







# Katandra Weekly

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



### MOTHERS' DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Last Friday afternoon we celebrated Mothers' Day with an afternoon tea. The students enjoyed serving their mothers scones with jam and cream.

### STUDENT USE OF IPODS, IPADS AND MOBILE PHONES

Students are discouraged from bringing ipads, ipods, mobile phones and other valuable items to school. I do understand however, that some students have a long trip on the bus to school and are therefore using these items.

If it is absolutely essential for your student to bring these items to school, they must be handed to the office first thing in the morning for safe keeping.

Please remember that any personal property brought to school is not covered by insurance. We have no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

### BIKE EDUCATION

Bike Education sessions are running on Mondays and Wednesdays. The program will culminate in a bike hike to Invergordon on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May for Grades 4-6.

Next **Tuesday**, Peter Stonehouse who is the district bike coordinator, will be here to talk to the students about bike safety. He will also check bikes and helmets, so please ensure that bikes are at school next Tuesday as well.

### NAPLAN

This week students in years 3 and 5 have completed testing in literacy and numeracy. They have displayed both of this year's Bounce Back skills of resilience and courage. On Thursday we will celebrate the completion of the tests and I have promised the students a small reward. Results of the testing will be made available later in the year.

### WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Please keep the tokens coming in. Stickers can be sent in to the office.

### UNIFORM

Just a reminder that students are expected at school in full school uniform. If there is a reason that they cannot be on a particular day, a note is required.

Also as the weather has now turned cold, please ensure that your child comes to school with a jumper or jacket.

### THANK YOU

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO Sam and Amber for their catering of the clearing sale. Thank you also to Julie Venables and Shari Mawson-Cannon for also lending a hand.

The Mothers' Day Stall was also a great success and again thanks to Sam and Amber for their organization of this.

This Thursday Sam and Amber will be doing the Parents and Friends' lunches. If you are able to help them, I know they would appreciate it.

Sadly, this will be the last time that Sam and Amber will be organizing a school fundraising event as work commitments are now making it too difficult for them to commit as much time as previously.

The school is very grateful for all the support from Sam and Amber and indeed from every parent helper. If you are interested in helping at school in any capacity, please fill in the tear off strip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school. Alternatively, please come in and have a chat to me or any of the staff.

### ASTHMA and ALLERGY PLANS

We are required to have an updated Asthma Plan for each student with asthma annually. If you have previously notified us that your student has Asthma or an allergy, a new plan will be sent to you. If your child does have asthma or has an allergy and we have not been notified, please let us know immediately.

*Angela Buxton*

Principal

**At Katandra West - WE OFFER THE BEST**

# STUDENT PROFILE

**NAME:** Billy Broughton

**AGE:** 10

**GRADE:** 5

**TEACHER:** Mrs Toy

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Shepherd's Pie

**FAVOURITE GAME:** basketball

**FRIENDS at SCHOOL:** Charlie, Blake and Rhys

**WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING?** Science and Writing

**FAVOURITE COLOURS:** Red and Black

**FAVOURITE TOY/THING:** My motorbike

**BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL:** Learning

**WHEN I GROW UP:** I want to be a motorbike rider

**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:** Queensland



## IMPORTANT DATES

	MAY		JUNE
Mon 13 to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Naplan testing	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Life Education Van School Council – 7.30 p.m.
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	P. & F. Lunches	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dookie Cluster Day
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bike Inspection	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Report Writing Day PUPIL FREE
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	P. & F. Lunches	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bike Hike	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	P. & F. Lunches
		Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bravehearts
		Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – Dismissal 2.15 p.m.

**Kids Matter:** Emma Bacon and Lachlan McCluskey



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK.**

*Congratulations to our Students of the Week for this week. L- Cooper Howells, Zack Mizzi, Brooke Maples and Declan Connors*



# Supporting children's friendship skills

## Suggestions for parents and carers

**KidsMatter**  
 Children and friendship – parents and carers

### Parents and carers are children's first and most important teachers when it comes to relationships.

The ways you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children's social skills. You can help children develop friendship skills and strategies by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise relationship skills and offering support when they go through difficulties. Taking the role of a coach helps children learn the skills they need for themselves.

### The following suggestions may be helpful:

- Make time to play too**  
 Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!
- Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities**  
 Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.
- Invite children for play dates**  
 Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children who are still developing their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.
- Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends**  
 Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.
- Encourage positive, relevant strategies**  
 Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve problems with peers is a strategy that is generally more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.
- Take a problem-solving approach**  
 Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:

Child says:	Parent asks:
"There's this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her."	"Why do you think she is being so mean?"
"Maybe she thinks we don't like her, and so she's being mean to us?"	"That could be one reason. Do you like her?"
"Well, I like her when she's not being mean."	"So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there's no need for her to be mean?"
"Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?"	<i>Affirms:</i> "That sounds like a great idea to me."

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**TRANSITION****Information Nights:**

McGuire College	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00 p.m.
Shepparton High School	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	7.00 p.m.
Wanganui Park SC	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.00 p.m.

**Open Days:**

Open Days will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15 a.m. and 11.15 a.m.

Visitors are welcome at all schools at other times, but please telephone first for an appointment.

Placement Booklets were sent home and completed forms are due back at school by 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Under 10 Northerners Soccer:**

Under 10's – Northerners defeated Grahamvale 5 – 2. Excellent team effort with every player contributing to the win. Great to see players combining so well together. Keep up the good work. Goal scorers: Mitchell – 2, Jordan, Kelsie and Bailey – 1 each. Awards: Bill, Kelsie and Jack. Reminder that next week's game is at 12.45 p.m.

**Our Footy Stars!**

Huge congratulations to Lachlan Ash and Will Garner. Both boys played in the Goulburn Valley School Boys' Team against Seymour and Wangaratta. The boys played well and have been selected to try out for the Victorian State Team! If selected they will play in Darwin in July.

Well done boys!

This is a terrific achievement and we wish you well.

**PARENT VOLUNTEER REGISTER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to help with (please tick if you can help)

**P. & F. Lunches (days set for lunches)**

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**P. & F. Catering for BBQs at**

- Harvey Norman**  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- Bunnings Warehouse**  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November
- Reading in Class