



Weetangera School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2018 at Weetangera School!

We welcome you back to a new chapter in the lives of your children, one in which we trust that they will continue to grow through our school community. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and are eager to start off 2018 ready and willing to accept and meet new challenges and learn together. We look forward to forging strong and lasting relationships with everyone, as together we support your children on their journey at Weetangera School.

As this school year begins, we as educators and parents, have an enormous gift to give, and the responsibility of enhancing the lives of all our students. Helping our students grow and succeed. It is our duty to continually serve as role models. But more than that, it is our responsibility to make a positive and lasting difference to the children in our care.

As we begin this year, let us approach it with boldness and courage. We will continue to ignite passion in what we do, guided by our commitment to excellence. Our teachers work collaboratively to plan and implement quality learning programs and as a whole school community, we seek ways of how we can continually improve. Our approach to teaching and learning is constantly reflected upon to evolve to meet these challenges, to give our students the best opportunity to engage with their preferred future. The school continues to look to the future and our approaches to learning: open mindedness; the ability to work collaboratively with others; to engage in problem solving; to analyse and integrate knowledge; to think creatively and imaginatively; to apply knowledge to respond to emerging needs and trends; and to communicate accurately, clearly and effectively. We look ahead with optimism and excitement.

I thank in advance our parents and carers for your unwavering support that you continue to give to the school. We have been able to grow as a school community because of the opportunities that you have given us, as well as the affirmation and feedback that has allowed the school to progress. I look forward to our continued partnership as we work together to realise the potential of each child at Weetangera School.

I trust the year of 2018 will truly be one of fresh visions and great breakthroughs as we work together in partnership to soar to even greater heights. Together, let's create a vision - for ourselves as educators and parents, for our children, and for every individual student.

Small steps can dramatically enhance a child's learning experience. And when we do this together, we will be doing all that we can to make a positive difference. I urge all of us to take action.

Today, let's take the small steps needed to make our school and our community an even better place to learn, to work, and thrive.

Seesaw Parent Information Session today - 5:30pm

Please join us at 5:30pm today to find out how we are empowering our

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

February

- 15 Whole School Photo 9am
- 20 P&C AGM 7pm
- 23 Swimming Carnival

March

- 14-16 Years 4,5,6 Camps
- 15-16 Year 3 Camp

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 9 February
No Assembly

Friday 16 February
Whole School
Hosted by Year 3

INSERTS

- Student Supply Pack**
- How to install the Weetangera School APP'**
- Adventurers Religious Education Club permission note**

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS


Parent Reps. Yvonne Gray 0414817680; Alex Nockels 0414914006; Janine O'Keefe 0411286853; **Community Rep.** Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 62057488; **Teacher Reps.** - Isabel Dunn and Erwin McRae

students to independently document their learning and give you an immediate and personalised window into your child's learning.

Getting To Know You Interviews

In Week 2, we will be holding *Getting To Know You* Interviews from Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February. These interviews are a conversation between you and your child's teacher, and are an opportunity for teachers to receive as much information from you. Interviews are expected to take approximately 10 minutes. Each teacher will roster their available days and times on the website.

For these interviews, we are using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students! Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. Please contact the school if you need access to a computer. Please access the system as follows:

- go to the school's home page and newsletter page www.weetangeraps.act.edu.au
- click the PTO icon as shown here ... 
- enter your surname and PIN, provided on the attached slip

Full instructions are provided after you log in.

Communication

For all new parents and anyone who has changed their email address from last year, please send in your email address for receiving the weekly newsletter. If you no longer require the newsletter to be sent to you, please let us know and we will remove you from the list. If you did not receive your newsletter today by email and were expecting to, please send your details to jim.watt@ed.act.edu.au

Weetangera School APP

For all new parents and anyone who wishes to receive instant messages from the school for any upcoming events, reminders or school updates, please refer to the attached document outlining '*How to install the Weetangera School APP*'.

Reading Challenge

Research continues to tell us that the more students read, the more fluent they become and the better they comprehend. In an effort to increase our students' pleasure of reading, as well as to instil in them a lifelong love of reading great books, in 2018 we will be setting another Weetangera School Reading Challenge!!

Yours faithfully

James M. Barnett
Principal

RUNNING CLUB

Running Club will commence in week 3 and will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:40am-9am. We meet on the synthetic oval at the preschool end of the school and students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome to attend. We do a mix of fitness work, running, relays, ball games etc. and it is a great way for students to be active and have their mind and body ready to start the school day. Students can attend on any or all days but are not expected to go to all sessions. If you have any questions about the program please see me at school.

Erwin McRae

WEETANGERA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The Weetangera Volleyball Team trains weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4pm in the school gym and they are coached by Olympian, Rachel Uren. The training sessions are aimed at students in Years 3-6 and if you are interested in joining please contact Rachel for a registration form or for more information on: racheluren@grapevine.com.au or see Erwin McRae at school.

CHESS

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Weetangera School is held on Mondays from 3:05pm to 4:05pm, starting Monday 12 February 2018.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect information from the front office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy.

For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

READING AT THE TANG
8:30am to 8:55am

The library is open every morning for students with accompanying parents/carers to sit quietly and share a book.

ALL WELCOME

