

# Katandra Weekly

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DATES TO REMEMBER

## NOVEMBER

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> — Curriculum Day  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> — Melbourne Cup Holiday  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> — Year 3 / 4  
Ballarat Camp  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> — Cricket Yr 5/6  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> — Yr 5/6 Yachting  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> — F2026 Transition @9.30am  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> — F/1/2 Extended Day  
& Sleepover

## DECEMBER

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> — CONCERT



## CRICKET TEAS ROSTER

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November:

Cook: George Cleary  
Helpers: Mizzi Family, Osmond Family  
& Sandeman Family.  
Chips: Tim van Popering  
Dessert: Bec Osmond



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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## FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION

We welcomed the Foundation 2026 children to the F/1 classroom for a **Teddy Bear's Picnic** yesterday afternoon. There was lots of fun for children with their teddy bears. They ate together, sang together, and played hide and seek with their teddy bears. We look forward to our next Transition Session on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**.



## 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 have continued to explore gold rush history in class in preparation for the camp. Miss L and Miss Capper have met with the Year 3/4 students today to provide final reminders. The payment for the camp is due **TODAY**. Accounts have previously been sent home for those still owing. Students will be departing Katandra West Primary School at **8.30am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Students are encouraged to arrive at school from **8.10am** to be ready for departure at 8.30am.

## 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 arrived this week. Our students have been enjoying apples, pears, bananas and carrots.





## **STUDENT**

NAME: Jed

GRADE: 6

TEACHER: Mr McDonald

FAVOURITE FOOD: Butter Chicken

FAVOURITE GAME: Cricket

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Smith, Brysen, Harvey, Theo,  
Hunter & Archie

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Economics &  
Business

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Blue, Pink & Green

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Pitching Wedge

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Playing with my friends

WHEN I GROW UP: Biomedical Scientist or Microbiologist

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Queensland – Gold Coast

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR STRENGTH? Be Your Safe

WHY: Because I'm always safe around people.



## **STUDENT AWARDS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

F/1: Chloe

2/3: Emily S

3/4: Walter

5/6: Adam



**KATANDRA KEYS**

**GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT**

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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)

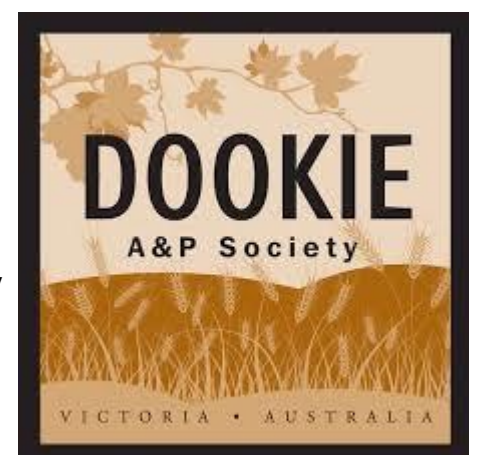
Please do not supply any fresh, perishable items with quick use by dates, or items that require refrigeration. Thank you for your support.

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



### **DOOKIE SHOW**

The Dookie Show is on tomorrow, **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Make sure to check out the exhibits that our students have entered in the School Work categories, if you go along. We certainly have some creative and talented artists at Katandra West Primary School!





## 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](#).







# 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 -	4.00
CHOC CHIP OR BLUEBERRY	
FROZEN YOGHURT -	4.00
MANGO OR STRAWBERRY	
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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## KIDS LOVE BEING OUTDOORS? THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.

MyGolf powered by Ripper GC is Australia's beginner golf program that introduces kids to golf through games-based activities in a safe and friendly environment. Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, have fun!

### Shepparton Junior Golf

**DATE:** STARTING Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, FOR 6 WEEKS

**TIME:** 10.00 am-11.00am

**COST:** \$125 FOR THE 6 WEEKS

**DELIVERER:** PGA COACH RUSSELL KELLY

**WHERE:** SHEPPARTON GOLF CLUB



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