

Katandra Weekly



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FEBRUARY



Mon 4th to Fri 8th —
Swimming
Wed 6th — NO Foundation
Mon 11th - P & F AGM—9.00 a.m.
Mon 11th — School Council @ 7.30
pm
Wed 13th — NO Foundation
Thurs 14th — Foundation / 1
Information Session @ 5.30 p.m.
Wed 20th—NO Foundation
Mon 25th — **Welcome BBQ**
5.00pm
Wed 27th — NO Foundation

DATES TO REMEMBER



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Our AGM will be held on Monday
11th February at 9.00 a.m. All
past and new parents are
welcome to attend.

CRICKET CLUB TEAS

This week's volunteers for
Thursday Night Cricket Tea Roster
are:

Joanne Harry, Trudie Smith and
Miller Family and Jayne Loveridge
from School Council on chips.

Next week's Roster is:
Paul Harry / Blokes Pizza, Maples
Family, Lawn Family and Aaron
Howells from School Council on
chips.

PARENTS & FRIENDS



**School Nurse Forms for Foundation students
need to be returned.**

SPORTING SCHOOLS:

There are still some places available in our Sporting Schools
Program. This term we are participating in Ten Pin Bowling.
If you would like your child to attend please
collect a form from the office.
Karen.



REMINDERS

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

GREAT START TO 2019

As I have visited classrooms and spoken to students whilst on yard duty, I have been struck by how smoothly the start to 2019 has been. Teachers have been teaching students the behaviour and learning expectations in their classrooms and across the whole school. This has been well received by students and I am eager to see them progress throughout the year.

FLEXIBUZZ

At Katandra West PS, we use FlexiBuzz (smartphone app) to communicate information to parents and also receive absence notifications from parents. Please ensure you have downloaded the app, created a registration and subscribed to Katandra West Primary School 2019 classes. I will delete the 2018 class boxes by the end of this week. If you have not subscribed to the 2019 classes, you will no longer receive important notifications through FlexiBuzz. If you have any questions regarding FlexiBuzz, please contact me at school.



NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

I would like to make a correction from last week's newsletter. We welcomed and named our 2019 Foundation students to Katandra West primary School. Unfortunately, we got one name wrong! I would like to officially welcome Joshua Andrews to Katandra West Primary School.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our students have been participating in our swimming program at Aquamoves this week. Considering that it's only Week 2, students have handled it really well. When I've asked students about their favourite part of their school day, almost all of them reply "swimming". Learning to swim is an important skill for our students, thank you for supporting the program by returning notes, payment and packing and washing swimming gear!

CHANGE TO KATANDRA WEST SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Our School Council endorsed an application for an extension/variation to our bus route at the last School Council meeting for 2018. To be approved for an extension/variation, there needs to be three or more eligible bus travelers (living more than 4.8km from and attending their closest school) travelling more than 2.4km to access an existing bus route. With the de-staffing of Invergordon PS, we had well over three students which met this criteria so we were granted approval for an extension/variation. Consultation occurred with School Councilors, Godden's Bus Company, Moira and Shepparton Councils, the School Transport Unit (STU) and Public Transport Victoria (PTV). The final decision and approval for the bus route lays with PTV and the STU. A number of proposed bus routes were considered by PTV and the STU, taking into consideration opinions and suggestions from relevant parties. The major factors considered by PTV and the STU to determine the bus route were; providing a service to eligible travelers, providing an efficient bus route and safety on rural roads and highways. Please find the new bus route, including stops and times, attached to this newsletter. Families are able to use the designated bus stop that best suits them. We can not add any further stops as it will affect the time taken to complete the bus run. This bus route will begin **Monday 11th February**. The times were determined after a dry run on the bus. Please have patience and understanding as we start the new bus route. Kinder students will be able to access the bus from the 18th February. If you have any questions regarding the bus route, contact me at school.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

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NAME: Zoe
 GRADE: Foundation
 TEACHER: Miss Loveridge
 FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti
 FAVOURITE GAME: Bouncing Ball
 FRIENDS at SCHOOL: Isabelle and Esther
 WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING? Writing my name
 FAVOURITE COLOUR: Pink
 FAVOURITE TOY/THING: Elephant called "Ellie"
 BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Writing
 WHEN I GROW UP: Nurse
 FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Torquay
 WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT YOU: I play with my sister Stella



CSEF:

Any new parents to the school who hold a Health Care Card, could you call at the office and fill in the paperwork to help with your Parents Payment.

If you claimed a CSEF payment last year and are still eligible (hold a Health Care Card), could you please call in at the office and sign a new form. The amount of \$125.00 will be allocated to you to help with swimming and excursions.

MARC:

A borrowing agreement form was sent home last week and needs to be returned by this Friday when we have MARC.

YELLOW ENVELOPE:

You will have received a yellow envelope with today's newsletter. This envelope contains the Katandra West Primary School Parent Information Book, Child Safe Booklet and the Student Engagement Policy 2019 for your information. Also included in the envelope is a print out of the details we have for your child. Please take the time to go through this document and update details as required. It is important that we have the correct details for students, especially in the case of emergencies. It is also helpful to include an email address that can be used when needed.

HEAD LICE:

Head lice will be a problem from time to time and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem. Head lice are **not fussy** about the heads they live on – they make **no** consideration for income, ethnicity or hair colour. They live their entire lives on **human heads** and their entire food and water source is supplied from the scalp. Information about treatment and controlling head lice is available from the school office.

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**SHEPPARTON EDUCATION PLAN
UPDATE FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
– EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL SHEPPARTON**

Further to previous articles in school newsletters regarding the Shepparton Education Plan, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mrs Genevieve Simson** to the Executive Principal position for the new secondary school for Greater Shepparton.

The Shepparton Education Plan and the development of a revitalised secondary school model which will improve learning opportunities and educational outcomes for students, has been the outcome of collaborative work across schools and consultation with the community.

The recruitment process for this position attracted high calibre applications from across Australia.

Genevieve has an impressive track record of leadership in secondary school settings and has twenty years experience in successfully leading complex change projects. Genevieve's most recent principal position has been at Victoria University Secondary College which was formed following the merger of three secondary colleges in Melbourne, and where she has been the inaugural principal since 2010.

Genevieve commenced in this exciting role as of 30 January 2019 and plans to spend time within each of the secondary schools in coming weeks. There is much to be done, and we look forward to seeing this important work progress during the year.

Regards,

Cord Sadler

Area Executive Director, Goulburn, NEVR

