

Katandra Weekly



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Wed 11th – Yachting – Yr 5/6
Fri 13th – Questacon Circus
Mon 23rd - School Council – 7.00 pm
Tues 24th – Italian Day
Fri 27th - Transition F2027 (Parent Info)

DECEMBER

Tues 1st – School Concert

CRICKET TEAS ROSTER

Cricket Teas are back! This is our major fundraiser and requires all families to lend a hand to make it successful. Please see the families rostered on for the next two weeks below. The full roster for Term 4 is included later in this newsletter.

Thursday 8th October:

Cook: Amy van Popering
Helpers: Griffiths, Osmond, & van Popering families
Chips: Marcia Waters
Dessert: Osmond



Thursday 15th October:

Cook: Tam McLarty/Emma Klug
Helpers: Dudgeon, Tyrrell, & Watters families
Chips: Cheyenne Keem
Dessert: Klug

PARENTS & FRIENDS

SENSORY WALKING PATH

Last year, Katandra West Primary School submitted a Capital Works Fund grant application for a sensory walking path. The project aligns with the funding program principle to promote inclusion, especially for students with disabilities and additional needs. As previously communicated, our application was successful! Funding approval of \$294,977 has been given for this project. The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is leading the delivery of our project in consultation with us. It has been exciting to return to school this week and see that the Sensory Walking Path Project has commenced over the school holidays. The project area will be fenced off during the duration of the project. We are fortunate to have ample play areas for students to play whilst the work is being completed. It is anticipated that the project will be complete sometime in November. Please see the proposed plan later in this newsletter, for details of the project.



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CULTURAL GARDEN

Our school grounds have a vibrant new addition, thanks to the hard work of our F-4 students and the expertise of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network. Representatives from Goulburn Murray Landcare Network visited the school to work alongside students as they planted a new cultural garden filled with local native plants. Students learned how to plant correctly and how to care for the garden so it will thrive for years to come. The day also included a fascinating session on the tracks and scat of native animals. Students learned how to spot the signs that local wildlife leaves behind, giving them a new appreciation for the creatures that share our region. By involving students in creating the garden, they gain a hands-on understanding of what is involved in designing and maintaining a native garden. The experience also helps them learn about the biodiversity in our local area and why protecting it matters. A big thank you to the team at Goulburn Murray Landcare Network for sharing their knowledge and time, and to our F-4 students for their enthusiasm and effort. We look forward to watching the garden grow and flourish over the coming years. I have included more photos later in this newsletter.



CUPCAKE DAY

While our F-4 students were planting the native garden last term, our Year 5/6 class spent the day baking approximately 200 Crazy Cupcakes! The students designed the cupcakes themselves, dreaming up all kinds of crazy toppings. They then put their maths skills to work, calculating the cost of making each cupcake, including every topping, to make sure their business was set up for success. They also had to work out how much of each ingredient needed to be purchased to make all the cupcakes, which took careful calculation and planning.



Filling all of the customer orders took plenty of organisation and teamwork. From counting and sorting to decorating and packing, every student played a part in making sure each order was ready on time. Congratulations to our Year 5/6 students on a fantastic effort and some very impressive real-world maths. We hope everyone enjoyed their crazy cupcakes!

YEAR 3/4 ANGLESEA CAMP

The 3/4 Anglesea Camp is fast approaching. Families are reminded to return the medical form and Camp Promise to the office by **Monday 12th October**. We are required to pass on the medical information to the camp by Monday, so please return the forms so we can meet this deadline.



STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Charlie

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss Capper

FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish / Sardines

FAVOURITE GAME: Jurassic World Evolution 3

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Scarlett, Grace S & Olivia

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: The First Fleet

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Dark green

FAVOURITE THING / TOY: Emu, Parrot & Cats

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Play

WHEN I GROW UP: Vet / Palaeologist / Zoo

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Beach

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR FAVOURITE? Be Your Best

WHY: I like to be my best in my work.



STUDENT AWARDS



KATANDRA KEYS

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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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Cultural Garden Planting Day



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LEGEND PROPERTY BOUNDARY EXISTING BUILDING EXISTING COVERED AREA EXISTING GRASS AREA EXISTING GARDEN BED EXISTING MULCH PROPOSED GARDEN BED EXISTING TREES PROPOSED SHRUBS	AREA ANALYSIS MAIN PATHWAY: 157m ² SECTION 1: 32m ² SECTION 2: 32m ² SECTION 3: 40m ² SECTION 4: 50m ² SECTION 5: 34m ² SECTION 6: 21m ² SECTION 7: 20m ² TOTAL: 410m ²		SENSORY PLAY EQUIPMENT 1 SOUND MUSIC PLAY: DRUM PANEL SUPPLIER: PLAY WORLD 		2 TACTILE PLAY: NAUGHTS AND CROSSES SUPPLIER: VAN RYT 		3 SOUND MUSIC PLAY: VIBRATING DIATONIC CARNYON SUPPLIER: MODULAR 		4 PHYSICAL PLAY: MINI SEE SAW SUPPLIER: VAN RYT 		5 SOUND MUSIC PLAY: SQUEEZE PIPES SUPPLIER: ADVENTURE PLUS 		6 GARDEN BED: 		7 PHYSICAL PLAY: BED-BOARD SUPPLIER: PLAY GO 					
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