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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of week 7 already, it's hard to believe there are less than 20 days left of school this year.

Alice — The Musical

Today was the debut performance of our senior school musical *Alice*. Our Year 5 and 6 students did an outstanding job, performing in front of the whole school. This performance is the culmination of two terms' work with our music specialist teacher, Jan Lloyd Jones. We would also like to acknowledge the assistance provided by many members of staff, especially Janinne Nascimento and Isabel Dunn, and the parents who have helped with making costumes and props in the lead up to the performance. There will be an evening performance tonight, and tickets have been sent home for this. If you asked for tickets and have not received them, please contact the front office or Jan Lloyd Jones via email. Popcorn, ice cream, coffee and tea will be available for sale during the performance. Doors open at 6:30pm, with the performance set to start at 7:00pm. Unfortunately due to limitations of space, there will be no room for strollers or prams in the hall.

Jump Start Class with Warehouse Circus

Some of our lucky Year 6 students have been participating in a weekly circus program in Terms 3 and 4 called *Jump Start* with Warehouse Circus in collaboration with Belconnen High.

Thanks to funding from the Commonwealth Bank Community Grants, Warehouse Circus is running this program so that six of our students, along with some students from Hawker Primary, travel to Belconnen High every Friday for circus classes. The program is designed to assist students in the sometimes difficult transition into high school next year. Working with youth workers, student mentors from Belconnen High and Warehouse Circus trainers, the classes include a variety of circus skills, focusing on those that build confidence, trust, self-esteem, friendships and resilience, encourage positive risk-taking, and are skill-based as well as fun. These include manipulation skills (such as juggling, hoops, diabolo), tumbling, unicycling and adagio (partner and group acrobalance).

Circus is a fantastic medium for building confidence, skills, self-esteem, social networks and resilience. If you would like to know more about Warehouse Circus and the various programs on offer for all ages and abilities, you can go to their website:- <http://warehousecircus.org.au/> or ring their office on 6260 3626.

Yvonne Piper
Executive Teacher

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Term 4 Week 7

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

November

23 Alice the Musical

December

7 School Concert

11 Year 6 fun day

13 Year 6 Graduation

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 24 November

Junior School

Hosted by Year 1

Friday 1 December

Senior School

Hosted by Year 4



INSERTS

Holiday Happenings

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

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AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Hannah K.

Creativity: Ollie R, Ian M, Sonita T, Charlie S.

Collaboration: Katie Mc, Elijah S, McKye H, Lachlan B.

Critical Thinking: Benji B, Daniel M, William H, Luke M, James R-E

LIBRARY

I know that you know, that I know that you know, that this is my favourite time of the year. And you are wrong it's not Christmas time, it's **stocktake time!**

So there will be no more borrowing as of Friday 24 November to ensure there is enough time for all books to be returned by the end of the year.

Your assistance to have overdue books returned ASAP would be gratefully appreciated.

Annie

SUPER 8s CRICKET

Last Monday Weetangera took part in the ACT Super 8s Girls Cricket Tournament at Deakin. Both our Year 3/4 team and Year 5/6 team played very well to win their respective competitions showing good batting, bowling and fielding skills, in addition both teams displayed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day. Our 5/6 team then participated in the ACT/Southern NSW Finals on Tuesday this week. The girls won their first two matches but unfortunately lost their third game to narrowly miss the semi-finals. Over the two days the girls won eight out of ten games and narrowly lost their other two games. The team should be very proud of the way they played and for the way they represented Weetangera.

The 3/4 team was Tash G, Gemma T, Joanna B, Scarlett F, Makayla P, Daisy G, Amara H, Jocie DJ, Qian V and Lola F.

The 5/6 team was Tia B, Maddie S, Mim S, Jessica D, Milly J, Jessica K, Ava L, Molly W, Jamie B and Amy B.

Thanks go to Matt Judd for volunteering his time to help out with extra training for the 5/6 team and to Will Adlide for working with the 3/4 team.

Jessica Knott and Erwin McRae

Weetangera School Travel Survey

Weetangera School would like to gain some feedback about your family's school transport routine, particularly how regularly you use active

travel (walking, riding, scooting, skating, or public transport).

The school would also like to know if there are any barriers that are preventing you from using active travel more regularly. Active travel has a number of benefits, including improving the children's health and wellbeing, reducing the impact on the environment and safer roads around the school with less congestion.

This information will be provided to the ACT Government to help inform what potential improvements might be required around the school to help facilitate active travel. An example of this could be where to place a crossing in Weetangera to help make walking to school safer.

The survey should only take a couple of minutes to complete. It consists of three questions, and looking at a map of Weetangera and placing a pin/s where you believe changes such as new crossings could be placed.

We would like you to do the survey with your child/ren using their school email account so they are a part of the process, and we receive their feedback as well as parents/carers. If you are unable to access their email account you will need to use or set up your own gmail account. Please follow the link below to complete the survey:

<http://bit.ly/WStravelsurvey>

Instructions for the map are as follows:

1. Once clicked on link users must sign in to the map. The button is located in the top right hand corner.
2. Click on the add marker tool, this icon looks like a hot air balloon.
3. Add marker to the map by clicking on it, write information in the box provided.
4. Click outside the text box to exit and close the page.

Responses to this survey are anonymous, we will be using the information to help make active travel a more viable option for our students. Please complete the survey before COB Friday 8 December.

Thank you for your support
Erwin McRae and Isabel Dunn

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

When: Weeks 7-10

Where: Weetangera School Foyer, under the Christmas Tree



Spotlighting Weetangera

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Only three more weeks of being preschoolers!

Our Inquiry Unit this term focuses on change, and incorporates the transition to primary school. Our transition program has included a tour of the school, visits to Kindergarten and the opportunity to buy a lunch order and this week we went and bought something from the canteen.

Without a doubt, our favourite part of the program would have to be getting to know our Year 5 buddies and meeting up with them each week. All these planned experiences help support a smooth transition to primary school and make the process a little less stressful.

The preschoolers also had some questions that they wanted to find out the answers to before they started next year. We took a list of our questions up to Kindergarten and we are eagerly awaiting a reply to some of the mysteries surrounding school!



"Is it hard?" Evie

"Do you get homework?" Gus



"Do you get to play?" Joe



We had 50 cents to spend at the canteen. We were very excited!



Buddies are a really important part of our transition to school. The children spend time together each week involved in “getting-to-know-you activities” and informal play. They also have lunch together on these days.

The familiar face of an older buddy can be very reassuring as the children move into Kindergarten. Buddies are definitely a highlight of our week.



“I liked chasing my buddy” Spencer



“I like eating lunch with my buddy” Taylor

