



# Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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

**Newsletter No. 30**  
**27 September 2018**  
Term 3 Week 10 :)

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### September

**28 Last Day of Term 3**

#### October

**15 First Day of Term 4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we had our 2018 Learning Journey at Weetangera School. It was wonderful watching each of the students take leadership and show excitement on their faces as they shared their learning with their parents and special guests. Learning Journey is a time for students to share all the academic work and successes for this year, thus far. Thank you to all the community members who took time off work to come celebrate with us.

As important as it is to share our academic success, and so too is it to ensure we take the time of the term break to unwind, relax and focus on our social and emotional wellbeing, preparing ourselves for the term ahead.

Below is an excerpt from an article 'Building Social and Emotional Learning during the School Holidays', written by Leonardo Rocker.

*"The school holiday period can be a great time to reflect on the last term, prepare for upcoming changes and review skills that need to be improved.*

*Returning to school is typically experienced with mixed emotions. For some parents, it is a welcome relief after what feels like a very long holiday. For others, the return to school signals the end of a carefree, relaxing break and there can be feelings of sadness and/or anxiety associated with the return to routine and the academic and social demands associated with the school.*

*Children and young people equally experience a range of feelings about the return to school. For some, there is great excitement about starting a new school, seeing friends or perhaps finding out who their new teacher will be. For others, there may be sadness about the end of the holidays or anxiety about a raft of possible concerns such as making friends in their new class or coping with the work/homework requirements.*

*A tried and test way to prepare for changes and transitions is by focusing on your child's social and emotional adjustment".*

Whilst a lot of focus is placed on the academic tasks associated with school, paying attention to a child's social and emotional adjustment over the coming weeks/months is also critical. Below are some tips to help foster these skills in your child:

- Make time to check in with your child about how they are feeling and coping with the school year so far
- Encourage friendships and further consolidate social skills in by organising playdates or outings
- Organise a regular meet up with other families
- Make your yard kid friendly and invite neighbourhood kids
- Remind yourself what there's to do in your region!

We hope you have a lovely, relaxing and restful break. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 15 October 2018.

Danielle Hoogland

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Parent Reps.** Yvonne Gray 0414817680; Alex Nockels 0414914006; Janine O'Keefe 0411286853; **Community Rep.** Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 61422600;  
**Teacher Reps.** - Virginia Hambly; Natarsha van den Boogaard

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 \* **ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am** \*  
 \* **Friday 28 September** \*  
 \* **No Assembly** \*  
 \* **Friday 26 October** \*  
 \* **Whole School Assembly** \*  
 \* **Hosted by Year 1** \*  
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 **Attachments**  
**Grasshopper Soccer**

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## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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



- Communication:** Vera S, Ava M, Maddie S, Marcus Mc.
- Collaboration:** Emily W, Lawson V-S, Tom W, Aidan R.
- Critical Thinking:** Hannah M, Evelyn S, Kieran M, Wren D.

## 2018 WRITER'S FESTIVAL GUEST AUTHOR - JACK HEATH

During Weetangera School's Writer's Festival last week, students and teachers were treated to engaging and humorous presentations by local and renowned author, Jack Heath. Jack is the author of books such as the "300 Minutes of Danger" series and his newest release, "Liars". Together with informing students how to become human lie-detectors. Jack further inspired our students with ideas for how to write a great story, the importance of editing and re-writing, and gave personal accounts and stories regarding where he gets his ideas from and what fun it is to write. We look forward to continuing writing for fun in engaging and authentic ways.

## GINNINDERRA ATHLETICS CHALLENGE

On Saturday 15 September the inaugural Ginninderra Athletics Challenge was held at Charnwood Oval. This competition was for primary school teams from Belconnen and Weetangera had a girls' team comprising of Dale J, Milly J and Amara H, as well as a boys' team made up of Luke W, Aidan J, Sidu N and Alex C. All students represented Weetangera with distinction with several students collecting a Commonwealth Games baton as a prize for placing in their event. The boy's team did exceedingly well to place second overall and earn the school a \$750 voucher from Hart Sports. Fantastic work boys! We will use this prize to purchase sporting equipment for our school.

Thanks to the parents for organising the team on the day and for their fantastic support.

Erwin McRae

New School phone number  
**6142 2600**

## ACT ATHLETICS 2018

Last week the ACT Primary School Athletics Championships were held at Woden. Well done to the following students who represented Belconnen at the competition:

Luke W: 11th Long Jump, Aidan J: 13th 800m, Mim S: 8th 800m, Felicity G: 1st 200m, 1st 100m, 1st Long Jump, 1st Shot Put, Amara H: 5th 100m, Alex C: 8th 100m, 5th 200m, Sidu N: 18th 800m, 12th 200m, 9th 100m, 3rd Shot Put, Samuel B: 16th Discus, 7th Long Jump, 7th 200m, 3rd 100m, Elena P: 1st in 70m and 100m

All students performed with distinction against the best athletes from across Canberra and should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations are extended to Felicity, Sidu, Samuel and Elena who finished in the top three in their events, these students were presented with their ribbons at last Friday's assembly.

Erwin McRae

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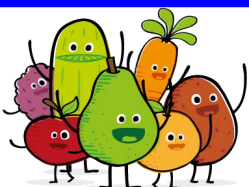
Please leave donations in the box at the front office.

## 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.

**ALL WELCOME**



Just a reminder about **NUDE FOOD TUESDAY**  
This week we had **46.65%** of the school bringing nude food.

**Most improved this week is Year 2**