

Katandra Weekly



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JULY

Thurs 31st — Student Learning Conferences

AUGUST

Mon 4th to Friday 8th — Year 5 & 6 Camp

Mon 4th — Beats n Pieces incursion F-4

Mon 11th — School Council Meeting @ 7.00 pm

Wed 13th — Star Gazing @ 6.00pm

Fri 15th — Book Week Activities

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd — Swimming F — 6

DATES TO REMEMBER



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) AWARD

Katandra West Primary School received a Silver Award for our implementation of SWPBS in 2024. Kelly Noonan, SWPBS Coach, visited us last week to present the award to our School Captains.



P&F MEETING

If you would like to be added to the Parents and Friends (PNF) Messenger group — where we share updates, news, and important information — please contact the school office by phone or email and provide your Messenger name so we can add you to the group.

BEANIES

Winter has definitely arrived! A reminder that we have school beanies for sale at the office for \$25.00 each.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

CUBBY HOUSE CHALKBOARDS

Students have been enjoying the new chalkboards on the cubby houses that we have funded. We collaborated with the Katandra West and District Men's Shed for this project, they made and installed the chalkboards.



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STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

We have scheduled Student Learning Conferences for **Thursday 31st July**. 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). 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 are able to book children in to TheirCare from 7.00am to 6.00 pm on Thursday 31st July**.



YEAR 5/6 CAMP

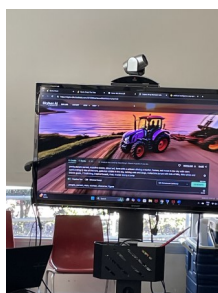
The Year 5/6 camp to 15 Mile Creek Outdoor School is less than 1 week away! The Camp Teachers, Pri, Jack and Dave, came to visit us at school on Monday to have a chat about the activities that students will be participating in. The excitement level definitely lifted after their visit!



DISCOVERY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WORKSHOPS

All students participated in a workshop facilitated by Tara from the Discovery Science and Technology Centre today.

The focus of the workshops was AI. Tara also spent some time singing out in the yard during play times, providing some light entertainment for those interested.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Please note the dates of a couple of upcoming activities. There will be a **Star Gazing activity on Wednesday 13th August (6-7pm)** to celebrate Science Week. We will provide further details closer to the event. Due to our Swimming Program running during Book Week, we will celebrate **Book Week on Friday 15th August** during the school day. Students will be able to dress up as a book character or the Book Week theme on this day. Again, further details will be provided closer to the date.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

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STUDENT

NAME: Isaac

GRADE: 1

TEACHER: Mrs Astley

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate

FAVOURITE GAME: Minecraft

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Millie, Max, Matilda, Lucy, Liam & Hayden

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: the letter T

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Red & Purple

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Cars

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Toys

WHEN I GROW UP: Get a Car

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR STRENGTH? Be Your Best

WHY: Because I'm friendly

**STUDENT AWARDS****STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

F/1: Maxwell

2/3: Daniel

3/4: Grace C

5/6: Brysen

**STEM STAR****GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT****HOME READERS**

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KATANDRA WEST PLAYGROUP TERM 3 DATES

Find us on Facebook
@KWPLAYGROUP

**Every second Friday
9.00am - 11.00am**

August 1st - Friendship Bracelets.



August 15th - Explore the world of science.

August 29th - Dress up as your favorite character for book week.

September 12th - End of term dance party with snacks.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best
learning time is at
the beginning of
the day...*



School starts at 9 a.m. each day!
Don't miss out!

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Helping deep thinkers to thrive



A growing number of Greater Shepparton Secondary College students are delving deeper into their studies as they progress through their junior secondary schooling.

GSSC's High Ability Program, offered in Years 7, 8 and 9, groups like-minded students willing and able to benefit from a more challenging learning environment.

The classes are led by teaching staff professionally trained in lifting students to higher levels of critical thinking and collaboration.

"Students learn valuable skills when challenged with a curriculum developed for those achieving above their year level," GSSC Assistant Principal Stacie Lundberg said.

"It really sets students up for the rigors of senior studies and beyond." The program is one of a vast range of learning pathways offered at GSSC – providing every student with unprecedented skills and study options.

The High Ability Program has grown to 75 students, with enrolment based on application and assessment. Expressions of interest for 2026 are open until August 15 – call GSSC on 5891 2000 or visit www.gssc.vic.edu.au for more information.

Scan to hear from
High Abilities
students
Jedidiah and
Vincent!



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EDUCATION PLAN

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Improving education outcomes & life opportunities from early years to adulthood
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Katandra West Junior Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday 7th August

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. The 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.

Parents of all current and prospective players welcome to attend, and if you have any questions, please contact Tamara McLarty.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Katandra Kats Update:

As the home and away season draws to a close, the Katandra FNC would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped make 2025 a fantastic year for our club. Your dedication, time, and passion have been the driving force behind everything we've achieved.

This weekend marks our final home game of the season as we take on Dookie—come down and show your support one last time on our home turf!

We're thrilled that quite a few of our teams will be heading into the finals series—an exciting reward for all the hard work and commitment shown throughout the season.

A special shoutout to our junior players, who have developed beautifully and consistently played with great spirit and determination. The future of the Kats is looking bright!

Thanks again to everyone who's been part of the journey this year.

Go Kats! ❤️ 🐾

★ **JUNIOR KATS** ★

★  **MOVIE NIGHT!** ★

★ **SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST** ★

6:30PM ★

★ **COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING ROOM, KATANDRA WEST** ★

THE MITCHELLS vs THE MACHINES

RATED PG | 1h 54mins

BRING A COMFY CHAIR OR BEAN BAG

POPCORN SUPPLIED!



JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY!



ANNUAL

KIDS VS PARENTS



AUGUST 3RD, 11AM START, BBQ LUNCH



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