

Katandra Weekly

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SEPTEMBER

Wed 4th — All Hands on Ukes incursion

Fri 6th — Playgroup

Tues 10th — P&F Lunch

— Footy Colours Day

— Police Liaison visit

Fri 20th — Last day of Term, **2:30 dismissal**



OCTOBER

Mon 7th—First day of Term 4

Fri 18th — AFL 9's

— Foundation 2025 Transition

DATES TO REMEMBER

BEANIES

P&F are happy to announce that the Katandra West Primary School beanies are now on sale for **\$25 at the office**. Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS at the office. You can also direct deposit the payment and let the office know so we will send the beanie home with your child.



P&F COMMITTEE

**BSB 063 527
ACC 1014 5342**

Parent Payment

Accounts have been sent home TODAY

Paying the Parent Payment ensures that we can continue to provide quality resources and experiences to support a rich educational program at Katandra West Primary School.

Payments can now be made by EFTPOS at the office, as well as direct deposit or cash.

Our direct deposit details are:

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PLAYGROUP

The next playgroup session is scheduled for **Friday 6th September from 9.00 am**. Please spread the word in the wider community.



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FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL

Last Friday morning the sun was shining and there were smiles all around as people feasted on delicious pancakes and cereal at our Father's Day Breakfast. What an amazing way to start the day! A **BIG thank you** to the P&F for organising such a wonderful community event. My highlight was the impromptu game of gaga ball! The breakfast was followed up with the Father's Day Stall. I hope our students were able to keep their gifts hidden away until Sunday? We had some parents help with the stall and they made it a smooth shopping experience for everyone, **thank you to these helpers**. I will share the photos from the breakfast on Xuno.



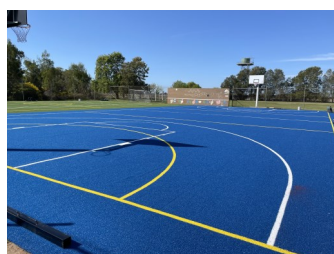
ALL HANDS ON UKES

Today all students participated in a workshop, **All Hands on Ukes**, as part of our Music program. Along with the hands-on experience, students learnt some ukulele facts that were shared by Tom Harding (performer). During the session, students had the opportunity to play their ukulele, and gain a better understanding of rhythm, tempo, pitch, tone and harmony. **The cost for this incursion is \$8 per student, for those who have not paid the excursion component of the 2024 Parent Payment.** If you have contributed to the Parent Payment, you do not need to pay for this incursion.



COURT RESURFACING PROJECT

We are so excited to see the progress being made on the sports courts at Katandra West Primary School. The team from Endless Turf have been busy preparing the surface and laying the synthetic turf this week. We now need a few dry days to allow the sand to be fully groomed into the turf. The last stage for the project will be in a few more weeks when a section of synthetic turf, with our school logo and values, will be installed in the centre of the netball/basketball court. This section is currently being made overseas. We are able to use the courts once the sand has been groomed in fully. I'm not sure who is more excited, the students or the staff!



SPRING CARNIVAL

Bookings are now open for our school holiday program via the TheirCare website. I attached the program of activities to a Xuno news item last week. There are so many fun activities on offer! A hard copy of the program is also being sent home today.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

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

STUDENT PROFILE:

NAME: Adam

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss O'Dea and Mr McDonald

FAVOURITE FOOD: McDonalds

FAVOURITE GAME: Capture the flag

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Matthew, Hunter & Theo

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Sun & Moon

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Green

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: My Trampoline

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Sport and playing with my friends

WHEN I GROW UP: Miner

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Warrnambool

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR STRENGTH?: Be Respectful

WHY: Because I try to be nice to others.

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

F/1: Ed C

2: Grace H

3/4: Maisie

5/6: Zoe

**KATANDRA KEYS****HOME READING****Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Strong - Be Your Best**

NEVER FEAR, THE SOLVE IT SQUAD IS HERE!

Assemble your **Solve it Squad** and see if you can solve the problem below. Record your working out and your answer on a piece of paper. All correct solutions will be put into a draw that will be drawn out at Monday afternoon's assembly. The correct solution that is drawn out at the assembly will be published in the newsletter along with the next Maths problem for the **Solve it Squads**.



Double or Not?

Would you rather work seven days at \$20 per day or be paid \$2 for the first day and have your salary double every day for a week?

Calculate the total for both options



Week 7 Solution

Unfortunately we did not have any correct answers for last week's "Fishy Problem"

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **now to Friday 20 September 2024** (it has been extended). All families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. An email has been sent to all families with the information on how to complete the survey. **We have now had 22 families complete the survey.** This is a 44% response rate which is good but we want more! Having a majority of families complete the survey will provide a broader perspective across our school community. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.



Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

FREE IPADS

We have a small number of iPads (3) that have been used in classrooms over the past few years. These iPads are older iPads and run on operating systems that are no longer compatible with a number of apps that we regularly use. This means they are not useful for the classroom anymore. We are happy to give these iPads away for free (iPad only, no charger). It will be first in best dressed, so please contact the school if you would like one put aside for you. Only one iPad per family will be available until all iPads have been spoken for.



School Saving Bonus — \$400

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, I will attach the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) to a Xuno News item, or you can visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.





EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

KCC are now taking expressions of interest for junior boys and girls wanting to play U10s, U12s, U14s or U16s in the Shepparton Junior Cricket Association Wednesday and Friday afternoon competition.
For further information and to register interest
please message
Amy van Popering 0428 198 305

Category 4 School — Grassfire Risk

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Northern Country fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Xuno.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and maintain a schedule for routine works that assist in preparing for the threat of fire on our school grounds.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking for news updates on Xuno, checking our website, and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their [Bushfire Survival Plan](#) on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the [Bushfire At-Risk Register \(BARR\)](#). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the [Category 4 List](#).

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.