

Katandra Weekly

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No: 41 Wednesday 17th December, 2025

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Fri 19th – Last Day of Term, 1.15 pm dismissal

2026

JANAUARY

Tues 27th — Staff Return
Wed 28th — Curriculum Day
Thurs 29th — First day for all students



CRICKET TEAS ROSTER



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 have included the roster for the second half of the season.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

LAST DAY OF 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

We will have an assembly (meet in Joel's Garden) on **Friday 19th 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 pickup time accordingly. 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 your child won't make it until after 1.15 pm for lunch at home. There will be **no lunch orders on the last day**.



Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Strong - Be Your Best

ASPIRATIONS DAY

Last Friday, our Year 5 students participated in a hands-on learning day for all Year 5 students in Greater Shepparton. They explored career and study paths in science, hospitality, construction, media and much more.

CLASS PARTIES AND FUN DAY

What a feast there was in all classrooms on Monday!!! Thank you to families for providing a variety of scrumptious food options for the class parties. Students (and teachers) were able to graze throughout the day as they celebrated the 2025 school year with their classmates. Students also celebrated with one another on the jumping castle and mechanical bull (3-6). It really was a fun day to remember!



COLOUR RUN

I'm not sure how long it will take to wash the colour out of everyone's hair? But with an amazing event, it's worth it. Thanks to Mr McDonald for organising the day. We had many volunteers who made the day even more special, **thank you to everyone that was able to help.**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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STUDENT AWARDS

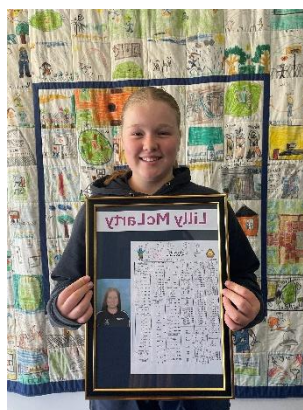
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

F/1: Hayden

2/3: George

3/4: Charlie

5/6: Eva



BLITZMASTER



LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

HOME READERS



BAT TENNIS CHAMPS



STEM STAR

MORE COLOUR RUN PHOTOS





On a Saturday morning in Katandra West our tennis courts are a hype of action with one of our three junior tennis teams always having a game at home.

At present our D1 team is sitting 7th on the ladder, and these players have all stepped up this season to play singles. Our C2 team is sitting on top of the ladder, and these players have been improving each week. Our C1 team is sitting third on the ladder, and these players have had many games that have resulted in plenty of deuces and games coming down the wire.

We will have our first game back after the school holidays, on the 31st of January next year.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TENNIS LESSONS?

Our Wednesday training sessions with Mark Mills has some spare spots. If your child is interested in learning about tennis come along to the courts on a Wednesday from 3.45pm to 4.15pm during the school term. Or alternative please call Mark Mills on 0429 307 373. Lessons are priced at around \$100 per term. If you don't have a tennis racquet one can be provided for you to trial the lessons.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone!

Go Kats

Tamara McLarty Phone: 0488 619 412

Katandra Football Netball Club



Recruiting Under 14s (Fourths) for 2026!

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic Under 14 players to join our Fourths team for the 2026 season. Want to play in a team that is all about inclusion, development & enjoyment? Katandra FNC is the place for you! With over 100 years of history, our club prides itself on reflecting true community spirit.

Our commitment to you is:

- A fun environment with first class coaching, at a family orientated club
- No registration fees for U/14s players
- Player start up pack for U/14s - includes bag, hat, training top & canteen voucher
- One free Social membership for nominated parent of U14 player
- Car pooling options



All returning players and new faces are invited to join us at our Christmas Party on **FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER** from 6PM at the Katandra West Tennis Courts, for a fun evening of pickleball! A BBQ tea and drinks will be available for purchase.



For any enquiries, please
contact Paul Harry
Ph: 0400 158 328

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 (Serves food/does dishes/clean up)	HELPER 2 (Serves food/does dishes/Clean up)	Helper 3 (Serves food/does dishes/clean up)	CHIP COOKER (school council)	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	Muggleton 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	Kymberly Boyd
19th March (final 22nd/23rd March)	Sonja/Mel 0419 766 535	Parker Family	Hill Family	Sonja/Mel	Marcia Waters	Debbie Hill
26th March						

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.