



# Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**  
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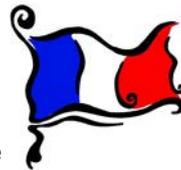
Dear Parents and Carers,

## Celebrating learning within the school

One of the many things I love about Weetangera School, is the opportunities children have to participate in a variety of experiences across all learning areas. Please enjoy reading about what some of our students have achieved in the past week.

## Concours de poésie récitée 2019

Congratulations to Evelyn S and Suvir S who won awards in the Concours de poésie récitée 2019



French Poetry Competition. Evelyn was awarded 1st place and Suvir 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Both students were invited to attend the Prize Ceremony last week where they recited their poems in front of a formal audience at the Alliance Française and received their prize. Congratulations Evelyn and Suvir.

## ICAS competitions

At last week's assembly, we celebrated the outstanding achievement of our students who participated in the ICAS competitions last term (English, Science and Maths). All of our students did extremely well, and I would particularly like to congratulate the 23 students who received a credit award (top 25% of Australian students who sat the test), 15 students who received distinctions (top 10%) and 3 students who received high distinctions (top 1%). Congratulations to all students involved!

## Bandstravaganza

Last week our Year 6 band students performed at Bandstravaganza which was held at the Lewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music. This was their graduation performance, and a great way to celebrate all that they have achieved over the past two years while participating in the ACT Instrumental Music Program. We are very proud of all our band students and hope that they continue to enjoy more musical learning experiences as they move into high school and beyond.

Congratulations to all these students, we are proud of your efforts and achievements.

Kind Regards.



Julia Ison

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Term 4 Week 7

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### December

- 12 End of year concert  
6pm - 8:30pm
- 16 Year 6 farewell dinner
- 17 Year 6 fun day
- 18 Year 6 Graduation  
Ceremony  
9:15am - 11am

**19 THURSDAY LAST  
DAY OF TERM**

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☆ **ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am** ☆  
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☆ **29 November** ☆  
☆ **Junior School Assembly** ☆  
☆ **Hosted by Year 2** ☆  
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☆ **6 December** ☆  
☆ **Senior School Assembly** ☆  
☆ **Hosted by Year 3** ☆  
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## Attachments

Canteen Newsletter  
Term 4

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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

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**weetangeraps.act.edu.au**

At last week's whole school Assembly certificates were awarded for:



**Communication:** Lola F, Jack B.  
**Creativity:** Hannah M, Ejay O, Lilly S.  
**Collaboration:** Suvir S, Shahriar N, Louie Mc, Luke W, Charlie M, Daisy G, Makayla P, Alex C, Flynn C, Oliver S, Lola F, Laura F, Talon M.  
**Critical Thinking:** Malakai J, Torkieah M.

### SRC FUNDRAISER

What: Non-Uniform Day

When: **TOMORROW**

Cost: Gold Coin

Raising money for:  
Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal



### SPOTLIGHT ON THE P&C

This issue we look at the role of the Vice-President. The Vice-President is a member of the P&C's executive committee. The executive committee oversees the P&C's operations.

The main role of the Vice-President is to assist the President perform their duties. This mostly involves running committee meetings when the President is away.

Who is this year's Vice-President?

The Vice-President for 2019 is Tony Lenton.

Tony is no newcomer to Weetangera school. His eldest child was at the school from 2004 to 2010, his middle child from 2006 to 2012 and his youngest is currently in Year 5.

Tony has been involved with the P&C in some way or another since 2005.

Why did you get involved in the P&C?

I was initially motivated to join the school's P&C because I wanted to meet other parents and as a full-time worker my opportunities for doing that during school hours were limited.

I was also influenced by the research that showed when parents are involved students are more engaged and have a better attitude to school.

Another reason I got involved is that I wanted to understand how the school works behind the scenes.

Early on I realised that a strong and supportive school community is an essential ingredient in Weetangera School's success, and I wanted that success to continue so my children, and all the students, could enjoy the benefits.

What's been your experience?

Going to my first meeting was a bit nerve wracking, I didn't know anyone else and the people who were there seemed much more experienced than me, but they made me feel welcome and I was keen to come to another meeting. Fourteen years on I'm still going

to the meetings, I've held a variety of roles and I do my best to make it a welcoming and collaborative environment.

The other thing I've found is that everyone has something to offer – ideas, skills, experience - and every year the committee is slightly different. That keeps it interesting and brings growth.

My original objectives have been met several times over – I've met lots of interesting people, made some good friends, learned about how the school works and helped make it better, and had fun doing it.

What would you say to someone thinking of getting involved?

Overcome your initial hesitation and come to a meeting. You will have something to offer and there will be ways you can help, that fit within your time constraints.

Become an active member of the school community and enjoy the benefits, for you and your children. For more information go to the P&C's Facebook page or email [weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com](mailto:weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com) or [weetangera.pc.vp@gmail.com](mailto:weetangera.pc.vp@gmail.com).

### LIBRARY REMINDER

The library will be **CLOSED** as from Week 8 till the end of the school year only open for books to be returned and will **NOT** be open for 8:30 morning reading.

Because you know what time it is?



**Year 6 students please ensure that your library books are all returned before leaving our wonderful school.**

Thank you  
Annie

# Spotlighting We

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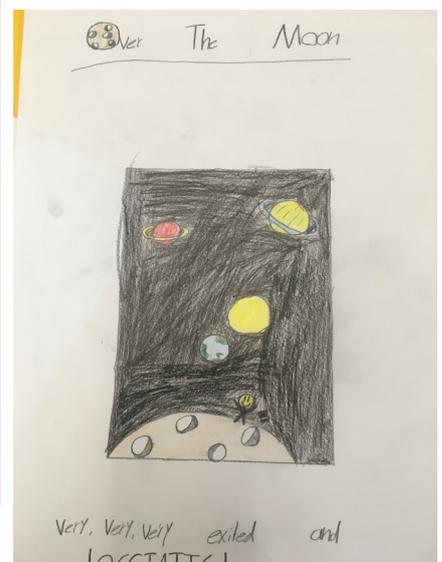
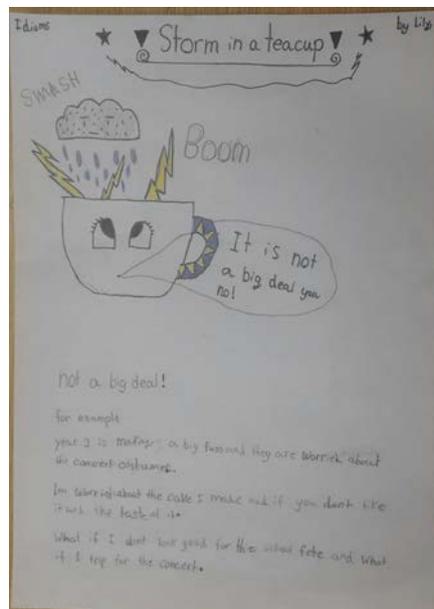
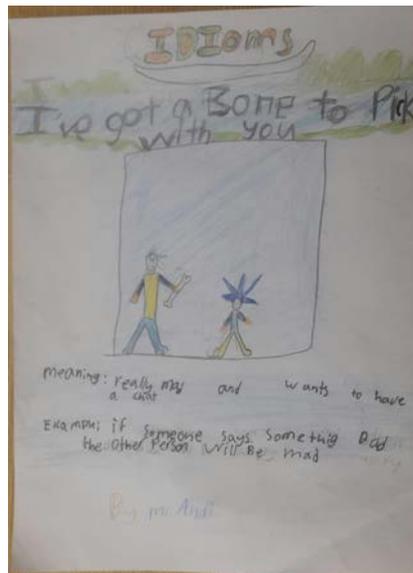
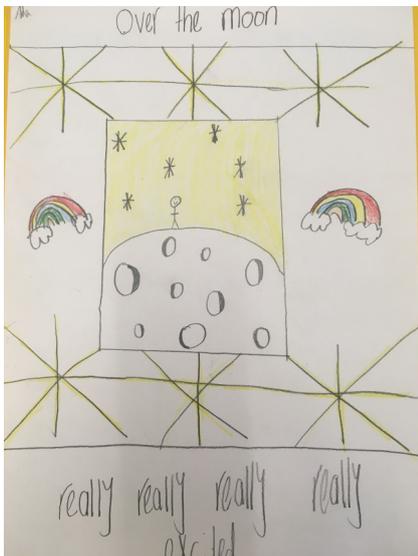
## Incredible Idioms

Year 3 have been learning about various language devices, with a focus on idioms. We learnt what they are, and how they mean something different to their literal meaning. We looked at some well known idioms such as 'piece of cake', 'pigs might fly' and 'steal your thunder'. The students then designed a poster for an idiom of their choice, drawing their literal meaning and writing the actual definition.



## Did you know

There are more than 30 000 idioms in the English language alone. That is more idioms than you can poke a stick at!



What 'idioms' does your own cultural background have?

**If you're wanting for more, please come to our Year 3 assembly Week 8, Friday 6 December. We would love to see you there!**