

Katandra Weekly

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Principal: Marcia Waters

DECEMBER

Fri 18th—End of Term dismissal 1.15 p.m. Assembly @ 1.00 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

2021

JANUARY

Fri 29th — Students return for 2021 school year

FEBRUARY

Mon 1st to Fri 5th — Swimming Program

ASSEMBLY

At our Assembly last Monday the annual awards were presented. Congratulations to the recipients:

Stephens' Encouragement Award — Meila Calder-Dudgeon
Katandra West Academic Award — Riley van Popering
Todd Bassett Citizenship Award — Will Mizzi



A profile page featuring the Graduating Class of 2020 is attached to this newsletter.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I'm not sure about you, but for me, 2020 has been a year where I have reflected on the things I am grateful for and appreciate. I am grateful for being a part of the Katandra West Primary School community. I have always enjoyed my work with you and your children and 2020 has been no different. I appreciate the efforts and adaptability that everyone has shown throughout the challenges, changes and uncertainty we faced throughout the year. Despite the challenges, our community and our students have achieved so many wonderful things. I really do feel blessed to contribute to the progress of your children. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope your holidays are safe and I look forward to seeing you all back for another year of learning at Katandra West PS in 2021.

CLASS PARTIES

Classrooms were buzzing with excitement today. All classes celebrated the school year with their class party. Teachers supplied the food and students supplied the smiles and laughter. The friendships formed amongst students in 2020 were definitely on display.



STUDENT REPORTS

Your child's Semester 2 report is being sent home with them today. Please check their reader cover or school bag for it when they get home. Reports are slightly different due to COVID-19, please refer to the letter previously sent home for clarification if needed.

LAST DAY FRIDAY

We will have an assembly (meet in Joel's Garden) on **Friday at 1.00** and students will be **dismissed at 1.15**. Our Year 6 students will be presented with their USB containing the 2020 Graduation video and photos. They will then ring the school bell as they leave Katandra West Primary School. We will be having our usual morning recess, however, we will not be having a lunch break. You may send a larger recess snack if you think they won't make it till after 1.15 for lunch at home.



LOST PROPERTY

There are a number unnamed clothing items in lost property. We will put a table with lost property outside the front of the school during pick-up and drop-off times until Friday. Please take some time to check for any items that belong to your family. Any unclaimed lost property will be taken to an op shop during the holidays.



2021 START DATE

Please note that students will start back at Katandra West Primary School on **Friday 29th January 2020**. Teachers will return on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th for two curriculum days. It is also important to note that the swimming program is scheduled for **1-5 February 2021**. Notices for swimming will be sent out electronically via School Stream and then home as a hard copy on their first day back at school.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

THANK YOU

Throughout the school year, we are lucky to have many parents help at Katandra West Primary School, especially the P&F Committee. The Staff and I are very grateful for the generous assistance we receive from our school community. There has been limited opportunities to help onsite, however whenever we've needed help (such as Bunnings BBQ, Christmas Raffle) there has been plenty of parents that have put their hands up. It's the families within our school that really make it what it is.

We are also grateful for the commitment that our School Council have made in 2020. They adapted well to meet via WebEx for most of the year, allowing us to complete all School Council tasks throughout 2020.

Another **BIG** thank you to Michelle McCluskey. Michelle has ensured the safety of our students and staff onsite through her rigorous cleaning regime in 2020. I'd like to acknowledge her efforts and the care she has taken to keep us safe.



Stay Late



GRADUATING CLASS OF KATANDRA WEST 2020

Name: Cooper Pate

Nickname: Pate

My favourite memory:
School Captain

What I want to be:
Pilot / Musician

High school next year:
Greater Shepparton
Secondary College



NAME: Hunter Howells

Nickname: Hunter

My favourite memory:
Breaking the record for
high jump

What I want to be:
Soccer Player / Olympian

High school next year:
St Mary's of the Angels

Name: Will Mizzi

Nickname: Wilba

My favourite memory:
Throwing snowballs at 15
Mile Creek Camp

What I want to be:
Mechanic

High school next year:
Greater Shepparton
Secondary College



Name: Kaden Cook

Nickname: Kaden

My favourite memory:
Big Kahuna water slide

What I want to be:
not sure

High school next year:
Greater Shepparton
Secondary College

NAME: Riley van Popering

Nickname: RVP

My favourite memory:
15 Mile Creek Camp

What I want to be:
You Tuber

High school next year:
Notre Dame College

Name: Keely McCluskey

Nickname: Gingermin

My favourite memory:
Face planting in the snow
at 15 Mile creek Camp

What I want to be:
Something with animals

High school next year:
Numurkah Secondary
College





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PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

Katandra West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Katandra West Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Katandra West Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

Katandra West Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- individual payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Gabrielle Crowe

Ph: 03 58283350 | Email: katandra.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

- Direct deposit using the following details:

BSB 063 527
Account 1014 5342
Commonwealth Bank

- Cash or cheque delivered to the office.

Refunds

Any refunds due (eg if child did not go on Camp after payment has been made) will be refunded.

Yours sincerely,

Marcia Waters
Principal

Paul Harry
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Katandra West Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for Grounds Maintenance (mowing) for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Parent Payment is made up of:

Excursions - such as Cluster Days, Sports Days, Life Education Van, In School Programs, Bike Hike, Yachting etc.	80.00
Swimming	45.00 + \$20.00 P&F
MARC (Library) & MACC (Arts) van	50.00
School Supplies - which covers all school supplies such as work books, pens, rulers, books, paper etc.	85.00
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	\$ 260.00

Voluntary Contributions

Katandra West Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

Donations of Grounds Maintenance (suggest \$50.00 per family or what you feel you could contribute.)

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	\$260.00
Voluntary financial contribution each family	\$ 50.00