

Katandra Weekly

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DECEMBER

Tues 10th — Orientation Day, whole school

Wed 11th — Year 6 Fun Day

Fri 13th — Aspirations Day Year 5

Mon 16th — Class Parties

Wed 18th — Colour Run & Fun Day

Fri 20th — Last day of Term

DATES TO REMEMBER

PLAYGROUP

The next playgroup session is scheduled for **Friday 13th December from 9.00 am. We will have our Christmas**

Party. Please spread the word in the wider community.



Lisa Watters has done an amazing job as our playgroup leader over the last couple of years. With Liam coming to school next year, **we are looking for a new playgroup leader in 2025.** Playgroup is a valuable experience for the pre-school age children in our community and their families, we want to see it continue. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school to discuss what the role involves.

CRICKET CLUB TEAS

This week's helpers for

Thursday 5th December

Cook / Team Leader: Amy van Popering

Helpers: Lisa Watters, Sandeman Family, Audrey Marks Family

Chip cooker: Ray Ireland

Desserts: Amy van Popering

P&F COMMITTEE

Thursday 12th December

Cook / Team Leader: Amber

Helpers: Dunne Family, Ford Family, Watters Family

Chip cooker: Marcia Waters

Desserts: Lisa Ewer

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Party — shared salad and desert and BBQ
All hands on deck

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EXTENDED DAY/SLEEPOVER

Our Foundation and 1/2 students had an unforgettable time at the annual sleepover! The evening was filled with fun activities, games, and plenty of laughter. From movie time to cozy sleeping bags, the kids enjoyed every moment together.

A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who made breakfast in the morning. Your support was greatly appreciated and helped start the day on a delicious note. We couldn't have done it without you!

We look forward to next year's sleepover—thank you to everyone who made this event such a success!



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL—Brodie McDonald

ORIENTATION DAY

We are excited to announce that the state wide Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday, 10th 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 12:15 pm, and we're also thrilled to welcome next year's Foundation students. This will be an exciting time for our new 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 at their future high school.

SCHOOL CONCERT AND GRAUATION

What an amazing night! Our school concert, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, was a huge success, and all of our students did a fantastic job on stage. The performance was filled with vibrant colours, catchy tunes, and unforgettable moments. Every student should be incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication they put in to make the show such a success.

A special mention goes to Mrs. Monk, whose dedication and passion behind the scenes made the night possible. Her tireless efforts in bringing everything together ensured that the performance was one to remember. Thank you, Mrs. Monk, for your commitment to creating such a wonderful experience for our students and families.

We are so proud of everyone involved and look forward to many more spectacular performances in the future!

A big congratulations to our Year Six students on their graduation! This year's class has shown incredible growth, resilience, and dedication, and we are so proud of everything they've achieved. The graduation ceremony was a heartwarming celebration of their hard work, memorable moments, and the friendships they've built along the way.

As they move on to the next chapter of their educational journey, we wish them all the very best. We know they will continue to shine brightly in all their future endeavours. Well done, Year Six – we are excited to see what the future holds for each and every one of you!



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STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

F/1: Harry Blanche

2: Summer Muggleton

3/4: Lily Godden

5/6: Andrew Poyner



WELLBEING WARRIOR



HOME READING



LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP



END OF YEAR AWARDS

Trena Stephens Award: Maxwell Boast

Year Six Academic Award: Grace Deak

Todd Bassett Citizenship Award: Vaya Kirby

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Raffle.

The prize winners were:

Archie Mizzi, Karen Davies, Jayne Loveridge, J. Watters, Liam Watters, Meila Calder-Dudgeon, Libby Whittingham, Di Ellis, Faye Felmingham, Rhys Boyd, Grace Hill, Lucy Muggleton, Della Lawn, George Poyner, Hayley Newby, Libby Whittingham, Carroll Family, Liam Watters, Mizzi Family, Lily Godden, Jo Neve, Chelsea P-M, Peter Novac, Glenn Wilson, Adele Whittington, Harry Blanche, Luke Felmingham, Justin Dimond, Megan Willcox, Annabelle Novac, Rita Banwick, Godden Family, Jayne Loveridge, Charlie Wilson, Carol Wilson, Brysen McLean.



NEVER FEAR, THE SOLVE IT SQUAD IS HERE!

Assemble your **Solve it Squad** and see if you can solve the problem below. Record your working out and your answer on a piece of paper. All correct solutions will be put into a draw that will be drawn out at Monday afternoon's assembly. The correct solution that is drawn out at the assembly will be published in the newsletter along with the next Maths problem for the **Solve it Squads**.

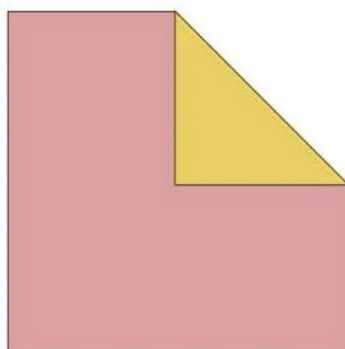


Fairy Bread

Rosario has a pink square of origami paper. She then folds one corner all the way to the square's centre to make a new 5-sided shape.

She discovers that the missing corner is exactly the same size as a piece of fairy bread!

How many pieces of fairy bread would it take to cover the whole 5-sided shape?



Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au



A day of discovery for Year 5 students

2024

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



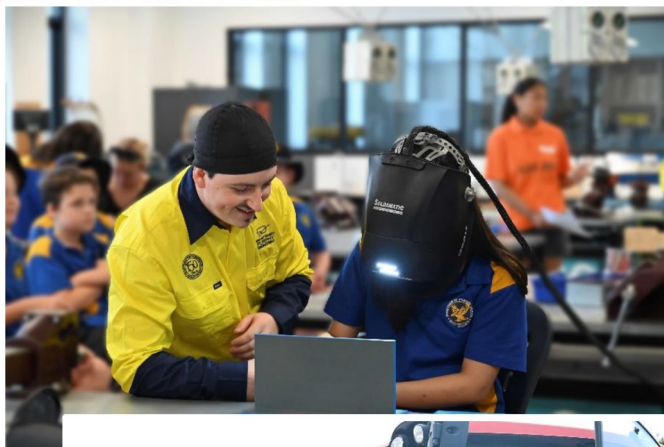
When:

Friday, 13 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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