



Weetangera School

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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

PSSA SWIMMING

Yesterday we sent 29 students to the AIS to compete in the Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival. This is an outstanding achievement for the school, as students not only needed to win their event at the school carnival, but also needed to beat qualifying times to be selected. Weetangera students showed excellent team spirit on the day and supported each other. Official results have not been sent through yet but some of our students who performed well and achieved personal bests included: Charlie S, Arawan C, Josh K, Qian V, Aidan J, Eli C, Jessica D and Elissa V. Our thanks go to Erwin McRae for his organisation of the Belconnen team, and ongoing coordination of sports teams and events across the school.

HARMONY DAY

Tuesday 21 March was Harmony Day. The theme for Harmony Day each year is *Everyone Belongs*, and is an opportunity for us to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Many students wore orange on Tuesday, the colour used to symbolise Harmony Day. Students participated in activities in their classes celebrating diversity, multiculturalism and inclusion.

EARTH HOUR

Tomorrow all classes will "switch off" for the afternoon and participate in Earth Hour. This is the tenth anniversary of Earth Hour, which raises awareness of and action for climate change. Students have been learning about the impact of climate change, and things they can do to lessen our impact on the environment for the future. Tomorrow afternoon we will participate in electricity free sports activities outside in cross age groups, run by our Year 6 students. If you would like to get involved with Earth Hour, you can switch off all lights and electronic equipment at home from 8:30 – 9:30pm this Saturday. More information about Earth Hour can be found at www.earthhour.org.au. Thank you to Therese Skennar for her organisation of the Earth Hour event and activities, and for her coordination of the Green Team sustainability education across the school.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tomorrow night is the P&C Trivia Night. If you haven't already bought a ticket, it's not too late! Tickets are \$10 each, or \$80 per table. These can be purchased through Flexischools or on the night. The teachers have been studying hard, and are ready to defend their victory at last year's event! Doors open at 6:30pm, for a 7:00pm start.

Yvonne Piper
Executive teacher

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

March

- 24 P&C Trivia Night 6:30 for 7:00pm start
- 27 Year 5 French Cultural Excursion to the Versailles Exhibition
- 31 Bubbles Day

April

- 3 Board Meeting

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 24 March
Senior Assembly
Hosted by Year 3

Friday 31 March
No Assembly

Attachments
& Insert
EpiPen Recall
Adventurers Club
Holiday Happenings

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AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Connor McE, Sam L.
Archie L

Creativity: Alara I, Elke Y, Emma S.

Collaboration: Alba B, Milly J, Jasmine B,
Evelyn S.

Critical Thinking: Eryn H.

TRIVIA TOMORROW NIGHT

Location: Weetangera School hall

Date: Friday 24 March

Time: Doors open 6:30pm,

7:00pm start

BYO food and drinks.

\$10 a ticket or \$80 for a table
of 8.

Available on Flexischool or on the night.

If you have any questions you can email
terri-anne@hotmail.com.



BUBBLES DAY

Weetangera School will celebrate 'Bubbles Day' on Friday 31 March. This gives all the students and staff the opportunity to learn about and celebrate difference, as well as raising awareness and understanding the features of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

This year we are focusing on differences.

Please wear BLUE on the day – no donations – just awareness

World Autism Awareness Day is Sunday 2 April

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on autism as a growing global health priority. Every year on World Autism Awareness Day, Autism Speaks celebrates its international "Light It Up Blue" campaign.

CANTEEN CROSS COUNTRY SPECIAL

Week 10 Cross Country day special recess. Celebrate your run and the end of Term 1 with an Easter Bun, milk and a flavoured sipah straw all for \$3.00.

Order now on Flexischools or place your order in class lunch tubs.

Please have your orders in by Friday 31 March.



What: Non Uniform Day

When: Thursday 6 April (Week 10)

Why: Raising money for Soldier On
Charity

Cost: Gold Coin

Something to ponder

The Grand Canyon can hold
around 900 trillion footballs.

Celebrating



years of
progress

Our Kids are Switching
Off this Earth Hour

SWITCH OFF TO #JOINTHEFUTURE
SCHOOLS DAY FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2017



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

Dinosaur Unit

Welcome to Spotlighting Weetangera with Year 1! In the Dinosaur Unit, we have the Triceratops with Mrs Edwards, the Brontosaurus with Mrs Millar & Miss O'Callaghan and the Pterodactyls with Miss Eade.

On the Fridays we don't have assembly, Year 1 participates in Investigations. During Investigations, students complete activities relating to content being taught in class. This Investigations cycle consisted of activities related to our Inquiry Unit *'Farm to Plate'*, developing fine motor skills, counting and writing information reports.



I liked making things with the plasticine because it was fun.

- Liam



I liked threading because it was fantastic.

- April

I liked making the expanding piranha because it was funny. It was little, then it was big.

- Seren



I liked playing sight word snakes and ladders because it was fun going up the ladders.

- James



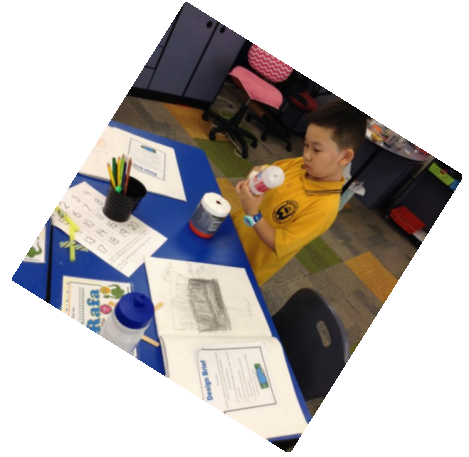
I liked doing construction because I got to make a castle.

- Shazeb



I liked making things using the plasticine because it was fun and I got to make different things.

- Sophie



As part of our Inquiry Unit, we have started making dams. To be successful, we must:

- ◇ Draw a detailed design in our book, complete with labels
- ◇ Use only recycled materials
- ◇ Build a dam that holds half a cup of water without leaking
- ◇ Complete an evaluation showing how the design could improve

