

# Katandra Weekly

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



### END OF YEAR EXCURSION

The End of Year excursion is on in Shepparton TOMORROW – The children will be bussed into Shepparton to Starbowl and then on to Kids' Town. They will need to bring hats, drinks, lunch and snacks for the day. If any parents would like to join us at Kids' Town for lunch, we will be there at approximately 12.30pm.

### SCHOOL CONCERT

We had a great night last night. The children's performances were absolutely brilliant! Also, despite the hot night, it was great to see the hall packed with friends and families, including some great – grandparents!

Of course there are so many people to thank for pulling the concert together and it was a great example of community spirit shining through. So to the members of school Council, the P&F, all the other parents and friends who helped and to Russell Orchard (GV Party Hire) who donated the fans for the evening, thank you all very much on behalf on every student and staff member. Also to Mrs Keenan, who in true 'the show must go on' style, soldiered on when she was feeling under the weather, thank you!

Raffle winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Bernadette Stribble (Owen girls grandmother)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Sarah Harry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Therese Burns
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Bill Porter

Also our KidsMatter raffle was drawn. The \$50 fuel voucher was won by the Monk Family. Thank you all very much for completing the survey. We had a great response rate and the data will be used to help us plan programs for next year.

Also, congratulations to our graduating class of 2013. Look forward to hearing of your future successes and achievements.

### BUNNINGS BARBEQUE

The barbeque was a great success with approximately \$1000 made. Thank you to all the helpers who made this such a success also and to P&F who put in a huge effort organizing and running it.

### COFFEE MORNINGS



Please join us on Monday mornings after assembly for a coffee and a chat. Next Monday I would love some feedback on the school concert and our end of year excursion. Of course, also feel free to discuss anything else.

### CYBERSAFETY AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The NSW Police have issued a warning to parents about the use of the app KIK by students and stranger danger. I have included the link below for you to follow. Alternatively there will be a copy of the article at the front office for you to collect. I have done it this way, so that you can make the choice about what you share with you children. I do, however, encourage you to read the article and discuss this at home as it holds a vital message about cyber safety.

<http://m.theage.com.au/national/police-warning-on-social-media-messaging-app-kik-20131130-2yimo.html>

*Angela Buxton*

Principal

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# IMPORTANT DATES

	<b>DECEMBER</b>		<b>DECEMBER</b>
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup></b>	End of year Excursion – whole school – Shepparton	<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents & Friends - End of year Lunch
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Orientation Day – Year 6 Shepparton & 2014 Preps	<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	End of school year.

### **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

Last week was the last session of AASC for 2013. AASC will continue in 2014.

Karen Johnstone

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



From Back: Congratulations Brooke, Helena, Blake, Zack, Molly and Nicola

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**CHILDMINDER NEEDED:**

Next year there will be a new family starting at school. They require child minding for 3 days before and after school (variable). If you are interested please contact Melissa on 042232838.

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:**

1 mini lopp rabbit – female, grey and black. Phone 58655493

**NOTRE BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB:**

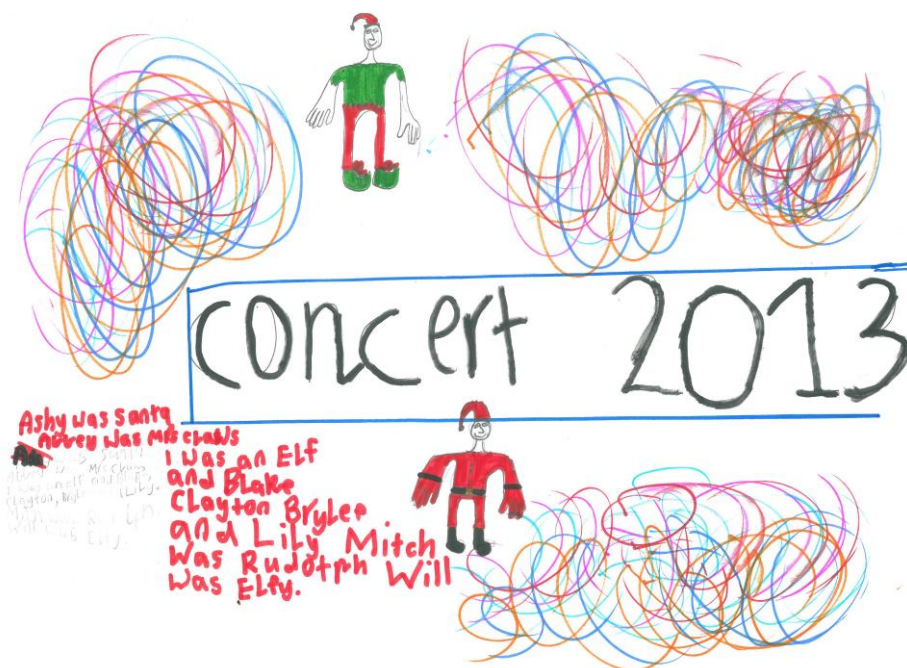
2014 Information night will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. at the Shepparton Bears Social Rooms.

New and exciting merged club. This is for:

Under 14 boys Years 7 & 8

Under 16 boys Years 9 & 10 and

Under 18 girls Years 7 – 12.



## SCHOOL CONCERT TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2013

Inside the hall it was like being in an oven. As we were singing, everyone was shoving. When the big man came everyone was watching and staring. Everyone wanted to see Santa, only because he was about to give out lollies. When Santa came people shouted. Yippee lollies for everyone!

By Lily

We were here for the school concert. I was Santa, I had the pillow-padded Santa suit. After we did our play, I went to find the other grade 6s. We walked up the stairs; we sat on the chairs; I was first in line; we graduated; I was happy!

By Lachlan

For our concert I was a hair dresser with Bridget and Paige. It was also sooo hot I think I nearly melted like a candle, but luckily I wasn't in a costume like the elves. Their faces were glowing red hot!

By Brooke B

In my costume it was really hot. I felt like I was as hot as the sun. As soon as I got off stage I put water down my back. It made me shiver, quickly got changed into my school clothes. Finally I was not dying!

By Jade

I was really looking forward to our Christmas play, I couldn't wait to get my teddy. When we got there it was really hot and squishy. I thought it was amazing. After the little kids play it was the grade six graduations. It was a really good night.

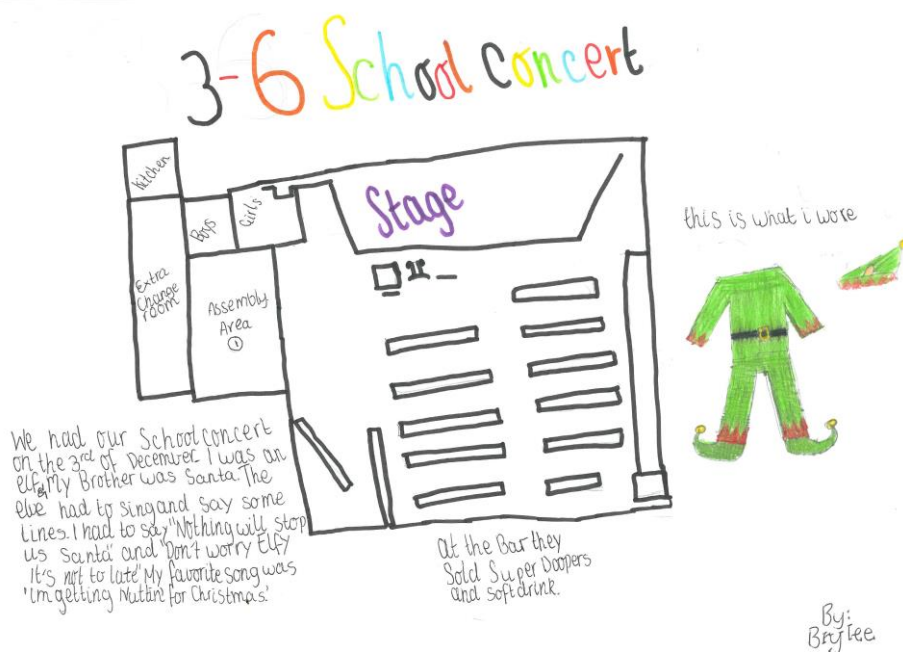
By Heath

I have been waiting for 7 years for this night. The grade 5/6 play was first and it was called 'Ho-it is'. After we did our play the little kids did theirs. Then we finally graduated.

By Mitchell

We were sitting on the seats at the hall and it was soooo HOT! I nearly cooked, I was just hoping it was soon over. Then I remembered we get some lollies from Santa when we're done. I jumped for joy yippee.

By Tom



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# How children can learn to resolve conflict

## Conflict is normal

Conflict is a normal part of children's lives. Having different needs or wants, or wanting the same thing when only one is available, can easily lead children into conflict with one another. "She won't let me play," "He took my ...", "Tom's being mean!" are complaints that parents, carers and teaching staff often hear when children get into conflict and are unable to resolve it. Common ways that children respond to conflict include arguing and physical aggression, as well as more passive responses such as backing off and avoiding one another.

When conflict is poorly managed it has a negative impact on children's relationships, on their self-esteem and on their learning. However, teaching children the skills for resolving conflict can help significantly. By learning to manage conflict effectively children's skills for getting along with others can be improved. Children are much happier, have better friendships and learn better at school when they know how to manage conflict well.

## Different ways of responding to conflict

Since children have different needs and preferences, experiencing conflict with others is unavoidable. Many children (and adults) think of conflict as a competition that can only be decided by having a winner and a loser. The problem with thinking about conflict in this way is that it promotes win-lose behaviour: children who want to win try to dominate the other person; children who think they can't win try to avoid the conflict. This does not result in effective conflict resolution.

