

Katunga Primary School Newsletter

April 21st, 2021

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Calendar of Events:

Thursday, 22 nd April	ANZAC Ceremony (Katunga PS) 10.30am
Sunday, 25 th April	ANZAC Ceremony (Numurkah) 10.15 am
Friday, 30 th April	Winter Sports Program – Katunga V Nathalia (@Katunga 1.30 pm)
Monday, 3 rd May	School Photos
Wednesday, 5 th May	School Council meeting, 6.00 pm
Thursday, 6 th May	Mother's Day Stall, 10.00 am
Friday, 7 th May	Mother's Day pampering session, 2.30 pm

Nat's News

Welcome back to Term 2. From talking to staff and students everyone has had a really relaxed holiday and were keen to get back to work and school.

Yesterday we had two Red Cross members come and visit us from Shepparton to talk to the students about what to do in an emergency. Each student got a pillow case to decorate and talked about what would be the most important things in their lives to put in the pillow case if they were in an emergency. There was no cost for the activity as it is provided by the Red Cross.

We have two pre service teachers completing their practicum placements with us at the moment. Jaclyn and Michelle Hibberson are working alongside the 1/2 class and 4/5/6 class to help them learn a bit more about the role of a teacher.

Tomorrow at 10.30am we will be holding our school based ANZAC service. Our school leaders will be running the assembly out the front of the school near the flag pole. Mr Glenn Trewin will be our guest speaker Mr Trewin is a previous student of Katunga Primary School who has offered to come back and talk about ANZAC day. We have a wreath to lay but if any families would like to send in some flowers to lay at the flag pole they are most welcome. Visitors are welcome to attend our service.



The Numurkah ANZAC service on Sunday that we encourage all of our students to attend, will start at 10.15am. We will meet at the Post Office in full school uniform please.

Over the holidays we were fortunate to have Scott and Bec Newbery remove a lot of dangerous trees from the playground. They will be back this weekend to tidy up the fallen trees and finish taking out the trees that have been deemed unsafe. Thank you!

Next week will see the start of our interschool football/netball competition with some of the local schools.



Our first game is against Nathalia and it is on our home ground. Stacey Wilkinson is coaching our netball team and Pete Heyen and Greg Rogers will coach the footy team. The Grade 5/6



students are given first call on filling the teams but if we don't have enough numbers our Grade 4 & 3 students are allowed to join. The games will start at **1.30pm** and go for an hour. Spectators are welcome to come and watch next **Friday 30th April** here at school.

With Mother's Day fast approaching we have a couple of things planned for the event. On **Thursday 6th May** the



Parent's Club will be hosting a stall for our students to purchase gifts. The smallest price will be \$2 and most expensive \$7. A bit of time between now and then for students to earn some spending money to buy someone special in their life a gift. The next day-**Friday 7th May** we will be hosting a pamper session from **2.30-3.15pm**. Students will bring home invites for this soon.

We are waiting on quite a few students to return their headphones after the holidays. It is really important that each child has a pair of working headphones at school to use with their electronic device. Can I please ask that all families check with their children that they have a set at school that work?



This term our Grade 3 and 5 students will be taking part in NAPLAN during the week **starting May 10th**.

Kind regards,
Nat Hopcroft

Goulburn Valley Library Van



Due to the athletics carnival taking place on the same day as when the GV Library Van visited (Friday the 26th of March), plus factoring in school holidays, families will receive overdue notices. Please disregard these for reasons mentioned and students will return books at the first visit in Term 2.

School Fees

Family statements have been sent home with today's newsletter. Payment may be made in full at the commencement of the school year or in instalments throughout the year. The following options are available to make payments

- Cash/cheque
- EFTPOS, available at the school office
- Direct Debit – details of the BSB and account details are printed on the statement

If you have any queries or would like to discuss payment options further please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

School Photos

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Katunga Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Monday May 3rd, 2021.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2021 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2021 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Student Absence

Attached to today's newsletter is a notice for parents/guardians to complete informing the school when their child/children have or will be absent from school. It is a requirement by the Department of Education and Training for parents/guardians to inform the school in writing or verbally. We encourage parents to keep absences to a minimum as we want all our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

2021 Student Attitudes to School Survey

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2021 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2021 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

There are also some questions about student health and wellbeing. Understanding health and wellbeing needs is important to support students to learn and thrive at school. The Department is providing this addition to the core survey to allow your child's school to capture this information to support students.

Students will be asked about resilience, community connections, mental health and physical activity.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school over the period 17th -28th of May.

What are the benefits?

In our experience, young people enjoy having their say. We have been running this survey for nearly 20 years and it has been invaluable in helping schools understand student views. Your school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions too personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable.

The survey been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee. The questions are selected from validated survey instruments, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: Katunga.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Please do so before Monday the 17th of May stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2021 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the Department at attitudes.school.survey@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

The Department of Education and Training Victoria

Community News

Katunga Auskick and NetSetGo will again be running for children aged 5-10 again this year and all new and past participants are invited to join in the fun.

The sessions will be held on Thursdays from 5-6pm during Term 2, commencing 22 April at the Katunga Recreation Reserve.



All registrations must be done online.

To register for Auskick go to www.aflauskick.com.au

To register for NetSetGo go to www.netsetgo.asn.au

Or visit our website www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net for direct links.

If you require any further information please email katungafnc@outlook.com or call Rach on 0400 877 409.



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