



Weetangera School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Growth Mindset

At Weetangera School we have been focusing on having a Growth Mindset. In particular, we have been looking at positive thinking, trying everything, taking on challenges, persevering and building our most amazing muscle – our brain!

We often discuss how we can change our mindset from a fixed to a growth mindset through; speaking and thinking positively, focusing on what could go right not what could go wrong, how making mistakes are proof we are learning (we now know a way that something doesn't work and we are closer to finding out how it does!) and all about the power of YET! (instead of saying I can't do that, we say I can't do it, yet).

Each day students will be asked to take educational risks. They will be praised not for their mental quickness or intelligence but for approaching the process of learning with grit and determination. We know that to make the greatest impact children need to hear consistent messages at home. Here are some things you can do to extend and promote growth mindset in your home:

- Encourage your child to take risks and tackle new challenges.
- Praise your child not for the ease with which he or she learns a concept but for the amount of effort put into learning it.

Emphasise perseverance and effort in extracurricular activities. For example, "I'm proud of how much effort you put into that basketball game" instead of "I'm proud of how many points you scored in that basketball game."

We also use questioning to promote growth mindset. Below you will find some types of questions used in our school. Feel free to use these at home too!

- *Something went wrong?* Great! How can you use this mistake to improve?
- *Finished?* Really? Have you put in the effort to achieve a result you are proud of?
- *Stuck?* Awesome! What can you try next? What other ways might there be?
- *Not happy with your design/work?* Fantastic! Who can you seek feedback from to make your design/work better?
- *Finding it tricky?* Wonderful! What will you practise to get better? What strategies will you use?
- *Not the best?* Brilliant! Who can you learn more from?
- *Don't know what to do?* Terrific! How will you tackle this challenge?
- *Easy?* Right! How can we make this more challenging for you?

Proud of your design? Congratulations! Where to next? What are your goals?

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

September

- 6-7 Peter Pan the Musical**
- 10 Kenny Koala K,1,2**
- 11 P&C Meeting 7pm**
- 13 Disco**
- 19-21 Writer's Festival**

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 7 September

Junior Assembly

Hosted by Year 2

Friday 14 September

Senior Assembly

Hosted by Year 5/6

 **Attachments**

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We hope you find this information helpful and informative. If you have any questions please let us know.

Musical

We wish all of our students and staff involved in the school musical tonight and tomorrow night all the very best. Thank you once again to all staff who have supported this wonderful project, especially Jan Lloyd-Jones. She is an inspiration to us all.

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to all those who assisted with our Father's Day stall last Friday. It was a huge success, with almost all items being purchased. A special thanks to Kate Donaldson for all the work she put into getting the stall ready, even wrapping each gift!

Kind regards

Julia Ison

P&C meeting
Tuesday 11 September @7pm in the
school staffroom

DISCO IS HERE

Thursday 13 September
Juniors 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Seniors 7:45pm to 9pm
Tickets \$7 order through
flexschools or pay cash on
the night.



Have some extra change in your pocket to purchase snacks and disco glow thingsummies.

Discos are run by our canteen friends. All money made keeps the canteen running throughout the year. We would like more friends to help make our disco great. Contact Belinda or in the canteen.

ACT SCHOOLS CUP - SNOW SPORTS ACT

Sam G in Year 2 represented Weetangera School in alpine skiing at the ACT Schools Cup last weekend. Sam's commitment to his training paid off, as he won a bronze medal. Congratulations Sam!

BELCONNEN ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 28 August the Belconnen PSSA Athletics Carnival was held at the AIS. Weetangera School had over forty students competing and all of our participants should be proud of their efforts. The following students performed well to finish in the top ten in their event:

Sarah A 10th shot put, Milly J 7th shot put, Dom D 6th discus, Makayla P 5th discus, Harry M 5th long jump.

We had nine students qualify for the ACT Championships to be held later this month. Congratulations are extended to Aidan J 4th 800m, Mim S 4th 800m, Amara H 3rd 100m, Maddi S 3rd 800m, Luke W 2nd Long Jump, Alex C 3rd 100m and 2nd 200m, Elena P 2nd 70m and 1st 100m, Samuel B 3rd long jump, 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m and 4th discus, Sidu N 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st shot put and 4th 800m.

Thanks to all the parents for their support and I would like to thank Peter Baird and Matt Judd for volunteering for the day to help conduct the carnival.

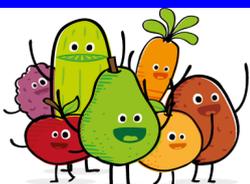
Erwin McRae

AFTER HOURS USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be reminded that **ALL** dogs that are being walked on school grounds during the day and after hours are required to be on a leash. Please pick up your dogs droppings for the safety of students using the area.



Also **NO DOGS** are allowed on the artificial oval at anytime.



Just a reminder about **NUDE FOOD TUESDAY**
This week we had **42.03%** of the school bringing nude food.
Most improved this week is Year 3

Spotlighting Weetangera

Proudly brought to you by Year 3

Information Reports: Animals

The following writing samples are rough drafts that the students compiled. Firstly the students used their Chromebooks to research their chosen animal which was followed by doing a brainstorm or plan.

Cats by Daniel
Introduction
 Cats are a very big pet in population. Cats have been around for a long time. Cats have a

Appearance And Behavior
 Cats are a well known pet and their appearance and behavior has to be good for someone to want to own them. Cats behavior is pretty calm and pleasant. When they get scared they purr and hiss. When a cat is felt in danger or being attacked it crouches down in a defence position. A adult cat is 7+ years old a mature is 7 and a senior is 11+. A female cat is called a queen and baby kitten cats usually are at full size 23cm-25cm.

Diet
 A diet is a very special thing to keep track of. A cats diet is simple they like dairy, fish and meat. This diet keeps cats nice and healthy.

Activity
 Cats are a very active animal and are really fast. Cats love to play in boxes they sleep and purr. They love squeaky and soft toys to sit and calm down with.

Conclusion
 Cats are a very common and popular pet. remember to always feed and take care of your cats. I think cats are a great pet to have everyday.

Giraffes by Archie
 Giraffes are incredible for lots of reasons. They are mammals and every giraffe pattern is different.

Appearance
 Giraffes have patterns on their body. An average giraffe weighs 800kg. An adult male giraffe is usually between 5-6 metres tall and a adult female giraffe 46 metres tall.

Diet
 A giraffe is a herbivore that means they only eat plants. An example of a plant they eat is wattles. They don't drink a lot of water they only have a drink every couple of days. The reason they don't drink that much is because they get most of their water from plants that eat.

Habitat
 Giraffes live in Africa around plenty of food and water. They are found in grasslands and savannas. A giraffe is endangered and almost extinct.

Conclusion
 I would hope you realise how amazing giraffes are. They are the best.

Intro Chickens
 Chickens are a female and male animal. They eat insects and worms. Chickens lay eggs. The eggs have to get fertilized before being taken to the shop. Only female chickens can lay eggs. It is very rare for a male chicken to lay eggs.

Flight
 Domestic chickens can not fly. But wild chickens can fly. They have lots of feathers. A female chicken is called a hen and male chickens are called roosters.

Diet
 Chickens use their beaks to eat. Chickens have strong legs that stretch to help them grab food. Female chickens go cluck cluck when they eat. Male chickens go chik chik when they eat.

Body
 Chickens have sharp claws on their feet that can hurt people. Chickens have big feathers on their wings to fly. Roosters have a comb that hangs from their neck.

Conclusion
 Chickens can get pulled down because they have legs and wings. They are not very strong and they get pulled down by other chickens.

Intro Cats
 Cats are mammals and they have four legs and one tail. Cats are mammals!

Habitats
 Cats can live in forests, homes and lots more places. Most cats live in people's homes. Cats like to be in grassy places. Wild cats can live in parks near humans. Most cats are ready to be kept at shops!

Classification
 Cats are mammals and they make sounds like meow and cats have whiskers. Cats can be our pets. Cats are cute pets! Cats use their four legs to move. Cats eat and drink. Cats live for 7-16 years.

Food
 Cats are meat eaters and they catch mice they don't eat mice. Cats can be eaten by bigger animals. Cats eat cat food, meat and lots more.

Imogen

Wolves (Animal)

Wolves are mammals that are the ancestors of domestic dogs. They have fur. They are wild dogs.

Habitat

Wolves are the second most common animals in the world. They are most commonly found in forests and the snow. Some countries have more wolves than others, e.g. Canada.

Classification/Appearance

Wolves are mammals and they can weigh up to about 40 kilo grams but the highest weight recorded is 80 kilo grams! Wolves have a thick fluffy coat.

What they eat

Wolves hunt in packs. A pack can hold up to about 20 wolves. Wolves are carnivours which means they only eat meat.

By Zoe SM

Dolphins!

Classification

Dolphins are a part of the whale family. They are mammals which means they give milk to their babies. Dolphins are marine animals so they live in oceans and rivers.

Habitat

Dolphins can live in every ocean or river. A Bottlenose dolphin can live in every ocean except the Arctic or Antarctic. They can also live in tropical waters. They also stay in deep water.

Diet and Hunting

Dolphins are carnivores which means they eat fish or meat. Dolphins eat fish, squid and crustaceans. To eat they just bite and swallow. To hunt they make a circle around the fish and other dolphins go in the circle and get the fish.

Pods

A group of dolphins is called a pod. If there is a lot of dolphins and there is a shark nearby the shark will not attack the dolphins. Large pods of dolphins can have up to 1,000 dolphins or more!

Problems

Dolphins are curious so when fishermen hang their nets in the water to catch fish, dolphins can swim up to it and they can get caught in the net and drown. Sharks

Environmental Art

Namejs



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Bounce Back Debate

Honesty and telling the truth is important and you should NEVER tell a lie.

Affirmative Team

"If you tell a lie today it will effect your life tomorrow I learnt this from a very wise man - Dad!" Thomas
"I think debating was fun because we were learning how to do it and it could help you in the future". Ruby
"Lying can cause very bad problems so it is always good to tell the truth". Nicholas

Negative Team

"I enjoyed debating, I argued you must lie for something like organising a surprise birthday party". Dylan
"I had fun sharing my ideas about how you would have to lie if a stranger approached you so that you would stay safe and avoid any problems". Eli B
"You could possibly lose a friend if they are feeling sick and you tell them that they look bad they will then feel worse and they may not want to spend time with you anymore". Elisabeth