

Katandra Weekly

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Tues 9th – Statewide Orientation
Wed 10th – Year 6 Fun Day
Fri 12th – Year 5 Aspirations Day
Mon 15th – Class Parties & Fun Day
Wed 17th – Colour Fun Run
Fri 19th – Last Day of Term, **1.15 pm dismissal**



CRICKET TEAS ROSTER

Thursday 11th December:

Cook: Emma
Helpers: Jasper Woods Family, Rowena Mclean, Perret-Mann Family, Muggleton Family
Chips: Audrey Marks Family
Dessert: Emma Klug



Thursday 18th December:

Christmas Party: BBQ, shared salad/dessert, all hands-on deck.

Thank you to all the families that have helped with the Cricket Teas for the first half of the cricket season. We will send out the roster for the second half of the season, early next year.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026

We have finalised the staffing arrangements for 2026:

F/1: Rebecca Astley
2/3: Eachan Harrison
4: Kim Capper
5/6: Brodie McDonald
Education Support: Bri Armitage, Melissa Taylor, Maddie De Lai
Italian: Frances Ceravolo
The Arts: Tilly Male
STEM/Literacy and Numeracy Support: Holly O'Dea
MACC: Danida Ferres
MARC Katrina Cambell
Business Manager: Gabrielle Crowe
Principal: Marcia Waters

We welcome Eachan to the Katandra West PS Team.

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EXTENDED DAY/SLEEPOVER

Our F-2 students participated in the extended day/sleepover last week. This experience is the introduction to the camping program we have at Katandra West Primary School. It was a fun-filled event, with sports, a disco, pizza, movies, craft, laughter and some sleep.



LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT EXCURSION

It certainly was a quiet day at school last Friday, with the Year 1/2 students going home early to rest after their sleepover and our Year 3-6 students attending an excursion in Shepparton. The excursion was made possible by Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project. Students had the opportunity to explore two local Shepparton businesses. The apples they had at the orchard they visited, were a big hit!



CONCERT AND GRADUATION

It was an amazing night earlier this week! I hope you enjoyed the concert and graduation as much as I did. Jacquie Monk put on an entertaining show for our school community. Our staff also worked hard to prepare students and make it all run smoothly. However, the real stars are your children! They all played their roles with confidence and courage. It's not easy for everyone to perform in front of a large crowd, but they did it well. My pride extends further to our Year 6 graduating students. The way our entire school community celebrates the Year 6 graduation is something special, it really is the best way to end such a fantastic night.



STUDENT

NAME: Smith

GRADE: 6

TEACHER: Mr McDonald

FAVOURITE FOOD: T-bone Steak

FAVOURITE GAME: Riding my motorbike

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL: Harvey, Jed, Brysen

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING: Economics & Business

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR: Pink & Green

FAVOURITE TOY / THING: Motorbike

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: Sport

WHEN I GROW UP: Farmer

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Tumbarumba

WHICH SCHOOL VALUE IS YOUR STRENGTH? Be Your Best

WHY: Because I do my work.



STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Millie W

2/3: Daniel

3/4: Maddox

5/6: Whole Class



HOME READERS



STEM STAR



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2026 STUDENT LEADERS

The process for selecting our 2026 Student Leaders was completed last week. The quality of the speeches from all Year 5 candidates was outstanding. They all spoke well in front of students in Years 2-6. After students voted, the candidates had an "interview" with a panel that consisted of a member of School Council, current School Captains, Brodie McDonald and myself. I was impressed with the maturity and passion they showed. It was a very difficult decision, with so many worthy candidates. Congratulations to Meila (Captain), Harvey (Captain), Isabella (Vice Captain), and Theo (Vice Captain). All other 2026 Year 6 students will have the opportunity to be on the Junior School Council if they choose.



ORIENTATION DAY

We are excited about the upcoming statewide Orientation Day on Tuesday, 9th December! On this special day, students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and spend time in the classrooms they will be in next year. This is a fantastic way for students to get familiar with their new learning environments and start to build connections with their teachers and classmates. Orientation Day will run until 11.00 am for our current students and until 12:15 pm for our 2026 Foundation students. This will be an exciting time for our new Foundation students to explore the school and get to know their future schoolmates. We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces as our students prepare for another year of learning and growth! Also, our current Year Six students will be spending the day their future high school.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS:

Thank you, to the families that sent in Christmas Raffle donations. Your generosity provided 41 prizes for our raffle! Please see the winners below:



Fay K, Matilda, Hill Family, Emmett Tyrrell, Simone V, Gabrielle, Levi Wilson, Brooke Lawn, Hill Family, Harper Ireland, Yvonne Cleary, A. Feldmann, Jack Poyner, Max Boast, Tammy Balf, Hastings, Matilda Parker, Emma Klug, Stella Campbell, Jesse Wilson, D. Dudgeon, Charlie Wilson, Smithy vP, Mackenzie Woods, Megan Willcox, Bonnie Ireland, Tom Cleary, Hill Family, Emily Wilson, Danny Sandeman, Leon Riordan, William Tulloch, Marcia Waters, Mrs Male, Chelle Dixon, Tyler vP, Daniel Ewer, Andrew Poyner, Simone V, Daniel Ewer, William Tulloch.

State Schools' Relief is proud to be delivering the Glasses for Kids program between 2024 and 2027. Our school has been invited by the Department of Education to participate in this incredible opportunity in Term 1 2026.

The Glasses for Kids staff and optometrists will visit our school and offer students who provide consent with initial vision screening and if required, further testing and glasses for **FREE!** Even if children already wear glasses, they will be provided a **FREE** pair of glasses. This means they will have a spare pair of glasses for **FREE!**

Vision screening and testing will be completed during school hours

Who can participate?

- Foundation to Year 3 students (2026)

If you've misplaced the hard copy consent for previously sent home, you can use the QR code to provide consent. We also have spare consent forms at the office.

Questions? Contact the office on 58283350.



A day of discovery for Year 5 students

2025

ASPIRATIONS DAY

What:

A hands-on learning day for all Year 5 students in Greater Shepparton to explore career and study paths in science, hospitality, construction, media and much more



When:

Friday, 12 December:
morning or afternoon
session, including BBQ
lunch, career displays
and entertainment



Where:

Enterprise and Innovation
Centre, Greater Shepparton
Secondary College



Why?

We want our Year 5s to
DREAM BIG and start
thinking about where their
secondary school journey can
take them



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