



Katherine South Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 3



Principal Message

Dear parents, carers, and families,

What a weekend! Our 50-year celebrations on Saturday were such a special occasion, and I want to thank everyone who came along to celebrate with us. From the delicious anniversary cake and wonderful live music to seeing so many familiar faces from KSPS's past, I felt incredibly honoured to share the occasion with you all. It's a day that will live long in the memory. Of course, it was an absolute scorcher, but a nice dip in the dunk tank took the edge off that build-up heat! Here's to another amazing 50 years of KSPS. A huge thank you to our teachers, support staff and School Council members who helped plan, prepare and deliver the event, as well as our fantastic vendors and special guests who helped make the day such a success. Of course, to our captains Myla, Luke, and Quinton too, who stepped up in front of the whole school community to introduce our speakers and guests. Not a flicker of nerves amongst them! Ice-cool. My biggest thank you goes to Miss Shayla, who went above and beyond coordinating vendors, liaising with the Department and guests, and bringing everything together. It simply wouldn't have been the same without you, Shayla! Thank you to our wonderful KSPS community for making the celebration so memorable.

It's back to business around the school this week, with students in Years 1–6 undertaking their annual PAT Reading and Maths assessments. Teachers are also busy completing other assessments as we head towards reporting, helping us understand each student's progress and identify the support and opportunities they need to keep growing and achieving.

There is still plenty to look forward to this term. The Teach in the Territory Excellence Awards are coming up, and I'm delighted to see Mrs Fondacaro, Miss Toohey and Miss Bec receiving well-deserved recognition. Three wonderful educators from an amazing team, and we'll be cheering them on!

Excursions are also on the horizon for classes that have reached their CARE token targets this year. Trips to the cinema and rollerblading at the YMCA are pencilled in so far. It's fantastic to see students rewarded for their hard work and for consistently demonstrating our CARE Agreements. With plenty of awards and other opportunities to recognise student achievements still to come, there's lots of excitement ahead!

Finally, a massive shout-out to Miss Chloe, who got married since last week's newsletter. What a wonderful occasion! I hope this absolute legend of our team had the BEST day.

Congratulations, Miss Chloe.

As we move towards the halfway point of Term 4, things are well and truly in full swing. I'm incredibly proud of our students, staff and wider school community, and excited about what the rest of the term holds.

Have the most wonderful week, everyone, and stay safe.

Chris Errington

Green Cards

A decorative flourish consisting of a series of loops and a small leaf-like element at the end, rendered in a light cream color.

Matilda Barry

Sophere Bryce

Etta Grieve

Evie Wright

Hugo Sherrie

Rubin Morris

Mahalia Braun

Elliana Martin

Peta Ah Chee

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 



KATHERINE SOUTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Preschool Orientation Day

We would love to welcome all families of children enrolling in Preschool 2027 at Katherine South Primary School to our Preschool Orientation Day.

Wednesday 28th of October, from 8:30 - 10:30am

- ✓ Light snacks will be provided
- ✓ Creative play-based learning & outdoor fun
- ✓ Opportunity to meet the teacher & feel comfortable in their new environment

For any inquiries



8972 1277



admin.kathesch@education.nt.gov.au

Let's learn
together!





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:

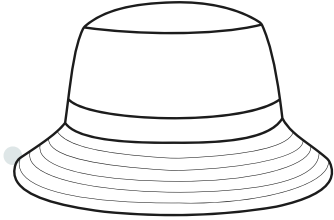


Call us: 8972 1277



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

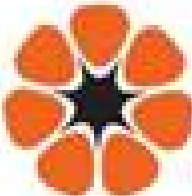
Open to children aged 5+, enrolled in an NT school or registered for home-schooling

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

A promotional graphic for the Sport Voucher Scheme. It features a collage of four images: three children smiling at the top left, 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" in white is centered over the images. At the bottom, there is a white bar containing an orange button with the text "Apply now" and a thumbs-up icon, followed by the Northern Territory Government logo and name.

**SPORT
VOUCHERS**

Apply now 👍

 **NORTHERN
TERRITORY**
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



RISING ROCKETS SQUAD TRANSITION PROGRAM

SNT will be running:

Rising Rockets is a fun, welcoming and non-competitive squad preparation program developed by Swimming NT to support children as they transition from Learn to Swim programs into junior swimming clubs and squad training. The program is designed for beginner swimmers aged 5–10 years and aims to build confidence, develop fundamental swimming skills and introduce families to the club swimming environment.

Where: Katherine Aquatic Centre

When: Friday 16th October 4:00-5:30pm

What to bring:

Swimmers and Goggles

Everyone is welcome!

Do you have a young swimmer who is currently participating in the 'Learn to Swim' program, nearing its completion, or has recently finished their 'Learn to Swim' journey but still wants to dive back into the pool? Are you curious about what their next steps in swimming could be? This is a fantastic opportunity to come and explore what swim squad entails.

Parents and carers are required to stay for the duration.

RSVP Required – katherineswimmingclub@gmail.com



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

NORTHERN TERRITORY



BUSSY'S
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! ❤️