



# Weetangera School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year is drawing to an end, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with the community our priorities for improvement in 2020.

In 2020, our two priorities and strategies for improvement are:

### Priority 1: Improve the rate of growth in writing for all students

Strategies:

1. Develop whole school beliefs and expectations of curriculum planning and delivery.
2. Build staff understanding of curriculum in order to plan for effective teaching and learning.

### Priority 2: Improve the rate of growth for numeracy in all students

Strategies:

1. Develop whole school beliefs and expectations of curriculum planning and delivery.

To support the focus of these two curriculum areas in the school we will be changing our timetable to ensure we maximise the core learning time for all students. From the start of 2020, students will be engaged in Mathematical learning from 9am – 10am each day, followed by Literacy until 11am and the hour after recess.

It is crucial that all students arrive at school at 9am, as morning reading will not be occurring in 2020.

### Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell several staff members. Mrs Janinne Nascimento is heading into the next stage of her life and retiring after an exceptional teaching career. Mr Stephen Clarke has transferred to Harrison School. Mrs Karen Purvis and Miss Courtney Martin have gained a teaching position at Charnwood Dunlop School. Mr Rob Panozzo has transferred to Aranda Primary School and Miss Taylor Walther has gained a teaching position at Chapman Primary School. Mrs Karen Green will be taking a year of leave to complete further study and Miss Ebony O'Connell will be heading overseas, gaining a job in Bangkok for 2020. Their positive influence and impact as educators at Weetangera School has been far reaching. In addition we will be farewelling Mara Nagaki and Ms Diane Davies who have supported our students at Weetangera School. We thank them for their patience and mentoring of students across the school. On behalf of our school community we thank our staff we farewell for designing learning experiences that are intellectually engaging, inclusive, relevant and connected to the Weetangera School community. In 2020, we welcome Mrs Glennis Weatherstone, Mrs Leanne Oxley, Ms Hollie Williams, Ms Louise Tominich, Miss Rosemary Kingelty, Mrs Emma

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### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### December

- 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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**13 December**  
**No Assembly**

**6 December**  
**Whole School Assembly**  
**Year 6 Graduation**  
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### Attachments

Fete Final Newsletter

### 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**

Bradstock and Miss Shamim Sabetraftar, to the Weetangera School community. We also welcome back Mrs Danielle Godwin and Mrs Lauren Domio who are both returning from maternity leave.

I look forward to seeing our community at tonight's end of year concert performance.

Kind regards

Danielle

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



**Communication:** Finn T.

**Creativity:** Jarryd D-S (AMO), Alyssa T, Oliver H, Keeley B, Conal H, Daniel S, Xavier G, Jessica E, Aaron W, Archie L (AMO), Makayla P (AMO), Phoebe T-S, Oliver W, Jimmy P, Isabel G-T, Isabella D, Olivia B, Elissa V.

**Collaboration:** Nakita P, Elena P.

**Critical Thinking:** Grace O'S, Katja R, Oscar S, Hannah M, Sanvi V, Alicia P, William H, Dayle J.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen end of year news, Kerrie, Belinda and the canteen team would like to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to feed your children this year.

Wishing you and your families a safe holiday and farewell and good luck to our 2019 Year 6s.

## CANTEEN DATES TO NOTE

Friday 13 December  
Hot Diggity Dawg Day  
Hot dog and ice cream \$7  
Order via flexischools or lunch tubs.

## NO OTHER MENU ITEMS AVAILABLE THIS DAY.

Please be aware we are winding down and as items run out we will not be replacing them.

See you next year



**BELSOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**  
*Fun, Football and Family*

Belsouth Soccer Club is planning ahead for the 2020 winter season. Grading sessions for under 10s to under 18s will be held on the following dates: Saturday 8, Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 February 2020.

Returning and new players are encouraged to attend. Further information on the grading sessions will be available on the club website in the new year.

Belsouth's motto is 'Fun, Football and Family' and it's a great club to be part of. To find out more about the Club and all its junior football programs that starts from Peewees visit: <http://belsouthfootball.club/>

## P&C PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

2019 has been ginormous! We have seen our collective community of Weetangera students, teachers, staff, parents and the wider community, come together across the year to produce wonderful results. We have raised significant funds for important initiatives, but it is the way we go about doing so that makes me proud. Our parents and staff work together collaboratively and it sets an excellent example for students. It also makes Weetangera School a wonderful place to be.

I would like to give my sincere appreciation for the hard work and commitment of the 2019 P&C Committee: Tony Lenton, Jude Elston, Angelina Anthoney and Kate Donaldson. I would also like to thank again Kelli Singer and Kate Harvey-Sutton for their tremendous work on an outstanding fete. They were supported by many and thank you to those fete stall coordinators – your efforts are also sincerely appreciated. Thank you to the outgoing Canteen Committee. There is significant work that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you to Tania Martin and Nicola Vincent for your hard work across many years.

And thank you to the Weetangera administrative and teaching staff. Your positive attitude and commitment to our students is commendable and is reflected in our happy, resilient and clever students who are ready for 2020.

The P&C committee will need new members in 2020 and I ask that you come along to a couple of meetings. We really do have a good time while helping make good things happen. The first meeting – the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 February. All positions will vacant. My son will be moving on to high school and therefore I will no longer be on the committee and the role of President will be open! The cliché is a cliché for a reason: many hands make light work.

Wishing you a happy and safe holidays!

Terri-Anne Simmonds  
2019 P&C President



For all of you who have ever wondered what I do in my spare time during the year...

Well this year I managed to... are you ready...

**I HAVE COVERED 785 BOOKS**  
Annie

# Spotlighting Weetangera

**Brought to you by...Preschool**

Only one more week of being pre-schoolers!

Our Inquiry Unit this term focuses on change, and incorporates the transition to primary school. Our transition program has included a tour of the school, visits to kindergarten and the opportunity to buy something from the canteen.

Without a doubt, our favourite part of the program would have to be getting to know our Year 5 Buddies and meeting up with them each week. All these planned experiences help support a smooth transition to primary school and make the process a little less stressful.

The pre-schoolers also had some questions that they wanted to find out the answers before they started next year. We took a list of our questions up to Kindergarten and we are eagerly awaiting a reply to some of the mysteries surrounding school!

*“Why do you have to wear a uniform?”*

- Ryan



*“What do you call your teachers at primary school?”*  
- Jupiter



Buddies are a really important part of our transition to school. The children spend time together each week involved in “getting-to-know-you activities” and informal play. They also have lunch together on these days. The familiar face of an older buddy can be very reassuring as the children move into Kindergarten. Buddies are definitely a highlight of our week.

*“I like playing with my buddy.” Lachlan*



*“I like eating lunch with my buddy” Kayla*

