

Katandra Weekly



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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Wed 16th - Cup Cake Day Yr 5/6
- Landcare Garden Planting F-4
Fri 18th - Last day of Term, **2.30pm dismissal**



OCTOBER

Mon 5th - Term 4 commences
Mon 12th - Division Athletics
Fri 16th - Transition F2027
Mon 19th - School Council - 7.00 pm
Wed 21st to Fri 23rd - 3 / 4 Anglesea Camp
Thurs 29th - Transition F2027

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd - Curriculum Day
Tues 3rd - Melbourne Cup Holiday

LAST DAY TERM 3

It has been a busy term of learning at Katandra West Primary School! My highlights would have to be the Book Week celebrations and the Science Week event. What Term 3 activity did you enjoy the most? **Friday 18th September** is the final day of the term. We will have an end of term assembly at 2.15 pm in the BER before students are **dismissed at 2.30 pm**. The bus will depart Katandra West Primary School at 2.30 pm so please adjust your pickup time accordingly. Students return to school for **Term 4 on Monday 5th October**.



CRICKET TEAS

Please see the Cricket Tea Roster, for the first half of the season, further in this newsletter. We also sent a hard copy home with students today for families to put on the fridge.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

We're looking forward to celebrating all the special dads, grandads and father figures in our school community.

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM

Come along and enjoy a yummy bacon and egg roll, cereal and drinks to start the day together.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS!

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

We're looking for helpers from the 2 and 3 classroom.

If you can help, please contact the office. We'd love to see your smiling faces!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HARD WORKERS!

A huge thank you to our amazing parents, volunteers and supporters - we couldn't do it without you. **YOU MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

MRS ASTLEY'S ROOM WILL BE FITTED OUT WITH 16 NEW SOFT BALLS!

Mrs Astley's classroom will be fitted out with **16 new soft balls** for our younger children.

The sporting equipment in the sports shed has been upgraded, so our students can have even more fun, stay active and enjoy sport at school!

80 NEW DECODABLE READERS!

Parents & Friends has also made a generous donation for 80 new Decodable Readers for our school.

Fun at the Farm, **Sam and Jet**, **The Lost Puppy**, **The Big Red Hen**

PARENTS & FRIENDS

YEAR 3/4 ANGLESEA CAMP

A notice about the upcoming Year 3/4 Anglesea Camp was sent home with all Year 3/4 students. This notice is for families to indicate their child's participation in the camp. Please return this notice by **Friday 18th September**.



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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. So far, we only have a **26% response rate**, please take the opportunity to have your say! It is helpful to have a wider range of opinions from the school community.

HAVE YOUR SAY

AFL 9S

Last Friday, our students had a fantastic day out at the AFL 9s Cluster Day, joining 280 students from five schools at Congupna Primary School and the Congupna Recreation Reserve. We couldn't have asked for better conditions — clear skies and perfect sunshine made for an ideal day of footy fun. Our F-2 students enjoyed a morning of Auskick activities at Congupna Primary School, while our 3-6 students headed next door to the Recreation Reserve for Superkick, taking part in AFL 9-a-side games throughout the day. Students proudly represented Katandra West in their footy colours, with plenty of guernseys, socks and scarves on display. I have included photos later in this newsletter. A big thank you to AFL Goulburn Murray, the SEDA students who facilitated the activities, and the staff from all five schools who helped make the day run so smoothly. It was wonderful to see our students showing great sportsmanship, having a go, and making the most of the sunshine. A great day was had by all!



IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Matilda M's family on the arrival of baby Eliza over the weekend. In a small-town coincidence, Della's Grandma (Anthea) was the midwife that delivered Eliza!



TERM 3 ACTIVITY UPDATE

I've received an update from a couple of families about some activities that have taken place over Term 3. Our Year 5 students were each given a **FREE fishing rod** earlier this term. I was pleased to see that Riley B has taken the opportunity to put his fishing rod to great use lately. Hopefully, more of our Year 5 students get a chance to test out their fishing rods



over the school holidays. I was also pleased to receive an update from Owen on his broad bean plant that he planted for our **Science Week activity**. He has been taking great care of his plant, and it has continued to thrive. So much so, that he has recently re-potted it into something a little larger. How has your child's plant been going?

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STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Arwin

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss Capper

FAVOURITE FOOD: Sushi

FAVOURITE GAME: Soccer

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Thomas, Ollie, Walter & Riley

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: The First Fleet

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Purple

FAVOURITE THING / TOY: My Dog

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Sport

WHEN I GROW UP: Soccer Player

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Overseas

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR FAVOURITE? Be Your Best

WHY: Because I want to do my best



STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Elliot

2/3: Della

4: Poppie

5/6: Grace C



HOME READERS



KATANDRA KEYS



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AFL CLUSTER DAY



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Welcome to the 2026/27 Cricket season!

Cricket Teas are a major fundraiser for our school. We use the money from these teas to subsidise school programs such as the swimming program, school camps, classroom supply items and major items such as new playground equipment that is loved by our students. Last year we raised around \$3000 for cricket teas thanks to your help!! There will be another roster at the start of the 2027 school year for the second half of the cricket season. These teas are a great social event, so even if you aren't rostered on we encourage you to come down and have a nice night out!

CRICKET ROSTER 2026

If you are unable to do your shift, please arrange your own swap with someone from another week and let your cook/team leader know.

DATE	COOK/TEAM LEADER	HELPER 2 (Serves food/does dishes/Clean up)	HELPER 2 (Serves food/does dishes/Clean up)	HELPER 3 (Serves food/does dishes/clean up)	CHIP COOKER (school council)	Desert
8th October	Amy Van Popering 0428 198 305	Osmond	Nate Van Popering	Griffiths	Waters	Osmond
15th October	Tam McLarty/Emma Klug 0428 198 305	Dudgeon	Tyrrell	Watters	Keem	Klug
22nd October	George Cleary 0409 401 370	Boyd	Curtis	Mizzi	Felmingham	Boyd
29th October	Emma Klug/Krista 0400250085	Emily Wilson	Sandha	Whittingham	Wright	Whittingham
5th November	Amber Dunkley	McLean	Schultz	Sandeman	Blair	McLean
12th November	Laura Lawn 0437 788 099	Osmond	Watters	McCormack	McLarty	Lawn
19th November	Amy L 0419 529 734	Hill	Ewer	Poyner	Ireland	Hill
26th November	Bron Howells 0419 766 535	McMullen	Charlie Wilson	Woods	Howells	Bron Howells
3rd December	Sonja Van Eyk 0428 260 881	Carroll	Boast	Keem	Van Eyk	Van Eyk
10th December	Melissa Blair	Ireland	Wright	Lawn	Marcia Waters	Blair
17th December	Christmas party/shared salad and desert and BBQ	All hands on deck	All hands on deck	All hands on deck	No fryer	No desert

Helpers please arrive around 5:30, unless otherwise arranged with your cook/team leader. Your shift will usually end around 8:30-9pm. Helper simply serves food does dishes throughout night and helps with clean up.

Chip cooker please arrive by 5:30pm. Keeps the flow of chicken schnitzels, chips and nuggets going. Chip cooker is first to leave the shift.

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VALLEY FEEDS
& G E N E R A L

Learning About **CHICKEN** **INCUBATING SERIES**

Learn, Hatch & Have Fun!

Join us in store for a hands-on incubating series where **we'll be incubating and hatching lots of eggs** to help teach, share knowledge, and have plenty of fun! 

SEPTEMBER 4 TH	SEPTEMBER 11 TH	SEPTEMBER 22 ND
 HOW TO SET UP AN INCUBATOR We'll cover everything you need to know to get started! 	 7 DAY CANDLING Learn how to candle your eggs and what to look for! 	 HOW TO LOCK DOWN FOR HATCHING Get ready for hatch day! We'll show you how to prepare for success. 

 **EVERY SESSION AT 5:30PM**
IN STORE • ALL WELCOME!

 **1 QUEEN ST, KATANDRA WEST**
We can't wait to hatch some fun with you! 

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