

Katandra Weekly

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No: 41 Wednesday 18th December, 2024

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DECEMBER

Fri 20th — Last day of Term, **1.15m p.m. dismissal**

2025

JANAUARY

Tues 28th — Staff Return

Wed 29th — Curriculum Day

Thurs 30th — First day for all students

DATES TO REMEMBER

CRICKET CLUB TEAS

Thursday 19th December
Christmas Party — shared salad and desert and BBQ
All hands on deck



P&F COMMITTEE

PLAYGROUP

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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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.



KIM O'KEEFFE CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

Our students recently submitted entries to Member for Shepparton Kim O'Keeffe's Christmas Card Design Competition. Over 700 entries were submitted from students across Greater Shepparton. A big congratulations to Smith for his design that was runner-up in the Year 4-6 category. I think you'll agree that Smith's design definitely captures the spirit of Christmas in Katandra West!

CLASS PARTIES

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 2024 school year with their classmates.

COLOUR RUN AND FUN DAY

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**. See further for some photos, I took a few but wanted to put my phone safely away so I could join the fun! Please send through any photos you would like to share, via email. I will save them for future use.

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: Parker

3/4: Everyone

5/6: Izzy



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SCHOOL SAVING BONUS (SSB)

Families wanting to utilise part or all of their SSB for School Activities, such as camps and excursions) are required to follow the steps outlined below:

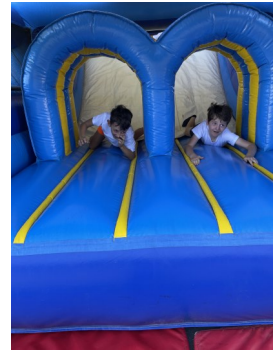
1. Log on SSB parent portal and allocate the amount you wish to use for the Camp to School Activities
2. Call the office (58283350) and advise the amount you wish to utilise towards camp. Once your transaction from the parent SSB portal has imported into the school's accounting system (this may take 2 – 3 days) we will process your SSB amount against the camp and adjust the cost for your child.
3. Parents / Carers are then required to consent and pay any balance if required.

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.

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



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