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Newsletter No. 16

6 June 2019

Term 2 Week 6

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

June

- 5 Fete Meeting
- 18 P&C Meeting 7pm Staff Room

July

- 4 Yr 6 Jelly Cup fundraiser

Dear Parents and Carers,

Differentiation at Weetangera School

In 2019, the staff at Weetangera School are continuing to deepen their knowledge of effective classroom practices through a focus on differentiation. They participate in weekly staff meetings and engage with professional reading to reflect and adapt their teaching practice to meet the needs of all students.

What is Differentiation?

According to current evidence presented by Carol Ann Tomlinson in *How to Differentiate Instruction in Academically Diverse Classrooms* (2017),

“In a differentiated classroom, commonalities are acknowledged and built upon, and student differences also become important elements in teaching and learning... In other words, a differentiated classroom provides different avenues to acquire content, to processing or making sense of ideas, and to developing products so that each student learns effectively.”

Recently, the Weetangera staff devised their own rationale for creating a differentiated classroom.

At Weetangera School, we believe that creating differentiated classrooms is essential to:

Develop a deep understanding of each student

Address the strengths, differences and learning styles of each individual student

Reflect and support the growth of all students academically, socially and emotionally

Engage students in meaningful learning experiences, using multiple approaches to access the curriculum, in order to achieve success

Develop active learners who feel ownership over their learning and comfortable to be risk takers.

Lap-A-Thon

The sunshine was out, and the community spirit was high yesterday during our annual Lap-A-Thon. As we gazed across the course, we saw an abundance of students all dressed in their pyjamas, joining together, challenging themselves and encouraging others to do their best. For 2019 the P&C's fundraising focus is an upgrade of the Audio-Visual technology and system in our main school hall. The main hall at Weetangera School is the heart of the school and a multi-purpose learning space for our assemblies, musical performances, community, Before and After School Care, presentations and teaching and learning opportunities for our students from preschool to Year 6.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley- 0403 498 397 Vijaya Porwal
Principal - James Barnett 61422600;
Teacher Reps. Ebony O'Connell - Natarsha van den Boogaard

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

7 June 2019
Hosted by Specialists

14 June 2019
Junior Assembly
Hosted by Kindergarten

Attachments

Care Bags

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 Southwell Street
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Please read our web site:
weetangeraps.act.edu.au

The Audio-Visual system upgrade will create the perfect ambience, whether for school-wide presentations, overflow lessons, sports or creative activities. To communicate with a larger audience, we need updated screens with brighter projection. The new system will also incorporate an audio capable lectern with built-in microphones that are easy to use and is designed to provide high-output power, ideal for day-to-day use, school productions and special events.

A huge thank you to Olivia Rogan and the P&C for all their efforts in organising the community event.

Enjoy a restful long weekend.

Kind Regards

Danielle Hoogland

**DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT
YOUR EARN AND LEARN
STICKERS**



Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition



For all our writers at Weetangera School– put pen to paper and let your creativity flow.

Poems can be hand written or sent as an email. Entries by Friday 21 June to Miss Nasci in Unit 6 or email janinne.nascimento@ed.act.edu.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2019-2020 Entertainment Book is out now. The cost is \$60, with a portion of this going to the Weetangera School P&C Association (which will be used to fund school projects including new audio visual equipment for the school hall). Digital memberships are easy to use and can be shared across up to 5 devices. The Entertainment Book provides access to hundreds of valuable offers including travel, leisure, movie tickets, restaurants, gift cards, sporting events and kids activities.

To purchase a membership or find out more information, please go to: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/239d74>

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Specialty photos now available at the front office to purchase. Family photos, 5/6 Band, House Captains, Vice Captains, Junior Singing Club, Senior Choir, Student Leaders and the LSU.

Belconnen Cross Country

Last Thursday forty-two students represented Weetangera School at the Belconnen Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo Forest Park. Well done to all those students who competed on the day and for the diligent way they participated in our lunchtime training sessions. I would also like to commend all our students for their school spirit and enthusiastic cheering of the other Weetangera runners at the finish! We had many students finishing in the top twenty in their events, a great effort competing against approximately one hundred and twenty runners in each race. Rhys G and Aidan J narrowly missed out on qualifying for the ACT Championships finishing 12th and 11th respectively. The following students finished in the top ten:

Poppy M: 8 Years Girls- 2nd
Harriet O: 8 Years Girls- 5th
Druvis M: 8 Years Boys- 5th
Elena P: 9 Years Girls- 7th
Evan M: 9 Years Boys- 3rd

Congratulations to these students! They will now represent Belconnen at the ACT Championships next Thursday. Thanks to all parents for your continued support with transport and encouraging our students.

Erwin McRae

OP SHOP

Another Chance Op shop, Ross Smith Crescent, Scullin will have 50% off the entire store from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 June in celebration of the end of the financial year.

Find us at Scullin shops, 10am – 4:30pm weekdays and 10am – 1pm Saturdays.

Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church “in the community, for the community”.

Like our Facebook page for more information.



BOOK FAIR
**Catch the reading
wave!**
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Spotlighting

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This term in the Kindergarten Unit we have been exploring construction techniques as well as how to design, make and evaluate a product. Kinder students designed and built houses to protect the Three Little Pigs from the Big Bad Wolf, the rain and an earthquake. These designs were tested and many exceeded expectations.





Kindergarten students designed and created a vessel to help their gingerbread man safely cross the river. We had a great time baking our gingerbread men, constructing our boats and rafts, and testing them out on the water!

