

# Katandra Weekly

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## SEPTEMBER

Fri 19th—Last day of Term 3, **2.30 dismissal**

## OCTOBER

Mon 6th - First day of Term 4

## NOVEMBER

Wed 5th to Fri 7th — Year 3 / 4  
Ballarat Camp

DATES TO REMEMBER



## CRICKET TEAS ROSTER

Cricket Teas are a major fundraiser for our school. We use the money from these teas to subsidise school programs such as swimming, school camps, classroom supply items and major items such as new playground equipment that is loved by all of our students. **Last year we raised around \$2000 through cricket teas thanks to your help!!** We ask that families help out for one or two nights throughout the cricket season. Please check the roster later in this newsletter to see if you are rostered on during Term 4. 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!

PARENTS & FRIENDS



## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK BEFORE SURVEY CLOSES

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 behaviour, 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 **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025**. 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. **The survey link has been emailed to families**. Please contact the office if you need to update your email address with us. **So far we have had 24% of families respond**. Your opinion is important, we want to hear from everyone.



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## ASHEFEST 2025

Our Year 3-6 students participated in a number of activities at ASHEfest 2025 — Schools Celebrating Culture Together, last week. Students explored and learnt about language, artefacts, dance and science. Check out the photos later in this newsletter.



## AFL 9S CLUSTER DAY

All students enjoyed a beautiful Spring day at the AFL 9s Cluster day at Congupna Primary School. It was a fantastic day of fun, footy, and teamwork.



Our F-2 students rotated through a range of fun and engaging footy activities focused on learning the basics and developing skills. On the Congupna oval, our 3-6 students played 9-a-side footy matches. All the different footy colours were an amazing sight to see. I have included some photos of the day later in this newsletter.

## NESTING BOXES FOR CHOOKS

The sound of hammers and drills could be heard from our Year 5/6 classroom yesterday. With an increased number of chickens at school at the moment, the Year 5/6 Chook Monitors had noticed that there was not enough nesting boxes. Students decided to solve this problem with a bit of help from "Brodie the Builder".



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## SECRET GARDEN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings are open for the School Holiday Program provided by TheirCare at Katandra West Primary School, "**Secret Garden**". Activities include excursions, super excursions, special activities and in-house fun. Check out a previous Xuno notice with details on activities for each day. Go to the TheirCare website to make your child's booking.



## LAST DAY OF TERM 3

It has been a fantastic term of learning at Katandra West Primary School! My highlights would have to be the Book Week celebrations and the star gazing night. What Term 3 activity did you enjoy the most? **Friday 19th 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 pick up time accordingly. Students return to school for **Term 4 on Monday 6th October**.

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## WATER WEEK COMPETITION

4660 students from 33 schools across the Goulburn Valley participated in this year's major Water Week (October 20-26) competition, Don't Flush It. Students were provided with a roll of toilet paper and were encouraged to decorate it with the theme of what should and shouldn't be flushed down the toilet. As previously announced, our finalists were:

**F-2:** William, Hayden, Emily M, Karlee

**3-4:** Thomas, Charlie, Maddox, Ollie M

**5-6:** Jed, Zoe, Millie B, Theo

GV Water then shortlisted Charlie's entry for the overall winner in the 3-4 category. Although the official announcement will be made in Water Week, I was excited to receive the news that Charlie is the overall winner for the Grade 3-4 category in the Don't Flush It competition! Charlie's artwork will now be printed up, attached to toilet rolls, and used as promo items across the Goulburn Valley. Way to go Charlie!



## STUDENT AWARDS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Isaac

2/3: Poppie

3/4: Riley B

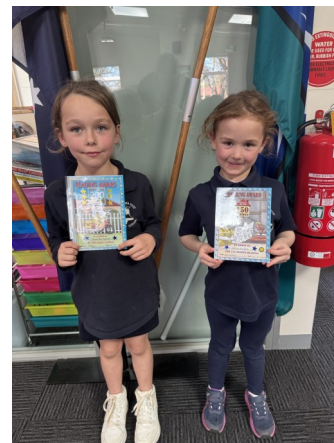
5/6: Esther



**STEM STAR**



### HOME READERS



**GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT**

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## ASHEFEST



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## AFL DAY



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### CRICKET ROSTER 2025

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 (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
9th October	Amy van Popering 0428 198 305	Griffiths Family	Nate van Popering	Carrol Family	Luke	Amy van
16th October	Laura Lawn 0437 788 099	Campbell Family	Blanche family	Kristin D'Agruma	Phil	Laura Lawn
23rd October	Tam McLarty/Amy van Popering 0428 198 305	McLean Family	Shultz Family	Watters Family	Garth	Amy van
30th October	Amber	Blair Family	Parker Family	Ireland Family	Grant Mc	Mel Blair
6th November	George Cleary 0409 401 370	Mizzi Family	Osmond Family	Sandeman Family	Tim	Bec Osmond
13th November	Emma/Mel Blair 0400 250 085	Ewer Family	Poyner Family	Emma/Mel	Aaron	Bron Howells
20th November	Amy L 0419 529 734	Clurey Family	Boyd Family	Jasper Woods Family	Brooke	Kymberly Boyd
27th November	Sonja/Krista W 0419 766 535	Ford Family	Hill Family	Sonja/Krista	Rob	Debbie Hill
4th December	Bron Howells 0428 260 881	Dudgeon/Calder family	Perret-Mann Family	Audrey Marks Family	Jedd	Bron Howells
11th December	Emma 0400 250 085	Amy van Popering	Rowena	Muggleton Family	Marcia	Emma Klug
18th 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.





## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **FOR THE 25/26 CRICKET SEASON**

#### **AGE GROUPS AND MATCH TIMES (DEPENDING ON NUMBERS)**

- **UNDER 10S – WEDNESDAYS @ 4:45PM**
- **UNDER 12S – FRIDAYS @ 4:45PM**
- **UNDER 14S – WEDNESDAYS @ 4:45PM**
- **UNDER 16S – FRIDAYS @ 4:45PM**

**TRAINING - THURSDAY @ 4:30PM**

**SEASON STARTS LATE OCTOBER**

**WHETHER YOU'RE NEW TO THE GAME OR A  
RETURNING PLAYER – ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**TO REGISTER INTEREST & FURTHER  
INFORMATION**

**CONTACT AMY VAN POPERING - 0428 198 305**





FREE  
EVENT

Goulburn Valley Water  
presents

Let's  
Grow

Waterwise Gardens



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
7pm - 9pm

Eastbank Shepparton  
(Stream live if you can't make it in person)

Discover how to design gardens that thrive  
in the Goulburn Valley with gardening  
experts Louise Costa and Cathy Olive



Book tickets or get more  
information by scanning  
the QR code or visiting  
the Riverlinks website

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