



# Weetangera School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Science Week with Cranleigh School

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Thousands of individuals from students to scientists, chefs and musicians get involved taking part in over 1000 science events annually. The theme for 2015 is 'Light and Waves'. Our students have been conducting investigations across the school and discovered that light gives us vision, heat energy and high-speed communications. It delivers our agricultural crops through photosynthesis and has shaped the nature of our plants and animals. We opened Science Week last Friday with Year 4 presenting a Science Expo in the hall with students across the school and parents.

Weetangera's Leadership Program and our Social Skills curriculum, has included Year 6 students applying to participate in a weekly integration session at Cranleigh School. During 2015 our Year 6 students have assisted high support needs children from Cranleigh School to experience the joy of friendship, fun and social interaction. The Year 6 Leadership Peer Support Program with Cranleigh students will be highlighted at our whole assembly on Friday 21 August starting at 9:30am with Minister Joy Burch. Teachers across both school sites successfully won a small grant to support coordinating collaborative science experiments at each school site throughout this week.

## Congratulations!

Last week Madison M competed in the Pacific School Games Swimming Trials, held last Thursday.

In the 100m backstroke Madison came 5th and is a reserve for the Pacific Schools Games team. This was also a two-second 'Personal Best' in this race. Three top ten placings at the swim meet is a wonderful achievement!

## Thank you to our P&C for Trivia Night last Friday!

On behalf of the Weetangera School community we thank the P&C for a wonderful community evening last Friday. We especially thank Terri-Ann Simmonds for organising such a creative, relaxed and jovial evening. Everyone who attended had a great time! The teachers studied hard!!

## School Board

The School Board offers an acting appointment for a parent community member of Weetangera School to join the School Board for the remainder of Term 3 & 4 for 2015. Please contact the front office on 62057488 if your interest in the acting appointment on the School Board for 2015.

## Satisfaction Survey and Australian School Climate Measurement Tool

You should have received a letter outlining login details and a code for the 2015 Weetangera School Satisfaction Survey and Australian School Climate Measurement Tool. Each code can only be used once, and you would have received a separate code for each child you have enrolled at our school. Please take the time to fill out these survey tools for each child, as they do provide important feedback and data to our school. The survey period has commenced and will conclude on Monday 31 August. If you did not receive a code, or are having trouble accessing the online survey, please contact the front office.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Parent Reps.** James Badgery 0412552634; Monique Allen 0407595572; **Community Rep.** Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 62057488; **Teacher Reps.** - Isabel Dunn.

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20 August 2015

Term 3 Week 5

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

### August

17- 21 Science Week  
24- 28 Book Week

### September

4 P&C Disco



Don't forget to visit our Facebook page



## ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 21 August

Whole School Assembly  
Hosted by Unit 2

Friday 28 August  
No Assembly

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## **Homework Policy**

Weetangera School has reviewed the existing homework policy, analysing School Satisfaction Survey data, parent feedback and evidence based research. The School Satisfaction Survey data along with the School Climate evidence informed the school of the need to review communication between the school and home to further support student learning. These areas of improvement have also been supported through feedback received by the parent community, P&C Association and the School Board. In revising the policy, evidence based research has been collated on the effect of homework on students in primary school. Weetangera School's Home Learning policy reflects evidence presented in current research to support the learning which takes place in classrooms.

Please visit the '*What's Happening*' section of our school website to view our Home Learning Policy. We welcome your feedback.

## **ANZAC Courtyard**

Last week on Friday 14 August Year 5 students Laura C. Lara E. & Polly L. planted an Aleppo Pine propagated from seeds collected from the Lone Pine Tree in the grounds of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. If you have some time, please wander by the ANZAC courtyard. This courtyard is a place our students have created to share, reflect and gather as a place to learn.

## **Ellen Clark Park**

A plaque commemorating the World War 1 service of forty-two residents from the Belconnen region is being installed in the Ellen Clark Park, Smith St Weetangera in a cooperative venture between the RSL and the ACT and Australian Governments.

The plaque will be dedicated by Senator Zed Seselja at a ceremony on the site at 1:45pm on Tuesday 25 August with attendance also by Dr Andrew Leigh MHR, Alistair Coe MLA & RADM Ken Doolan, together with a number of our SRC students and school leaders.

In this ANZAC Centenary year, the plaque's installation is designed to correct to some extent the disparity in the ACT with the situation in many towns and cities across Australia, where there is no local recognition and remembrance of our own people from the ACT who served in World War 1.

Ellen Clark Park has been chosen as the location for the plaque because of its special significance as the site of the first Weetangera School, that was attended by eleven of the World War 1 enlistees. The park is also on the ACT Heritage Trail.

One of the forty-two names on the plaque is that of Jack Webb who was born in the Weetangera area & raised as a ward of Richard Shumack of 'Springvale', Weetangera. Somewhat of a larrikin, Jack became a barman at the Royal Hotel in Queanbeyan, and he played rugby with the Red and Blacks of Queanbeyan. Jack enlisted in January 1916 & served with the 55th Battalion, 14th Brigade of the 5th Division. Jack was a 'Snowie', having joined the Men from Snowy River march from Delegate to Goulburn which passed through Queanbeyan in January 1916.

Private John Webb was killed on 2 April 1917 by machine gun fire during an attack on the village of Doignies in France.

The plaque has been enabled through a grant provided by the Australian Government's 'Saluting Their Service' program and the Belconnen RSL Sub Branch. The public are warmly invited to attend the brief ceremony at 1:45pm on Tuesday 25 August.

Yours faithfully

James M Barnett  
Principal

## **AWARDS CERTIFICATES**

At last week's Senior School Assembly, certificates were awarded for:

**Getting Along:** Sammi C, Caelan B, Jack E, Cain P, Nelson M.

**Persistence:** Daniel M, Mehmet I, Grace Q-N, Matthew P, Caleb H-C, Dharma H, Olivia B, Will D, Reilly E.

**Confidence:** Taisiya G, Ruby D, Sam B, Joe M, Jarrah C, Amina B, Eve K, Ella R, William S, Eleanor M, Anthony M, Taliyah N, Luke P.

**Organisation:** Perry K, Maddie S, Archer B, Sophie L, Cameron P, Patrick W, Aliza B.

## **WEETANGERA SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY**

The 2015 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by **Monday 31 August 2015**. A letter about the Parent and Carer Survey was sent home with students last week. If you do not have a letter for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The letter contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education and Training Directorate website ([www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2014 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

## **SCHOOL BANKING Update – Please Read**

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

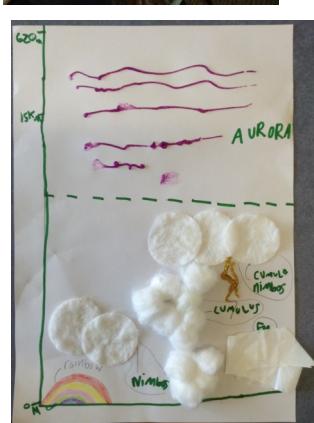
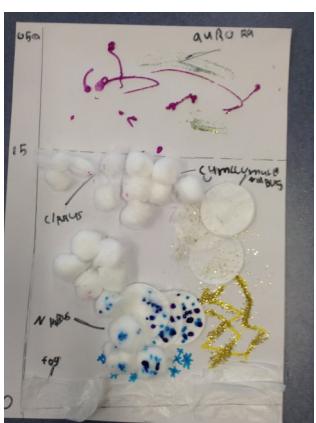
Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

# Spotlighting Weetangera

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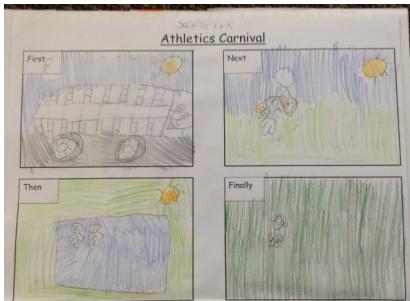
On Friday 14 August, Year 1 celebrated the beginning of Science Week with a visit from Juliet, our *Scientists in Schools* representative. She focused on the weather and atmospheric phenomena related to it. She discussed different cloud formations such as fog, nimbus, cumulus, cumulonimbus, and cirrus.

Afterwards, the students completed an art/science activity. On an A3 page with an axis down the side for 'atmospheric height', students drew and used cotton wool to represent the different cloud formations discussed.

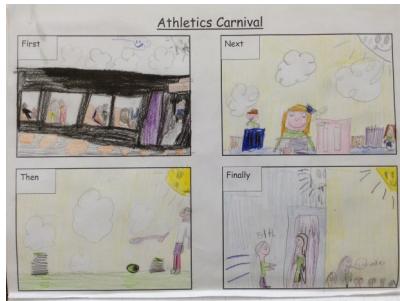


## Recount Writing

After the Athletics Carnival, we drew pictures of 4 things that we did on the day in order of how it happened. After drawing the events, we wrote about what we did. We focused on using time sequence words to tell the order of events.



Scarlett K



Aimee K



Archie H



Rachael B



Kaiya B



Elke Y

### Athletics Carnival

First, we got on a bus that took us to the Athletics Carnival. Next, at the carnival, we played egg and spoon races. Then, we all had lunch. I had a special lunch order. Finally, we did a running race. It was fun.

Archie L

At the Athletics Carnival I did discus and had an egg and spoon race. We dribbled balls and balanced bean bags. Last, we had a running race.

Josh K

### Trip to Athletics Carnival

First, we went on a bus to the Athletics Carnival. Next, we had lunch. Some people had money and a special lunch order. Finally, at the end of the day we played Duck Duck Goose.

Oliver W

First, we went on a bus. It had a seatbelt. Next, we played games. My favourite game is discus. Then, we ate lunch. Finally, we raced. I came fourth.

Raiyana B

First, we took our bags and rode on a bus. Next, we ate fruit break on a blue blanket. I had a little red apple. Then, we pushed a ball. Finally, we played Frisbee.

Oliver H

First, we went on the bus. Next, we had fruit break. Then, we dribbled the ball. Finally, we had races to the goalposts.

Charlotte B