





Katandra Weekly

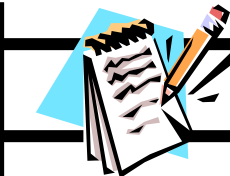
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey was distributed last week to randomly selected parents. These were due back at school today. If you are yet to return your survey, please do so by **this Friday**.

BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

Last week, attached to the newsletter, was our Code of Conduct outlining expected behavior on the school bus. Please read through this carefully with your child/ren and return the agreement, signed, by next Wednesday. This was included as a follow up to the bus safety guidelines that were included in the newsletter late last term. If you have not already done so, please return completed forms to the Office as soon as possible.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

The next hot lunch will be on Friday 16th August. Order forms are with this Newsletter.
Father's Day Breakfast- this will be held on Friday 30th August. It will start at 8am with bacon and egg sandwiches, tea, coffee and hot Milo to be served. We would love for all families to attend this. Cost is \$6 per family.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was a busy agenda on Wednesday night with the following decisions made:

- A new sand pit will be built in the junior play area. Hopefully, this will be completed by the end of this term
- The gums trees at the north boundary of the school will be removed
- School Council have generously agreed to fund 10 new ipads. Initially, these will be trialled in the P/1 classroom. We hope to properly trial their use and expand on this program in 2015.

5/6 HOMEWORK

This week the children need to complete their narrative and to continue working on their fun pages.

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS

The Lightning Premierships were held at Katunga last Friday 2nd August. The students came home with two shields as they were the victors of the Football and Grade 6 netball.

CLUSTER DAY @ KWPS

This will be held on Tuesday 20th August. Book Week will be celebrated with a theme of Reading Across the Universe, so children can start thinking about how they might like to dress up. On this day also we will have the Starlab Cosmodome Theatre and a special dance production. The day will truly be jam packed with activities.

DAFFODIL DAY

5/6 Toy will be selling Daffodil Day merchandise each morning. Bands \$2 & Dougal Bear \$6. Friday 23rd August is Daffodil Day. Out of uniform, dress in yellow and bring a gold coin donation.

MORE TREE LOPPING

On Monday, we had a limb of a tree break near our undercover play area. In response to this the tree loppers attended yesterday and removed this stand of trees as it was deemed a safety risk. Tomorrow they will be back to finish the job.

Unfortunately, some of our parents, who were past students of the school, can remember planting these trees. We will replace these trees with more suitable varieties in the future and we will invite those parents to join us as their original trees are replaced.

BETTER SCHOOLS FUNDING

As you may well have heard in the media, the State Government signed up to the Federal Governments Better Schools Plan on Monday. What this means to us is a promise of increased funding up until 2019. At this stage there are few details available, and our State Government has not yet set a funding formula. We do know however, that there will be a modest increase in funds to our school next year.

Angela Buxton Principal

At Katandra West - WE OFFER THE BEST



IMPORTANT DATES

	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER
Tues 20th	Cluster Day – Literacy & Starlab	Mon 2nd	School Council – 7.30 p.m.
Fri 23rd	Daffodil Day – Out of Uniform Day	Fri 20th	End of Term
Fri 30th	Fathers' Day Breakfast		

Under 8 Northerners Soccer:

Awesome game from all the Under 8's today, we all played well and shared the ball around. We had a win against Congupna with the score being 5 – 2. Our goal scorers were Talon with 3 goals (he also scored one for the opposition), and Finn with 2 goals. This week's award went to Josh and Ryan. Also a big mention to Declan, Talon and Josh who helped out the other team and played for them, (great sportsmanship, well done).

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

"Change to AASC Day"

As of next week

Grades Prep – 1 will be on Wednesdays – soccer,

Grades 2 – 6 will be on Tuesdays – hockey.

KINDER NEWS

KATANDRA WEST EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE:

New Hours for Fun Group as from 12th August, 2013.

I went into Council last Friday to discuss the hours of fun group and the cost involved per term. The cost cannot be changed owing to the many factors and the main being the State Government doesn't fund fun groups and the staff wages do have to be funded by the Council. However, as from Monday 12th August fun group hours are to be increased until 2.00 p.m.

If you wish to take advantage of this extra time please tell me. You will need to send lunch with your child. Our Centre promotes a healthy lunch and lollies, chips and chocolate are not acceptable. The children will also need their drink bottles as usual with water.

Jenny H.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Back: Sharna Williams, Rhys Damon, Lachlan Ash
Front: Finn Walters, Taylor Corbo, Joshua Mizzi



Pen Licences: Brylee Ash, Lily Barker and Will Batey

NEEDED

On Cluster Day - one of the activities the children will do, uses plastic bottles. It would be great if you could collect clean 600ml plastic bottles and send them in to school.

Thank you Robyn Mitchell

What makes a positive school community?

"Mum, Miss Collins told me to be sure you go to the school for the meeting tonight. She says it's very important."

"You're not in trouble, are you Omar? Teachers only ask parents to come to school when there is a problem, don't they?"

"No Mum. She says she is looking forward to meeting you."



When Rasheeda got to the meeting it wasn't like she had expected. Lots of other parents were there and they were talking with each other and with the teacher. It seemed quite friendly. The teacher explained what the children would be learning in school this term and then asked the parents to talk to two different people they didn't know.

Rasheeda felt a bit shy about this. Luckily, the other parents at her table started talking to her. They asked her what school was like in her home country. "Oh, very different!" she told them. "Over there the teacher talks and the children listen. They don't learn in groups. They start early and they go home at lunchtime." The other parents seemed interested.

Miss Collins also spoke with her: "Rasheeda, I wonder if there's anything more you would like to know about how Omar is going or what we are doing at school? We want to be sure you feel welcome, so if there is anything the school can do to help you or Omar settle in, please let us know."

What feeling included is all about

Positive school communities create opportunities for children, families and staff to feel included. They make help and support accessible and find lots of ways to invite people to take up the offer. They build bridges to help everyone benefit from understanding experiences and cultures that may be different to their own.

When children feel included, when they are part of a community that promotes inclusion and respect for everybody, they show more caring and compassion towards others and they feel safer and more secure. They also learn better and have better mental health. In a positive school community *every face has a place*, every voice is valued and everyone has something to contribute.

School communities from around Australia chose care, compassion, respect, understanding and inclusion as important values for children to understand. These are things that children can learn about. The best learning happens when children see the adults around them putting values like these into practice.