



Weetangera School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Every time I have the pleasure of learning with our students in a classroom in our school I am reminded of the wonderful diversity of our students and the commitment of our staff to ensure they are each celebrated for their achievement. Last week, I was overwhelmed by the wonderful work our students shared during their Learning Journeys, and 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 attending our Learning Journeys.

At Weetangera School we are committed to ensuring that every child in our school is valued, supported and engaged in great learning experiences. We are also committed to working in partnership with our Directorate and with each of you to make this happen. I wish to reinforce the Director General's message which is that wherever there is a concern, no matter what that concern is, we need to continue to work together to best meet the needs of every child in our school.

I encourage you to speak to us and your child's teacher, if you have any concerns about your child or our school or suggestions for how we can continue to make our school community the best it can be. Please contact us.

If you feel that you need to speak to someone beyond our school, I encourage you to contact the Directorate on the community liaison number: 6205 5429. You can also access further information on the Directorate's website www.def.act.gov.au.

Milo T20 Blast Belconnen School Cup Competition

Last week on Friday 11 September Weetangera School had four girls Super 8s teams compete in the Milo T20 Blast Belconnen School Cup at Kippax ovals. The teams enjoyed a day of 8 aside cricket umpired by ACT cricket representatives. Sydney Thunder T20 team sponsored the event and provided equipment for the day. The Meteors Junior Cricket League was launched with TV and newspaper crews. The day was a huge success for one of the 3/4 girls' teams, 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 and Will Adlide for managing and coaching the teams.

Kind regards,

James M. Barnett
Principal



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

September

25 End of Term 3

October

12 Term 4 begins



Don't forget to visit our Facebook page



ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 18 September

Whole School Assembly
Hosted by Unit 5

Friday 25 September

No Assembly

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Holiday Happenings

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AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Getting Along: Julian S, Lily C-S.

Persistence: Robert W, Zoe P, James R-E, Jimoién S-S, Leila M, Riley B, Thomas B, Matthew J, Spencer B, Shaun A, Noah S.

Confidence: Aidan R, Genasea P, Isaak L, Harry A-W, Olivia R, Tom K, Fallen C, Cameron Mc, Lillyanna M.

Organisation: Rachel F, Issy S, Kate B, Reece B, Sophie B.



Ralph Q

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Success is not measured by a win but by determination and effort. On Sunday 6 September Weetangera School entered two teams into Tournament of Minds. This is a competition which is completed over six weeks and ends with a presentation to a panel of judges.

During this period the Babley's Language Literature Team analysed Aaron picture books and their characters to provide a solution of 'who blabbed?' and explain their motivation, and the Social Science Team had to choose from a number of significant historical figures and decide who would be - the weakest link and thus be eliminated from our history. The second component was a spontaneous problem in which the team was judged on its creativity and the way in which they worked cooperatively.

There are very strict rules and regulations which govern each presentation and solution! Both teams gave up every lunchtime and some mornings to work on their presentation. Their Sunday performance was a credit to their dedication and commitment. We were very proud of the way they conducted themselves on the day.

Congratulations to:

Team 1: Luke P, Polly L, Kyah C, Laura C, Olivia R, Ashleigh B, and Ellen V.

Team 2: Jasmine S, Lara E, Saskia D, Sami M, Ella R, Sophie C and Sophie B.

We'd also like to thank the school for its support and encouragement, particularly the teams' class teachers who allowed the team to use class time to work on their solution.

RAFFLE TICKETS DISTRIBUTED

Raffle tickets have been distributed this week to the youngest in each family. Please contact the front office if your family has not received tickets, as all tickets must be accounted for.

Please sell lots of tickets! More books are available from the front office. The family selling the most tickets will win a \$100 meal voucher at the Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison.

Thanks

Nichola Vincent



It is time for our community to rally around and support Sophie E from Year 3!

Sophie's Doodle 4 Google has been selected out of 26k entries.

She is one of 32 finalists.

We encourage you to ask all your family and friends to vote for Sophie's entry.

The voting page will go live at 9:00am on 22 September for one week!

So jump on and go to –

www.google.com.au/doodle4google

THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! What a fabulous community we have at Weetangera. It was great to see so many generous donations for our raffle baskets of both goods and money last Friday. Thanks to you, the raffle baskets are going to be filled with some really useful items this year. If you would still like to donate, there are boxes in the foyer, or you can leave your money at the front office. Our next fete meeting will be held on Thursday 24 September at 7:30pm. Please text Jennelle Barry on 0414761205 for the address. We will also be having a stall leaders' meeting on Thursday 15 October (Week 1) time and location to be confirmed. Finally, manual sign up sheets have been placed at the front office, please take a moment to put your name down to help. Just an hour of your time can give our hard working stall leaders a well earned break.



MT STROMLO STAR GAZING OUTREACH PROGRAM

Year 5 students have been invited to attend *Mt Stromlo's Star Gazing Outreach Program*, **tonight**, Thursday 17 September beginning at 6:00pm and finishing at 8:00pm. We wish to thank Mr Brady Espeland and Dr Brad E Tucker from the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the Australian National University for organising this event.

The evening visit will start with a welcome by professional astronomers and then the group will watch a 3D astronomy movie. The movie is both fun and educational. The group will then move outside for the main part of the evening, a stargazing session using Stromlo's outreach telescopes. To conclude the evening, there will be a question and answer session hosted by astronomers. Best of all, they should get the opportunity to look at Saturn.



Spotlighting Weetangera

Proudly brought to you by Year 3.
Some of the poems we wrote during Learning Journeys with our parents.

There once was a man called
Bob,
Who had a very cool job,
He spent all his money,
On lemon and honey,
And now poor Bob is a slob.

By Kosta, Mum and Dad

There once was a boy
and a Mum,
Who were trying a very
hard sum,
They scratched their
heads,
And went to their
beds,
Back to school they
decided to come.

By Daniel and Mum

There once was a girl at
school,
Who thought a Leaning
Journey was cool,
She showed round her
folks,
They enjoyed all her jokes
And thought it a wonderful
school.

By Alice and A'ida

Democracy

Does your party want to win? Democracy means power of the people. In our parties we had to work together to pass our bills.

The bills were:

Schools should have pets
Toy guns should be sold
School uniforms should be worn
IPads should replace books
Kangaroos should be protected
Junk food should be sold in the canteen.

Each party had to present a poster, interview a stakeholder, write an exposition and a procedure, conduct a poll, write a jingle and a song and come up with a name for their party.

Some parties campaigned hard and gave out voting incentives!
We all had hard work and had stressful moments. We couldn't all win. Some were emotional. There are winners and losers! We all enjoyed it. It was our favourite thing to do in the afternoon.



Catch the Learning Journey Train

On Wednesday 9 September Unit 4 hosted over one hundred parents and grandparents at a Learning Journey. The teachers were replaced by the students and the teachers relaxed.

The parents were surprised by how much their children knew and how well the "teachers" taught them. They were impressed with all the activities that they had to do.

Zain's mother commented on how 'Zain was good at his maths strategies.' Eleanor's mother complimented her on her 'poetry, maths and how eager she was to learn.'

Isabella's mother noticed how much 'she enjoyed school.'

Parents look forward to the Learning Journey every year.

They appreciate all the effort the students put into their work.



Belconnen Sports Leader Program

Learn how to control your body movement during sport.

Equipment:

Belconnen High Sports Leaders

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60+ Weetangera students—Thorpe/Freeman/O'Neil/Perkins

Soccer balls, cones, vests and hats.

Method:

- 1. Get into our 4 groups**
- 2. Go to the leaders.**
- 3. Listen to instructions.**
- 4. Play a warm up game like Fruit Salad, Octopus, Dodgeball or relays.**
- 5. Practise controlling balls using soccer skills. Play sideline number soccer.**
- 6. Be enthusiastic, be a good sport and have a go!
You will have lots of fun.**

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