



Weetangera School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

At the end of last week we celebrated the conclusion of NAIDOC week by inviting in the parents of those students involved in the Yirri Group for a small performance and to spend time reconnecting with each other around the 2020 NAIDOC theme of: *Always Was, Always Will Be*. Together we acknowledged and celebrated the history of this country, a history which dates back thousands of generations, celebrating the people and their culture of the First Australians. Throughout the afternoon, the one thing that resonated with us all, was having the ability to come together, face to face, and celebrating a key event in our school community. This has been missed throughout the year due to the COVID 19 pandemic and it was a delight to reform the connections we have within our community.

The partnership between parents and the school is crucial in the successful learning of each of our students. As a school we are always conscious of ways we can continue to improve, and feedback provided to us from our community identifies and supports future aspirations. One form of data we reflect on is the views expressed by our community through the School Satisfaction Survey results which we receive each year. The School Improvement team have been analysing the results of this year's survey to understand how, as a school, we can improve.

In analysing the results there have been some common themes which we would like to receive further feedback on and establish key actions to improve our school. These areas include:

- How Weetangera School values and maintains community partnerships
- How parents are informed about their child's progress
- How Weetangera School recognises and celebrates diversity.
- How Weetangera School supports students to be a good digital citizen.

To develop a deeper understanding of these areas we would like to invite parents to join us in a forum on Thursday 3 December 2020 from 3:00pm – 3:30pm. During this time, we would like to discuss the areas outlined and look for ways to improve. A note will be going home to parents in the coming week about the forum, asking for you to RSVP as there will be a limited group size. If needed, we will hold additional sessions. Alternatively, if you cannot make the forum but would like to express your views, we will send out a Google form in the coming weeks for you to fill out and provide us some feedback.

Kind Regards

Danielle Hoogland
Deputy Principal



Giving Tree Appeal

From Monday there will be a collection box in the front foyer for donations of non perishable food items or small gifts. These will be placed in hampers 'Christmas Goodies' to support vulnerable families during this time across Belconnen. Thank you CRCS

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19 November 2020
Term 4 Week 6

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

November

24 P&C Meeting
7 pm Staff Room

December

10 Hot Dog Day—
Canteen special
lunch
14 Year 6 Dinner
16 Year 6 Fun Day
17 Year 6 Graduation

Kindergarten

News



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley - 0403 498 397, Vijaya Porwal
Principal - James Barnett 61422600; **Teacher Reps.** - Natarsha van den Boogaard

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AWARDS CERTIFICATES

Last week certificates were awarded for:

Critical Thinking: Alexander B, Hannah D-B, Tom S, Aiko P

Communication:

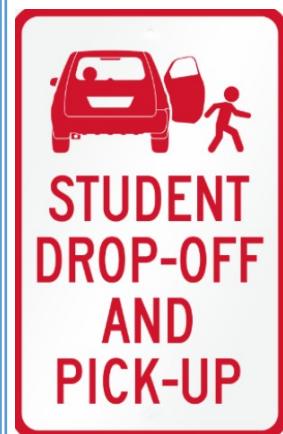
Creativity:

Collaboration: Xavier T



Wheeltangera is held every Friday morning from 8:30am-8:55am on the synthetic pitch. This bike-riding session is available to all students from Kinder to Year 6 and the children ride around a set course and tally up their laps completed. The emphasis of Wheeltangera is on participation, enjoyment and personal bests rather than competition. We have had 72 students participate at least once this term, and each week we have had approximately 40 students taking part. Of our participants 52 have been boys and 20 girls so we would love to see some more girls joining in the fun! We have some bikes available to borrow from the bike shed for those students who are unable to ride to school. Riding before school is a brilliant way for students to be healthy and active and to be more alert during class time. We hope to see you there on the last few Fridays of term!

Erwin McRae



Weetangera School Parking and Traffic Guidelines:

Cars should not park in the Pick Up and Set Down zone at the front of the school.

Please only use this area to drop off or collect waiting children.

DOGS

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

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.

How does your garden grow?

How does our garden grow indeed!



This week we have been feasting on snow peas and strawberries.

We pulled up a HUGE carrot and were amazed and delighted at how our broccoli heads are coming along.



Home recycling tip

We are up to 'H' in the Recyclopaedia.

Hair, now there is something you probably didn't think about recycling. I once knew an elderly lady that would ask for a bag of hair each time she visited the hairdresser. She claimed it was fantastic for her roses. It turns out she was right. Crazy but true! Human and pet hair can be a great source of slow releasing nitrogen. Put it into your compost or around the base of plants.

[https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/recyclopaedia-a-z-listing?
result_1335306_result_page=H](https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/recyclopaedia-a-z-listing?result_1335306_result_page=H)

Happy gardening and recycling!
Nicole and the garden/sustainability team.

P&C...

FINAL P&C MEETING OF THE YEAR

Tuesday 24 November

at 7pm, in the school staff room. All are welcome.

MANGO UPDATE

The mango suppliers have advised that due to the crop of mangoes being late this year, our mango delivery will be delayed by a week. This means they will now arrive the week commencing 7 December.

We will let you know closer to the time the exact date they will be arriving. Please contact Kate at Weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEER!

YOUR P & C NEEDS YOU IN 2021.

GET INVOLVED

COMMITTEE POSITIONS VACANT

Have you been thinking about joining the P&C but unsure of what you can offer? Are you someone who is good at organising things, taking minutes, tracking expenditure, keeping everyone on track? Well the Weetangera P&C is looking for you to join our committee in 2021.

We are looking to fill the Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer positions and are keen for fresh ideas and new members!

You will be supported by experienced members along the way and you will only need to spare a few hours each term. To find out more contact the President- weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com



Spotlighting Weetangera

Spotlight on Weetangera – Kindergarten

Throughout our inquiry unit for Term 3, Kindergarten were inquiring into special places. Drawing from the overarching Big Idea- What makes a place special? The students followed several lines of inquiry and asked key questions that informed their learning.

The lines of inquiry included:

- The places people come from and live in and why they are special
- How Aboriginal people have a strong connection to their land
- How these places can be looked after

Some of the main key questions we investigated were:

- How can we look after places that are special to us?
- What impact do we have on the environment?
- How can we communicate our thoughts and ideas to the community?

Students looked at these questions from a global perspective initially and from there were encouraged to consider the impact these questions had on our local community, and more specifically, Weetangera. Throughout our investigations, students inquired into our school sustainability and recycling program, gathering data into such things as littering, whiteboard marker usage and worm farm operation. Throughout the term, the students were immersed in this program in all strands of learning which carried on during recess and lunch breaks as our students morphed into Weetangera Warriors, on a mission to make our school more sustainable!

A culmination of our term learning came in the form of class newsletters which cast a spotlight on the learning over the entire term. This gave the students an authentic writing experience and provided a platform for them to get their

message out to the school and wider family community. We are so proud of our little Weetangera Warriors and the thoughtfulness and hard work that went into these newsletters!



KINDER KOALAS SPECIAL EDITION SEPTEMBER, 2020

OUR KIDS CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

THE WEETANGERA WARRIOR NEWS

DUR WEETANGERA WARRIORS HAVE BEEN SUPER BUSY!!

COLLECTING RUBBISH

MAKING DISCOVERIES

LEARNING NEW INFORMATION

If you are interested to read more about our learning, all of the class newspapers have been attached to this email! We hope you enjoy!

KINDER Wombats SPECIAL EDITION SEPTEMBER, 2020

OUR KIDS CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

THE WOMBAT WEETANGERA WARRIOR NEWS

COLLECTING DATA AND NOTICING A PROBLEM!

Week 9	Total
KR	109
KW	160
KO	238
Total	507

On Monday the Wombats collected rubbish and data to see how much rubbish was hurting our special place. We need to put the rubbish in the bins so the environment can be saved.

Written by Anthony and Maddie



KINDER MAGIC HATS SPECIAL EDITION SEPTEMBER, 2020

OUR KIDS CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

THE WEETANGERA WARRIOR NEWS

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The children of Weetangera Primary School say thank you to the Ngunnawal People for sharing their land with us

and for teaching us how to take care of the land, water, birds and animals.

We promise to take care of this special place where we live, learn and play.

Illustrated by Elora, Tahlia, Mila, Archer and Parker.

Caring for Our Country

FOR us to be a Weetangera warrior we have to look after our environment. The Aboriginal people teach us that we need to STOP killing animals. Life is not supposed to be like that. We need to look after the land.

Written by Ananya





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