



Weetangera School

'Our vision, as a community, is to inspire
a passion for learning'



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Weetangera School is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

In 2020, one of our improvement priorities at Weetangera School is to improve the rate of growth in writing for all students.

As a result of our work we want all students to articulate:

"We write for a range of purposes, and when the purpose changes, so does the text form. Effective writers draw on a range of skills while writing: generating ideas for writing, organising ideas so that they are sequenced and coherent, selecting words carefully, writing sentences that make sense, are grammatically correct and flow, apply spelling knowledge, apply punctuation knowledge, proofreading checking spelling, punctuation and the writing makes sense and recrafting making changes to the text to improve the content and message".

We believe that all students have the capacity to write, students need to write for authentic purposes and audiences and that writing needs to be explicitly taught and modelled.

In 2020, we are focussing on the two guiding principles of 'Purpose' and 'Authenticity' to further establish a positive writing culture across the school. These are defined as:

Purpose

- Consider what students need to know and be able to do as writers.
- Students understand the influence and importance of writing.
- Use learning intentions and success criteria to support students understanding of what they are learning, why they are learning it and how to succeed.
- Students identify as successful writers.

Authenticity

- The writing the students are engaging in happens in the real world, outside the classroom.
- Students self-monitor and are committed to ensuring their writing is the best it can be.
- Students are emotionally engaged in their writing, they are not 'compliant writers'.
- Students make connections between their writing and reading.
- Students 'notice' what author's do and apply strategies to their own writing.
- A word conscious classroom is promoted.

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Week 8

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

JUNE

- 24 Canteen Committee 7pm
- 29 NAIDOC Week

JULY

- 6 Last day Term 2
- 20 Begin Term 3

ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

**ALL ASSEMBLIES
POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**



Attachments

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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Please read our web site:

At Weetangera School when focussing on the guiding principles of 'Purpose' and 'Authenticity' we are encouraging students to develop the learning dispositions of 'Knowledgeable' and 'Reflective'. These two learning dispositions are defined to students as:

Academic Reports

Semester 1 school reports for 2020 will be sent out to families on Thursday 2 July 2020. Each students' reports will still include information about each student's level of progress against specific achievement standards for the learning areas that were covered in Semester 1. Teachers will still make a judgement about the level of engagement each student has demonstrated with their learning and, where appropriate, work habits. Personal and Social Capability will still be included.

Kind Regards

Danielle Hoogland
Deputy Principal

Creative Writing

As Sally Ride once said "When I was training to be an astronaut, it wasn't enough to just show up for class. I had to go prepared to learn".

Today in 1983... astronaut Sally Ride became the first woman to fly aboard the space shuttle.

- She was one of 8,000 applicants. Only 35 were accepted. Six were women.
- On board the shuttle she has worked as a communications officer and a mission specialist, launching satellites.
- She has written three books for children, including '*Voyager: An Adventure to the Edge of the Solar System*'.
- The first woman in space was Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Terechkova in 1963.

Word of the day

'shuttle' – to travel back and forwards. From the Old English 'sceotan' (to shoot).

Imagine... Elton John's song '*Rocket Man*' has the lyrics "and all this science, I don't understand, it's just my job five days a week". Write about your job five days a week (both boring AND the exciting parts) as the space shuttle pilot.



PS... How does your Garden grow?

One of our students asked a really great question this week.

Why do we need a worm farm?

Cid came to our school again on Friday to add more worms to our growing worm farm. He calculated that from the food we collected we produce around 100kg of waste per week. If you multiply that by the weeks we (normally) attend school we have the potential to produce around 4000kg of waste food a year. Wow! Even I was amazed when I worked it out. That is a lot of food!

Worm farming and composting are nature's way of recycling. Worms can consume waste so well that they can reduce the volume of organic matter by up to 90%. When they do this they produce nutrient-rich fertilizer, called castings as well as mixing and aerating the soil. The castings have great moisture retaining properties so the soil doesn't dry out as quickly.

Having our own worm farm and expert worm farmer gives us the chance to learn about how beneficial they are and helps us get to know more about these fascinating creatures.

So the short answer is, worms:

- recycle our food waste
- aerate the soil
- produce nutrient rich castings (worm poo)
- give the soil moisture retaining qualities
- give us fascinating creatures to observe and learn about.
- teach us about a fantastic way we can care for our environment.

Do you know of any other reasons?



Pps... Reminders

FAMILY SIBLING PHOTOS

are available from the front office
at a cost of *only* \$6.

DOGS

Under ACT Government
policies, dogs are not
permitted on school grounds.



When school is out
THE Y IS IN! 6 - 17 JULY

Vacation Squad operates 8am to 6pm

YMCA Canberra offers holiday programs where children are encouraged to play and have fun in a safe and stimulating environment. Our programs enable children to interact with nature, explore scientific experiments, participate in sport, creative and dramatic arts, play and explore.

At this stage, all bookings are still going ahead but we will continue to monitor and follow closely the advice of the ACT Government in terms of Coronavirus precautions. If we are unable to proceed due to closures, families will be advised and will not incur any fees.

We have an action-packed holiday program planned but need your help to make it happen!

Our locations

 Jamison Macquarie ACT	 Kaleen Kaleen ACT	 North Ainslie Ainslie ACT
 St Josephs O'Connor ACT	 Sutton Sutton NSW	 Sacred Heart Pearce ACT
 Weetangera Weetangera ACT	 Queanbeyan Queanbeyan NSW Book by calling 6297 2334	 Bungendore Bungendore NSW Book by calling 6297 2334

Book by calling 6242 4040, or if you are already registered via the My Family Lounge App

We have a commitment to safeguarding children and young people first and foremost in all our programs.

6242 4040 | canberra.ymca.org.au



Ppps... Reminders

JOIN SCOUTS!

Scouts focuses on exploring the outdoors, discovery and learning interesting things! If you enjoy fun, games and learning new skills then you'll love being a Scout! You'll get to go on camps and you might attend a Cuboree camp with hundreds of other Scouts! As well as learning things like how to use a compass, you'll go on bushwalks, bike trips, and have the chance to do things like sailing, canoeing, abseiling and sometimes even flying! Your Scout Leader will help you along the way and encourage you to take part. You'll learn life-long skills, make friends and have fun! Scouts are keen to learn, belong, and have fun, so our activities are designed to stimulate their emotional and adventurous spirits.

The programs are designed to target each young person's own special interests, encouraging them to enjoy their favourite hobbies using meaningful badges and awards.

There are many benefits to scouting:

Resilience - In 2018 the Resilient Youth Australia survey of our youth members highlighted some of the benefits of Scouting.

Mental health - The 2016 UK Childhood Study found that former Scouts are 18% less likely to suffer mood or anxiety disorders than non-Scouts, even decades later, as adults.

Leadership - Unlike school or sport, in Scouting every young person gets a chance at developing their skills in leadership.

Academic outcomes - Scouting is linked with better school results, especially at upper secondary levels. The Queen's Scout Award increases your ATAR by 3 points (Bonus points).

Contact your local scout group for more information:

Southwell Scout Group, Page

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FUN & LEARN CRICKET TECHNIQUE

AN AWARD WINNING

CANBERRA CRICKET ACADEMY

FOR ITS CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE COACHING

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Date: July 18-19, 2020, 10am-4pm
Place: Harrison Club Nets
Cost: \$100 per player

WINTER PROGRAM
July to September 2020
10 Indoor Training Sessions, 2 Outdoor Games
Cost: \$450 per players

CCA ELITE TRAINING
For U15
National Trial and elite players
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- Canberra Weekly
- The Canberra Times
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