



Weetangera School

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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a buzz in the air around Weetangera School. Students are busy participating in the Weetangera School 2017 Reading Challenge. It's wonderful to see, read with and talk to all the students who have made an improvement with their reading. Make sure your child records the number of pages they read at home to count towards our school total.

As a staff at Weetangera School we have been engaging in deep learning around the teaching of writing in classrooms. We introduced the 'Bump It Up' walls and now we are focussing on using learning intentions and success criteria to engage students and foster goal setting to improve their writing.

This week the staff at Weetangera School showcased the work we have been doing around writing at the ACT Education Directorate's Writing Fair.

Alongside this, our Writers Festival begins tomorrow! Students will be participating in a range of writing experiences within their classrooms. In addition to these activities, we have a number of authors in residence coming to Weetangera School over the next week:

- ◆ **Marc McBride** is an Irish childrens and young adults book illustrator. He illustrated a series of books titled *Monster*, as well as the cover artwork for the *Deltora Quest* fantasy book series.
- ◆ **Craig Cormick** is a well-known parent at our school and also a prolific author.
- ◆ **Nicole Godwin** is a local author and ex-parent who is visiting our school to talk about her picture book *Ella*, which is about elephant conservation.
- ◆ **Cath Blake** is a primary school teacher who took this year off work to write a book.
- ◆ **Mike Kisby** is an ex-student of Weetangera School who has just published his first book, *Magic*.

The aim of the Writers Festival is to:

- to engage everyone in authentic, fun and inspiring opportunities to write
- to develop our identities as writers and connect with real authors and illustrators
- to go beyond the basic skills of literacy.

Please join us on Friday 1 September at 9:15am for the official opening ceremony.

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Term 3 Week 7

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

August

31 Disco TONIGHT

September

- 4 Year 2 Water Safety
- 4-8 Writers Festival

 ☆ **ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am** ☆
 ☆ **Friday 1 September** ☆
 ☆ **Junior School Assembly** ☆
 ☆ **Hosted by Year 2** ☆
 ☆ **Friday 8 September** ☆
 ☆ **Senior School Assembly** ☆
 ☆ **Hosted by Year 6** ☆



INSERTS

Writers Festival Program

Holiday Happenings

Weetangera School
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Yvonne Gray 0414817680; Alex Nockels 0414914006; Janine O'Keefe 0411286853; **Community Rep.** Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 62057488;
Teacher Reps. - Isabel Dunn and Erwin McRae

Limelight

Congratulations to all the students involved in Limelight. It was a wonderful performance and display of all the hard work that the students put into the choir. Thank you to Mrs Jan Lloyd-Jones for coordinating the Limelight group!

Water Safety Program

Next week our Year 2 students will commence the Water Safety Program where they will have the opportunity to acquire essential life skills in water safety and survival through Royal Life Saving ACT. The ACT Education Directorate provides substantial funding for Year 2 students in ACT public schools to participate in the Royal Life Saving ACT *Aqua Safe* program – a series of ten practical and five theory lessons focussed on general water safety and personal aquatic survival skills.

Regards

Danielle Hoogland

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Elijah C.

Creativity: Holly L, Eryn H, Rocko G, Nathan W

Collaboration: Oliver S, Makayla P, Nelson M, Freya M.



DISCO TONIGHT



Juniors start 6:30pm - 7.30pm
Seniors start 7:45pm - 9.00pm
Tickets available at the door tonight. All tickets purchased through Flexischools will be given out in classrooms today.

Please check your child's bag for them this afternoon.



BELCONNEN ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 22 August forty students represented Weetangera at the Belconnen Athletics Championships at the AIS. Well done to all children that competed in this event on your efforts as well as the team spirit on display.

We had a number of students that performed well to finish in the top eight:

Zoe L - 5th 70m, Aidan J - 6th 200m, Tia B - 7th discus, Charlie S - 7th discus, Milly J - 8th shot put, Maddie S - 7th 800m

Qualifying for the ACT Championships is quite challenging as it is only the top four athletes that qualify from each event. Congratulations to the following students on finishing in the top four, these children will now be participating at the ACT Championships in September:

Alex C: 9 years - 4th 100m and 2nd 70m

Oliver S: 10 years - 2nd discus

Samuel B: 11 years - 4th 100m, 3rd 200m and 2nd long jump

Amy B: 11 years - 4th 100m and 3rd 800m

Molly W: 12 years - 4th 800m

Lachlan T: 12 years - 4th 800m

Athletics Committee

Something to ponder

- You burn more calories sleeping than watching TV



- An elephant's ears are used to regulate body temperature



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 preschool

In Term 3 preschool has been exploring the concept of creativity as part of our inquiry unit. Creativity is one of the four 21st Century Learning dispositions, which guides the preschool's inquiries throughout the year. To support our inquiry we visited the Canberra Gallery and Museum to learn what artists do.



In the art studio where we created...
A sheep print with crayons
and a printing press

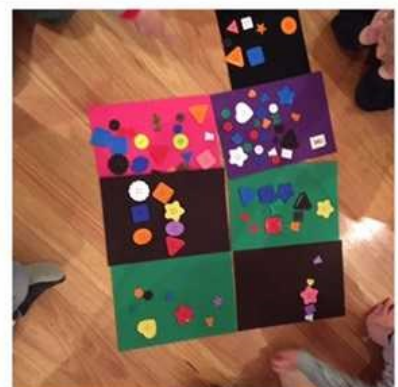
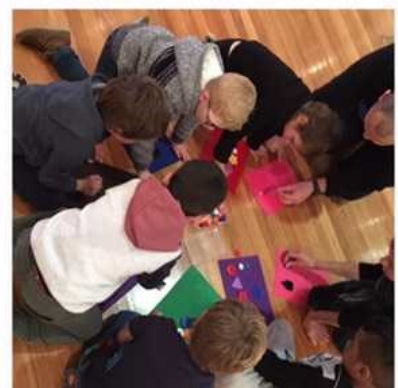
We also did a
water colour
painting and a quilt
collage.



In the Gallery we saw some amazing artworks!!!

We saw a quilt made from suit jackets. We even got to make our own quilts with buttons and felt.

A picture of Canberra many years ago compared to now.
"There weren't many roads then"
Mali said.



Some sheep made from barbed wire.
"I think they'd be spiky" explained
Andre.

A possum skin cloak made by a
Ngunnawal Elder. We even got to feel a
real possum skin. "My favourite part was
the possum skin cloak!"
Sophia exclaimed.