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Dear Parents and Carers,

Getting to Know You Interviews

Thank you to all of our families that attended the Getting to Know You Interviews last week. Our teachers appreciated the chance to meet you all and talk to you about your child. Our wonderful staff have used the information that they gathered from these interviews to establish supportive and challenging learning environments that cater for the individual learning needs and interests of each student.

To support this endeavour, over the last few weeks, teachers have worked hard to implement learning experiences that create a culture and climate for learning. Our staff have been intentional with how they have set up their classrooms to ensure they are welcoming and engage students in their learning. Students have also participated in various activities that provide them with opportunities to build positive relationships and establish mutual trust with all members of the class. When students feel supported, safe and happy in their learning environment, they are more willing to take risks in their learning and 'have a go'.

We have been so impressed with the happy and settled start to the year. As we have spent time across classes in these early weeks we observed how relaxed and engaged students are. Please enjoy some reflections from our students about their first few weeks of school.

Oliver (Kinder) – I have enjoyed learning about numbers in Maths. I know lots about numbers.

Aaron (Kinder) – I have enjoyed playing with my big brother and meeting my Year 6 buddy.

Sophie (Yr 2) – I have enjoyed meeting new people and making lots of friends.

Lachy (Yr 5) – I have enjoyed maths lessons, fitness sessions and playing with my friends.

Anna and Eleanor (Yr 6) – We have enjoyed meeting our teachers and being in Unit 7.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Year 3 and 5. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

This year, the assessment will be undertaken during the period of 15-25 May 2018. In 2018, for the first time, students at Weetangera School will sit NAPLAN online. NAPLAN Online aims to be more engaging for students, delivering precise results quicker to parents and schools, as well as continuing to support school improvement.

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Term 1 Week 3

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

February

- 23 Swimming Carnival
- 27 P&C AGM 7pm

March

- 14-16 Years 4,5,6 Camps
- 15-16 Year 3 Camp
- 21 Whole School photos

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 23 February

No Assembly

Friday 2 March

Junior Assembly

Hosted by Year 2

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Book Club information

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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An information sheet has been sent home to families with students in Year 3 and 5 today. If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN assessments, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Swimming Carnival

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are looking forward to attending the Swimming Carnival at Dickson Pool tomorrow. Notes were sent home earlier this term with information about this exciting day.

Kind regards,

Julia Ison

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2018

Congratulations to the newly elected house captains and vice-captains for 2018. These students will have a leadership role at all the sports carnivals and encourage all students to participate with enthusiasm and to display exemplary sportsmanship at all times.

Amethyst Captain - Anna V; Samuel B

Vice-Captain - Makayla P; Lucas S

Emerald Captain - Zara B; Benji B

Vice-Captain - Scarlett W; Luke W

Sapphire Captain - Ava B; Rocko G-L

Vice-Captain - Elissa V; Alex C

Topaz Captain - Bella T; Joey L

Vice-Captain - Amara H; Ollie S

SWIMMING CARNIVAL UPDATE

The swimming races will commence tomorrow at approximately 9:45am. The order of events will be:

100m Freestyle Open

50m Freestyle U8-U12

50m Backstroke U10-U12

50m Breaststroke U10-U12

50m Butterfly U10-U12

The races are expected to finish at approximately 11:45am, novelty events will take place following these events.

INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

ABSENT NOTES - APP OR EMAIL

When sending through an absent note for your child **please** put their class on the app/email, not just the year they are in. This helps us in the front office know exactly which teacher to forward on to.

ACCESS THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR

To enable the school to run efficiently in the front

foyer area it is requested that all students who are NOT accompanied by parents do not enter through the front door. If you drop your child off in the front carpark they should walk around to the back of the school to the playground area. This is where they line up to enter classes in the morning. We would appreciate your help in this matter as it gets very crowded in the small foyer area we have when parents are lined up to attend to matters at the front counter. **Exception to the rule:** Students attending early for music/band etc with Ms Lloyd-Jones, they may use the front door. Thank you

PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS

When paying student supplies, voluntary contributions, library contributions or preschool contributions for more than one child, you do not have to do them individually - we will split them up once they come through to the office. This will save you time and save us paper when running off the order forms.

CANTEEN AGM, FRIDAY 2 MARCH

If you love our school canteen, come to the Canteen AGM and consider being part of the Canteen Committee. We support the canteen by holding fundraising activities such as the school discos and ensuring it continues to offer great food at reasonable prices. We also find time to socialise!

The meeting will be in the library from 3pm on Friday 2 March. We hope to see you there and kids are welcome. However, if you can't come along but want to be involved, send an email to wpscanteen@hotmail.com or chat to Kerrie or Belinda in the canteen.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club – Issue 1 LOOP orders are due this Friday 23 February. Catalogues were sent home with students last week, but are also available online at www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp

Weetangera School receives a whopping 20% of your order total, in the form of rewards dollars. These rewards are then spent on valuable learning resources for all Weetangera students.

If you are new to Book Club, please read the attachments to this newsletter for information on how to place your order through the online ordering and payment platform. Questions or Problems? - let us know via the school front office.

Sarah & Kylie



NAPLAN will be online from 15-25 May 2018.

NAPLAN Online:

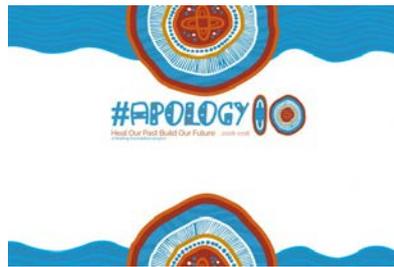
- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see how the test works and for more information.



Spotlighting Weetangera

brought to you by Year 4!



Now we are two teams.
And moving forward as
a nation.

Forget the past and
think of the future.

Know we are deeply
sorry.
Forgive us.

Sorry is a small word
But it means big.

Let's move on as
a team.

WE ARE SORRY.

We're sorry.
What we did was wrong.

But it's time to move on.

Move forward as one nation.

Time to forget and forgive
and start over again.

Moving forward together
as a nation,
Our worst mistake was the
stolen generation.

Don't be the past, be the future.
Let not the past be repeated.

This is something bad that's
happened.

Today is a new day.

So think of our future.

We know there's a word to
say.
"Sorry."

We are sorry for what we did,
But we learn from our big and
small mistakes.

We are better together.
Things always have a
solution.

Learning Intention: Reflecting on this day, the Tenth Anniversary of the National Apology, students composed a poem which needed to contain either the word sorry or apology.

We are sorry.
For taking kids away.
Forgive us.
Now two teams will
come together.
You are special to us.
Don't say no.
We will make a good
team.

We are sorry for taking
your family and friends.
We apologise for the damage
we have caused.
We are sorry.
We give you help and stop
this cruelty.

Today is different than others.
Birds still chirping and trees keep
swaying.
But today we said a word which
can change hearts
A word so powerful.
Allies got burnt and then rebuilt as
one.
The corners of this land and
maybe others.
We say sorry.



Learning Intention:

Using pencil to create
portraits, focusing on
symmetry and proportion.

