

Upcoming Events

This time of year can be a busy one for families. Below are some school events which are fast approaching:

- Board Meeting – Monday 21 November
- P&C Meeting – Tuesday 22 November 7pm
- Parent Thank you Morning Tea – Wednesday 30 November
- Weetangera End of Year Concert – Thursday 8 December
- Year 6 Fun Day and Dinner Dance – Monday 12 December
- Year 6 Graduation – Wednesday 14 December

Kind Regards

Danielle Hoogland

Illegal parking

We have had many complaints regarding parents illegally parking at the entrance of our school, ignoring the red no parking flags, the red gutters and the cones (on one occasion the cones were physically removed so the car could park there). These are put in place for the safety of our children, and make a safe entrance to the driveway.

Below is an extract from the ACT Government website:

To assist drivers to understand their obligations under the Australian Road Rules in relation to parking and how parking is regulated in the Territory.

Examples of where it is illegal to stop or park your vehicle include:

- on a taxi rank or bus stop;
- in a no stopping zone;
- **in a no parking zone (you can stop but not park);**
- **on a footpath or nature strip;**
- on a traffic island, the median strip or plantation in a divided carriageway;
- in a loading zone unless you have a loading zone parking permit or the vehicle is specifically permitted to use the loading zone;
- **across any passage, thoroughfare, entrance, driveway or foot crossing;**

- so that any part of the vehicle overhangs any line marking or parking space or bay; and,
- anywhere other than in a marked bay in a car park marked into bays.

For a full description of parking rules refer to the *Australian Road Rules*.

To report illegal parking please use our online feedback form or call the Access Canberra Contact Centre on 13 22 81.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

Many thanks to the students, teachers and parents who helped make our poppies this year.

We raised \$236 for Legacy.



Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

Spotlighting Weetangera

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Only five more weeks of being pre schoolers!

Our Inquiry Unit this term focuses on change, and incorporates the transition to primary school. Our transition program has included a tour of the school, visits to Kindergarten and the opportunity to buy something to eat at the canteen.

Without a doubt, our favourite part of the program would have to be getting to know our Year 5 buddies and meeting up with them each week. All these planned experiences help support a smooth transition to primary school and make the process a little less stressful.

The pre schoolers also had some questions that they wanted to find out the answers to before they started next year. We took a list of our questions up to Kindergarten and we are eagerly awaiting a reply to some of the mysteries surrounding school!

“Do you have toys at primary school?” Tyler

“What is school like? Is it hard?” Evie



“Do you practise writing?” Willow



“Do you do gymnastics?” Louis



“Are there 100 bikes?” Charlie

We had 50 cents to spend at the canteen. We were very excited!



Buddies are a really important part of our transition to school. The children spend time together each week involved in “getting-to-know-you activities” and informal play. They also have lunch together on these days.

The familiar face of an older buddy can be very reassuring as the children move into Kindergarten. Buddies are definitely a highlight of our week.



“I liked showing my buddy the birds nest” Blake



“I love my buddy” Darcy



“I like racing with my buddy” Alex



“Will I see my buddy at primary school?” Carla