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30 May 2019

Term 2 Week 5

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

June

- 3 BOOK FAIR**
- 3 Board Meeting
- 5 Lap-A-Thon
- 6 Fete Meeting
- 18 P&C Meeting 7pm Staff Room

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

31 May 2019
No Assembly

7 June 2019
Hosted by Specialists



Attachments

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reconciliation Week & National Sorry Day

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Ngunnawal people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay respect to the Elders of the Ngunnawal Nation both past and present. I also acknowledge and pay respect to the Wreck Bay peoples as custodians of the land on which Jervis Bay School is located. I extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues.

Reconciliation Day was held this week in Canberra on Monday 27 May 2019. This public holiday celebrated the culture, contribution and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Day occurs during National Reconciliation Week.

The week, and the day specifically, provided an opportunity for all of us to come together in the spirit of reconciliation to recognise the important place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history has in our community.

In 2017 we began an important conversation with senior leaders from schools across Canberra and the Directorate about reconciliation through cultural integrity. We came together on four separate occasions to talk and share our next most powerful step towards reconciliation. This is a conversation we are continuing this year.

Our vision is that, throughout our schools across Canberra, we are talking about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and its contribution to our country and we are talking with each other about the next steps we can take, individually and collectively, towards reconciliation.

The theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week is 'Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage'. It invites us to reflect on our past and learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

This week Weetangera School acknowledged the important role that our school plays in fostering a higher level of knowledge and pride, in all Australians, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. To increase respect; reduce prejudice; and strengthen relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday this week, we held our annual Athletics Carnival at Charnwood ovals. A hugely successful day was coordinated by our Athletics Committee and Mr Ian Lanham. We thank you for your support in all your capacities either on the day volunteering or encouraging our students to be part of

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team to contribute in any way that supported each other, and acknowledged the achievements of others.

Public Education week

Last week, we celebrated Public Education Week. I would like to acknowledge the significant work occurring across our school and the front office. There are many, many achievements by individuals and teams across the school delivering wonderful outcomes for our students and our school community. This would not be possible without the talents and commitment of our teams of teaching staff, educators and administrative staff. When I think about the education at Weetangera School I am continually struck by the enormous value our teaching staff provide at so many levels. Allowing every child to flourish, reach their potential, achieve, and dream. Every single staff member volunteers in their own time to take on an extra curricula activity so our students can flourish and dream. This truly reflects our commitment to our purpose and our community.

We are fortunate to have such a high quality of teaching staff, educators and administrative staff at Weetangera School. The ultimate privilege of my job is visiting the classrooms and witnessing first-hand the great work of our teachers to engage students in intentional, relevant and innovative learning.

Hats off day 30 May

In Canberra, May is when we start to witness daily UV levels take a nose dive, to what is considered "low" levels (Under 3). This generally occurs during the morning and afternoon periods. However by the end of May UV levels drop and remain low (Under 3) all day for a few months and so 'End of May' is 'Hats Off Day' for Canberra schools. Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (i.e. hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are under 3 due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage.

Yours faithfully



James M Barnett
Principal

**DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT
YOUR EARN AND LEARN
STICKERS**



AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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



- Communication:** Claire P, Lucie McG, Nil A-B, Amy S, Tommy J, Jaala P, Bridget L, Waikare W, Angelina M, Aimee E, Laura F, Elke Y, Emma S, Lily H, Sophie S, Mia R
- Creativity:** Eli B, Elisabeth B (AOM), Archie H (AOM), Wannie S (AOM) Harry W (AOM),
- Collaboration:** Jennifer S, Beau S, Niti D, Julius F, Kaeli K, Maisie H.
- Critical Thinking:** Alba B, Scarlett W,

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition



For all our writers at Weetangera School– put pen to paper and let your creativity flow.

Poems can be hand written or sent as an email. Entries by Friday 21 June to Miss Nasci in Unit 6 or email janinne.nascimento@ed.act.edu.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2019-2020 Entertainment Book is out now. The cost is \$60, with a portion of this going to the Weetangera School P&C Association (which will be used to fund school projects including new audio visual equipment for the school hall). Digital memberships are easy to use and can be shared across up to 5 devices. The Entertainment Book provides access to hundreds of valuable offers including travel, leisure, movie tickets, restaurants, gift cards, sporting events and kids activities.

To purchase a membership or find out more information, please go to: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/239d74>

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Specialty photos now available at the front office to purchase. Family photos, 5/6 Band, House Captains, Vice Captains, Junior Singing Club, Senior Choir, Student Leaders and the LSU.

BOOK FAIR
Catch the reading wave!
ON NOW

Spotlighting

Proudly brought to you by Year 2!

Six Sentence Stories

First we created our own monster characters using colour paper. Then using these characters, we wrote short stories about our monster following a six sentence story template.

1. One dark stormy night there was a monster called Arrowise.
2. Arrowise lived in a haunted castle that was filled with spider webs.
3. Arrowise has an invisibility power, when he hears something coming, he turns invisible.
4. Suddenly his power was stolen by a power sucking machine!
5. He was so furious that he almost exploded in anger.
6. Finally, Arrowise got her powers back from a power back giving machine.

By Eden

1. On one bitterly cool day there lived a frightfully scary monster called McCracken.
2. McCracken lives in the deep dark cave in the hole of Cordwood.
3. He was fantastic at climbing walls and hanging upside down.
4. Suddenly the sun came through a hole in the rocks and he lost his power.
5. McCracken was furious, so furious that he cried for the rest of the day.
6. In the night, McCracken found a potion to drink and get his powers back.

By Carla

1. One dark, gloomy night a petrifying monster lurked into a dark and terrifying cave.
2. This particular monster lived in a spine-chilling, deserted valley.
3. This terrifying monster could turn his thoughts into reality.
4. The annoyed monster wanted humans to be terrified!
5. The monster felt this way because the monster did not know the special monster way to scare people.
6. What the monster did not know is there was a lake in the deserted valley that had a wishing stone. The monster uncovered the secret monster mystery of scary people!

By Evie J



Unit of Inquiry—Let The Force Be With You

Big Idea—The universe is subject to many forces.

Lesson Intention: To design something that requires a push or pull force.

The students had the opportunity to explore and make things with the Technic Lego. While inquiring into the Lego they were asked to think about what they could make and how they could make something that moves.

