

Katandra Weekly

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SEPTEMBER

Fri 20th — Last day of Term, **2:30 dismissal**
— Assembly in Amphitheatre @ 2:15 pm

OCTOBER

Mon 7th—First day of Term 4
Fri 18th — AFL 9's
— Foundation 2025 Transition
Mon 28th—School Council Mtg 7.00 pm

NOVEMBER

Mon 4th—Curriculum Day
Tues 5th—Melbourne Cup Holiday
Wed 13th to Fri 15th—Year 3 / 4 Anglesea Camp
Thurs 14th—Year 5 / 6 Yachting

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**

PLAYGROUP

The next playgroup session is scheduled for **Friday 20th September from 9.00 am**. Please spread the word in the wider community.



Parent Payment

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:

**BSB 063 527
ACC 1014 5342**



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OLYMPIAN VISIT

Our students were lucky to have a visit from an Australian Olympian last Friday. Ria Thompson has represented Australia for a number of years in the sport of rowing. Most recently at the Paris Olympics. It just so happens that Ria is related to Esther and Ed, so when Ria dropped them off to school, she stayed for a while to speak with our students about her journey as an Australian Olympian. We even got to see Ria's Bronze medal from the Tokyo Olympics!



POLICE IN SCHOOLS

It was an exciting and busy day yesterday at Katandra West Primary School. Students arrived dressed in the colours of their footy team. Leigh Johnson, our Police Liaison, came for a visit and spoke with all students. I popped into his visit with the Year 3/4 students and saw him test their observation skills as a witness with a mock crime scene picture. They did much better than I did! We were then treated to some delicious hotdogs thanks to our P&F, thanks P&F!



SPORTS COURTS

If you get a chance, come and check out the sports courts. They are looking amazing! Students will be playing on them today, after Endless Turf returned to groom in the sand on the synthetic turf. There was a delay due to the turf getting wet from rain last week, this meant the turf did not absorb the sand as it would have, had it been dry. Luckily, we have had a few dry days to allow the grooming of sand to happen. In a couple of weeks, the final piece will be installed. The final piece is our school logo and values that will be laid in the centre of the basketball/netball court. This has been a long term project of School Council and we are so excited to finally have it happen.



LAST DAY OF TERM 3

It has been a fantastic term of learning at Katandra West Primary School. I can't decide between the Father's Day Breakfast and the Sports Courts Project as my highlight of the term. What was your highlight? This **Friday 20th September**, is the final day of the term. We will have an end of term **assembly at 2.15 pm in the Amphitheatre** before students are **dismissed at 2.30 pm**. Mrs Monk has been working with students on a whole school dance which they will perform at the assembly. The school bus will depart Katandra West Primary School at 2.30 pm so please adjust your pick up time accordingly.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

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STUDENT PROFILE:

NAME: Levi

GRADE: Four

TEACHER: Miss O'Dea and Mr McDonald

FAVOURITE FOOD: My Step Mums Food

FAVOURITE GAME: Roblox

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Matthew

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: All about the sun

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Red

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Nerf Guns

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Cool Maths

WHEN I GROW UP: Teacher

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Melbourne

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR STRENGTH?: Be Strong

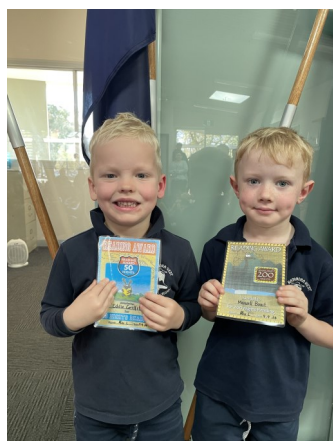
**STUDENT AWARDS****STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

F/1: Eliza

2: Arwin

3/4: Adam

5/6: Grace D

**HOME READING****KATANDRA KEYS****WELLBEING WARRIOR****GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT**

NEVER FEAR, THE SOLVE IT SQUAD IS HERE!

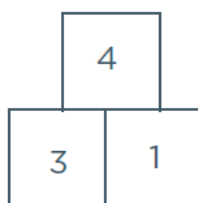
Assemble your **Solve it Squad** and see if you can solve the problem below. Record your working out and your answer on a piece of paper. All correct solutions will be put into a draw that will be drawn out at Monday afternoon's assembly. The correct solution that is drawn out at the assembly will be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



Pyramid Puzzle

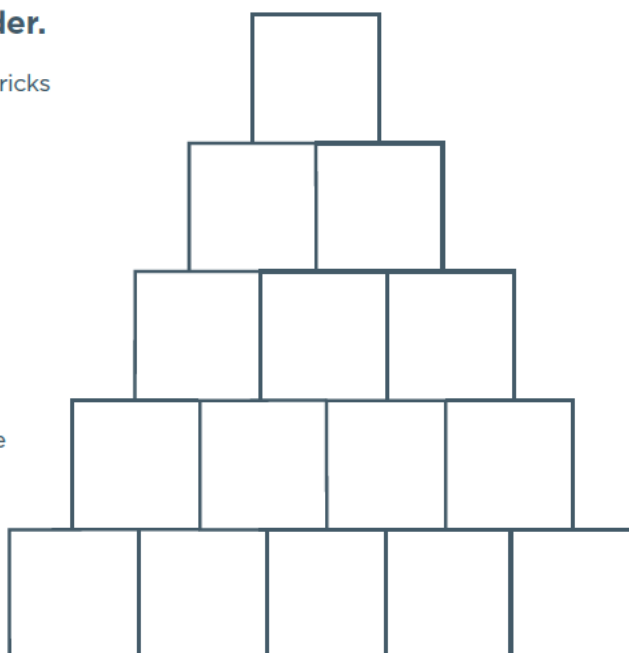
Place the digits 1 to 5 in each of the bottom 5 squares, in any order.

The numbers are found by adding two bricks immediately below. For example:



What arrangement of the numbers in the bottom row gives the highest total in the top brick of the pyramid?

What arrangement will give the smallest number in the top brick?



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



Lawn Family
 $20 \times 7 = 140$

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	4	8	16	32	64	128

$2 + 8 = 10$
 $10 + 4 = 14$
 $14 + 16 = 30$
 $30 + 32 = 62$
 $62 + 64 = 126$
 $126 + 128 = 254$

We would rather Double

Week 8 Solution

From the Lawn Solve it Squad

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 25 families complete the survey.** This is a 50% 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.



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

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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.





YEAR 7 2025 NSC TRANSITION DAYS

Monday 7th October 2024
Tuesday 10th December 2024

NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

Our Kids, Our Community, Our School

Students are to arrive at 8.45 for a 9.00 am start in the hall and the day will conclude at 3.20pm



Students are to wear their primary school sports uniform. Bring a packed bag with a drink bottle, pencil case (where possible), hat and their recess and lunch (The canteen is available for purchases on the day – including lunch). Please note: Current 2024 bus travellers are welcome to catch the bus to and from NSC but all non-bus travellers will be required to make their own way to and from NSC. Please direct any queries to Nicky Pyszkowski on 5862 1088.

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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.