

Katandra Weekly



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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Fri 28th – Book Week activity, dress up as a book character
Mon 31st – School Council @ 7.00 pm

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2nd - Year 5/6 Excursion to Shepparton
Fri 4th – Father's Day Breakfast – 8.00 am
Fri 11th – AFL 9s – Congupna
Mon 14th – P & F Lunch
Wed 16th - Cup Cake Day
Fri 18th – Last day of Term

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES

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 the 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.

PRINGLES CONTAINERS

We are looking for some empty Pringles containers (the large cylinder tubes) for a project that students will be completing next week. If you have any at home, please send them in to the office ASAP.



CRICKET TEAS

The 2026/2027 cricket season is approaching fast. We have recently sent out a Xuno notice explaining the major fundraising opportunity that the P&F organise in conjunction with the Katandra Cricket Club, known affectionately as “**Cricket Teas**”. We have included those details further in this newsletter. Please take the time to read the information so that you can be involved in this amazing, major fundraiser that goes to support all students at Katandra West Primary School.



BEANIES ON SALE

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

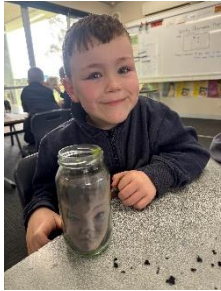


PARENTS & FRIENDS

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SCIENCE WEEK

It was pleasing to have so many families join us in celebrating National Science Week last week. Throughout the term, our students grew seeds and investigated the factors that help plants thrive — from sunlight and water to soil and space. Along the way, they observed, recorded, and reflected on their findings during STEM lessons, developing curiosity and real scientific thinking skills. We hope that the families who came along, enjoyed exploring our students' discoveries and celebrating the seeds of science growing right here at Katandra West Primary School.



BOOK WEEK

Yesterday we kicked off our Book Week celebrations with our F-4 students participating in an exciting online songwriting workshop with Australian musician and children's author Josh Pyke. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Symphony of Stories". Josh guided students through the creative process of writing a song, teaching us how to choose a theme and mood, create rhyming lines and build verses. Together, students put their skills to the test by writing a funny song all about our classmates! Students enjoyed coming up with humorous ideas and clever rhymes while working together to create their song. It was a wonderful experience to join thousands of students from across Victoria, celebrating the connection between stories, music and creativity. We are now looking forward to our Book Week Activity Day on **Friday 28th August**. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter for details.



PARENT OPINION SURVEY

You are invited to participate in the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey. **Your opinions are important to us**, and your feedback will assist our school in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of the school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete. The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be **open online from now until Friday 18 September 2026**. All families have been invited by email to participate in the survey, so please check your emails for further details and the link to complete the survey. Only one member from each family is asked to complete the survey. If you did not receive an email inviting you to complete the survey, please contact the office to check that we have the correct email address for you.



STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Thomas

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss Capper

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta

FAVOURITE GAME: Footy

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Ollie, Arwin, Riley & Walter.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Fractions

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Dark Blue & Red

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Sport

WHEN I GROW UP: Beef Farmer

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Eden

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR FAVOURITE? Be Strong

WHY: Because I stay focused.



STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Matilda M

2/3: Parker

4: Riley O

5/6: Eva



HOME READERS



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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KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY NIGHT CRICKET TEAS

Cricket season is starting in **October!** 

For families who may not know, the Parents & Friends Committee (P&F) proudly provides the Thursday night cricket teas for our local community throughout the cricket season.

WHAT DOES P&F PROVIDE?

Across approximately **15 Thursday nights**, P&F supplies:

-  **1 Cook** – preparing and keeping up with the food
-  **2 Helpers serving** – helping serve meals to the community
-  **1 Helper for dishes**
-  **1 Helper on the till**

There will also be an **allocated School Council member responsible for cooking the chips, schnitzels and nuggets.**

HELPER TIMES

Helpers will be required from approximately **5:30pm until 8:30pm**, depending on how busy the night is and when everything is finished.

A MEAL & DRINK FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

The **Cricket Club** will provide each volunteer with a meal and a drink once the rush of dinner service has finished.

EVERY FAMILY CAN HELP!

We would love to see every P&F family participate **at least once – and ideally twice – throughout the 15 nights.**

These nights are an important fundraiser for our school and are only possible when our families work together.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY RAISED GO?

The money raised through P&F fundraising goes directly back into supporting our students and families.

P&F fundraising has helped provide:

-  **Reader folders**
-  **School hats**
-  **Subsidies towards school camps**
-  **Subsidies towards swimming**
-  **Upgrades and purchases of educational items and resources**

☐ Play equipment

 A donation towards the end of year student celebration

 Subsidies towards incursions and excursions

So when you volunteer for a Thursday night cricket tea, **you are directly helping provide these benefits and opportunities for our children.** 

 **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE COOK?**

If you would like to put your hand up to cook, please speak with **Ms Waters**, who can point you in the right direction and let you know who to contact.

 **NOT SURE WHERE YOU FIT?**

If you aren't comfortable cooking, serving, working the till or doing dishes, please speak with **Ms Waters before your name is allocated.**

We can look at other ways for you to volunteer with P&F that suit your skills and comfort level.

 **PLEASE REMEMBER**

Once you have been allocated a Thursday night, there is an expectation that you will attend.

We understand that life happens and sometimes things come up, but **it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with someone else** if you cannot make your allocated night.

Swaps can be organised through the **KWPS P&F 2026 Messenger group**. If you need help or are not in the group, please contact the **school office**.

When someone doesn't turn up, it puts extra pressure on the rest of the team who have volunteered their time.

We want these nights to be enjoyable and successful for everyone, so please communicate with us as early as possible if you have any concerns.

 **THANK YOU TO OUR P&F FAMILIES!**

These cricket teas are a wonderful way for our school and wider community to come together, while also raising valuable funds for our students.

Every family helping makes a difference!  

Please call the office if you have any questions.