

Katandra Weekly

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No: 40 Wednesday 11th December, 2024

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DECEMBER

Fri 13th — Aspirations Day Year 5
Mon 16th — Class Parties
Wed 18th — Colour Run & Fun Day
Fri 20th — Last day of Term, **1.15 dismissal**



DATES TO REMEMBER

CRICKET CLUB TEAS

This week's helpers for

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

P&F COMMITTEE

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.



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ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation Day was held Tuesday 10th December. Our Year 6 children visited their new school for next year. They are excited about the new adventures that await them at secondary school. We welcomed our Foundation 2025 students along with our students in F-5. Students had a great time meeting their 2025 teachers and spending time with their 2025 class. Even Ms Capper was able to connect with the Year 2/3 class online to have a chat.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY

Mr Mulcahy took out both 10 pin bowling games with our Year 6 students at yesterday's Year 6 Fun Day. All Year 6 students, myself and Mr Mulcahy managed to score at least one strike during our games. The celebrations after a strike or a spare were very creative! The day was topped off by sharing a pizza lunch at the all-abilities playground next to Aquamoves.



YEAR 5 ASPIRATIONS DAY

Our Year 5 students will participate in a hands-on learning day for all Year 5 students in Greater Shepparton On **Friday 13 December**. They will explore career and study paths in science, hospitality, construction, media and much more. Mr Mulcahy will be transporting students in a minibus for the morning session at Greater Shepparton Secondary College, 9.30-11.45. The event includes a BBQ lunch for our students, 11.45-12.30. Students will then return to school. All Year 5 students will need to be at school by 8.45 am for a 9.00 departure.

CLASS PARTIES

Class parties will be on **Monday 16th December** for all classes. Teachers have either sent home notes to families about what students may need to bring along on that day or have sent a notice through Xuno. All party food will be supplied for the F/1 class. Audrey's dad has generously supplied enough zooper doopers for all students to have one on Monday. This will be welcomed as it is predicted to be a scorcher on Monday!

COLOUR RUN AND FUN DAY

The Colour Run and Fun Day is fast approaching being this Wednesday 18th December. This will be the last big event for 2024 at Katandra West Primary School. There will be a jumping castle in the morning session, this has been provided by the Year 5/6 class as a result of their class business "Katandra's Crazy Cupcakes". **The Colour Fun Run will run from 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.** with a BBQ lunch to follow.

Students will need the following:

- change of clothes with a white t-shirt for the run
- towel
- shoes they are happy to get wet.
- we are asking for each student to **bring \$5.00** on the day.



Thanks to all the parents that have already let us know they are able to volunteer their time during the colour run. If you are also willing help with the colour run, please contact the office. This is a great event for parents of Year 6 students to be a part of as one last primary school event with their child. If you have any questions please contact Brodie McDonald.

LAST DAY

We will have an assembly (meet in Joel's Garden) on **Friday 20th December at 1.00 pm** and students will be **dismissed at 1.15 pm**. Our Year 6 students will ring the school bell at the end of the assembly as they leave Katandra West Primary School. The bus will depart at 1.15pm so please adjust your pick up time. 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 until after 1.15 pm for lunch at home. There will be **no lunch orders on the last day**.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Marcia Waters

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STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

F/1: Samantha

2: Charlie W

3/4: Isabella

5/6: Smith



WELLBEING WARRIOR



**LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT
SCHOLARSHIP**



HOME READING



KATANDRA KEYS

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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