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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Teachers Day

This coming Friday 28 October, Weetangera School would like to take the time to acknowledge and thank our dedicated and passionate staff. World Teachers' Day (5 October) is a chance to celebrate the essential work teachers do. Over 100 countries celebrate World Teachers' Day because they recognise the valuable role that teachers play in shaping future generations and ensuring that the opportunities of education are available to all. Thank you to Weetangera P&C for providing lunch to our teachers on this day, it will be a nice treat.

Open Nights and Transitions

Over the past couple of weeks our school has been filled with new faces as we welcome our new students and families for 2017. We have also held successful Open Nights for Preschool and Kindergarten students. These nights allow us to provide information about our programs and have allowed us to meet new families and welcome them into our school community.

Weetangera School Fete

Weetangera School Fete is fast approaching on Sunday 13 November. We can't wait to see you and your families out on hopefully, a sunny day enjoying some time together and supporting our wonderful school. Please ensure you spread the word to friends and extended family to come for the day, as you know the best advertising is word of mouth.

Although the fete is a couple of weeks away, we have a 'Kiss the Goat' competition already running in our school. At the preschool and front office are glass jars with photos of Mr Barnett, Ms Hoogland and Lauren Hall (Preschool). These jars need to have your donations big or small put in them. The jar which has the most money in it, wins the prize of puckering up to a smelly goat. Who will it be???

New Medical Procedures from Directorate

Medical Consent Form and Known Medical Condition Response Plan

As of 2017, all schools in the ACT will be required to complete a *Medical Information and Consent form* and a *Known Medical Condition Response Plan* for all students annually. This information will assist school staff to provide appropriate first aid support for your child. The Medical Information and Consent form provides general medical information and consent for first aid. The Known Medical Condition Response Plan is required only for students with a known medical condition. It provides instruction for the management of an identified medical condition and should be completed in consultation with the treating health professional. Without this form, in an emergency situation first aid can only be given in accordance with a publicly available generalised action plan related to the condition.

Excursion Medical Forms

For each and every excursion your child attends, families are required to complete an *Excursions Medical Information and Consent Form*. The information you are requested to give on the form will be used to record the student's medical, accident and other current details. This information will be made available to government or private medical or paramedical staff and other

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Term 4 Week 3

COMMUNITY DIARY

Inclusions may be added in the diary at the front office.

November

- 11 Remembrance Day
Assembly 10:45am
- 13 FETE
- 14-18 BOOK FAIR
- 30 Parent Helpers Morning
Tea

December

- 6 Adventure's Club
Assembly 1:45pm
- 8 SCHOOL CONCERT
- 14 Year 6 Graduation



ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 28 October

Junior School Assembly
Hosted by Year 2

Friday 3 November

Senior School Assembly
Hosted by Year 3

Attachments & Insert

- Canteen Newsletter
- Canberra Music Tuition
- Secondary Bursary Scheme

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relevant officers in the event of an accident or emergency. This form will provide the most current information about your child on the date of excursion. The forms will be collected by the teachers on the excursions, allowing us to minimise risks and provide a safe and healthy environment for students.

If you have any questions about these new procedures please feel free to contact the school.

Student Accomplishments

Congratulations to all students who represented Weetangera School at the Boorowa Carnival on Friday. All our students showed exceptional sportsmanship and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

At the end of Term 3 a number of students from across Weetangera School entered a competition run by the Australian Association for Environmental Education ACT. The students were required to research different animals found across the ACT and colour them appropriately. Caelan C (Year 2) was Highly Commended for his picture while Aidan G (Year 2) won a family pass to the National Zoo and Aquarium. Congratulations to both boys!

Lastly congratulations to Malakai J, who has been successful in his audition to perform in the highly anticipated and much-loved production of *The Nutcracker* this November.

Regards

Belinda Brown



WEETANGERA WRITERS' COMPETITION

Congratulations to every student for contributing to this competition. We had some *bizarre* entries, but everyone had their finger on the *pulse* in producing quality stories. It was an *ominous* decision to pick the winners.

Junior Fiction – Eryn H and Keeley B

Senior Fiction – Lawson C

Picture Book – Eleanor M and Holly L

These students received a gift voucher from Paper Chain book store, generously donated by Roger Tall.

A number of encouragement awards were also given out by teachers recognising the effort made by individual students in their class. Many thanks to Scholastic Book Club for supplying these prizes.

BOYS' DAY OUT/GIRLS' NIGHT IN

Just a reminder this event is on Wednesday 2 November. Boys start at 5pm, dinner at 6:30pm and girls stay for a movie starting at 7pm. You can bring your pillows and leave them in Unit 2. If you are planning on attending, please return notes for catering purposes by Friday 28 October. Thank you.

BANDANA DAY TOMORROW
\$4 each - for Children with Cancer

BOOROWA CARNIVAL

Last Friday 71 students represented our school at the annual Boorowa Carnival in netball and touch football. Congratulations to all the students who competed for their enthusiastic participation on the day, as well as for their commitment to attending training sessions in the lead-up to the carnival. We had four touch football teams and three netball teams playing. We are waiting to hear the final results from the carnival and when they are made available we will communicate this in the newsletter. We do know that the Year 3 touch football team managed to win all four of their matches - great work boys and girls! All the teams played with tremendous school spirit and we were impressed with the sportsmanship displayed throughout the carnival.

This year was the first time Weetangera School has participated in the carnival and we would like to thank all the parents who travelled to the carnival to support our teams. Thanks to the following people for their assistance as coaches and managers on the day - Matt Judd, Tony Lenton, Kate Ehlers, Nichola Vincent, Jenny Patton, Kylie Hazlewood, Ged Quinane, Hayley Tonkin, Tania Martin, Nikki Sneddon, Candace Culyer, Dean Brett, Michael Howell and Steven Miller. It was fantastic to have so many parents helping in these roles and was an invaluable help to the teachers as we were required to referee throughout the day. Huge thanks goes to Matt Judd for his extra assistance at lunch times and after school training sessions for both touch football and netball! These training sessions were beneficial especially as a number of our students had little or no experience playing netball. Thanks to Jenny Patton for donating the netball bibs, we hope to be able to participate in more netball competitions in the future to make full use of these. Finally thanks to Candace Culyer and Dean Brett for suggesting the idea of participating in the Boorowa Carnival, I think all the students who attended appreciated your suggestion!

Erwin McRae, Melody Edwards, Isabel Dunn and Courtney Martin

SUSTAINABILITY AT WEETANGERA

Congratulations to Year 1 for being the first unit to be awarded the Being Environmentally Aware Reward (BEAR for short). Year 1 earnt the most points for keeping paper out of the waste bin, and remembering to switch off unused appliances like Smartboards! BEAR gets to live in Unit 6 until the next whole school assembly where he will be awarded to our next winner... Will it be your unit?

The Sustainability team has had a big focus on encouraging everybody to consider the environment. We have made new paper bins for every unit which help to make recycling a breeze! We are also in the middle of an exciting production, to be premiered at an assembly soon – watch this space for more details!

Sustainability tip – Now that the weather is getting warmer why not wake up a little earlier, and ride or walk to school?

Save the environment by reducing fossil fuel emissions.

Spotlighting Weetangera

brought to you by Kindergarten!

Move, Make, Imagine!

We have started Term 4 off with a splash! We introduced our Arts Inquiry Unit by delving into abstract splatter painting with the help of our Year 6 buddies.





The Three Little Pigs

As part of our *Shelter* Inquiry Unit, we designed and created a house for the Three Little Pigs. We learned about a range of materials by conducting some experiments. We wanted to find out which materials were strong, flimsy, waterproof or delicate.

The learning intention was to design and build a shelter, using appropriate materials that could withstand the Big Bad Wolf (hairdryer), rain and flood.

