



# Weetangera School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Concert Day has arrived, and we are in full swing to celebrate the end of year with our families. To follow up on this, tomorrow we will celebrate the achievements of all our students with their end of year reports being sent home to families. We hope you enjoy reading the reports as we have enjoyed writing them.

As we close the end of the year we begin looking forward to identifying future directions to improving student outcomes. In 2019, our focus at Weetangera School will be on differentiation and how we can support all our students more effectively in the classroom.

*“Kids of the same age aren’t all alike when it comes to learning any more than they are alike in terms of size, hobbies, personality, or food preferences. Kids do have many things in common, because they are human beings and because they are all young people, but they also have important differences. What we share makes us human, but how we differ makes us individuals. In a differentiated classroom, commonalities are acknowledged and built upon, and student differences also become important elements in teaching and learning”.*

Carol Ann Tomlinson 2017.

Staff will be engaged in professional learning around differentiation to further develop their understanding and accommodate student individual needs. Staff at Weetangera will engage in the process of proactively planning and carry out varied approaches to curriculum, pedagogy and assessment in anticipation of and response to student differences in readiness, interest and learning needs.

**Important dates to remember for the following week:**

- Year 6 Graduation Fund Day and Dinner – Monday 17 December 2018
- Year 6 Graduation Assembly – Wednesday 19 December 2018 – 9:15am
- Final Day for all students – Friday 21 December 2018

As I will be going on leave after the concert this evening, I would like to wish all families a safe and relaxing summer break. I look forward to working with you all again in 2019.

Kind Regards

Danielle

**Newsletter No. 39**  
**13 December 2018**  
Term 4 Week 9

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

**December**

- 13** End of Year Concert
- 19** Year 6 Graduation  
9:15am - 10:30am
- 21** Last day of term :)

“When attending the End of Year Concert please park in the designated areas to ensure the safety of our students.”

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- ☆ **ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am** ☆
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- ☆ **Friday 14 December** ☆
- ☆ **No Assembly** ☆
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 **Attachments**

Weetangera School  
Southwell Street  
Weetangera ACT 2614  
Telephone: 6142 2600  
Canteen: 6142 2621  
**Please read our web site:**  
**weetangeraps.act.edu.au**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**  
**Parent Reps.** Yvonne Gray 0414817680; Alex Nockels 0414914006; Janine O’Keefe 0411286853; **Community Rep.** Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 61422600;  
**Teacher Reps.** - Virginia Hambly; Natarsha van den Boogaard

## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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



**Communication:** Joanna B, Divaire S, Cooper T, Eli P, Edward F, Conal H

**Creativity:** Charlette B, Xavier G, Eli B, Dayle J (AOM), Harriet McG, Tayla McG, Emi M, Sam S

**Collaboration:** Will McC, Lalo M, Thomas L, Madeline S, Oscar B, Archer B, Louis McD

**Critical Thinking:** Lakita S, Elissa V, Mamejs S, Rosie M, Ella B, Lila M, Calli B, Ruby C, Poson H

## THE NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE 2018

### Young Historian Bronze Certificate

Catlin L, Archie H, Keeley B, Scarlett K, Elke Y, Olavi S, Josh K, Angelina M, Olivia C, Finn T, Eli B

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The School Board is responsible for the school's strategic direction (operational matters are the responsibility of the Principal), and meets at least once a term between February and November. The following positions will be vacant from 31 March 2019: 3 x P&C member.

Nominations for this position are open from Monday 4 February 2019 and will close on Friday 15 February 2019. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of positions, voting will take place between Monday 18 February and Monday 25 February 2019.

Please consider becoming a member this year.

## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods to give to families in need this Christmas.

There will be boxes located under the Christmas tree in the foyer, please leave your items there.

All items will be collected Wednesday, Week 10.

**Book Club Position Vacant - Co-ordinator/s Wanted 2019.** Sarah and Kylie have decided to pass the book club baton on to 2 more volunteers in 2019. In fact, you could share the job amongst a number of parents.

The role is such an enjoyable one and it's always exciting to receive the twice-a-term book shipments to sort through and distribute to the children. If anyone is interested in taking over the role, please let Kylie know at [kylie.hazlewood@mpsact.com.au](mailto:kylie.hazlewood@mpsact.com.au) and we can take you through what's required.

## BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Did you know that taking 20 minutes to chat about your family's bushfire survival plan could save their lives as well as your home? Take the Climate Ready quizzes to see how prepared your family is for bushfires, heatwaves, severe storms and droughts.

Get informative tips and advice on how you can take action and get prepared for extreme weather events. Complete all four quizzes for a chance to WIN \$1,000. Terms and Conditions apply. Competition closes 31 January 2019. Visit <https://www.environment.act.gov.au> and get Climate Ready today!

## SENIOR CHOIR

Last week our Senior Choir went to Parliament House to take part in the *Christmas Comes to Parliament House* series of concerts. When things did not go quite as planned (and protesters in the foyer meant that we couldn't enter the building), our APH liaison officer, Monique, suggested that we could sing in the forecourt. Luckily, our portable speaker was charged and the choir well rehearsed, so we went ahead and sang our carols - and then sang them again!

The choir were delighted when refreshments arrived - just as they had been expecting, had the performance been indoors; and the brownies were delicious. All in all, the choir members felt that they had done their best and had indeed "sung at Parliament House", entertaining those waiting in the queue for when the doors opened again. As a result of this experience, our choir's new motto is "Keep Calm and Carry on Singing".

We were offered another date for our Christmas performance, but we were not able to fit in another excursion before the end of term. However, to our great delight, Monique and a delegation from Parliament House (including the chef) then visited the choir at school. Not only that, but they brought more brownies! The choir members found meeting the head chef and the pastrycook to be an honour as well as a fascinating experience, offering insight into what goes on in the kitchens at APH.

This was a highlight that all choir members are guaranteed to remember for a long time. We were most impressed by the way the team from APH were able to turn what could have been a disappointment into a triumph and a delightful experience, never to be forgotten.

Note: The Senior Choir will perform their Christmas presentation "Christmas Carols Through the Ages" for the school at 12.15-12.50pm on Tuesday 18 December (week 10). Parents and friends are very welcome to attend this performance, which will be held in the Old Hall.

*Jan Lloyd-Jones  
Music Specialist*



# Spotlighting Weetangerera

**Brought to you by...Preschool**

Only two more weeks of being pre-schoolers!

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.



*I like kindergarten—Bul*



*I like playing on the junior play equipment.—Shaan*



*I can't wait to play soccer—Hugo*

**We had \$1 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 love my buddy—Evie*



*When is my buddy coming back? - William*



*Will I see my buddy in kindergarten? - Aarav*