

Katandra Weekly

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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Wed 29th — Hot Shots Tennis 5/6

Thurs 30th — F2026 Transition @2.30

NOVEMBER

Mon 3rd — Curriculum Day

Tues 4th — Melbourne Cup Holiday

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

Fri 7th — Cricket Yr 5/6

Thurs 13th — Yr 5/6 Yachting

Thurs 27th — F/1/2 Extended Day
& Sleepover

DECEMBER

Tues 2nd — CONCERT



CRICKET TEAS ROSTER

Thursday 23rd October:

Cook: Tamara McLarty/Amy vP
Helpers: McLean Family, Schultz
Family & Watters Family.
Chips: Cheyenne Keem
Dessert: Amy van Popering

Thursday 30th October:

Cook: Amber
Helpers: Blair Family, Parker Family &
Ireland Family.
Chips: Grant McLarty
Dessert: Mel Blair



PARENTS & FRIENDS

State Schools' Relief is proud to be delivering the Glasses for Kids program between 2024 and 2027. Our school will participate in this incredible opportunity in Term 1 of 2026!

Do not forget to sign your Glasses for Kids Consent forms!

4 simple steps to be part of the Glasses for Kids program

1. Read the Information for Families brochure
2. Complete the Consent Form and Optometrist Questionnaire
3. Give both forms back to school
4. Ensure that your child is at school on the day of the visit

Questions? Speak to your teacher or school contact today.



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REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Isabella and Lilly who competed at the regional athletics competition last Friday. Lilly placed third in her shot-put event and Isabella placed third in her shot-put event. We are proud of their efforts!



FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION

We welcomed the Foundation 2026 children to the F/1 classroom for a **Fun Time Friday** session last Friday. It was pleasing to see them engage with the activities and we enjoyed getting to know them. Thank you to Mel for taking the time to chat with the parents/carers of Foundation 2026 children at an afternoon tea. Also, thanks to Krista who sent along some delicious hedgehog slice for everyone to enjoy at the afternoon tea. Unfortunately, I completely forgot to take some photos! I'm sure I'll remember to take some at our next transitions session on **Thursday 30th October**.

INTENTIONS FOR 2026

This is the time of year that we are making plans for the class structure and staffing at Katandra West Primary School for next year. If your family circumstances are changing and your child will no longer attend Katandra West Primary School in 2026, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. It is helpful for us to have accurate enrolment information when making decisions regarding the class structure and staffing.



SCHOOL BUS STOPS IN 2026

Our school's bus route will remain the same for 2026. However, the stops along the bus route may change according to the students travelling to and from school on the bus. If your child's circumstances regarding the bus service will change in 2026, please contact the office at your earliest convenience so we can take them into consideration when allocating bus stops for 2026.



BALLARAT CAMP

The excitement is building for the Year 3/4 Ballarat Camp! Students are exploring some gold rush history in class in preparation for the camp. Please send in the medical form and Camper's Promise to the office, if you haven't already done so.



FRUIT AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

Katandra West Primary School has just joined the School Breakfast Clubs Program. The program is delivered by Foodbank Victoria in partnership with the Victorian Government. The program is delivered in 1000 Victorian state schools. Every school puts their own spin on School Brekky Club; we will provide free fruit for **all students** during our morning fruit break every day. We will also have a small supply of breakfast items and nutritious lunches for students that might need them. Our first delivery is scheduled on **Wednesday 29th October**. We will then have a weekly delivery.



STUDENT

NAME: Esther

GRADE: 6

TEACHER: Mr McDonald

FAVOURITE FOOD: Sushi

FAVOURITE GAME: Netball

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Lilly, Izzy, Meila, Zoe, Millie & Audrey

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Economics & Business

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Fuchsia Pink

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: My Puppy

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Sport

WHEN I GROW UP: Vet

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Sydney or Bali

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR STRENGTH? Be Your Best

WHY: Because I can be my best.



STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Kirrilly

2/3: Emily Mc

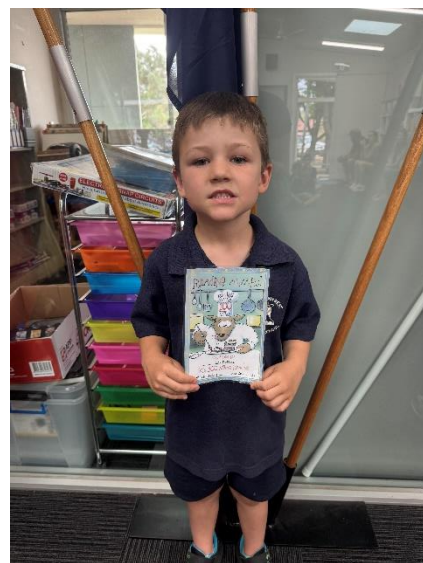
3/4: Lilah

5/6: Brysen



GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT

HOME READER



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS:

We need your help to make our annual Christmas Raffle a success. The Raffle will be drawn on the night of the Concert, Tuesday 2nd December. The P&F Committee want to make this year's Christmas Raffle the **biggest ever!**

Each child is asked to donate an item; each year level has been assigned what to bring to ensure we have a variety of items. If all donations can be back to the school by no later than **28th November** so that we can organise prizes.

Foundation/1: Chocolates and Lollies

2/3: Christmas Decorations

3/4: Christmas Merchandise (tea towels, platters, placemats etc)

5/6: Christmas related Hamper Food (Christmas shortbread, festive pretzels etc)

Please do not supply any fresh, perishable items with quick use by dates, or items that require refrigeration. Thank you for your support.

Raffle ticket books will be sent home closer to the date of the concert.





Lunch Menu

KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Lunch Meals

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE	5.00
MAC AND CHEESE	5.00
SAUSAGE ROLLS X 5	5.00
PARTY PIES X 5	5.00
NUGGETS X 5	5.00
PIZZA	5.00
HAM AND CHEESE	
HAM, CHEESE AND PINEAPPLE	
POPCORN CHICKEN	5.00
ADD SAUCE - TOMATO OR BBQ	0.20

Fruit

BANANAS	1.00
APPLES	1.00
FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT BOWL	3.00

Sandwiches / Wraps

HAM AND CHEESE	5.50
CHICKEN OR HAM	5.50
ADD SALADS - CHEESE, LETTUCE, TOMATO	

Toasties

HAM AND CHEESE	5.50
CHICKEN AND CHEESE	5.50

Treats

BANANA BREAD	4.00
MUFFINS - CHOC CHIP OR BLUEBERRY	4.00
FROZEN YOGHURT - MANGO OR STRAWBERRY	4.00
MOOZIES	1.50
CHOC, STRAWBERRY, BANANA, BLUEBERRY	

WEB LINK COMING SOON FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS,
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY VIA EFTPOS PLEASE PUT YOUR EMAIL ON YOUR CHILDS ORDER AND WE CAN EMAIL A LINK

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Changes to digital device use

From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools:

- will no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own digital devices to use at school for Prep to Grade 6
- will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for grades 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology.

What this means for our school

This means we will be ceasing our current BYOD program for Grades 4-6 from 2027 on. Instead, we will provide class sets of digital devices for use by students. Students who have been using BYO devices prior to 2027 will be able to continue to bring their devices to school, but we will be following the new recommended device use times.

Students with disability who use a digital device as a reasonable adjustment are exempt from these changes.

These changes are intended to support families with cost-of-living pressures and reduce student screen time.

You can read more about the changes on the department's website: [Digital Learning: Policy](#).