Katherine South Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 5



Principal Message

Good afternoon, everyone,

Halfway through Term 4 Already! It's hard to believe, but this week marks the halfway point of Term 4! The weeks are certainly flying by, and with plenty still happening across the school, I suspect the remainder of the term will disappear just as quickly.

This week sees the beginning of our class reward excursions, with students heading out to celebrate their success in meeting our CARE agreements and earning enough CARE tokens. These excursions are a wonderful way to recognise the positive choices, effort and respectful behaviour demonstrated by our students. Congratulations to all involved and enjoy your well-earned rewards! Thanks also to our teachers, for the planning and preparation you've put into this.

Last Friday was a particularly proud occasion for Katherine South Primary School, with three of our incredible educators recognised at the Teach in the Territory Excellence Awards. Firstly, a huge congratulations to Miss Bec, who was awarded Big Rivers School-Based Support Person of the Year! What an absolutely fantastic achievement. Miss Bec is an extraordinary asset to our school, and we are all delighted to see her dedication, hard work and commitment to our students recognised in this way. We couldn't be prouder. We also celebrate two of the Territory's finest leaders and educators, Mrs Fondacaro and Miss Toohey, who were recognised as Northern Territory finalists in the categories of Leader in Education and Primary Educator of the Year, respectively. To be recognised among the many thousands of talented and dedicated educators across the Northern Territory is a remarkable achievement. These accolades speak volumes about the strength, professionalism and passion within our school team.

Of course, recognition also goes to our entire KSPS staff, who work tirelessly every day to create positive learning experiences and achieve the very best outcomes for our students. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team, and I couldn't be prouder of them all.

As always, I warmly invite our families and community members to join us for our whole-school assembly this Friday, hosted by Miss Toohey and our fantastic Year 2 students! Come along, celebrate our student champions and enjoy another opportunity to see the wonderful things happening across our school. Everyone is welcome!

Next week, we will hold a special Remembrance Day assembly to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. We warmly invite all students, staff and families to join us as we come together to pay our respects to our veterans and service personnel. Further information about the assembly will be shared shortly.

With PAT testing now complete and the halfway point of the term upon us, I'd like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our students and staff. It's been a busy few weeks, and everyone has worked hard to maintain a positive focus on learning.

To our families, thank you for your continued encouragement, support and partnership. It really does make a difference, and we appreciate everything you do to support our school community.

Have a wonderful week, everyone, stay safe, and let's keep up the great work as we approach the second half of Term 4.

Be your best at KSPS!

Chris Errington

Principal

Green Cards

Mathew Kutan

Addison Barry

Scarlett Bryce

Kade Aranui

Lucas Magee

Hussain Sami

November

2026

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



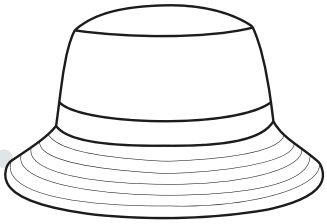
Learn Explore Discover

For any inquires:

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.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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





Save $500 and we'll double it.

For every dollar you save, you'll receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to $500.

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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.

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10-17



- Dinner served every night
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- Video games
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- Basketball
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ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP

Can you make $824.90 last a fortnight?

$824.90	$832	$251
JobSeeker per fortnight	Three essentials per week	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

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

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

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.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

Please ensure that students understand their responsibilities as outlined in the **Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel.**



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!