



Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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

Dear Weetangera Community

The article below is taken from a longer article written by Lorraine Wilson, a well respected consultant in the area of literacy education. The article discusses the purpose of levelled texts for home reading, and the value of choosing and reading a wide range of books for different purposes with your child.

WHICH LEVEL ARE YOU?

Imagine this--- you enter a bookshop. The proprietor enquires your reading level and then directs you to the shelves housing books on that level. You look around this bookshop. There are no signs indicating collections of particular types of books such as 'Contemporary Fiction', 'Romance', 'Travel', 'Psychology'. Rather the only signs are those designating reading levels. Or imagine this --- you enter your local library. The librarian checks her computer files and says, 'You are on Level 142. Wait here and I will choose a book for you from the Level 142 Shelf.' I wonder for how long you would continue reading; for how long you would continue to buy or borrow books if you could not borrow according to your interests and needs.

WHY READ?

Reading is not an end in itself...Reading is part and parcel of the daily social practices with which we engage; cooking, driving, studying, buying real estate, relaxing and learning about other people, places and times. In this reading we do as part of our lifestyles, do we always read to our maximum potential as readers? ... All of us read texts of varying degrees of difficulty. We choose those which relate to our interests and purposes, not those at some supposed upper limit of our reading ability.

Supporting your child to read at home should be enjoyable for both you and your child. Levelled texts that children bring home are designed to practise the skills and strategies children are taught at school, whereas picture books and literature help to increase children's vocabulary and understanding of how books work. Reading and rereading the same book will help children's fluency and accuracy in reading. Reading with and to your child is an important step in their developing independence as readers. Learning to read is about understanding, and a balance between levelled texts and other books is essential. Our library has an extensive collection of quality books which can be taken home and read and reread with your child. If you would like to join our library as a family, please pop in and talk with Annie any time.

BUBBLES DAY

Earlier this week we held our Bubbles Day for Autism awareness. The students were engaged in a range of activities that helped them to understand and

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

June

23 RE Assembly

July

3 Mufti Day for Marymead
Last day of Term 2

20 Term 3 Starts



Don't forget to visit our facebook page



ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 19 June

Senior School Assembly

Hosted by Unit 1

Friday 26 June

Whole School Assembly

NAIDOC

Attachment

Holiday Happenings

Weetangera School
Southwell Street
Weetangera ACT 2614

Telephone: 6205 7488

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Canteen: 6255 2634

Please read our web site:

weetangeraps.act.edu.au

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. James Badgery 0412552634; Monique Allen 0407595572; Community Rep. Tomasi Wainigolo; Principal - James Barnett 62057488; Teacher Reps. - Isabel Dunn.

appreciate the difficulties faced by people with autism, and think about how they can support and help a person with autism. The day culminated with cross ages groups participating in bubble blowing challenges, led by our Year 5 and 6 students. Thank you to Melinda Hill and the Bubbles Day committee for such a well-organised and thought-provoking day.

Rostrum Quarter Final

Congratulations to Laura C, who represented our school at the Rostrum Public Speaking quarter final on Tuesday night. She spoke confidently on her topic, inspiring people to take action to remember the ANZACs. As a culmination and lasting reminder, Laura will present a Lone Pine tree to the school at this week's assembly. The tree will be planted in our school grounds.

Kind regards

Yvonne Piper
Executive Teacher

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Getting Along: Alba B, Raiyana B.

Persistence: Tilly McA, Neve W, Charlie M,
Miriam K.

Confidence: Mia I, Wren D, Isabelle S, Emily W.

Organization: Archie L, Yusen B, Alexander C,
Angelina M.

PARENTLINE

Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at sometime experience difficulties and stress. Parentline ACT is a confidential, anonymous telephone counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would like:

- to talk with someone about those parenting issues
- help with some ideas on raising children
- support in the important job you are doing
- to know what is available for parents teenagers and children
- to build better relationships in your family
- help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour

Parentline ACT. Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm. Phone: 6287 3833

THE WINTER PROGRAM HAS BEGUN AT LIBRARIES ACT.

It's full of fun and games (and learning too)! There's something for all ages.

In July there's the School Holiday program. Book the kids in to one of the activities designed to appeal (and educate)! There's an awesome science show (that's travelled the world) which involves marshmallow bazookas and leaf blowers, hovercrafts, liquid nitrogen and rockets! There's steam punk jewellery making, stop motion animation movie making and craft making to name some of the fun.

While the kids are having fun, you can grab a coffee and hook in to our free Wifi. Download a free magazine to your own device - you can even take it home with you. Or book in for a 1:1 digital session with one of our friendly computer gurus. Ask any of those computer related questions you've been too embarrassed to ask before now! ALL FOR FREE! For more information or to book, go to www.library.act.gov.au/learning/whats_on

BANKING

Planet Handball * ET DVD 8 Swim Bag 2014 *

Intergalactic Rocket * Invisible Pens * Blue Wallet

2013 * Knuckles Game 2013 * Headphones 2013 *

Protector Cup 2014 * Shark Keyring

2014 * Scented Pencils 2014

All these rewards are available to order this term until further notice.

HAPPY BANKING!



PIANO TUITON

All ages & styles. Beginners welcome. Craig Mewett

Ph. 62785331 Mob. 0409151887



READING AT THE TANG

8:30am to 8:55am

The library is open every morning for students with accompanying parents/carers to sit quietly and share a book. Entry is through the library side gate, just slide the glass door open and come on in... ALL WELCOME

Spotlighting Weetangera

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Kindergarten

In our Science unit, *Marvellous Materials*, we have been learning about materials and their properties. We have been investigating objects within the classroom and on the playground. The Kindergarten students would like to share their discoveries with you.

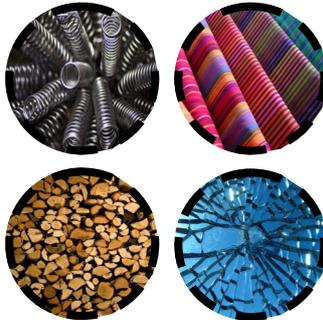


Megan: "The tanbark feels bumpy and flat at the same time."

Hamish: "Plastic can melt and it can be toxic."

Torkieah: "Wood doesn't reflect. You can't see through it."

Hannah: "Glass tings when you bang it together."



Marvellous Materials



Oliver: "This one feels fuzzy and this other one is hard."

Xavier: "Metal is silver or gold."



Grace: "The leaf feels smooth and kind of rough."

Sophie: "You can sometimes see through plastic."

Lachlan: "Wood comes from trees."

Circle Art

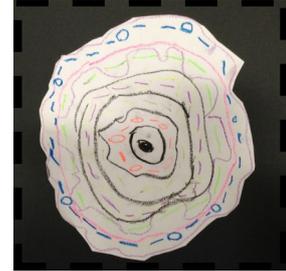
In art, we have been learning about different kinds of lines. We experimented with a combination of lines and patterns to create some unique circle artworks. Here are some of our creations!



THOMAS



JAMES



ELENA



ZOE



ISABELLE



SANUKI



NICHOLAS



AMELIE



NAMEJS

Wiggly Worms

In maths, we have been learning to directly compare the length of two or more objects. We created some wiggly worms and worked as a class to put them in order from shortest to longest. Some of us even used patterns on our worms!

