



# Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Capturing Curiosity

Last week, Weetangera School held our first STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) Festival. During these three days, our usual program was suspended and the students participated in learning experiences that encouraged them to question, explore, investigate and test hypotheses.



During this time, we learnt how learning best happens when people are curious about their world. Where they feel free to think and ask questions.

Curiosity according to Loewenstein (1994, The Psychology of Curiosity) is what happens when attention is focussed on a gap in knowledge and the individual becomes motivated to keep learning. It is powerful in learning because it is not only an intellectual process but an emotional one too. There is 'buy in' to closing the knowledge gap. In recent years, there has been increased interest in education about harnessing and provoking curiosity as a part of learning.

For us at Weetangera School, some principles that support the development of creativity and curiosity are to allow children time to explore and question, challenge to think deeply about things. To not immediately look for a quick answer. Responding with 'Google it' should not always be the first response. Some questions benefit from being thought about in different ways. We also privilege talk: allowing children time to 'talk their way to meaning'. Understanding is often enhanced by the chance to talk through and collaborate with others - to hear their thoughts and opinions.

Some of the ways that this is planned for in the classroom is through:

- ◆ The purposeful planning of questioning. Using question stems like... 'I wonder..., what makes you think that?, that is an interesting thought... where might you take that?, how is your thinking changing?'
- ◆ Our inquiry approach to learning. This focus on inquiry begins in Preschool where the program is shaped around responding to children's interests and curiosity in exploring the many aspects of their world through to our units of work that evolve as each class works to explore the curriculum content.
- ◆ The use of rich literature, books and resources that provoke deep questions and thinking.

Happy inquiring...

Julia Ison  
Executive Teacher

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Term 3 Week 7

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### September

- 5 P&C DISCO TONIGHT
- 10 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 13 Onesie Day—Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- 18 Fete Meeting 7pm
- 20 Weetangera School P&C Trivia night
- 20 Yr 6 Market Day

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**ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am**

**Friday 6 September**

**Junior School Assembly**  
Hosted by Year 2

**13 September**  
**Senior Assembly**  
Hosted by Years 5/6



### Attachments

- Fete Pick a Jar information
- Fete News

#### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Parent Reps.** Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley- 0403 498 397 Vijaya Porwal  
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## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

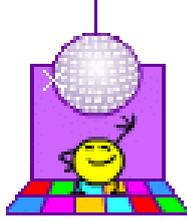
At last week's Specialist Assembly certificates were awarded for:

- Creativity:** Raiyana B, James F, Aimee E, Alex C  
**Collaboration:** Neve W, Year 6  
**Critical Thinking:** Elliot R, Zohaib H, Dylan H



## DISCO TONIGHT

Juniors 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Seniors 7:45pm - 9pm  
Theme: Razzle Dazzle  
Tickets \$7 available at the door on the night.



Snacks and glow products will also be available to purchase. If you are staying to watch the kids dance why not offer to help out in the canteen or on the glow product table, it's lots of fun!

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club – Orders due in by C.O.B. Friday 6 September please.



## P&C MEETING

The meeting will be on Tuesday 10 September 7pm in the school staffroom and all parents and friends of the school are welcome. Topics to be discussed include the upcoming trivia night and the classroom courtyards.

## STUDENT INJURY

### Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which an injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury, if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport

outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

# IT'S BACK!

Weetangera School P&C

# TRIVIA NIGHT



**FRIDAY**  
**20 SEPTEMBER**  
**7:30PM**

Parents, teachers, friends and family are all welcome at this community, adult only event. This is chance for us to come together for a night of fun. **Friday 20 September @ School Hall**

<small>INTERACTIVE, GENERAL &amp; MUSIC TRIVIA FUN GAMES &amp; PRIZES You can join a table on the night or arrange a table beforehand.</small>	<small>Details</small>	<small>\$5 a ticket <span style="float: right;">Buy on the night or coming soon to Flexischools</span> BYO drinks (wine, beers, soft drinks), food/nibbles and glasses/cups.</small>
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Dear Parents & Carers,

## Weetangera School Parking and Traffic Guidelines:

**Cars should not park in the Pick Up and Set Down zone at the front of the school.**

Please only use this area to drop off or collect waiting children.



## 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

# Spotlighting Weetangera

*brought to you by Year 3*

As part of our unit on *Farming and Food Production*, Year 3 visited Pialligo Farm Estate. They had the opportunity to tour the grounds and explore the Orchard, Market Garden, Olive Grove, Smokehouse and Vineyard, while looking at the different ways food is grown. Year 3 cured their own pork roasts using salt, sugar and different spices, which they brought back to school to be cooked and eaten together.



Our four roasts were cured in a combination of different herbs and spices, such as rosemary, chilli, juniper berries, garlic, thyme, pepper, paprika, cumin, coriander and cayenne powder.

- Most things were spicy but nice and delicious.  
- Ada
- I could taste the rosemary. It smelt really nice and you couldn't really taste the chilli.  
- Kat
- I loved it! You could really taste the garlic and coriander.  
- Tommy



### What did I learn?

- I learnt that plum trees lose their leaves when it is winter - Dede
- I learned that olives grow in a temperate climate - Tariro
- In the olden days, they buried pork for the whole winter in snow - Sophie
- I learnt how chicken, sausages and bacon gets processed - Mia
- I learned that you can mix different herbs and spices to marinate it - Maisie
- The meat felt squishy and disgusting - Fares
- I learnt that the farmers water crops using irrigation - Zoe

### What interesting facts did I find out?

- Did you know that carrots are actually a root? - Rafa
- There are different types of mould and some moulds are edible - Seren
- Pialligo can fit 7 tonnes of meat in their smokehouse - Katja
- Apart from grapes, different fruits and vegetables can be used to make wine Emma
- A medium sized orchard has around 1000 trees - Jimmy
- There are two types of plants, Perennial and Annual - Aarmi
- Wine can be made from pumpkin - Raymond
- Meat is flipped every 3 days when it is being cured - Zac

### What questions or wonderings do I still have?

- Why do they like to smoke meat at Pialligo? - Julius
- Why do people decide to be farmers? - Isabell
- Are most of Piliago's plants native to Australia? Annabel
- How do you make dairy-free milk? - Harvey
- Why doesn't Pialligo Estate have animals? - Elise
- What season do they pick fruit? - Xavier
- Why can't certain foods grow in certain climates? Rosie
- Why do farmers grow things in lines? - Ellie

