

Katandra Weekly



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No: 02 Wednesday 4th February, 2026

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wed 4th – NO PREPS
Mon 9th – School Council – 7.00 pm
Wed 11th – NO PREPS
Mon 16th – Meet & Greet
Wed 18th – NO PREPS
Wed 25th NO PREPS

MARCH

Mon 2nd to Fri 6th – 5/6 Canberra Camp
Mon 9th – Labour Day Holiday
Wed 11th - NAPLAN
Fri 13th – SCHOOL SPORTS

CRICKET TEAS ROSTER



Thursday 5th February:

Cook: Emma / Krista
Helpers: Mizzi Family, Watters Family & Emma / Krista
Chip Cooker: Phil Osmond
Desserts: Krista

Thursday 12th February:

Cook: Tam McLarty/Amy van Popering
Helpers: McLean Family, Ireland Family & Schultz Family
Chip Cooker: Aaron Howells
Desserts: Amy van Popering

PARENTS & FRIENDS

PARENT PAYMENT

Paying the Parent Payment ensures that we can continue to provide quality resources to support a rich educational program. The 2026 Parent Payment **includes all of your child's books and stationery**. These items have been supplied to all students and include exercise books for each curriculum area, pencil case, pencils, textas, glue sticks, scissors, ruler, eraser, post it notes and more. A separate notice with details of the 2026 Parent Payment was sent home last week and is available on our website. You also have the option of making a voluntary payment with the Parent Payment to assist the school in maintaining our expansive school grounds, \$50 per family is a suggestion. The Parent Payment can be paid using direct deposit, cash or EFTPOS. It can also be paid via installments throughout the year, contact the office to discuss this.



iPAD PAYMENT



Families that lease an iPad are reminded that their Term 1 Payment is due on Friday 6th February. The Term 1 payment was paid upon pick up by families of students in Year 4.

CSEF

If you currently hold a Health Care Card, your child is eligible for the CSEF payment. Please call into the office and sign a form to claim the CSEF payment. A new form needs to be signed each year. The amount of \$400.00 will be received by the school and will be used to cover the cost of the swimming program and excursions.

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

ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY

We had our first assembly for 2026 on Monday. The conclusion of the assembly was very exciting as our Foundation students rang the school bell to welcome in a new year of learning at Katandra West Primary School. Assemblies will continue to be each Monday afternoon at 3.15 p.m. in the BER building throughout the year.



INFORMATION BOOKLETS

Please check your child's school bag this afternoon for an envelope containing our Child Safe Standards Booklet, Student Engagement Policy and 2026 Parent Information Handbook. At the start of each year, we like to provide families with relevant information booklets pertaining to Katandra West Primary School. There will be another pack of information sent home next week. It may seem like a lot, however it is important to us to share the information with our school community. Our students and their families are important partners in keeping our students safe. We value feedback and ideas on how we can continuously strengthen our child safety framework. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Katandra West Primary School on 58283350 or at katandra.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL





EVERY DAY COUNTS....
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses just... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... | This means that the best your child can achieve is... |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ a years of school | Equal to finishing Year 11 |
| 1 day a week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years of school | Equal to finishing Year 10 |
| 2 days a week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 7 |
| 3 days a week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 4 |

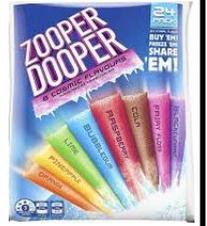
Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



ZOOPER DOOPERS

Students will be able to buy Zooper Doopers during the lunch break from Monday 2nd February for **50 cents** each. Students are only able to purchase one Zooper Dooper a day and are discouraged from purchasing one for a friend. Students are responsible for their own 50c.



Monday 16th February



Meet & Greet

KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL. TEACHERS WILL OPEN THEIR CLASSROOMS AT 4.00 PM FOR FAMILIES TO POP IN AND HAVE A CHAT AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND AT THEIR CHILD'S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

4.00 -6.00 PM

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL COOK UP SOME SAUSAGES FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY FROM 5.00PM.

SAM AT THEIRCARE WOULD ALSO LOVE FOR FAMILIES TO POP IN TO SEE THE OSHC PROGRAM IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING FROM 4.00 PM.

THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE AT 6.00 PM, WE CAN'T STAY OUT TOO LATE IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT AFTER ALL!

Term 1 2026

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. / Sun |
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| Wk 1 | 26 Jan AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY | 27 Teachers Return | 28 CURRICULUM DAY | 29 Students return | 30 PE | 31/1 |
| 2 | 2 Feb Shep News – F- photos 9.15 | 3 Italian | 4 NO PREPS | 5 MACC | 6 PE | 7/8 |
| 3 | 9 Feb S.C. Mtg. 7.00 pm | 10 Italian | 11 NO PREPS | 12 MARC | 13 PE | 14/15 |
| 4 | 16 Feb Meet & Greet | 17 Italian | 18 NO PREPS | 19 MACC | 20 PE | 21/22 |
| 5 | 23 Feb | 24 Italian | 25 NO PREPS | 26 MARC | 27 PE | 28/1 |
| 6 | 2 Mar 5/6 Canberra Camp Brodie / Marcia | 3 5/6 Canberra Camp Italian | 4 5/6 Canberra Camp | 5 5/6 Canberra Camp MACC | 6 5/6 Canberra Camp PE | 7/8 |
| 7 | 9 Mar LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY | 10 Italian | 11 NAPLAN | 12 MARC | 13 SCHOOL SPORTS | 14/15 |
| 8 | 16 Mar S. C. Mtg AGM 7.00 | 17 Italian | 18 | 19 MACC | 20 PE | 21/22 |
| 9 | 23 Mar NAPLAN | 24 Glasses for Kids Italian | 25 Making Friends In School performance 2.30 – 3.30 om | 26 MARC | 27 Back for Sports PE | 28/29 |
| 10 | 30 Mar | 31 | 1 April | 2 MACC END OF TERM | 3 GOOD FRIDAY | 4/5 |
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CRICKET TEAS

Thank you to everyone for the support with this major fundraiser. Please see the Term 1 roster below. There may have been some swaps recently made, that are not reflected in this roster, however the relevant families will be aware of the changes.

Welcome to the 2025/26 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 \$2000 for cricket teas thanks to your help! There will be another roster at the start of the 2026 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 1 <small>(Serves food/does dishes/clean up)</small> | HELPER 2 <small>(Serves food/does dishes/clean up)</small> | HELPER 3 <small>(Serves food/does dishes/clean up)</small> | CHIP COOKER <small>(school council)</small> | Desert |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|--------------|
| 29th January | Amy van Popering 0428 198 305 | Griffiths Family | Nate van Popering | Poyner Family | Tim van Popering | Amy van |
| 5th February | Laura Lawn 0437 788 099 | Mizzi Family | Blanche family | Bree Dudge | Phil Osmond | Laura Lawn |
| 12th February | Tam McLarty/Amy van Popering 0428 198 305 | McLean Family | Ireland Family | Shultz Family | Aaron Howells | Amy van |
| 19th February | Amber | Blair Family | Hill Family | Watters family | Grant McLarty | Mel Blair |
| 26th February | George Cleary 0409 401 370 | Bianca Geisler | Osmond Family | Sandeman Family | Brooke Lawn | Bec Osmond |
| 5th March | Emma/Krista 0400 250 085 | Amy van Popering | Kristin D'Agruma | Emma/Krista | Ray Ireland | Krista |
| 12th March | Bron Howells | Wright Family | Boyd Family | Ewer Family | Jedd Wright | Kymerly Boyd |
| 19th March <small>(final 22nd/23rd March)</small> | Sonja/Mel 0419 766 535 | Parker Family | Tyrrell Family | Sonja/Mel | Marcia Waters | Debbie Hill |

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.



KATANDRA CRICKET CLUB

BEACH PARTY

Jelly Wrestling

Music

Bring friends & family

Fun for all ages

Saturday 7 February 2026

AUSSIE BBQ DINNER CAN BE PURCHASED
& ICE COLD DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

Katandra West Community Centre
Doors Open 6:30pm | Free Entry

Dress: "Casual beach vibe"
Flowy dresses, resort wear,
Hawaiian shirts, boardies.
Sunglasses encouraged.