

Katandra Weekly



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No: 23 Wednesday 12th August, 2026

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Mon 10th to Fri 14th – Swimming

Thurs 20th – Science Week event
@ 3.00pm

Fri 21st – Wear a “Pop of Purple”

Fri 28th – Book Week activity, dress up
as a book character

Mon 31st – School Council @ 7.00 pm



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 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

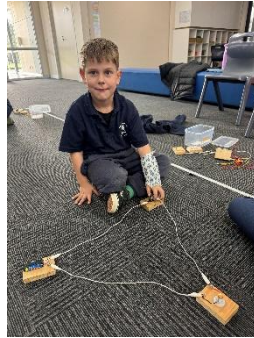
We're excited to share some great news for
our community: Katandra West Kindergarten
will be operating again in 2027, following its
closure this year. Greater Shepparton City
Council has confirmed a lease arrangement
with the Goulburn Region Preschool
Association (GRPSA), a highly experienced
early years 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.



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STEM INCURSION

Katandra West Primary School welcomed Harry from Bendigo's Discovery Science and Technology Centre for another incursion with our students during STEM last week. Students participated in an electrifying workshop, exploring how energy flows and powers our world. They had the opportunity to build simple circuits, test conductors and insulators and experiment with switches and lights. The interactive session connected classroom theory with practical understanding, showing how electricity works in everyday life.



WEEKS OF CELEBRATION

It certainly is a busy time at Katandra West Primary School. We will be participating in activities for National Science Week (15-23 August), Bullying No Way Week (17-21 August), and Children's Book Week (22-28 August). Please see the flyers later in this newsletter for details of activities involved for each of these "weeks". Important things to note:

- Families invited to share Science Week project with their children on **Thursday 20th August**, meet in the BER building at **3.00pm**
- Students can wear a "pop of purple" with their school uniform on **Friday 21st August** for Bullying No Way Week.
- Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on **Friday 28th August**. Families are invited to attend a Book Week parade and family reading time from **9.00-9.30am** on Friday 28th August.

WATER WEEK COMPETITION

All students at Katandra West Primary School have entered the Goulburn Valley Water **Make Every Drop Count** Water Week Competition. Students decorated a coaster focusing on the theme "Water Heroes: Make Every Drop Count". GV Water visited us late in Term 2 for educational workshops about being a Water Warrior and saving water. This term, students have applied their learning and understanding from the workshops to decorate their coaster. Congratulations to our finalists in each category:

F-2: William, Edie, Matilda M, Adele

3-4: Grace H, George, Grace S, Riley O

5-6: Isabella, Nate, Meila, Annabelle

We will wait for GV Water to visit, any day now, to judge the winners for our school. They will also compare our winners from winners at other schools for an overall winner in each category. All student entries are on display in the office foyer.



STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Oliver

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss Capper

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVOURITE GAME: Soccer

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Riley O, Thomas, Walter & Nate

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Maths Times Tables

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Orange

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Dirtbike

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Play with my friends

WHEN I GROW UP: Builder

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Exmouth WA

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR FAVOURITE? Be Your Best

WHY: Because I try my best in all my work.



STUDENT AWARDS

KATANDRA KEYS



WATER WEEK COMPETITION FINALISTS

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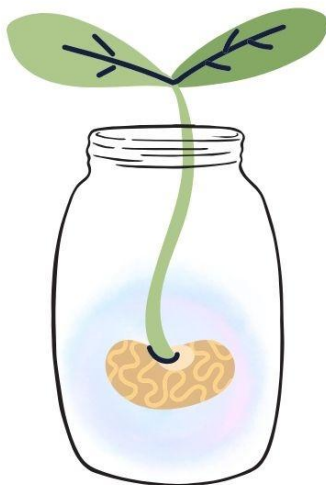


National Science WEEK 2026

Seeds of Science: Nurturing knowledge for all

This National Science Week, join us in celebrating our students' journey as young scientists! Throughout the term, our students have been growing seeds and investigating the factors that help plants thrive — from sunlight and water to soil and space. Along the way, they've observed, recorded, and reflected on their findings during STEM lessons, developing curiosity and real scientific thinking skills. We warmly invite all families to come along, explore our students' discoveries, and celebrate the seeds of science growing right here at Katandra West Primary School.

We can't wait to show
you what we've grown!



Thursday
20th August
@ 3.00pm
BER Building

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SMALL ACTS BIG IMPACT



**BULLYING NO WAY WEEK,
17-21 AUGUST 2026**



Bullying is everyone's responsibility, and small acts can make a real difference.

This year's Bullying No Way Week theme reminds us that actions don't need to be big to change someone's world.

Small actions - like including someone, speaking up or showing kindness - can create meaningful change.

During Bullying No Way Week, we are encouraging students to engage in small acts that can have a big impact against bullying.



**STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A
"POP OF PURPLE" ON FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST**

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SYMPHONY OF STORIES

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK EVENT
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2026
@9.00AM



ORDER OF EVENTS

- 9.00 - 9.05: STUDENTS MEET THEIR TEACHER IN THEIR CLASSROOM TO COLLECT THEIR BOOK BOX TO TAKE OUTSIDE. PARENTS/CARERS GATHER UNDER THE HAY SHED FOR THE PARADE
- 9.05 - 9.15: COMMENCE BOOK WEEK PARADE UNDER THE HAY SHED
- 9.15 - 9.30: INVITE STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS TO FIND A PLACE TO SIT TOGETHER AND READ
- 9.30: THANK PARENTS/CARERS FOR COMING AND SAY GOODBYE. STUDENTS RETURN TO CLASSROOM WITH THEIR TEACHER



**COSTUMES, CHARACTERS, AND BOOKS TO SHARE –
JOIN OUR SYMPHONY OF STORIES!**

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GRPSA
GOULBURN REGION
PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION

KATANDRA WEST

KINDERGARTEN (PENDING DEPT APPROVAL)



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2027

OPEN NOW

Apply now for 2027!
Expressions of interest
now open. Email
admin@grpsa.com.au

- ✓ Family and community orientated.
- ✓ Free 20 hours per week of kinder for 3 and 4 YO.
- ✓ Individual attention in a small group setting.

APPLY NOW



Contact Us
(03) 5826 2780



Visit Our Website to enrol
grpsa.com.au



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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!!!