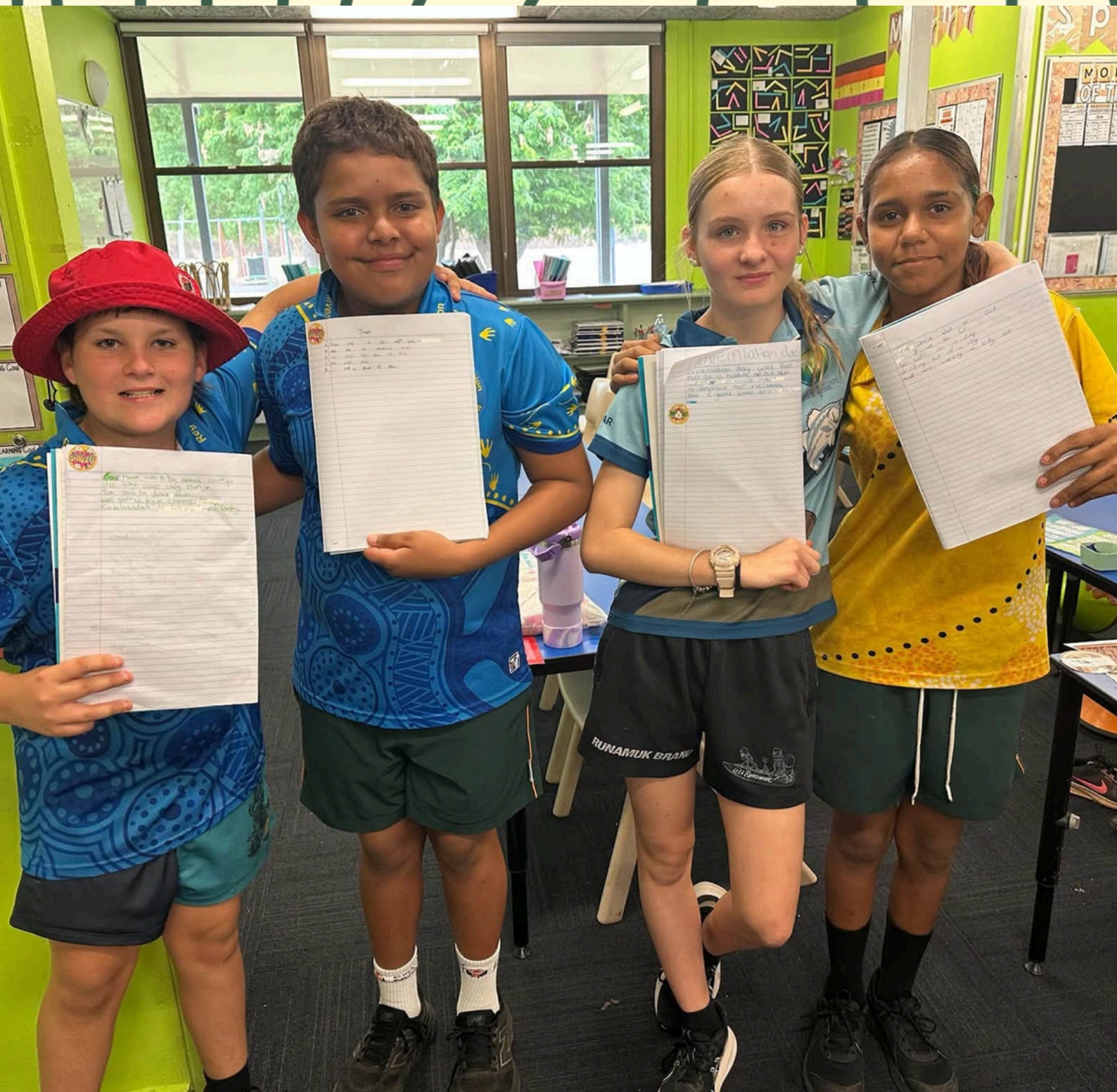




Katherine South Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 4



Principal Message

Dear parents, carers, and families,

It's been lovely to see a bit of a change in the weather lately! The wet season hasn't quite kicked into gear yet, but a little bit of rain here and there has taken the edge off the heat a little, and I certainly won't complain about that.

We're working as hard as ever, and I'm incredibly proud of the effort our students are putting in this term. Classes have been busy completing their annual PAT Reading and Maths assessments, with catch-up testing for students who have been absent on track to be completed by the end of this week. These assessments help our teachers monitor progress and identify where students may need additional support or opportunities to extend their learning.

There's plenty to look forward to, with classes preparing for their reward excursions after working hard and reaching their CARE Agreement targets this term. Planned outings include rollerblading at the YMCA and a trip to the cinema, popcorn included. These are well-deserved rewards for the effort students have put into their learning and for demonstrating our school values. Shame I won't get to put my legendary rollerblading skills to good use!

Today, Miss Kabita and Miss Beth are hosting our Preschool Orientation Day from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. We're looking forward to welcoming some of next year's Preschool students and their families as they begin getting to know our school community.

A special shout-out also goes to our wonderful staff, some of whom will be attending the World Teachers' Day awards at the Godinymayin Yirard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre on Friday evening. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of educators in the Big Rivers region, including some of our very own KSPS superstars. We wish all our nominees the best.

As always, families are warmly invited to join us for our whole-school assembly this Friday. This week's class item will be presented by Miss A's Year 5/6 class, and we look forward to seeing you there – 8.30 sharp in the undercover area.

I hope you and your families are having a wonderful week. Stay safe, everyone.

Kind regards,
Chris Errington

Green Cards



Liam Fry

Deanae Jack

Patti Story

Gracie Watters

Riley Campbell

Miller Croft

Tyson Irwin-Snape

Tuptim Mitchell

Madison Featherstone

Ashab Chowdhury

Natalie Howard

Abraham Mikaele

Michael Giallourakis

Manaia Sherman

Abraham Mikaele

Michael Giallourakis

Carson Teelow

Austin Kutan

Ace Angus

October

2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9 Assembly
12	13	14	15	16 Assembly
19	20	21	22 Year 7 Orientation at Katherine High School	23 5/6 Gilchrist Hosting Assembly
26	27	28	29	30 5/6 Assmus Hosting Assembly 

November

2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5 Year 6 Transition Day at KHS	6 2 Toohey Hosting Assembly
9	10	11 Remembrance Day 	12	13 TR Stewart Hosting Assembly
16	17	18	19 NTLC Expo	20 3 / 4 Young Hosting Assembly
23	24	25  Year 6 Graduation!	26	27 3 / 4 Creighton Hosting Assembly
28	29	30		



KATHERINE SOUTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Transition Orientation Day

Thursday
5th November
5pm - 6pm



Calling all 2027 Transition families!

- ★ Meet some of our incredible staff
- ★ Explore new classroom spaces
- ★ Understand what a Transition day looks like?
- ★ Tour the big school
- ★ Feel prepared for first day of Transition 2027!

Come along for some light refreshments
and feel ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learn

Explore

Discover

For any inquiries:

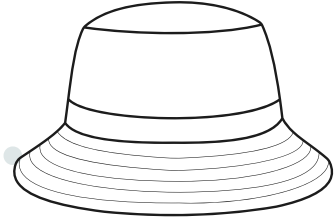


Call us: 8972 1277



admin.kathesch@education.nt.gov.au

Donations



If you have any spare hats, uniforms, or enclosed shoes that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate them being handed in to the front office.



Sport Voucher Scheme – 2026–27 Applications Now Open

Key Dates:

Semester 2 (July–Dec 2026) vouchers available now (opened 1 July 2026)

Semester 1 (Jan–May 2027) vouchers open 1 January 2027

Applications close: 24 May 2027

Vouchers must be used by: 31 May 2027

Sport Voucher Scheme details:

Each eligible child receives two \$100 vouchers per year

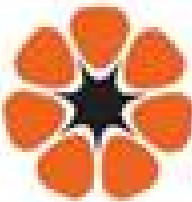
Open to children aged 5+, enrolled in an NT school or registered for home-schooling

Vouchers can be used for sport, active recreation, and cultural activities

A promotional graphic for the Sport Voucher Scheme. It features a collage of images: three children smiling at the top left, a close-up of a sneaker at the top right, a girl playing a guitar at the bottom left, and two girls in white martial arts uniforms at the bottom right. A large orange banner with the text "SPORT VOUCHERS" is centered over the collage. At the bottom, there is a white bar containing an orange button with the text "Apply now" and a hand icon, followed by the Northern Territory Government logo and name.

**SPORT
VOUCHERS**

Apply now 

 **NORTHERN
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GOVERNMENT

EMMAUS COLLEGE AND AFLNT PRESENTS

GIRL POWER AFL CARNIVAL

KATHERINE SHOWGROUNDS



- All girls Football 12s carnival at the Katherine Showgrounds.
- The day will be umpired and ran by year 9 students from Emmaus College, Victoria.
- Bring: water, shade and recess.
- NO AFL boots will be allowed - students must only wear runners.
- Lunch will be provided by Emmaus College.
- Under 12s and Under 14s.

Friday 30th October 2026



For more information, email
kiera.lansdown@emmaus.vic.edu.au



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Expression Of Interest – KRISPP Logo Design

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist, designer, student, or community member that wants to be paid for your design?

Then this could be for you!!

The Katherine Region Interprofessional Student Placement Program (KRISPP), is an allied health student placement program supporting students' remote learning experiences in Katherine. This program has maintained strong partnerships over many years, supporting Katherine schools and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation's with allied health student placements in; speech pathology, occupational therapy and social work.

Payment and Agreement

A negotiated fee of up to \$2000.00 will be paid for the successful design selected by a panel.

An agreement between Flinders University and the appointed designer/artist will be prepared to reflect Flinders' purchase and use of the design.

What the design represents:

Allied health student placement based on the Big Rivers Region community connection

Considerations

Symbols of connection, learning and community. The logo design will be used for documents, digital platforms, presentations, and the KRISPP uniform and materials or resources

Conditions of entry

1. Your proposed logo with its story
2. Your name , contact details, and ABN

For more information, or to submit, email Flinders University Department of Rural Health: udrh@flinders.edu.au

Applications close: Friday 6th November, 2026.



Halloween TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 31 6:30pm – 8pm

HENRY SCOTT
REC CENTRE
PARKING LOT

Get Ready for a Spooktacular Night!
Bring the whole family for a fun and safe evening at The Y
We will have our BBQ trailer for sausage sizzle
and cars for trunk or treat
Costumes encouraged, let's get spooky!

Want to decorate a trunk?
[Volunteer here](#)

AGES

10-17

-  Dinner served every night
-  Pool tables
-  Table tennis
-  Video games
-  Youth mentors
-  Basketball
-  Pickle ball
-  Arts and crafts



BOYS NIGHT

An independent space for young people, co-designed by young people.

HSRC

Every Wednesday
during School Term

3pm – 6pm



Australian Government
National Indigenous
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ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP

Can you make \$824.90 last a fortnight?



\$824.90

JobSeeker per fortnight



\$832

Three essentials per week



\$251

Weekly shortfall in the modelling



Housing, food and transport alone exceed the available income. Electricity, phone, health care and unexpected costs still remain.

The modelling does not include electricity, phone and internet, health, insurance, household or legal costs, or unexpected expenses.

THE REST OF LIFE STILL HAS TO BE PAID FOR



FOOD: Nutritious food, not only the cheapest calories.



TRANSPORT: Work, appointments, shops, family and community.



HEALTH: Prescriptions, dental care, glasses and other costs.



CONNECTION: Phone and data to access services and work.



POWER: Electricity remains essential.



PERSONAL NEEDS: Toiletries, clothing, shoes and household items.



DIGNITY: A coffee, birthday, community event or shared meal.

WHAT DOES A FORTNIGHT REALLY COST?

Average weekly essentials



ONE-BEDROOM RENT **\$545**



FOOD AND GROCERIES **\$160**



TRANSPORT **\$127**

TOTAL \$832

Approximate JobSeeker income:

\$412.45 per week



IF YOU HAVE PUBLIC HOUSING

Eligible urban public housing tenants in the NT pay rebated rent calculated at 25% of assessable household income.

**\$824.90 income – \$206.23 rent
= \$618.67 left**

Individual rents depend on household circumstances and assessable income.



\$45 REALITY CHECK

A basic eight item Woolworths basket cost \$45.42 in June 2026. It included milk, fruit, potatoes, avocado, Panadol and beef.

FOOD RELIEF MATTERS

Food relief can bridge the gap. It should not have to carry the weight of an income that does not cover the basics.

POVERTY IS ABOUT HAVING LESS ROOM FOR LIFE

One unexpected expense can lead to debt, food insecurity, missed appointments, isolation or housing loss.

Adequate income support • more social and affordable housing • support before crisis

WHERE TO GET HELP IN KATHERINE

Emergency relief and food support



BEFORE YOU GO We recommend calling ahead to confirm eligibility requirements and opening hours. Emergency Relief is available to anyone experiencing financial hardship. You do not need to be receiving Centrelink or other support payments to access support.



THE SALVATION ARMY

22 Katherine Terrace | 08 8971 2265

- Emergency Relief: Monday 11:30 am–2:00 pm;
- Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am–12:00 pm,
- Breakfast and lunch, hygiene and dignity access, Referral to Foodbank and overnight food packs.
- Hub open Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–12:00 pm.



CatholicCare NT

CATHOLICCARE NT

14 Giles Street | 08 8971 0777

- By appointment only, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–2:00 pm.
- Referral to Foodbank, Food Vouchers, Financial Counselling, NILs, Tax Help (July–Oct). Other support available through Financial Wellbeing Case Management



Anglicare NT

ANGLICARE NT

15 Third Street | 08 8963 6100

- Emergency Relief: Salvation Army Hub: Monday 9:00 am–1:00 pm & Anglicare office: Wed & Friday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm.
- Financial counselling, Nils, Referral to Foodbank and Tax Help

**MISSION
AUSTRALIA**

MISSION AUSTRALIA

1/32 Katherine Terrace | 08 8965 1000

- Salvation Army Hub: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 am–11:00 am.
- Referral to Foodbank and Food Vouchers



FOODBANK KATHERINE

15 Emungalan Road, Emungalan | 08 8351 1136

- Food Hub: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–2:00 pm.
- A referral is required. Contact one of the referring agencies above to ask about eligibility.



ASKING FOR HELP IS A PRACTICAL STEP

If one service cannot assist, ask about other local options and referral pathways.

Katherine Anti-Poverty Week | What does it actually cost to live?
Service details may change. Please phone the service before attending.

CDC

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CORNER

BE A BUS SUPERSTAR!



DO NOT THROW STUFF
AT EACH OTHER ON THE SCHOOL BUS.

BE KIND
BE RESPECTFUL
BE SAFE

≡ PARENTS/GUARDIANS, ≡

Please ensure that students understand their responsibilities as outlined in the

Code of Conduct
for School Bus Travel.



GOOD CHOICES
MAKE OUR BUS
A GREAT PLACE!

THE CODE OF CONDUCT HELPS US ALL:

- ★ Be Respectful
- ★ Be Responsible
- ★ Be Safe

You can read the full
Code of Conduct for
School Bus Travel here:

https://nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-for-school-bus-travel.pdf



TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR SCHOOL BUS **SAFE** AND **FUN** FOR EVERYONE! ❤️