



Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dress Standards and Uniforms Information and Procedures http://www.weetangeraps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/345062/Dress_Standards_and_colour_code.pdf

Weetangera School's uniform and dress standards meet the requirements of the Education Directorate's *Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools 2016 Policy*. Our uniform was designed with our school community including students, staff and families and was endorsed by the School Board on *Monday 27 August 2018*. Our school uniform is a visual representation of the standards expected of students and plays an important role in promoting a positive image of our school. Our uniform aims to support all students to participate fully in school life and help create a sense of identity and a school culture in which every student experiences a sense of belonging. Our school's uniform ensures all students are easily recognizable as belonging to our school and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.

The wearing of school uniforms can also assist to: promote a sense of inclusiveness and equal opportunity; make school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

Developing a Growth Mindset - Helping young people become better Learners

Each day Weetangera School supports our students to be more curious, more willing to take a risk and give it a go, more imaginative, more creative, more thoughtful, more ready, willing and able to learn with and through others. By developing this adventurous spirit and character. We are all capable of becoming better learners. Weetangera applies this philosophy directly to the profession of our teachers in the classrooms, to provide a practical framework for fostering lifelong learning for our students. We strive to be the best we can be, recognising that we all have different strengths and interests. We believe the development of a Growth Mindset is allowing us to develop a common language for learning across the school. The language is used in all classrooms, with all children. This helps everyone talk about understanding learning to learn. We hope that this understanding will begin to spill over into life outside school, where you will be able to reinforce the ideas by encouraging the children to use their learning language in their everyday lives.

Book Week

The theme for Book Week 2019 is '*Reading is My Secret Power*'. What a fantastic topic that has been used in a number of different ways in our classrooms and Library. Book week has been celebrated at Weetangera from the 17- 23 August. '*Reading is My Secret Power*' is such a perfect

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

August

23 Book Week Parade

30 Father's Day Stall
9am-1pm

September

5 P&C Disco

13 Onesie Day—Cerebral
Palsy Alliance

20 Weetangera School P&C
Trivia night

20 Yr 6 Market Day

ASSEMBLIES

Thursday 29 August
2019

Whole School Assembly
will be STEAM Festival
Closing Ceremony
being held at
2:00pm



Attachments

STEAM Festival Program
Fathers Day Stall
Tag Rugby

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley- 0403 498 397 Vijaya Porwal
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description of the search to discover our next great book. An incredible story can feel like treasure when it speaks to you and understands the way you think and feel. But not every book is perfect for everyone. I sometimes put down just as many books as I finish, but I never give up the hunt for the next great read. Writing feels the same. Some days you dig lots of empty holes. Other days you trip over a creative treasure.

Our tip to you is about finding your next great book and digging up story inspirations. So dig up your next great read and discover your secret power of reading, share a book.

Staffing

Mrs Barbara Rundel Dobson has accepted a French teaching position at Canberra Girls Grammar starting 2 September 2019. We wish Barbara every success in her future career and thank her for her service at Weetangera School for Semester 1 2019.

Satisfaction Survey and Australian School Climate Measurement Tool

You should have received a letter outlining login details and a code for the 2019 Weetangera via email. By doing this survey you will help us improve our school for you and our community. The survey results will contribute to our school improvement processes and will also be used in public interest research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of services in the ACT. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. No personal information will be provided to any school.

The survey includes questions on general satisfaction together with the school climate module, which covers relationships with other students and teachers, connection to the school, well-being, leadership and professional development. This module is part of a longitudinal study being conducted in partnership with researchers at the Australian National University. The Australian National University and the Education Directorate will handle all personal information in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the *Information Privacy Act 2014*. Details about how personal information is stored and used are available in our *Privacy Policy* (available at <http://education.act.gov.au>).

Please use this link to access the survey https://acteduaction.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tLzSQIBNoru29f The online questionnaire will be open until 2 September 2019.

We are working hard to improve our school and we would appreciate your assistance. Thank you for your participation.

Yours faithfully

James M. Barnett
Principal

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

- Communication:** Lanxi H, Avalyn P, Rivennie L, Phoenix K, Evie D
Creativity: Charlotte McD (AOM), Logan McL, Willow D (AOM), Mika S, Jayden A (AOM)
Collaboration: Tilly P, Henry B, Fergus H, Luca P
Critical Thinking: Jack D, Kemith O, Wesley W, Sophie W, Ariana P, Hana G, Alex E, Ashton C, Aarav J



CANTEEN NEWS

DISCO Thursday 5 September

Juniors 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Seniors 7:45pm - 9pm

Theme: Dress to Impress

Tickets \$7 available via flexi schools and delivered to the classroom on disco day. Tickets also available at the door on the night.

Snacks and glow products will also be available to purchase.

If you are staying to watch the kids dance why not offer to help out in the canteen or on the glow product table, it's lots of fun!

If you'd like to volunteer please contact Sarah Slade at sarahkslade@gmail.com or pop into the canteen and chat to Belinda or Kerrie for more information.

'The Dig Pit is now officially open!'



The Hogan Family would like to thank the Weetangera School community for their generous donations to Foodbank and well wishes for the City to Surf.

It was a fantastic day and with your help we raised \$1131.21



Spotlighting Weetangera

Proudly brought to you by Year 2!

This term year 2 are inquiring into the history of Canberra. We use a KWL chart to record what we already knew and what we wanted to know about the history of Canberra.

I wonder why parliament house was made?
Kirra-Lee

Why did they build Telstra Tower?
Sonita

Why was Canberra built?
Lyanna

What is the War Memorial?
Leo

Why is it called Lake Burley Griffin?
Elsie

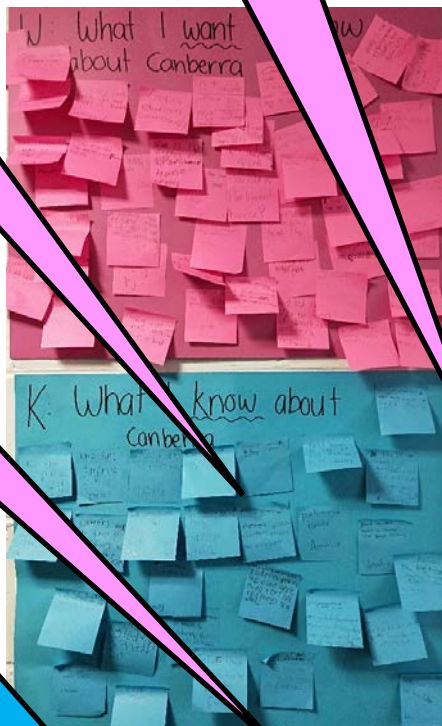
Lake Burley Griffin is man made.
Meg

Mount Painter doesn't have paint on it.
Elliot

The National Library of Australia, The War Memorial and Lake Burley Griffin are in Canberra.
Evelyn

In Canberra we have Questacon to learn about science.
Carla

Canberra made New Parliament House because they grew out of the old one.
Vin



Year 2 have been writing information reports!

First we learnt about the structure of information reports. Then, we researched different animals to write about. Afterwards we had the opportunity to create our own imaginary animal. We had to draw out an animal first, then complete an animal fact file. When writing our facts we had to include detailed descriptions.



Sea Turtles

Turtles are a member of the Cheloniidae family and are reptiles.

Appearance

They have four flippers and a hard shell with hexagons on them. Their pale yellow bellies are softer than their shell. Some have large heads and some have small heads.

Habitat

Sea turtles live in the ocean. A lot of them live near reefs where there is more food. They go to the beach every year.

Diet

Some are carnivores which means they eat meat and some are herbivores. Most carnivores eat jellyfish and molluscs.

Lifecycle

Sea turtles come out of their eggs and run to the sea. A lot of the babies die.

I love turtles because they're so big.

By Elliot

Animal Fact File

By Vin

Name	Basilag
Diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat Bones
Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land and ocean gills Razor sharp teeth Sharp fin Long tail Beady red eye Razor sharp claws
Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deep blue ocean Tall mountains on tropical islands Deep wet rainforests
Special features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye lasers Supersonic speed Long distance speed Great hearing Shape shifting Energy gain
Fun facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of a Megalodon Claws and teeth can rip solid steel
Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Sprinting Stealth

Polar bears

Polar bears are a type of mammal and are aquatic. They are the largest bears on the planet.

Diet:

Polar bears hunt for seals. They are carnivores which means they eat meat. They hunt by their sense of smell! They can smell their prey up to 4.5 metres away and through 3 ft of ice!

Appearance:

Polar bears have short thick paws which help them to grip onto the ice. They weigh over 700kg! Their fur may look but is actually transparent and has a hollow core. Polar bears have strong legs which are great for running. They also have black skin which is coated in white fur.

Habitat:

Polar bears live in the Arctic circle. They live in Canada, Norway, Greenland, United States and Russia. They live in some of the most harshest places in the world!

By Meg