



# Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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Weetangera School is an  
**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**  
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Weetangera School community shares the vision that "Our students will learn and achieve to their potential. They will acquire skills that allow them to lead productive and responsible lives." Weetangera School has a commitment to academic success, complemented by a comprehensive co-curricular program and a pursuit of service and compassion for the community. Our programs aim to provide students with a balanced development of the intellectual, emotional, physical, social and cultural elements of life in order to enable them to reach their potential both as a student and as a member of the community.

We certainly regard our relationship with families as a partnership in which school and home share responsibility for children's learning. When this partnership is extended to include the wider community, the benefits are greater yet. Perhaps most important is that when responsibility for children's learning is shared by the school, home, and community, children have more opportunities for meaningful, engaged learning. Students are able to see the connection between the learning in the school and the skills and learning dispositions that are required in the real world. During Term 4 we have planned transitions visits. This week we have our 'All in Night' tonight, starting at 6pm, raising funds and awareness for the Cancer Council, and our thanks extend to Janinne Nascimento for coordinating this event. The Year 4 students and teachers are attending Belconnen High School's Sports Gala day as a culminating event of their sports program with Belconnen High School students. I thank our teams of teachers and school staff members, who are constantly planning and coordinating learning experiences which extend our students learning beyond the classroom.

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating loss in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. This year Saturday 11 November marks the 99th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Weetangera School will observe the occasion in a number of ways in our classrooms, including specific learning opportunities for students.

### A-E Reports

Each student will receive their End of Year Reports in Week 9 of Term 4. Our reports contain two components: the School report as well as the A-E grading component. If for any reason you wish the school to withhold the A-E grades please inform the school in writing by Friday 24 November and we will accommodate your request.

Yours faithfully,

James M. Barnett  
Principal

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Term 4 Week 5

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### November

- 9 All in Night
- 21 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 23 Alice the Musical

#### December

- 7 School Concert
- 11 Year 6 fun day
- 13 Year 6 end of year

### ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

**Friday 10 November**  
No Assembly

**Friday 17 November**  
Whole School  
Hosted by Year 3



### INSERTS

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Parent Reps.** Yvonne Gray 0414817680; Alex Nockels 0414914006; Janine O'Keefe 0411286853; **Community Rep.** Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 62057488;  
**Teacher Reps.** - Isabel Dunn and Erwin McRae

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## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

- Communication:** Samuel B, Kai B, Flynn C, Oscar L, Ryan J, Angelina M, Lakita S, Aran A.
- Creativity:** Makayla P, Victoria D, Lene S, Zach C-S.
- Collaboration:** Olivia G, Laura F, Lawson V-S, Tia B, Mia S, Ava B.
- Critical Thinking:** Milly J, Joey L, Mim S, Sarah A, Jasper N, Tyler J, Dayle J, Brodie N, Archie W.

## ACT PRIMARY CONCERT CHOIR - 2018

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in 2018 to audition for the ACT Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PCC rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm till 5:30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Primary Concert Choir is conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education Directorate schools.

During its first four years the choir has been invited to perform in high profile events such as the nationally televised Australia vs New Zealand Rugby game, Parliament House Open Day, Step Into the Limelight, Wattle Day Citizenship Ceremonies and IMP Concerts. Each year the choir participates in the National Eisteddfod, Choral Division, and in 2016 and 2017 the choir achieved first place in the 12 Years and Under Championship.

The choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young singers to work together in an enriching environment. **The PCC is a performance ensemble and the families of children auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.** Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at [www.imp.act.edu.au](http://www.imp.act.edu.au). The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information letters are available at your child's school. These letters detail what is required during the audition and also further information about the audition process. If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 62058265.

<https://goo.gl/forms/F509BFUYNhNvywbm2>

Applications are now open and close Friday 17 November.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you so much to the very generous Weetangera Community from the Pick-A-Jar stall crew. This year we received double the amount of jars as last year and the stall still sold out in the same amount of time – within the first hour and a half. It was crazy wonderful. Your children simply love the stall. Thank you so much for your support.

If you happen to have some empty jars at home that you don't need, we'd love to receive them so that we can put together more jars for next year's stall.

Please hand them in to the front office.

Thanks again, Kate Donehue



**Working Together** **All in Night**  
**TONIGHT**  
**6pm start**  
**Payment on the night, just let me know you're coming!**  
**Janinne Nascimento**

*Something to ponder*

- Rain contains vitamin B12
- Sharks can sense a drop of blood from 4km (2.5miles) away
- fleas can accelerate 50 times faster than a space shuttle

**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.  
**ALL WELCOME**

# Spotlighting Weetangera

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Unit 5 Year 4

In writing, we have been looking at how to effectively gather the important parts of a given piece of text, and taking notes to later produce a factual piece of writing.



You need to be short and sharp to effectively take notes from any source.

Daniel and Alex



I learnt that it has to be brief and not very long. The information needs to be straight to the point and not too long.

Archie

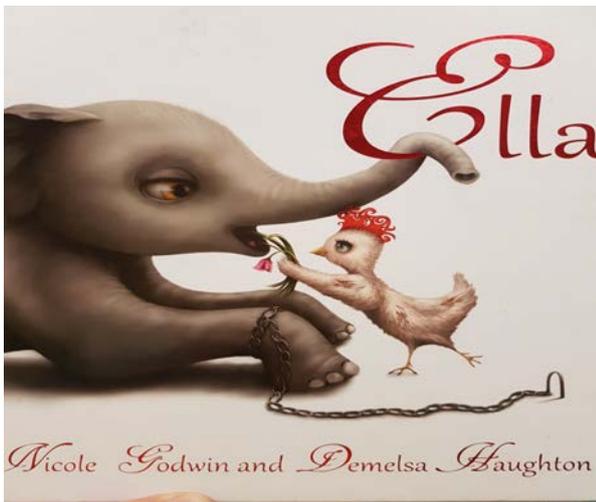


The information you take needs to be correct. Everything you read on the internet isn't always true.

Will and Henry

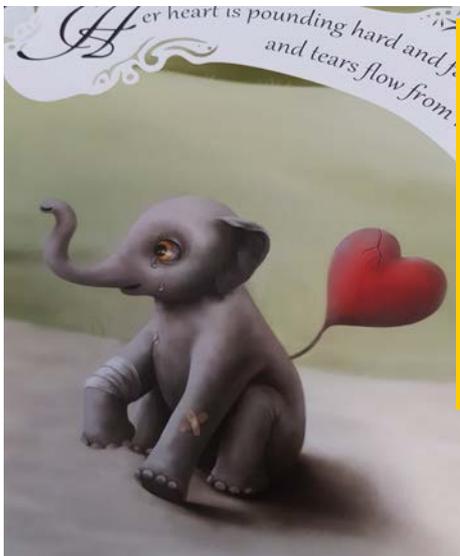


We learnt that it's easier to scan through for information rather than read every page because it's a lot quicker. It's also a lot easier to look at the contents.

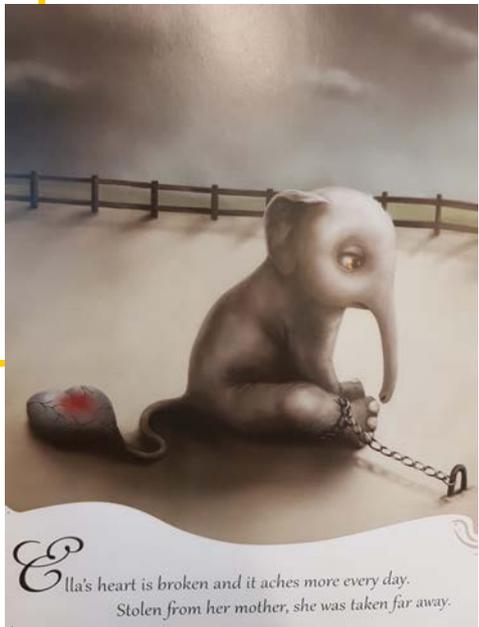


We have been looking at the book "Ella" about a baby elephant on a heart wrenching quest for freedom. This book ties in with both our Inquiry Unit on conservation and our investigation into visual literacy.

I think it was very good because it showed how real elephants can be treated. It was telling everybody that this is what happens and it's not kind.  
Kai M



Elephants get mistreated because they have to work all day with people riding them. They also don't get enough food and water. People are doing this because they need money.  
Rosie



The book Ella is sad because taking the elephants away from their family isn't right. If someone took me away from my family I would be sad.  
Waikare

Ella was a real eye-opener to what is happening in the real world.  
Thomas

The book Ella had good visual literacy because the pictures reflected what was happening and how they were feeling like the heart on Ella's tail.  
Charles

