



Katandra Weekly

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FROM THE

PRINCIPAL'S DESK



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will take place tomorrow. Mrs Dhillon will be in the Music Room, Miss Kearns will be in the Library and Mrs Toy in the Science room. This will allow for the students' classes to run as normal.

Interviews run for approximately 10 minutes each. If you find that this is not enough time, the teacher will be able to make an alternative time to meet with you.

TRAVELLING ON THE SCHOOL BUS

Please ensure that your child/ren are waiting at the bus stop 10 mins before the due pick up time. Also, in the afternoons please ensure you are waiting for your child/ren 10 minutes early again. In line with our duty of care, if you are not there in time to meet your child/ren, Connie will not leave them unattended. Instead they will remain on the bus and you will need to collect them from school when the bus returns at approximately 4.15 pm. If you have arranged for your child/ren to walk from the bus stop to home, this will continue as normal.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been great to see nearly all students in correct school uniform. Please remember that there are some second hand clothing items available for purchase also.

Our major concern at the start of term was students coming to school with the wrong socks on. Socks should be white or navy.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

If your child is absent, and we have not heard from you, then we will be ringing you to check that all is well. We will record the reason for the absence immediately.

PREPS

Next week will be the last week that Preps have a rest day on Wednesdays. It has been very pleasing to see them all settling in so well to school by learning classroom routines and working well on learning tasks.

So what do Preps learn? During their first year of school children focus on reading, writing, spelling, maths and problem-solving. Preps are at a stage where they're exploring the world around them, and developing physical, creative and technical skills, like using a computer.

- **English** – developing an understanding of how sounds are represented alphabetically; learning to read and write, drawing on their knowledge of the alphabet and its relationship with the sounds the letters and words make; and listening to and responding to a range of simple texts, including books read aloud, audio tapes, and films.
- **Mathematics** – learning to count to 20; relating the items counted to the actual; placing objects in and grouping them in sets; using everyday objects to identify and describe points, lines, edges and surfaces; and comparing objects using terms such as longer, heavier, fuller and hotter.
- **Science** – exploring things like day and night, the seasons, and living and non-living things; identifying and describing things that are similar, using things like size, shape, colour and weight.
- **Health and physical education** – developing skills such as running, skipping, catching, throwing, kicking and balancing. Activities such as dance, gymnastics and games help children progressively gain control of their movements.
- **Interpersonal development** – developing skills that let them work and play together in a group, including taking turns and sharing, as well as listening to others and beginning to understand how their actions affect others.
- **Civics and citizenship** – learning about respect, concern for others, and being fair; recognising rules and why they are needed.
- **The Arts** – discussing the things they are creating and, with guidance, beginning to describe work.
- **The Humanities** – beginning to understand their local area by investigating the location, direction and distance of their home, school, local parks and shops to each other; as well as exploring how and why natural factors and human activities affect their lives.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It is that time of the year again where we ask for nominations for School Council. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council please collect a nomination form from the office. Nominations close on Tuesday 11th March. The AGM of School Council will be held on Monday 17th March, 2014

Currently there are 4 parent, 1 community and 1 DEECD representative vacancies to be filled.

Angela Buxton

Principal

At Katandra West - WE OFFER THE BEST

DATES TO REMEMBER

	FEBRUARY		MARCH
Wed 26 th	NO PREPS	Mon 3 rd to Fri 7 th	Year 5 / 6 Canberra Camp
Thurs 27 th	Parent Teacher Interviews	Tues 4 th	Prep Photo 1.20 pm
Fri 28 th	Investiture of School Captains 9.00 a.m. assembly	Mon 10 th	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
		Tues 11 th	Athletics training starts that week
		Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st	Whole School Swimming Program
		Mon 17 th	School Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm
		Thurs 20 th	Parents & Friends Lunch Day
		Fri 21 st	National Anti Bullying Day
		Mon 31 st	ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY
			APRIL
		Fri 4 th	END OF FIRST TERM

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

We are running an Easter Raffle this term, any donation of chocolate or other Easter paraphernalia would be appreciated and can be dropped at the school office.

KATANDRA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

The Katandra Football Netball Club Under 14 Football team will commence training on Wednesday 12th March at 5.00 p.m. at the Katandra Football Ground. New and old players are most welcome, and the club looks forward to seeing many junior members of our community attend on this night. If you require any further information please feel free to contact either Stephen Black (U/14 Coach) on 0429192256 or Cory Wilson (Football Director) on 0417538820.

STUDENT PROFILE

GRADE: *Grade 1*

NAME : Taylah

TEACHER: Mrs Dhillon

FAVOURITE FOOD: Carrot

FAVOURITE GAME: Tiggy

FRIENDS at SCHOOL: Jazmyn and Tiffani

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING? Doing sums in Maths

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Pink

FAVOURITE TOY/THING: Barbie dolls

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: It's fun!

WHEN I GROW UP: A hairdresser

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Queensland

