



# Weetangera School

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Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 17 March 2017, Weetangera School will be holding *Good Vibes Day*, in support of The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. During the day students will be engaged in a variety of activities focusing on what bullying is, what to do and what roles bystanders play. To support the learning at home it is important that we have a shared understanding amongst the Weetangera School community of what bullying is.

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

*Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).*

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Schools can be much more effective when parents report bullying and support their efforts to deal with it.

If your child reports that bullying is occurring at school, or the bullying involves students from the school outside of school hours, we encourage you to let us know about it.

**Working together with the staff at Weetangera school is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues.**

We will work with you to resolve the situation and will also work with the other student's parents. Due to privacy laws, we will not be able to share information about any other students involved.

Source: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

**International Women's Day** - International Women's Day was held on March 8 2017. This year's campaign is #beboldforchange. The UN holds an International Women's Day lunch in each city on March 9 2017. We would like to acknowledge the work Miss Tarnii Eade has done around Student Leadership, in particular the running of the SRC and her initiation and organisation of a cluster leadership forum. Miss Eade had the pleasure of

#### 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

## Newsletter No. 6

**9 March 2017**

**Term 1 Week 6**

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### March

- 15 Swimming Carnival  
Assembly 12:30pm
- 16 School Photos
- 20 Year 6 French Cultural  
Excursion to the  
Versailles Exhibition
- 24 P&C Trivia Night 6:30 for  
7:00pm start
- 27 Year 5 French Cultural  
Excursion to the  
Versailles Exhibition

#### ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

**Friday 10 March**

**Junior Assembly**

**Hosted by Year 2**

**Friday 17 March**

**Whole School Assembly**

**Hosted by Year 5**

### Attachments

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**Updated info for  
Trivia Night**

Weetangera School  
Southwell Street  
Weetangera ACT 2614

Telephone: 6205 7488

Fax: 6205 7487

Canteen: 6255 2634

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

joining the other leading females across the Education and Training Directorate for a lunch at the National Convention Centre today.

### **Camp**

Last Friday we welcomed back our Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 students from their 2017 school camps. Congratulations to our students on the way they represented Weetangera School. Fun was had by all and many students had an opportunity to challenge themselves during an activity at each of the camps. A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their personal family time to provide our students with this opportunity. A further thanks to Corinne Hannan, Monique Wood and Courtney Martin for their tireless efforts in organising these camps.

### **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

Don't forget to organise your babysitters to come along to our P&C Trivia night on Friday 24 March 2017. The theme for this year's trivia night is to come dressed as something associated with the letter W, P or S. Tickets are on sale now through Flexischools. It is a night not worth missing!

Danielle Hoogland

### **AWARDS CERTIFICATES**

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

**Communication:** Elliot R, Evelyn S, Lawrence L, Oskar S, Aarmi A, Grace O'S Torkieah M.

**Creativity:** Evie J, Evie M, Ruby H

**Collaboration:** Sarah V, Xavier F, Eva W, Morgan H, Nicholas B.

**Critical Thinking:** Afana S, Seren B.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS 16 MARCH**



Reminder to return your photo envelopes to school no later than Tuesday 15 March. There is no requirement to order sibling photos, these will be taken and then can be purchased from the front office when photos are returned to the school.



### **ACT CONCERT BAND**

We are delighted to announce that the Year 6 students listed below have been selected by audition for the ACT Primary Concert Band in 2017. This is equivalent of ACT representation in music.

Shaun A, Olivia M and Freya M

Well done, we look forward to hearing you perform.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

If you are after a quick and easy job to volunteer to help out at the school, please think about volunteering for school banking. The job requires you to process the deposits online, twice a term. It is easy and plenty of support is available. If you are interested, please contact Bree Lawler on [bree.lawler@gmail.com](mailto:bree.lawler@gmail.com).

Remember Banking is every FRIDAY!

### **BELCONNEN PSSA SPORT TRIALS**

On Tuesday a meeting was held for students in Year 5 and 6 to discuss the selection process for Belconnen PSSA sports teams. Children gave their names for sports they were interested in trialling for, and listed their playing experience. The sports that students can trial in are: netball, Australian Rules, soccer, rugby league, touch football, hockey, basketball, cricket and softball. When dates are provided by the organisers of each sport for the respective trials, notes and information will be handed out to students. Students who were absent on Tuesday should see me to register their interest as soon as possible. To participate in trials parents needs to register their child online on the School Sport ACT website.

<https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/>

For any enquiries about the procedure for selection in Belconnen PSSA teams please contact me at school.

Erwin McRae

### **WEETANGERA PARENTS AND CARERS**

The P&C is hosting the upcoming Trivia Night. (You may have seen the posters around the school). The sole purpose of the night is for parents, carers, school staff and friends to come together in a social setting to relax, get to know each other better and have a laugh.



You don't need to organise a table, you can simply buy a ticket. We will organise tables on the night. Also, look out for sign up sheets on the class noticeboards. You may see someone else you'd like to sit with.

Location: Weetangera school hall

Date: Friday 24 March

Time: Doors open 6.30, 7:00 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](mailto:terri-anne@hotmail.com).

# Spotlighting Weetangera

Proudly brought to you by Year 4

Sarah - We did archery as one of our activities and I didn't hit the target. It was fun.



Scarlet - We were all excited because we had never been to Jindabyne before. The activities were really fun. Archery and sliders were my favourite.

Will - The bus trip was very noisy and loud because everyone was super excited and talking.

Ava - When we went to eat it felt like we were in an American high school because we had trays and we walked along and got served by people behind the counter.



Malakai - The cabins were very luxurious because they were nicer than the ones I've been in, before. They had a lounge room and four bedrooms.

Ashton - Once we got off the bus we knew it was going to be hot. We dropped our luggage and went under a big shady tree and had our lunch.



Phoebe - In the bus on the way to Jindabyne it was very cold. The main thing we saw from the window was bush.



Jocie - I enjoyed doing rock climbing because I like being up high.

Laura - I liked the archery because I haven't done it before and I had fun learning how to do it.



Kai B - We did cook out and it was fun. I made awesome damper and it was delicious. I put lots of honey on it!!!

