

Katandra Weekly



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No: 20 Wednesday 22nd July, 2026

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Mon 27th – Out of Uniform
Mon 27th – Special assembly @ 3.00
Mon 27th – School Council @ 7.00 pm
Wed 29th – Student Learning Conferences
Thurs 30th – STEM Incursion, F-6
Thurs 30th – P&F Meeting @ 6.00pm

AUGUST

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



BEANIES ON SALE

Winter is here! Remember That Katandra West Primary School beanies are available to purchase from the office. The beanies cost \$25.



P&F MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30th July. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter for full details. We hope to see some new face there, together we support our school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

PARENT PAYMENT

Accounts have been sent home to those who have not paid the Parent Payment for recent excursions and the upcoming swimming program.

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**. Students have used their jars to plant seeds and will explore factors that impact the growth of seeds. They will have the opportunity to share their findings with you during Science Week on **Thursday 20th August**.



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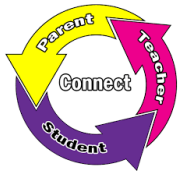
ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS

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.



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.



TERM 2 HOME READING CHALLENGE CELEBRATION

Exciting news! After an incredible Term 2 of home reading, our dedicated students will be celebrating their achievements at our upcoming assembly on **Monday 27th July**. The afternoon will begin with our normal school assembly in the amphitheatre starting at 3:00 pm. But then... things are about to get chilly! As a special celebration of the Term 2 Reading Challenge, the top nightly readers from each class will have the exciting opportunity to throw a bucket of ice-cold water over Mr Mc and Ms Capper! This is a well-deserved reward for the students who have worked hard to achieve their nightly reading goals throughout Term 2. And that is not all! As another reward for achieving the Term 2 nightly reading goal, students will also enjoy an **Out of Uniform Day on Monday 27th**. We are looking forward to celebrating our reading legends and recognising the fantastic effort our students have put into developing their reading habits. Make sure you join us for what promises to be a very special and very chilly assembly!



REMINDERS

If you are leasing your child's iPad, the payment for Term 2 is now due. Please pay using direct deposit, cash or EFTPOS. Our swimming program is fast approaching, 10-14 August. Notices for the swimming program have been sent home. Please return your child's medical form and permission form to the office by Monday 3rd August.



NATIONAL TEST OF AUSALERT

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all compatible mobile devices will receive a Critical Alert from AusAlert. Devices will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test. To minimise disruption, student phones should always be switched off and stored securely in our school safe during the school day (as per our mobile phone policy). If students see or hear the alert, school staff will support them.

STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Alex

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss Capper

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVOURITE GAME: Footy

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Matthew

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: The First Fleet

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Blue

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Motor Bike

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Sport

WHEN I GROW UP: Video Game Maker

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Mr Buller

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR FAVOURITE? Be Safe

WHY: Because I keep everyone safe.



STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Liam

2/3: George

4: Ollie W

5/6: Riley B



KATANDRA KEYS



HOME READERS



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**KATANDRA WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PARENTS & FRIENDS

TERM 3 MEETING

**THURSDAY
30 JULY**

6:00 PM

**COMMUNITY
CENTRE
MEETING ROOM**

ALL WELCOME!

Come along, have your say and help support our school community.

THINGS FOR DISCUSSION

**FATHER'S
BREAKFAST**

**TERM 3
LUNCH**

**SPENDING
ALLOCATIONS**

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Katandra West Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday 23rd July

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Katandra West Tennis Club

Contact Person: Tamara McLarty, Phone 0488 619 412

This season we are seeking players to join the Saturday morning junior competition and the Saturday afternoon senior competition.

The junior competition starts in October and is completed by March. Games are only played during term 4 and term 1. No games are played during school holidays.

More details will be made available about the senior competition as they become available.

Prospective senior players, parents of all current and prospective junior players are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Tamara McLarty.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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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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!



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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