Dear Parents and Carers,

As we write our newsletter for the final time in 2016, we would like to thank everyone within the Weetangera School community for your support and dedication. We give thanks to all the staff for the remarkable culture of learning in each and every one of our classrooms. We also give thanks for the sense of community partnership that you provide to Weetangera School.

Last week on Thursday our annual Weetangera School End of Year Concert was held. Thank you to all the families who joined us and celebrated the fantastic work the students have participated in during their Inquiry Learning. A special thanks to Sarah Rossiter and the Concert Organising Committee for all their efforts during the lead up to this whole school event.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 students on graduating primary school. We wish them all the very best for the adventures to come. A special thanks to Isabel Dunn and Ian Lanham for organising all the events and ensuring Year 6 had a spectacular send off.

Thank you to our community for all the contributions that our families make to Weetangera School. We recognise and appreciate the importance of constant interactions between school and home.

As we conclude the year, 2017 plans are under way. Below are some key dates for the start of Term 1, 2017:

- New students come to the school on Monday 30 January 2017 for an orientation session, from 9am—10am
- Kindergarten students commence school on Monday 30 January 2017
- All students return on Tuesday 31 January 2017.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very safe, relaxing and joyous festive season. Looking forward to working in partnership with you all in 2017.

Danielle Hoogland

Merry Christmas

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. James Badgery 0412552634; Monique Allen 0407595572; Alex Nockels
Community Rep. Tomasi Wainigolo; Principal - James Barnett 62057488; Teacher Reps. - Isabel Dunn and Erwin McRae
P&C
The Weetangera P&C would like to thank the community for their support during 2016. We are especially grateful to those parents and staff who have contributed their time to help maintain the function of the committee during the year. We would like to advise our AGM for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 2 February 2017 commencing at 7pm in the staff room at the school. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

WEETANGERA VOLLEYBALL
The Weetangera Volleyball Team played in the inaugural Junior Beach Volleyball Tournament for primary school children in Canberra over the weekend and had a fantastic time in the sand! They competed against children from Aranda, Maribyrnong, Turner and St Joseph’s Primary schools and played three matches on a beautiful sunny day! The students have trained very hard over the year and playing on beach courts was an exciting change from the indoor courts that they are used to. A big congratulations to all the Weetangera students who have represented the school in the Junior Volleyball tournaments over the year and we look forward to another great year in 2017!

Don’t forget to come and collect a desk and chair for your children tomorrow at 3pm or Monday & Tuesday next week. Phone Brad on 0407902072 and he will meet you at the front door.

The staff at Weetangera School would love to wish the Weetangera Community a

Very Merry Christmas
Eid malad saeid
Geseende Kersfees
Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah
Selamat Hari Natal
Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan
Joyeux Noel

क्रिसमस की बधाई - Kriaamas kee dabhaee
Kala Christouyenna
Shub Naya Baras
Buone Feste Natalizie
Shub Naya Varsh
Pozdreliyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom
La Maunia Le Killsimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou
Subha nath thalak Vewa. Subha Aluth Awrudhak Vewa
Feliz Navidad

2017
January
30 Kindergarten / New Students
31 Returning Students
In Science we have been investigating Earth Sciences. We have researched layers of the Earth, investigated the movement of the Sun and the planets in our sky and walked through time to see the dinosaurs. Check out our work in action.

Building robots for National Science Week
Piecing together Earth’s time-scale
Discovering the order and size of the planets
Tracking the movement of the Sun
Dinosaur Terrariums
In PE we have participated in a rugby clinic organised by the school and run by the Canberra Brumbies. The sessions included a series of skills directed towards participation in an afternoon of rugby sevens on the 7 December.

Earlier in the term students from Year 1 to Year 6 were involved in an AFL clinic which included skills from handling a ball to kicking and running with a ball in hand.

Year 5 and 6 students also had sessions on cycle safety with emphasis on riding according to road rules and emergency situations.