

Katandra Weekly



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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.



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.



KATANDRA WEST KINDERGARTEN IN 2027

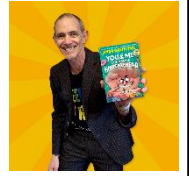
We're excited to share some great news for our community: Katandra West Kindergarten will be operating again in 2027, following its closure this year. Greater Shepparton City Council has confirmed a lease arrangement with the Goulburn Region Preschool Association (GRPSA), a highly experienced early years provider delivering quality programs across the Goulburn region, who will become the approved provider and operator of the kindergarten from 2027, subject to final regulatory approvals. Council and GRPSA are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition and the ongoing delivery of kindergarten services for local families. Over the coming months, the community may notice some changes to the kindergarten's branding and communications as preparations get underway. Families who have registered their interest in Katandra West Kindergarten for 2027 have already received an update on registration and enrolment, and further information will be shared as key milestones are reached.



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

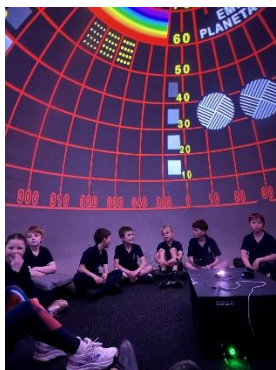
AUTHOR WORKSHOP WITH ANDY GRIFFITHS

On 28 July, our Year 4 students participated in an exciting author workshop with Andy Griffiths. Andy shared how he develops ideas for his stories and introduced his latest book, *You, Me and the Giant Knucklehead*. Through his engaging presentation, he inspired students to use their imaginations and took them on a fun and creative adventure. Following the workshop, students were challenged to invent their own unique character and design a front cover for an original story. They then used assistive technology on their iPads, including speech-to-text and predictive text, to help write their own imaginative story featuring their character.



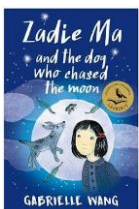
STEM INCURSION – INFLATABLE PLANETARIUM

Last week's STEM sessions had a little extra excitement added. Students participated in sessions facilitated by Bendigo's Discovery Science and Technology Centre. The sessions included time in an inflatable planetarium! Our BER was transformed into a captivating dome where students explored the night sky, planets, and space science. The workshops provided students an opportunity to build curiosity, scientific thinking, and a sense of wonder about the universe.



YOUNG REGIONAL WRITERS' PROGRAM

Our Year 5/6 students have begun participating in an exciting four-part creative writing program facilitated by author Gabrielle Wang, as part of a State Library Victoria initiative. Across the 5 sessions (4 online and 1 in person), students are learning how to generate story ideas from memory and imagination, explore character and setting through art, structure their narratives scene by scene, and use editing and sensory imagery to bring their stories to a satisfying close. All students have been given a copy of Gabrielle's book, *Zadie Ma and the Dog Who Chased the Moon*, to use throughout the program and keep afterwards. The program will culminate in a celebration of students' work, with a day of fun literacy-based workshops held in Shepparton alongside Gabrielle and State Library Victoria staff. It's been wonderful watching students develop their storytelling skills, and we look forward to sharing some of their creative work soon!



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 ASAP.



STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Poppie

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss Capper

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chips

FAVOURITE GAME: Netball

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Olivia, Lil and Grace H

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Fractions

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Pink and Blue

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Netball

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Sport

WHEN I GROW UP: Hairdresser

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Townsville

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR FAVOURITE? Be Your Best

WHY: Because I try to do my best.



STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Chloe

2/3: Jack

4: Daniel

5/6: Ryan



BLITZMASTER MASTER



HOME READERS



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Are you interested in playing tennis this summer?

Katandra West Tennis Club is looking for players to join our Saturday morning competition. We are looking for players from around the age of 9 through to 17.

We play on Saturday mornings in term 4 and term 1. We don't play during the school holidays. Our teams have coaching by Mark Mills on a Thursday arvo with support from Tamara McLarty.

Fees are \$50 per child and that includes a club uniform t-shirt. If you are interested in playing but don't own a tennis racquet, we can provide a racquet until you are ready to purchase your own.

Any further questions please contact Tamara McLarty on, 0488 619 412.

GO KATS!!!



4 August 2025

Dear Katandra West Community

COMMUNITY UPDATE – KATANDRA WEST KINDERGARTEN

Greater Shepparton City Council (Council) is pleased to provide an update on the future management and operation of Katandra West Kindergarten.

A lease arrangement is now in place with Goulburn Region Preschool Association (GRPSA), and the parties are currently completing the regulatory and administrative requirements necessary for GRPSA to become the approved provider and operator of Katandra West Kindergarten from 2027.

While the transition remains subject to final regulatory approvals, Council and GRPSA are working closely together to ensure a smooth handover and the ongoing delivery of kindergarten services for the Katandra West community.

GRPSA is a highly experienced early years provider, delivering quality early years programs across the Goulburn region, including within the Moira, Strathbogie, Campaspe and Greater Shepparton local government areas. Council is pleased to partner with GRPSA to support the continuation of a local kindergarten service for Katandra West families. For more information on GRPSA, please visit their website: [Goulburn Region Preschool Association | Delivering quality early childhood educational programs in Rural Victoria](https://www.grpsa.vic.gov.au/).

Over the coming months, the community may notice changes to branding and communications associated with the kindergarten. These updates reflect the transition process and will assist in preparing for the commencement of GRPSA management from 2027.

Council and GRPSA remain committed to keeping families and the community informed and will provide further updates as key milestones are reached.

An update on registration and enrolment has been provided to families who have registered their interest in Katandra West Kindergarten for 2027.

If you have any questions regarding the transition, please contact Council on (03) 5832 9783 or email stacey.east@shepparton.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stacey East'.

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