

Katandra Weekly



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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Mon 16th – Meet & Greet
Wed 18th – NO PREPS
Wed 25th NO PREPS

MARCH

Mon 2nd to Fri 6th – 5/6 Canberra Camp
Mon 9th – Labour Day Holiday
Wed 11th - NAPLAN
Fri 13th – SCHOOL SPORTS
Mon 16th – S.C. AGM 7.00 pm
Tues 24th – Glasses for Kids
Wed 25th In School Incursion

APRIL

Thurs 2nd Last Day of Term

CRICKET TEAS ROSTER



Thursday 12th February:

Cook: Tam McLarty/Amy van
Helpers: McLean Family, Ireland Family & Schultz Family
Chip Cooker: Aaron Howells
Desserts: Amy van Popering

Thursday 19th February:

Cook: Amber
Helpers: Blair Family, Hill Family & Blanche Family
Chip Cooker: Grant McLarty
Desserts: Melissa Blair

PARENTS & FRIENDS

PARENT PAYMENT

Paying the Parent Payment ensures that we can continue to provide quality resources to support a rich educational program. The 2026 Parent Payment **includes all of your child's books and stationery**. These items have been supplied to all students and include exercise books for each curriculum area, pencil case, pencils, textas, glue sticks, scissors, ruler, eraser, post it notes and more. A separate notice with details of the 2026 Parent Payment was sent home last week and is available on our website. You also have the option of making a voluntary payment with the Parent Payment to assist the school in maintaining our expansive school grounds, \$50 per family is a suggestion. The Parent Payment can be paid using direct deposit, cash or EFTPOS. It can also be paid via installments throughout the year, contact the office to discuss this.



CSEF

If you currently hold a Health Care Card, your child is eligible for the CSEF payment. Please call into the office and sign a form to claim the CSEF payment. A new form needs to be signed each year. The amount of \$400.00 will be received by the school and will be used to cover the cost of the swimming program and excursions.



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INFORMATION BOOKLETS

Please check your child's school bag this afternoon for an envelope containing our SWPBS Student Handbook 2026, Katandra West Primary School Communication Plan, MACC/MARC Van Information, and our Volunteer OHS induction Handbook. At the start of each year, we like to provide families with relevant information booklets pertaining to Katandra West Primary School. It may seem like a lot, however it is important to us to share the information with our school community. Our students and their families are important partners in keeping our students safe. We value feedback and ideas on how we can continuously strengthen our child safety framework. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Katandra West Primary School on 58283350 or at katandra.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au.



STUDENT LEADER BADGE PRESENTATION

Our 2026 Junior School Councilors will be decided upon by the end of this week. A student representative from each year level (Year 1-5), will join the School Captains, School Vice Captains and Year 6 students on the Katandra West Primary School Junior School Council. Luke Felmingham (School Council President) will present badges to the entire Junior School Council on **Monday 16th February at our assembly at 3.15pm**. We will send a Xuno notice to families on Friday announcing the Junior School council members for 2026.



MEET AND GREET

Our annual Meet and Greet night is scheduled for **Monday 16th February, 4-6pm**. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter for details. A flyer with a return slip was sent home on Monday. Please return the slip indicating your attendance **ASAP**. I need to order the sausages and bread for the School Council to cook up for everyone. We hope to see you all there!

CANBERRA CAMP

A reminder to families of our Year 5/6 students attending the Canberra Camp to return your child's medical forms and Camp Promise. Payment for the camp needs to be received before departing for Canberra. Please contact the office to discuss a payment plan if needed.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It is that time of the year again where we ask for nominations for School Council. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council, please collect a nomination form from the office. We have vacant positions to fill, everyone is welcome! Nominations close on Friday 6th March. The AGM of School Council will be held on Monday 16th March, 2026.

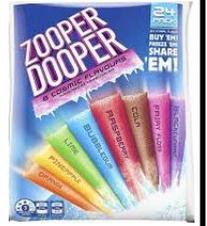


FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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ZOOPER DOOPERS

Students will be able to buy Zooper Doopers during the lunch break for **50 cents** each. Students are only able to purchase one Zooper Dooper a day and are discouraged from purchasing one for a friend. Students are responsible for their own 50c.



Monday 16th February



Meet & Greet

KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL. TEACHERS WILL OPEN THEIR CLASSROOMS AT 4.00 PM FOR FAMILIES TO POP IN AND HAVE A CHAT AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND AT THEIR CHILD'S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

4.00 -6.00 PM

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL COOK UP SOME SAUSAGES FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY FROM 5.00PM.

SAM AT THEIRCARE WOULD ALSO LOVE FOR FAMILIES TO POP IN TO SEE THE OSHC PROGRAM IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING FROM 4.00 PM.

THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE AT 6.00 PM, WE CAN'T STAY OUT TOO LATE IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT AFTER ALL!

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy (available on our website and at the office) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365](#) and [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Iylah

2/3: Edie

4: Thomas

5/6: Archie H



CRICKET TEAS

Thank you to everyone for the support with this major fundraiser. Please see the Term 1 roster below. There may have been some swaps recently made, that are not reflected in this roster, however the relevant families will be aware of the changes.

Welcome to the 2025/26 Cricket season!
 Cricket Teas are a major fundraiser for our school. We use the money from these teas to subsidise school programs such as the swimming program, school camps, classroom supply items and major items such as new playground equipment that is loved by our students. Last year we raised around \$2000 for cricket teas thanks to your help! There will be another roster at the start of the 2026 school year for the second half of the cricket season. These teas are a great social event, so even if you aren't rostered on we encourage you to come down and have a nice night out!

CRICKET ROSTER 2026

*If you are unable to do your shift, please **arrange your own swap with someone from another week** and let your cook/team leader know.*

DATE	COOK/TEAM LEADER	HELPER 1 <small>(Serves food/does dishes/clean up)</small>	HELPER 2 <small>(Serves food/does dishes/clean up)</small>	HELPER 3 <small>(Serves food/does dishes/clean up)</small>	CHIP COOKER <small>(school council)</small>	Desert
29th January	Amy van Popering 0428 198 305	Griffiths Family	Nate van Popering	Poyner Family	Tim van Popering	Amy van
5th February	Laura Lawn 0437 788 099	Mizzi Family	Blanche family	Bree Dudge	Phil Osmond	Laura Lawn
12th February	Tam McLarty/Amy van Popering 0428 198 305	McLean Family	Ireland Family	Shultz Family	Aaron Howells	Amy van
19th February	Amber	Blair Family	Hill Family	Watters family	Grant McLarty	Mel Blair
26th February	George Cleary 0409 401 370	Bianca Geisler	Osmond Family	Sandeman Family	Brooke Lawn	Bec Osmond
5th March	Emma/Krista 0400 250 085	Amy van Popering	Kristin D'Agruma	Emma/Krista	Ray Ireland	Krista
12th March	Bron Howells	Wright Family	Boyd Family	Ewer Family	Jedd Wright	Kymerly Boyd
19th March <small>(final 22nd/23rd March)</small>	Sonja/Mel 0419 766 535	Parker Family	Tyrrell Family	Sonja/Mel	Marcia Waters	Debbie Hill

Helpers please arrive around 5:30, unless otherwise arranged with your cook/team leader. Your shift will usually end around 8:30-9pm. Helper simply serves food does dishes throughout night and helps with clean up.

Chip cooker please arrive by 5:30pm. Keeps the flow of chicken schnitzels, chips and nuggets going. Chip cooker is first to leave the shift.