

Weetangera School Fete – Sunday 29 October

The 2017 Weetangera School Fete Committee are in full swing organising this year's fete. There are a few changes which will be communicated to parents shortly. In the meantime we are asking families to kindly donate glass jars, as well as items for the gift baskets. Thank you to all families who have already been generous. We will be calling on volunteers for the day, so if you can spare an hour or two, please keep an eye out for upcoming fete newsletters.

Kind regards

Danielle

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Ruby D, Alex M, Caelan C, Kai B Zaima T.

Creativity: Eleanor M, Emily W, Zohaib H, Murray C-T, Oliver H, Scarlett K, Daisy G, Lucas S, Cassie S.

Collaboration: Anna V, Marley P, Alex K.

Critical Thinking: Sam L, Sienna D, James R-E, Harry McD, Jordon L, Jess K, Zafirah S, Edward F, Avalon J, Louie McD

COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN

We've been involved in Fresh Tastes since 2014 and we've had a positive shift in our food and drink environment as a result!

Our next venture will be building a school garden for the school community. This is part of our *Growing Food* action plan which will be valuable in creating connections between growing food and classroom learning.

Alongside landscapers, horticulturalists and Brad, the Garden Committee have been working hard to plan out our garden with a focus on sustainability and purposeful learning.

To ensure our garden is sustainable well into the future, we have carefully included a few key features such as:

- Using sleepers around our raised gardens and dig gardens
- Concreting the teaching space area
- Constructing a steel frame pergola with colorbond and translucent roof for natural lighting
- Aluminium bench seats in the teaching space
- Gravel footpaths
- Water tank
- Automatic drip irrigation system feeding off the water tank
- 1.8m fence around the garden

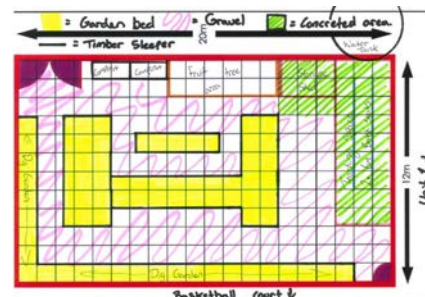
There will be many opportunities for the garden to be utilised across the school and wider community. These include:

- A teaching space which allows students to gain a hands-on approach to their learning
- Lunchtime play. The design will feature a special garden bed, where students can play and dig. Students will also be able to utilise the seating area
- The produce that is grown will be used by classes in healthy food lessons as well as by the canteen
- The school is planning on engaging outside community groups to work with the students in gardening

We will be establishing a working bee to help set up the garden alongside the landscapers next term. Keep an eye out for the dates!

Due to the size of this project, we would like to invite parents and community members to the next P&C meeting to discuss it further. Please bring along any questions, concerns or ideas you may have related to this project.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 October at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



GUEST AUTHOR—NICOLE GODWIN

Local author Nicole Godwin presented her debut picture book *Ella*, which provides a glimpse into the lives of elephants being used in the tourism industry and highlights the need for elephant conservation.

If you want your very own copy of *Ella*, Nicole can personally sign a copy and deliver it back to school. You can find out more about the picture book and even get a sneak peak at <http://tuskbbooks.com/ella/>. Copies are \$25. Please provide the following information written on an envelope (with your payment enclosed) and return to the front office: Parent's name, child's class (for delivery), number of books, and name of child (or children) for the signing.

SRC FUNDRAISER

What: Teacher/Student uniform swap

When: Friday 22 September, Week 10

Cost: Gold coin donation. All funds going to the RSPCA

We look forward to seeing you all dressed as a teacher!

Spotlighting Weetangera

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BOOK WEEK 2017

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 dressed as beloved book characters from their favourite books.



Staring at you with her pudgy face was Professor Dolores Jane Umbridge. She is one of the worst book characters, but why you may wonder. Well for starters she is a big liar, like she says that she's a pureblood but is actually a half-blood. Okay that's just a small lie but her job is sniffing out mudbloods or half-bloods and firing them?! I will tell you her wicked actions which include torture, stupidity and just being a character.

Umbridge is a disgrace to Hogwarts and the wizarding world itself, she tortures Harry Potter with a quill that magically cuts the back of his hand and uses his blood! The cut will heal in a few seconds but writing again will permanently scar. Professor McGonagall thinks that the "**Black Quill**" is a medieval method. Especially when she smiles her toad like smile. And that isn't all. She says she is helping figure out the good and useless teachers. She tries to fire Professor Trelawney but Dumbledore says no. But if you think that isn't bad enough then she will astonish you when she goes even further.

Some of, no, the most iconic teachers are Professor Snape, Professor McGonagall and Dumbledore. When she tries to interrupt Professor Snape she ends up with the cold shoulder. But when she (in hindsight stupidly) interrupts Professor McGonagall she is dealt with as if she is an interrupting student-when she coughs Professor McGonagall offers her a Cough drop. But worst of all she interrupts Professor Dumbledore and also being in front of Professor McGonagall. She is a very very bad teacher and an even worse book character.

Alex K

Integrated with our persuasive writing unit, Year 6 students were asked:

*“Who is the **WORST** book character?”*

This is what they had to say...

Gwendoline Mary Lacey

Gwendoline is the worst book character. She is a horrid girl, from the book Malory Towers. The expectations for her was to change into a kind and grateful student at the school as many others had. Gwendoline was incapable of learning these traits.

In the six years at Malory Towers, Gwendoline got even more selfish. She only thought of herself and how she felt. Only believing that she was a humble, kind girl and the other girls in her dormitory were the self-centred ones. Each year new girls arrived and Gwen was determined to become friends and be popular, though she would lie to them to make her sound more superior. She says dreadful things to and about the others if she doesn't get something she wants.

It was impossible for Gwendoline to be humble, she wanted power for herself. She was cruel to everybody around her. As a result she was left alone with no friends. Gwendoline is by far the worst book character because of everything harmful she has done.

Jessie O

Saruman. The foul, white-headed liar is by far the **WORST** book character to be created. J.R.R Tolkien made this wizard to be an antagonist in the Lord of the Rings against Frodo Baggins and his fellowship. The lies and misfortunes he's put others through is extremely atrocious.

Lies are no way to get through life, as Saruman realised. It seemed as if evil was going to win the war on Middle Earth. Instead of possibly dying in battle, he saw an opportunity to join Sauron and his evil ways. He lied to Galadriel, an elf sorceress about what he did, and his choice of 'joining the dark side' led him to his well-earned death. "A lie can take care of the present, but it has no future."

Before his death, Saruman was a kidnapper. Gandalf went to the wizard's tower to talk to him about the threat of Sauron and the orcs of Mordor, not knowing how dangerous Saruman was. He ended up in a fight with the powerful grey wizard and tied him to the top of his tower to die. A kidnapper is no friend to anyone, and Saruman definitely wasn't a friend to anyone.

The worst book character is no doubt Saruman, the White Wizard. A disloyal friend and liar and a kidnapper doesn't end up living a good life. (And having a confusingly similar name to the big bad guy (Sauron) doesn't help your case.) In the end Sauron is the **WORST** book character to ever be created.

Freya M

Granny

Granny is the most cruel and atrocious book character of all time. She will do anything to ruin young people's lives by their time and come to every event to disrupt other people.

Granny will do anything to annoy and frustrate young people to win the Golden Granny awards. The awards are handed out for doing anything against youth to waste their time. For example Granny glued the station guard's hand the side of the train. She will go to any extent to disturb and trouble the community, especially her grandson Joe.

Her grandson, Joe, is a caring young boy who is just trying to live a normal life. Also her bitter attitude on everything is just horrible to everyone around her. Once for Christmas Granny got Joe a box the same size of the robot he wanted and when he opened it, it was one for a baby. She doesn't care about anyone but herself.

Archie W