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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4! It has been absolutely wonderful to see our students return to school this week excited about the prospects for Term 4. This term brings along our annual school Fete. The fete is a wonderful opportunity to share and support each other. If you haven't done so already, we would very much appreciate if you could volunteer and be a part of our fete, raising funds to build a brand new bike rack!

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. It is important as a community we model safe and considerate behaviour.

To ensure the safety of our school children:

- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones
- Please ensure you are parking safely even if it means walking further to the school gate
- Please observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind
- Never double park or park in driveways as it puts children at risk.

Learning Journeys last term

On the last week of Term 3, I was overwhelmed by the wonderful work our students shared during their learning journeys. It showed just how much our students have grown in their learning and confidence over this year and the quality of teaching that happens in our school. We thank you for your support in attending our Learning Journeys.

Reading Challenge

On the last day of Term 3 we reached the end of our inaugural Weetangera School Reading Challenge. We challenged our students to read 250 000 pages from books they read at home or for pleasure. The students smashed the total. Children in Preschool and Kindergarten included pages from books that were read to them as well as books they read themselves. There were morning teas for students from each year level who made significant achievements when reading each week, and we also recognised students who read the most pages in total by the end of the Challenge. If we reached our target, I promised to give a whole school reward! Well this happened and someone got turned into an ice-cream sundae! I believe there are some images on our Facebook page!!

Tree planted

During the school holidays I had the honour of meeting with the Saopa family and Peter Kalyvas to plant a tree in honour and memory of Phoebe Saopa who sadly passed away at the beginning of this year. Phoebe had just graduated from Weetangera School last year and was about to embark on her journey into high school. On Wednesday 2 November at 3:15pm we will be formally celebrating Pheobe's life at Weetangera School and invite you to join us while we share a few words and take a moment to share , reflect and remember.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. James Badgery 0412552634; Monique Allen 0407595572; Alex Nockels
Community Rep. Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 62057488; **Teacher Reps.** - Isabel Dunn and Erwin McRae

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

October

- 16 P&C BBQ Bunnings
- 18 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 19 Preschool info evening 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- 21 P&C Trivia Night
- 25 SRC Cup Cake Day

November

- 13 FETE
- 14-18 BOOK FAIR



Don't forget to visit

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 14 October

No Assembly

Friday 21 October

Whole School Assembly

Hosted by Year 4



Attachments

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**Adventurer's Club
Permission Slip and PDF**

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Milo T20 Super 8s Girls Blast Belconnen School Cup Competition

This week on Tuesday 11 October Weetangera School had two girls super eight teams compete in the Milo T20 Blast Belconnen School Cup at Kippax ovals, a Year 3/ 4 team and a Year 5/6 team. The teams enjoyed a day of 8 a-side cricket umpired by ACT cricket representatives and fine weather. The day was a huge success for the Year 5/6 girls' team, winning the Grand Final of their competition in fine fashion against strong opposition.

We were very proud of all the students representing Weetangera School, displaying exceptional sportsmanship and great cricket skills! Our thanks go to Mel Hill for coordinating our school cricket teams, and Ian Lanham for managing and coaching the Year 5/6 girls squad who have qualified for the ACT and regional NSW Milo T20 Finals.

Yours faithfully,

James M. Barnett
Principal



Boys' Day Out/Girls' Night In Change of Date

Year 3-6, Lock in Wednesday 2 November 2016

Enjoy a fun day out/night in and raise money for cancer.

Invitations have been sent. Donations can be made on line or on the day:

<http://mosista.co/weetangeramen> Movenber
<https://www.girlsnightin.com.au/> Username Janinne Nascimento. Let us know how many sausages we need to cook



Who's going to kiss a goat?

You have the chance to decide if Mr Barnett, Ms Hoogland or Lauren will kiss a goat at our School fete this year. To vote for your choice put a gold coin donation into their jar. Jars will be located at the front office as well as in the preschool. Come on Weetangera get behind your favourite candidate and come and watch them kiss a goat.



Enrolments are now open for Term 4 Zumba Kids @ Latham Primary School. The sessions are run in the school hall every Monday afternoon. There are two sessions available. Zumba Kids ages 4-7 and Zumba Kids ages 8-12.

If you would like to enrol your child please contact Shirley from "Funkshirlnal Fitness" on 0417282173 or funkshirlnal@gmail.com.

There's more to explore at the Canyon of Savings.

Congratulations to all School Banking participants who have qualified for the Term 3 Prize Lights and Grand Prize competitions by displaying consistent savings behaviour. Will your child be the one to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin on a VIP visit to Australia Zoo? The Grand Prize winner will be posted at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking on 17 October. The Prize Lights winners will be posted on commbank.com.au/prizelights from 19 October.

Remember, there are more rewards before our Outback adventure is over. School Banking is releasing two Term 4 reward items that are sure to keep students saving. After completing 10 deposits, your child can redeem a Bush Fly Fan or a Wiggly Glow Worm.

Add to your child's financial literacy
While School Banking aims to make money skills more fun and engaging for your child, you can further fuel that interest at home. For example, have you explained the difference between needs and wants? A simple way to demonstrate this is to get them to help write your shopping list, placing the "needs" and the "wants" into separate columns. Then let your child find each item at the shops and tick it off their list, to reinforce the idea.

That's one of many educational tips you'll find in three new videos we've added to The Beanstalk. These short videos cover easy ways to help teach smart money management to your kids. To watch them, and to discover other insightful articles and activities, go to commbank.com.au/beanstalk

Activity: Outback checklist
As the Dollarsmites prepare for their trip home through the Outback, they need to buy supplies for the road. Can your child help them work out what will be essential and what are treats they can do without? All they have to do is organise these items into "needs" and "wants". Then add up the price tags of the wants to figure out how much the Dollarsmites would save by only buying the needs.

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SCIENCE OVERVIEW

The Science focus for Semester 2 has been our planet Earth. Across the school we have been focusing on a variety of topics that link together to provide us with information about our amazing planet Earth, how we fit into the solar system, the constant changes happening around us and the vast amount of information Earth holds about what was here before humans.



Year 1 and 2 have been working as palaeontologists and have discovered many interesting features of Dinosaurs. This term we will be focussing on their habitat and the foods they ate. We will also be examining skeletons to find out how they are used to investigate how dinosaurs lived.

This term Year 3 will focus their investigations into shadows and how they can show us the movement of the Earth. We will also be looking at how shadows have been used in the past to help people tell time.



Year 4 have been working hard to discover how our Earth has changed throughout time. This term we will be looking at weathering and erosion and how that process can change the surface of our Earth. We will also be investigating the different types of rocks that make up our Earth's surface.

Year 5 and 6 are going to be involved in an exciting new project which will see students working with members of the Royal Australian Air Force. Students will be working through a series of activities related to the topics we are studying with engineers working in the RAAF. Students will be involved with video conferencing, guest speakers and presenters as well as using their Chromebooks to share their work and ideas. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to see the real world application of the topics we have been working on. I would like to thank James Badgery for instigating this project.

