



Katandra Weekly



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FROM THE

PRINCIPAL'S DESK



WELCOME TO TERM TWO

I hope everyone had a good break and are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term.

We welcome a new student Eleanor Rourke from Invergordon PS who is in Grade 1.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken on Friday, 2nd May. Forms to purchase photos were sent home yesterday and need to be returned as soon as possible please.

EARLY ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

Please remember that there is a teacher on duty **from 8.45 am** each day and **students should not arrive earlier than this**. The exception to this, are the few parents who have made individual arrangements with us that we are happy to accommodate from 8.30am only. If you need to make such an arrangement also, please contact me as soon as possible.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Annual Report will be presented to School Council on Monday 5th May at the monthly meeting. All parents are welcome to attend, however we will also have a copy available at the Office after this day, if you would like to have a look at the great things that were achieved by the school in 2013.



ANZAC DAY

We will also be holding a short service at school on Thursday 24th April at 10.45 am. All welcome!

Some of our School Leaders will also be representing the school at the 11am service in Shepparton on Friday.

THANK YOU

You might have noticed that the school grounds are looking very neat and tidy. This is due to a number of parents who attended the working bee late last term. They were able to re-gravel the staff carpark, complete some general maintenance jobs and spruce up the garden beds. This was very much appreciated.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place for students in Grades 3 and 5 during week 4 this term. A letter explaining the process is attached to this newsletter. If you have any concerns about this process at all, please either talk to your child's classroom teacher or myself.

The following advice about sitting the tests comes from ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Assessment and Reporting Authority):

- **There is no need to swot for NAPLAN and no reason to stress.**
- They are **NOT** pass/fail tests.
- They **DO** provide a snapshot of each student's progress in relation to their peers, and measure and track learning progress over time.
- These literacy and numeracy tests are designed to reflect the everyday curriculum being taught in the classroom. Therefore, **no specific study is required in the lead-up to these tests** and students do not need to feel anxious about participating in them

Angela Buxton
Principal

Wanted

Assistance is required to help get 3 children to school 3 mornings per week and home from school on one afternoon.

If you can help please ring and leave a message for Melissa on 0422329838.

At Katandra West - WE OFFER THE BEST

SCHOOL PHOTOS – FRIDAY 2ND MAY, 2014

From Your School Photographer:
School Photos are fast approaching your photo date is **2nd May 2014**.

- On photo day, every student attending the school will be photographed.
- Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents or for grandparents. Family envelopes are also available from the school office for siblings attending the school.
- Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.



Some tips from the photographers to ensure you get the most out of your school photos

- Ensure your child is groomed and in the best, cleanest uniform, with the correct shoes.
- Ensure your child is on time to school on photo day.
- Encourage your child to smile - Happy children are beautiful children.

The school cannot help you with your enquiries. Please direct your questions and comments straight to MSP Photography at jenny.davies@msh.com.au or phone (03) 5881 3436.

ANZAC DAY BADGES:

ANZAC Day badges are available from the front Office.
Donation of \$1.00.

DATES TO REMEMBER

This Friday 25th April – ANZAC Day Holiday

Fri 2nd May – School Photos

Mon 5th May – School Council Meeting – 7.30 pm

AUSKICK

AUSKICK at Katandra West will commence on **THURSDAY 24th APRIL** at 4.00 p.m. at the Katandra Football oval.

Cost: \$60.00 per child plus a small processing fee of \$2.50.

To register go online at aflauskick.com.au. Pay before Sunday 13th April to receive 4 free tickets to a selected AFL Game (2 adults, 2 children).

Any further questions please ring Stephen Ash on 0487008087 or 58655265.

Parent helpers would be appreciated.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

AASC will commence on Monday 28th April for grades Prep to 2 and Wednesday 30th April for grades 3 to 6. This term we will be offering netball and soccer for Prep – 2 and AFL and Ultimate Frisbee for grades 3 to 6. If your child would like to participate in the AASC and you have not completed an enrolment form please collect one from the office.

Karen Johnstone



A NEW BABY

Congratulations to Taylah and Zach on the birth of their new baby brother, Blair, during the holidays.

Dear Parent/Carer

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May 2014. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 16 May 2014.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students that require them.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Yours sincerely



Principal

Katandra West P.S - Term 2 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat. / Sun
Wk 1	21 April Easter Monday Holiday	22 Music	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26/27
2	28 April Netball Trials 4.30 Science	29 Music	30	1 May	2 School Photos 11.30 a.m. MARC	3/4
3	5 May S. C. - 7.30 p.m. Science	6 Music	7	8	9 Mothers ' Day Afternoon Tea MACC	10/11 Mothers' Day
Bike Ed 4	12 May NAPLAN Science	13 Music	14	15	16 MARC	17/18
Bike Ed 5	19 May NAPLAN Science	20 P & F Lunch	21	22	23 MACC	24/25
Bike Ed 6 Ed Week	26 May Education Week Science	27 Education Week Music	28 Education Week BIKE HIKE	29 Education Week	30 Education Week MARC	31/1
Bike Ed 7	2 June Lauren Harmeet In-service Albury Science	3 Dookie Cluster Day Music	4	5	6 REPORT WRITING DAY	7/8
8	9 June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	10 Music	11	12	13 MARC	14/15
9	16 June S.C. - 7.30 p.m. Science	17 Music	18	19 P & F Lunch	20 MACC	21/22
10	23 June Science	24 Music	25	26	27 MARC End of Term	28/29