



# Weetangera School

'Our vision, as a community, is to inspire a passion for learning'



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Weetangera School is an  
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Do you like to write?

Is it something you enjoy doing or is it a task that must be done in order to get to the next thing in your day? Perhaps you are one of many who enjoy crafting and recrafting a piece of writing – just for the joy of writing. Whilst planning together last term, our teachers spent some time exploring their engagement and interest in writing in two different styles. We marvelled at how, even as adults, some of us happily dived into the formal email, whilst others took the opportunity to craft an amazing piece of creative text. From poems and limericks, to diaries and fantasy stories, we learnt a lot about each other as writers that day. What we mainly reflected on though, is how everyone will engage differently depending on their connection to the purpose. This is what we are taking with us into this term.



Misty Adoniou's article: *Could you make your story more...interesting? Six ways to improve children's writing*, reminds us that "It's hard to choose your words with intention when your writing has no purpose. Don't tell kids to "write a story". Have a reason for writing, and an audience who will read it."

We know that it is often hard to write about things we do not know about or not familiar with, so bringing language experiences to the classrooms is a focus for us at Weetangera School when creating authentic purpose and genuine audiences for our writing. A full copy of Misty's article can be found here :<https://theconversation.com/could-you-make-your-story-more-interesting-six-ways-to-improve-childrens-writing-32857>



## Book Week 2020 – Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Book Week has moved this year due to the events of 2020, which is great news for those of us still deciding on a costume! The new date for Book Week 2020 is 17-23 October and we will have more information to come about the events you might expect to see at Weetangera School this year.

## 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The 2020 School

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Week 3

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### August

7 Kenny Koala

#### September

1-2 Weetangera Writers Festival

4 Jersey Day

17 Kinder Information Session 6-7pm

22 Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival  
11:30am– 3pm

25 Y6 Market Day

**ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am**

**ALL ASSEMBLIES  
POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**



**Attachments**

### 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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**Please read our web site:**  
[weetangeraps.act.edu.au](http://weetangeraps.act.edu.au)

Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 10 to 31 August. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- A letter about the student survey asking whether their child may participate during class time; and
- An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey; parents who do not receive the email may contact [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese; email [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. For more information, visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Bec Smith

## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

Last week certificates were awarded for:

**Critical Thinking:** Kelvin Y, Alyssa T, Ben C, Daniel M, Amber M, Zalie G, Marley B, Lucas A, Hudson W, Luca T

**Communication:** Jaxon K, Eve P, Archer S, Ryan W, Penny K, Anish G, Sophie W

**Creativity:** Braxton H (AOM), Charlotte McD, Mika S, Harriet F, Max C, Ava P

**Collaboration:** Jackson C, Gillian Y, Eden L, Alfie L, Charles McM, Harriet RM, Zoya H, Lucy D



## STUDENT INJURY

### Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which an injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury, if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

# Spotlighting Weetangera

brought to you by Year 4

Avengers, Minions and The Simpsons



## BTN

I like BTN because it gives you information that no other channel or website would really give you. It has comedy involved which keeps children listening, learning and laughing. Anais D

BTN tells us about different topics in a deep description while we take notes, after we get to test our knowledge in a Kahoot Quiz. The stories BTN tell us are always very interesting and they interview really amazing people. Katja R

BTN is educational and entertaining, you learn new things that you want to. It is an easy way to learn because most people will pay attention. Griffin B

BTN is a kid friendly version of the ABC News where the stories are simplified. After the episode we do a quiz for Dojo points and sometimes we do old fashioned quizzes. During the episode we take notes and write questions. Raymond CL

I like Behind The News (BTN) because it has fun topics and funny acts. BTN is kid friendly and entertaining. New videos of BTN come out every week with about five topics. Amelia and Jack are the narrators of BTN. I like it and I definitely recommend it. Tad N

I like BTN the reason being it teaches kids what is going on. BTN is like news for kids so they don't ask their parents constantly what is going on plus it is TV and learning. BTN is good because you can trust it and it is humorous and hooks the watcher in. Harry W

## Inquiry: Geoguessr

Geoguessr is a fun game. How it works is it puts you in a random spot in the world and in a certain amount of time you have to find out where you are and then you get points. Mia R

Geoguessr is a website that drops you in a place in the world. You get a limit of time to guess where you are, you can guess the continent, country and even a city. Elisha Y

Geoguessr is something fun and not only that but it is appropriate for all ages. Kiesha L

I love Geoguessr because I love learning about the world and you have to guess things. The only thing I don't like about it is it is a bit tricky to guess the country. Charlotte M

Geoguessr is a game that we play in Inquiry. It is fun to play because you have to find out where in the world you are. Olivia B



### Worm Food poster competition.

**WANTED**  
People with imagination, creativity and inspiration.

**TO**  
Create a poster to make sure everyone knows what can be fed to our worms.

**ENTER**  
As an individual or a group.

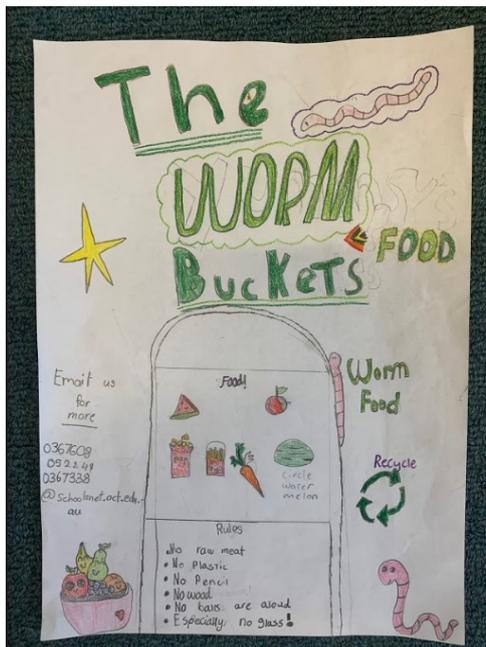
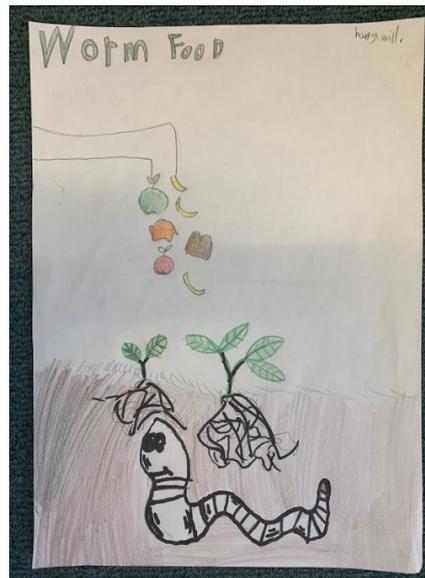
**WINNERS**  
Will be voted for by your unit and have their poster enlarged and displayed for everyone to see in your recycle station area.

**HINTS**  
Make your poster bold, colourful, easy to read and informative. What can our worms eat? All food except raw meat. You can even collect tea bags, paper towels, orange peel, biscuits, popcorn, ham, egg, sandwiches, cheese -all food.

## Being Sustainable at Weetangera

We are holding a poster competition in our unit to remind us which food goes in the worm food buckets.

It is important for all of us to know that our worms can eat ALL food scraps (even the food you don't think they eat) due to the size of the farm.



Students could choose between hand drawing their poster, using Google Slides or a new tool called Piktochart.

# Ps...

## FAMILY SIBLING PHOTOS

are available from the front office  
at a cost of *only* \$6.

## DOGS

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

## Weetangera School Parking and Traffic Guidelines:

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

## 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.



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**DATE: 30, 1, 2 October**

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to book or for more information.



# ACT PRE-SEASON ACADEMY

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5 WEEK PROGRAM

We look to assist our cricketers in accelerating their learning and development in 4 specific areas. The technical aspects of their game (technique), the way they think (psychology), the way they move (strength and conditioning) and the way they play the game (tactically).

Ultimately we take a holistic approach to our players and look to grow and develop not only quality cricketers, but most importantly quality people first and foremost.

What do we play the game for if not for enjoyment and fun! Pro Performance values a positive attitude and aims to create an environment that is challenging, supportive and most of all enjoyable. It is in this atmosphere that players thrive and gain invaluable increases in confidence, self belief and self efficacy. With an additional strong focus on team work and leadership skills we aim to assist our players in learning the essential skills for high performance applicable to all areas of life.

SUNDAYS FROM 3:00-5:00PM

SESSIONS START WEEK 23RD AUGUST  
AND RUN UNTIL END OF TERM - 5 WEEKS  
LOCATION: WATSON OVAL (21 SIMPSON ST, WATSON)



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