Dear Weetangera Community

Thank You To Our Volunteers

I thank our parents and carers for all the contributions you all make to Weetangera School. It is your time, energy and positive support which makes Weetangera School such a wonderful school. We particularly thank you for any volunteer time you kindly donate to our school community. The time that you have invested with Weetangera School has made the school what it is today. Many volunteers will have registered in 2013 and these registrations will expire during 2016. Parents and other adults who volunteer, or work in some paid capacity, at school are required under the Working With Vulnerable People Act to be registered with Access Canberra. Those who registered in 2013 will need to apply to renew their registration during 2016. If your card is over three years old it has probably expired and you cannot lawfully have contact with children as a volunteer or visitor in a school-related activity. If you are uncertain, please contact Access Canberra on 132281 or accesscanberra.act.gov.au, or in person at an ACT Government Shopfront.

Preschool Picnic

Last week the preschool held a picnic in the wonderful outdoor learning environment at our Preschool site. I thank our families for taking the time to join us last week on Wednesday evening. I know some parents had also supported our swimming carnival at Dickson swimming pool earlier on what was a long hot day.  Yes, the weather was warm, the company was great and our families made some wonderful connections with other families. It was a wonderful time to interact and initiate, and engage with our community. Our sincere thanks go to Virginia Hambly, Lauren Hall, Sally Allen, Katrina van der Sterren, Christie Rankine and Belinda Brown for building such a sense of belonging for our families in preschool.

Rugby 7s Evening

To end our Week 4 of this term the school entered three teams in the inaugural ‘Come and Try 7s’ interschool gala event at Wests Junior Rugby Club. We had Year 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 squads entered into the event which was a great success for all the teams. Our thanks go to Erwin McRae for coordinating the teams and coaches ensuring the students experience was successful and rewarding.

Wireless Upgrades

The school is currently upgrading our wireless access points across the school. ACT public schools are all connected to a reliable, high speed, centrally provisioned ICT network ‘SchoolsNET’. ACT is the fastest connected education jurisdiction in Australia, with the majority of schools connected to one gigabit fibre links. Our current ICT devices across the school are tools to support our students’ learning. Some benefits of the wireless expansion will:

- enable a higher volume of wireless and desktop devices, on our network. This will allow for all of our staff and students within our

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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Student Information Check Sheet

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Please read our web site: weetangeraps.act.edu.au
P&C MEETING

Our first general P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 March starting at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents or carers of children at Weetangera School are welcome to attend.

STUDENT INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Every student has been given their information check sheet. These need to be checked by parents/carers very carefully. This information is vital for us to be able to contact you in an emergency, and we understand that sometimes people forget to inform the school when they change their information.

ALL FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED even if there are no changes, that way we know we have not missed anyone.

Sports Assembly

This Friday 4 March we invite our parents to our first Sports Assembly of the year at 9:15am, in the hall to share the successes of individual swimmers from the Swimming Carnival.

Year 3/4 AFL Gala Day

Good luck to our Year 3/4 students who are taking part in the AFL Gala Day next week at Jamison Ovals on Wednesday 9 March.

Yours faithfully,

James M Barnett
Principal

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Jacob K, Jocie DJ, Lilly M, Zac C-S
Lachlan G, Jimoien S-S.

Creativity: Waikare W.

Collaboration: Grace Q-N, Alicia M, Charles B,
Robert W, Hamish Mc, Sophie C,
Jamieson N, Tilly McA, Lara M,
Perry K, Michael V, Kai B.

Critical Thinking: Connor McE, Luke P, Holly L,
Samuel B.

Schools Chess Challenge 2016 at Westfield Woden (Centre Court)

An invitation is extended to any student who would like to enter the Schools Chess Challenge on Sunday 13 March, 2016 from 10:00am - 3:00pm (registration from 9:30am), run by Canberra Academy of Chess. The tournament will be run as an individual event in a seven-round Swiss competition, which means all players play all seven rounds and no-one is knocked out of the tournament. To ensure entry in the competition please enter by Friday 11 March, 2016, using the entry form in this newsletter.

Schools Chess Challenge 2016 at Westfield Woden (Centre Court)

Dear Parent.

Your child has been invited to the Schools Chess Challenge at Westfield Woden (Centre Court) on Sunday 13th March, 2016 from 10:00am - 3:00pm (registration from 9:30am), run by Canberra Academy of Chess.

Division: Primary Schools and Secondary Schools

Format: This tournament will be run as an individual event. However there are also school prizes awarded. The winning school is determined by adding the top 4 players from each school. Each school can enter any number of players and there is no need to rank them into teams.

The tournament is a 7-round Swiss competition, which means all players play all 7 rounds and no-one is knocked out of the tournament. The top school in each division will be awarded $3200 worth of equipment from Canberra Academy of Chess. There are also trophies for the top five individuals and top three schools in each division.

To enter: Entry is $20.00 per player. The preferred method of payment is to pay online with your credit card at https://canberraacademyofchess.com.au/payment.

Enter the code ‘KCSSCOMP2016’ and fill in the electronic form. Instead of this form:

To ensure your place in the competition, please enter by Friday 11th March, 2016.

For general inquiries about the tournament, please call Becca on 0439 120 362.

Alternative payment method

Direct Deposit
Account Name: Canberra Academy of Chess
Bsb: 062 339 Account Number: 1809 939 (Commonwealth Bank)

In the transaction description, you must write the code ‘WCP’, followed by the child’s first initial and surname. If you pay by direct deposit, you must email a receipt and this permission form to entries@canberraacademyofchess.com.au.

For information on this event and other chess activities, please visit the Canberra Academy of Chess website at www.canberraacademyofchess.com.au.
Welcome to Spotlighting Weetangera with Year 1! In the Rainforest Unit, we have the Rosellas with Mrs Worland and the Toucans with Miss Eade.

Every Thursday, Year 1 completes Investigations. During Investigations, students complete activities relating to content being taught in class. The Investigations cycle this week consisted of activities related to our Inquiry Unit *Farm to Plate*, developing fine motor skills, counting and recounts.

I liked spelling all different words.
Archie

I made a chicken using plasticine. It was fun!
Nick

I like playing with plasticine!
Lachie

I liked drawing the little brother baby elephant.
Sam

I made a cow. I used green, because I like green cows!
Emily

This is my eggplant! I like to eat it. Sometimes I even steal it from the fridge!
Violet

I like bugs. I like them because some bugs make food, like a bee.
Isabelle
Year 1 brainstormed all the animals they know that come from a farm. They also added in any products the animals produce.