



Katandra Weekly

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



WORKING BEE

There are quite a few jobs that we need help completing around the school. There is some general gardening to do as well as some repair work. We will be having a Working Bee on Thursday 19th from 3.30pm. We will finish up at about 6pm with a sausage sizzle. All welcome.

SWOOPING MAGPIES

Although it is good to see a turn in the weather, with the start of spring has also come a return of our swooping magpies. Attached to this newsletter is some advice from the Department of Sustainability about avoiding being swooped. It is important the children do not stand where the magpies swoop as in the long run, this is likely to make them even worse.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL COUNCIL DATE

School Council will now only meet on Wednesday 11th September. This is a dinner meeting and partners are still welcome.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Father's Day Breakfast held last Friday was a huge success with over 40 families attending. Thanks go to our P&F Club and especially Brett Walters and Michael Clurey who helped cook the breakfast.

The P&F also hope that all the fathers enjoyed their gifts this year. Tasma Mizzi generously gave her time and expertise in photography to take the children's photos. I am sure you will agree that these photos are fantastic. Tasma has offered for additional photos to be purchased. A 10" x 8" photo will be \$5. The proceeds will be donated to the school. An order form is included at the end of this newsletter.

5/6 TOY HOMEWORK

This week we are writing an exposition. Children need to make sure they are up to date as magazines are due in on Friday 20th September.

PREP TRANSITION 2014

As many of you will be aware, the transition process from kinder to school occurs throughout the year with informal visits from the school to kinder and vice versa. However, the first official visit by our 2014 preps will be on 12th September.

If you know of any children who intend to come here to school next year, but are not currently enrolled, could you please ask them to contact us as soon as possible.



Yesterday the Prep/1 classroom visited the kinder and joined in with some of the activities. The students are really looking forward to the kinder students visiting next Thursday.

KATANDRA WEST COMMUNITY PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW

Thank you to those who have already returned the survey. If you are still yet to do so, please return your survey to the office.

GRADE 6 TRANSITION

An application form for students requiring bus travel to secondary school next year is being sent home today. These forms need to be returned to the office by **Friday 13th September** so that they can be forwarded to the Area Bus Coordinator.

Angela Buxton Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER
Wed 11th	Reptile Encounter School Council Dinner	Mon 7th	Term 4 commences
Thurs 12th	Transition for new prep children	Wed 9th	Cluster Science – Bacchus Marsh
Fri 20th	End of Term – BBQ lunch Out of Uniform Day – Footy Fever	Mon 14th	Div. Athletic Sports

MILO IN2 CRICKET

There will be a registration night on Thursday 24th October at 3.45 p.m. at the main oval, Katandra West for the Katandra Eagles IN2 Cricket Program.

Cost will be approximately \$55.00 which includes coaching, bat, hat, shirt, bat and ball.

This is a great opportunity to introduce your kids to cricket. The Program is aimed at the 5 to 9 year age group. For more information contact Paul Harry on 0400158323.

CRICKET:

Under 12 training will commence on Wednesday 11th September at 5.00 p.m. at the oval.

SHEPPARTON LITTLE ATHLETICS:

Registrations are currently open online at lavic.com.au. Follow the prompts, we strongly recommend payment be made online then when children come to registration days (Wednesday 25th September then again on Wednesday 2nd October at 4.30 p.m. at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton), they can pick up their registration packs. Our season will then commence on Saturday 5th October at 8.30 a.m. for warm ups. If there are any queries please contact Natalie Kirby on 0427591380 or 58241876.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Will Garner, Ryan Ash, Clayton Simpson, Brooke Barr and Luci Garner

PEN LICENCES



Ned Walters, Aaron MacFadyen, Blake Damon

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SWOOP!

BEWARE - Swooping birds in the area

Birds swoop to protect their eggs or young in the nest during breeding season. Swooping can cause serious injury and be a frightening experience. All our native birds are protected and there are serious penalties for taking eggs, harassing or causing injury to native wildlife.

Protecting yourself

DO

- Avoid the area if possible
- If you must pass – move quickly – do not run
- Wear a hat or carry a stick or umbrella above your head
- Cyclists should wear a helmet, dismount and walk when in the area
- Try to travel in a group
- Draw a pair of 'eyes' and attach to the back of hats and helmets. A printable set of 'eyes' is available at www.dse.vic.gov.au/swoop

DO NOT

- Harass or interfere with the birds. This gives them added reason to see humans as a threat
- Destroy nests as the birds may re-nest, prolonging the swooping behaviour
- Feed swooping birds

For further information contact the DSE by visiting www.dse.vic.gov.au/swoop or phone 136 186.

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Social skills that promote friendship

Children who are good at making and keeping friends use positive social skills. Parents, carers and teaching staff help children learn positive social skills by guiding them as young children, being positive examples for children to follow, and providing opportunities for play where children can practise their skills. Key social skills that help with friendships include cooperation, communication, empathy, emotional control and responsibility.

Positive social skills are shown in behaviours like:

- Starting conversations
- Taking turns
- Expressing feelings
- Asking questions
- Complimenting others
- Accepting others
- Refusing to join others' negative behaviours
- Sharing
- Asking for what one wants/ needs
- Apologising to others
- Following rules of play
- Playing fair
- Listening to others
- Being a good loser
- Helping others
- Cooperating

Poor social skills are shown in behaviours like:

- Physical aggression (kicking, hitting, etc)
- Arguing
- Interrupting
- Name calling
- Bossing others
- Whining, complaining
- Showing off
- Being a poor loser
- Getting into others' space
- Talking too much
- Breaking rules of play
- Being too rough in play
- Taking others' possessions



All children go through relationship conflicts. Even usually popular children experience rejection sometimes. When this happens children's confidence may be affected. They may blame themselves or others. Beliefs about the reasons for the friendship problems they experience affect the ways that children react.

Some kinds of thinking are more helpful than others for managing the conflicts children have with friends. The following example shows different possible reactions to being refused when a child has asked to join in a game with others.

Thoughts	Beliefs	Feelings	Behaviour
"I'm just not much fun." "Other kids don't like me."	It's my fault and it won't change.	Anxious Sad Low confidence	Withdraws from social contact with other children.
"They're out to get me." "They're being mean on purpose."	It's their fault and they shouldn't have done it.	Angry Hostile	May become aggressive or try to get back at them in other ways.
"It's because they already started the game. Next time I'll ask first." "I can look for someone else to play with today."	The situation wasn't right. I can change it.	Resilient (disappointed at first but quickly recovers) Confident	Accepts what has happened and looks for other ways to solve the problem.

It is very beneficial for children when a parent or carer helps them solve friendship problems by encouraging resilient, cooperative attitudes. Rather than simply blaming the other children the adult may say something like, "What else can you do? Are there other children who might be interested in playing a game?"

Goulburn Valley Dental Service

Graham St

Shepparton 3630

Dental Reception Phone: 58323 050

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM AT GOULBURN VALLEY DENTAL SERVICE.

WHO CAN USE THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE (SDS)?

- All primary school children in grades prep to six
- All children enrolled in Special or Special Development Schools
- Children in years seven to twelve whose parents hold a current Concession or Health Care Card

WHAT TYPE OF CARE IS OFFERED?

- Examinations (check ups)
- Treatment, including:
 - Dental sealants to prevent decay
 - Application of fluoride
 - Fillings
 - X-rays
 - Extractions

WHO PROVIDES THE TREATMENT?

- All general treatment is provided by Dental Therapists
- More complex care is performed by Dentists

HOW OFTEN CAN I USE THE SDS?

Once enrolled, your child will receive a notice of offer every 12 or 24 Months according to their identified risk status.

Low Risk:

- Children at low-risk of dental disease will be contacted every 24 months

High Risk:

- Children at high-risk will be contacted every 12 months

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- The service is free for children of parents with a valid pensioner Concession or Health Care Card.
- Non-cardholders pay a fee of \$31.00 per child (maximum of \$124.00 per family) per course of care which includes check up and all general treatment.
- Payment can be made at Goulburn Valley Dental Service by cash, Eftpos and credit card.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Please contact Goulburn Valley Dental Service on telephone 58 323 006 between 8.30. and 5.pm,Monday to Friday.

Your child will not be placed on a waiting list for dental care.