurs 1st — Foundation start

Wed 7th — NO Foundation students

Mon 12th—School Council

@7.00pm

Wed 14th — NO Foundation students

Thurs 15th —GRIP for leaders

Wed 15th — NO Foundation students

SUNDAY 18th—BUNNINGS BBQ

Wed 21st — NO Foundation students

Mon 28th to Fri 1st March —

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp

Wed 28th — NO Foundation students

MARCH

Mon 11th — Labour Day Holiday

Fri 15th — Athletic Sports Day



DATES TO REMEMBER

We have been allocated a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for **Sunday 18th February**. We need your help to make this a successful fundraiser.



CRICKET CLUB TEAS

This week's helpers for Thursday 1st February:

Cook: Amy van Popering

Helpers: McLean, Godden and Schultz families

Chips: Tim van Popering

Next week Thursday 8th Feb:

Cook: Laura Lawn

Helpers: Amy van Popering and Ewer and Watters families

Chips: Tim van Popering

PARENTS & FRIENDS

PARENT PAYMENT

Separate to this newsletter is the **Parent Payment 2024**, which School Council set at the November 2023 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 2nd 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.

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WELCOME BACK:

A warm welcome back to the 2024 school year to our students, parents and our staff. It has been pleasing to see the smiling faces of our students throughout the day. We are excited for our Foundation students to join us for their first day of school tomorrow! 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. We also welcome new students in other year levels, **Leon, Riley, Levi, Millie and Amelia** to Katandra West Primary School.

OUR STAFF

The staffing for 2024 is as follows:

F/1 Jayne Loveridge / Rebecca Schifferle

2: Amanda Pavia

3/4: Zara Coghill

5/6: Brady Mulcahy

Mental Health and Wellbeing / Health & PE / STEM: Brodie McDonald

LOTE (Italian): Frances Ceravolo (Tuesday)

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

MARC: Katrina Campbell (Thursday)

MACC: Clarke Pettigrew (Thursday)

Business Manager: Gabrielle Crowe

Education Support: Maddie De Lai & Camryn Baldi

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 Angela 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, we are currently updating the groups to the 2024 classes. 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 2023 on **Monday 5th February @ 3.15 p.m.** in the BER building. 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.



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 5th 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.



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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