



# Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



**ACT**  
Government  
Education

Weetangera School is an  
**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**  
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Julia Ison has been appointed into the role of SLC Executive Teacher at Weetangera School. She will take up this position at the start of Term 2. Julia is very well placed to take on this role having fulfilled a variety of leadership roles as SLC at Turner School and Red Hill Primary School over the past eight years.

Julia's leadership in the design and delivery of curriculum, highly effective pedagogies and school policy has been significant. Julia's commitment to building and maintaining collaborative and authentic relationships within a school community will enhance learning experiences and student outcomes at Weetangera School. She will also build upon the school's focussed commitment in delivering a high quality education through her dedicated and positive pedagogy. Julia has demonstrated strong leadership, integrity and a dedication to high quality student outcomes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Erwin McRae for his leadership of the Junior School Team, PE, Sport & Health and staffing coordination. I thank Erwin for his work this term as acting SLC, he has been an asset to the executive team and our school community.

In Terms 2 and 3 Ms Sarah Rossiter will be on leave travelling to Europe with her partner who is on study leave. We all wish Sarah a wonderful experience during her leave, and look forward to her return for Term 4 to share her learning experiences with Weetangera School. The school is currently in the process of employing a teacher for Terms 2 and 3 to join the Year 4 teaching team.

## Bubbles Day Tomorrow

This Friday is our Bubbles Day celebration, where we look at, and celebrate the ways we are all different. This year we have aligned it with World Autism Day, which is on Sunday. We are asking that the children wear anything blue tomorrow to raise awareness of the day. There is no need to bring a donation as it is just about making the day special and to raise awareness. We thank Ms Karen Purvis for coordinating our learning activities across the school.

## Apple Day Choir

We wish our school choirs all the best for this weekend's Apple Day performance on Saturday 1 April. Apple day focuses on seeking to raise money for a number of remote Australian and overseas community projects, and it is a wonderful way in which our choirs can support communities in Australia and overseas. Our thanks go to Mrs Jan Lloyd-Jones in coordinating this wonderful community building contribution from Weetangera School. More than 50 members of our Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing at "Apple Day". This is an annual event held at Loriendale Apple Farm, just outside Canberra. The Weetangera Choirs will perform a set of seven songs, starting at about 3pm. The farm is open for Apple Day from 1:30pm until 5pm on the day and there will be a variety of stalls,

### 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. 9

30 March 2017

Term 1 Week 9

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### March

31 Bubbles Day

#### April

3 Board Meeting

7 Cross Country Assembly  
12:30pm

8 Last Day of Term 1

26 First Day of Term 2

28 Walk and Ride to School  
Morning

### ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

**Friday 31 March**

No Assembly

**Friday 3 April**

Whole School ANZAC  
Assembly

Hosted by SRC

### Attachments

### & Insert

A Day @ Canberra High -  
Year 6 visit

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)

including home-made jams, Devonshire teas, apple pies, toffee apples, organic apples and other local produce. Music groups from the Canberra region will be performing throughout the afternoon. Staff and families are invited to join in the fun. Donations made on the day go towards humanitarian projects – last year’s collection was used to help rebuild several houses in Fiji that had been destroyed in a cyclone. Website: [http://www.loriendale.com.au/apple\\_day.htm](http://www.loriendale.com.au/apple_day.htm)

**Thank You To Our P&C For Trivia Night Last Friday!**

On behalf of the Weetangera School community we thank the P&C for a wonderful community evening last Friday. We especially thank Terri-Ann Simmonds for organising such a creative, relaxed and jovial evening. Everyone who attended had a great time!

**Parking**

Please ensure we obey all parking signage at all times and take extra caution, remembering that you are near a school and there are many children in the area. I must again remind our community that this is a matter of urgency for the safety of our children from Weetangera School. We will not tolerate cars not obeying road rules or driving in an unsafe manner. We must all take responsibility and keep our children safe.

Please never park in the **No Parking Zones** which surround the crossing on Shumack Street and Southwell Street. **This includes the median strip.** We have made this request on numerous occasions because it is a safety issue for our children. You will be asked to move on if you park in these areas. There will be a presence of both school staff, RTA and Police around our school. They will be watching the traffic flow and noting where people drop off and pick up children. We all need to be mindful of these regulations and keep the safety of the whole community in mind when driving and walking near schools. Your cooperation with this is most appreciated.

Yours faithfully

James M. Barnett  
Principal

**LOST PROPERTY**



lost property are not collected by end of term they will be disposed of.

**OUR CUP RUNITH OVER**

If you are still missing items of clothing, swimmers or shoes from camp, you know where they are. If items from

**AWARDS CERTIFICATES**

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

**Communication:** Kai M, Archer L, Alex L, Archie H, Maddie S, Benji M, Freya M, Waikare W.

**Creativity:** Cadar S, Charlie M.

**Collaboration:** Georgia W, Sienna T, Eli B, Fatima A, Wil O’B, Lachlan T.

**Critical Thinking:** Zara B, Maia W, Jasper B, Shaun A, Cassie DJ, Jessie O, Abi B, Jasmine B, Daniel W, Lachlan W, Talon M, Charles B, Elijah S, Amara H.

**CANTEEN CROSS COUNTRY SPECIAL**

Week 10 Cross Country Day special recess. Celebrate your run and the end of Term 1 with an Easter Bun, milk and a flavoured sipah straw all for \$3.00.



Order now on Flexischools or place your order in class lunch tubs. Please have your orders in by tomorrow.

Spectators are not forgotten either tea, coffee and an Easter Bun will be available to keep your cross country stamina up.

**BUBBLES DAY TOMORROW**

Please wear BLUE to celebrate difference, as well as raising awareness and understanding the features of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**What:** Non Uniform Day  
**When:** Thursday 6 April (Week 10)  
**Why:** Raising money for Soldier On Charity  
**Cost:** Gold Coin

**Kippax Kids**  
**Holiday Happenings**  
 for Primary aged children  
 presented at  
**Kippax Uniting Community Centre**  
 Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)  
 10 am - 2 pm  
 Thursday April 13th & 20th 2017

Different craft, games, stories and activities each day

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more in a family (covers craft, morning tea and drinks).  
**BFO lunch and hat.**

Bookings essential - 6254 1733  
 An activity of Kippax Uniting Church

 

# Spotlighting Weetangera

Proudly Brought to you by Year 6  
Harmony Day

Weetangera School celebrated Harmony Day on Tuesday 21 March.

Year 6 explored the morphemes in the word **multicultural** and used our understandings to discuss Australia's diversity.

We also investigated the symbolism found in world flags and learnt every part of a country's flag has a meaning. Then we applied our understandings to design an Australian flag.



