



Weetangera School

'Our vision, as a community, is to inspire
a passion for learning'



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Dear Parents & Carers,
World Teachers' Day

Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on
[World Teachers' Day - Friday 30 October](#).

Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities.

Special days like this are a great time for us to pause and reflect on the reasons we all ended up in the great profession. We asked some of our teachers why they chose teaching as a career. This is what they said:

"I am passionate about rural education and giving remote children the same opportunities as metropolitan children" – Ms Bradstock

"I became a teacher to help others" - Mr Barnett

"My mum thought I would be good at it" – Mrs Frost

"I had a really funny English teacher who made me feel happy walking into his class, I just knew I wanted to be like him" – Mrs Smith

"I always wanted a job that was about helping people" – Mrs Ferdinand

"I was on a gap year working at a boarding school in England and really loved it, I knew then that I wanted to become a teacher" – Mrs Millar

"I wanted to be a kind teacher to improve on my own experiences in primary school" – Miss You

"I always wanted to help people and have a career where I could help people" – Mr Round

"I started as a dance teacher and realised I loved teaching little people. I worked in childcare and decided I wanted to teach children to read and write" – Ms Tominich

"I've always wanted to be a teacher. I used to make my brother and sister play schools. They would do worksheets and go on excursions!" – Mrs Godwin

"I was originally inspired by my soccer coach. I became a teacher to give back and to make improvements where I felt I could" – Mrs V

"Ever since I was young, I've loved language. I've always wanted to be a teacher and wanted to spread the joy of language with children" – Mademoiselle S

"I became a teacher because when I was little school was my happy place!"
– Miss Dunn

World Teachers' Day is held internationally in early October. As it falls

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

November

9 Year 6 Day Camp
Birrighai

December

14 Year 6 Dinner
16 Year 6 Fun Day
17 Year 6 Graduation

LAST DAY

CANTEEN CANCER BANDANA DAY 30 October

Canteen Cancer Bandanas are once again available for purchase from the front office for \$5 each. Please come and select your bandana of choice and help support those young people who have been affected by cancer.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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during the school holidays for many parts of Australia, we celebrate a little later. Make sure you have Friday 30 October in your diary to celebrate and thank teachers!

Year 6 Touch Football Gala Day

On Thursday 22 October ten of our Year 6 students went to Lyneham playing fields to participate in the Touch Football Gala Day. On the day they played 8 games in total and represented Weetangera with a fantastic display of school values. Their strong teamwork was most effective because they got the very best out of every player. A special mention goes to Seb O who attended to cheer the team on despite not being able to play due to injury. A big thank you to Mr McRae for taking the team.

Book Week 2021

On Tuesday 21 and Friday 23 October we were so lucky to see so many students and teachers in preschool to Year 6 participating in a school wide celebration of books and book characters. Did you notice the Rainbow Bears in the front office, or perhaps the Crayons who Quit in Unit 2? Maybe you noticed a Little Miss in the music room?

Bec Smith

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

Last week certificates were awarded for:

Critical Thinking: Wynn N, Lara M, Braxton H, Ariana P, Mohammad A, Henry Mc, Jevin J, Sachi V, Zahara K, Ariana S, Nila O

Communication: Callum M (WOM), Mikey P, Oliver D, Willow D, Madeleine B

Creativity: Nash B, Vera S (WOM), Henry C (WOM), Claire R

Collaboration: Molly K, Archie B, Rivennie L (SOM), Miles C, Alistair C



Year 6 Touch Football

Last Thursday Weetangera School competed in the Belconnen Touch Football Carnival at Southwell Park. The competition was for mixed teams of boys and girls and our team was comprised of the following students: Mirabelle M, Bridget L, Hannah M, Gemma T, Sam W, Archer L, Ryan J, Lachlan W and Benji M. Seb O was unable to play due to injury but still attended to support the team showing fantastic team spirit and his enthusiasm was a bonus for the team. Congratulations to the team on the excellent sportsmanship they showed throughout the day and the energy they exhibited in all eight matches.

The team played very well throughout the day, winning seven out of eight games and scoring several excellent team tries. I was very impressed with the growth mindset shown by the team. In the first three games of the day they conceded an early try before bouncing back to win all these matches. A huge thanks to Mr Lanham for getting the team ready for the day and training the team in the lead up to the competition. I enjoyed working with the team immensely and all students should be proud of their performance both on and off the field!

Erwin McRae



How does your garden grow?



Broad beans

We have had a great crop of broad beans that self seeded from last year's crop. The beans will be prepared four different ways by Miss Dunn and sampled by her students.

Preschool visitors

Last week one of the preschool groups The Adventurers, came to the garden with Kellie to plant some bok choy, rocket, baby spinach and pumpkins. They had a great time exploring the garden and helping with lots of jobs.



Home recycling tip Reading glasses and spectacles

If your sight has changed and you no longer wear your old glasses and they are not damaged or broken then you can donate to Lions Recycle for Sight as part of the Lions Clubs International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Program. There are collection boxes at your local Specsavers retail store

<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/items/g/glassespectacles>

Nicole and the garden/sustainability team.



Spotlighting Weetangera

brought to you by Year 4

Avengers, Minions and The Simpsons



In Year 4 we are beginning to see ourselves as writers, writing for authentic audiences and purpose.

Last Friday, we invited year levels across the school to visit our writing expo where we shared our most recent piece of writing, our information posters, and discussed the writing process.

Students not only had to compose a text, but also used design and publishing techniques to ensure their poster was eye-catching and easy to read.

Our next writing project is, Short Stories for Year 4 Kids. Keep an eye out on the shelves of the school library for book 1, 2 and 3 in the series.

In the meantime, we'd love to share some of the information posters with you.

The Writing Process

BULLETIN BOARD SET

Prewriting: Brainstorming ideas, choosing a topic, researching, and planning.

Drafting: quickly putting thoughts on paper

Revising: reworking the organization and details

Editing: reviewing and correcting spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation

Evaluating: reflecting and assessing what has been written

Publishing: sharing finished work

Greek Mythology

Long ago Greece was one of the biggest parts of society. Heroes fighting monsters. Stories being told and gods having affairs with mortals. So much going on. So get ready, because we're delving into the world of myths and legends.

The Beginning

In the beginning, Chaos was lonely. So he created Gaia, Uranus and Tartarus, the earth, the sky, and the underworld. Gaia and Uranus had a couple of children, a couple I mean. 15 but that's about as much as you can have a Greek immortal. Gaia gave birth to Cronus, Hyperion, Rhea, Phoebe and Ixion. Just to name a few. Gaia also gave birth to the Cyclopes, Centaurs, Sirens and Argos, and the Hecatoncheires ("Hundred-Handed Ones") Cottus, Briareus, and Gyges, when Uranus saw them it was hate at first sight. He hated them so much he thrust them into Tartarus. When that happened Tartarus was like " dude. Th' not a bit!" but Uranus didn't care.

The Death Of Uranus

when Gaia found out she got so angry she asked her children to kill him. In spite of his 24 Father, Kronos said yes to mother. His mother told Kronos plan: Gaia would ask Kronos to come down but Kronos and four of his brothers would hide. When Uranus was sitting down Kronos would jump out with his brothers and kill his father. Kronos followed the plan and it worked. His father died, but before he did he told his son this: if you kill me you will have a curse. Your children will overthrow you. Kronos didn't really care about this. He carried on with the plan and his father died. On his mother's orders, he released the Cyclopes and the Hundred handed ones. But they took like such a threat that he threw them back into Tartarus.

WWII Technology

WWII was one of the most fearsome battles of all time. But behind the scenes, was the technology the engineers worked tirelessly and creatively to ensure victory for their country and people.

The Rise of The Nazis

The aftermath of WWI left Germany in an economic crisis and the German Reichsmark was losing value quickly. The Nazis however changed that. They gave people food, water, land, money and protection. The leader of the Nazis, Adolf Hitler was determined to gain control of Europe and eventually the world.

In 1939 Hitler bombed Poland and thanks to the blitzkrieg method he swiftly took Poland as his own. A few months later in September the first 1939 Britain and France declared war on Germany. WWII had officially begun.

The Planes That Dominated The Skies

One of the most famous planes of WWII was the Supermarine Spitfire. First invented in 1936 by R.J Mitchell. It was a single engine fighter containing a Merlin Engine and a full metal construction. The plane contained 20 seconds of ammunition as well as six Browning machine guns. The sister plane of the Spitfire was the Hawker Hurricane. It had a simple design with wood and fabric prior to the battles of WWII. The Hurricane was easy to repair and maintain.

MAGIC TRICKS

Magic tricks are remarkable acts done by magicians. Illusions are also a type of magic tricks!

Bobbin in the hat

The bobbin in the hat is a well known magic trick used with a top hat. But it is not only old top hat... it's a magic top hat. This hat is so magical because it has a secret compartment in the bottom that you can't see. That's where you put the bunny rabbit. The first person to ever perform this trick was Louis Comte in 1844, then other men like J. W. Van Amburgh. They were a big hit!

Famous magicians

Some facts about two of the most famous magicians in the world.

Lance Burton

This man is top ten magician! He was first into magic when he was 5, then he had started to volunteer for magic acts. With hardwork and practice he became a magician. In 1995, Lance Burton was the very first magician to be selected the greatest magical from the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Now he is known as the greatest stage magician. (Fact: he was born on March 16, 1960)

Shin Lim

How did this man become famous? you may ask. He first appeared on YouTube doing a magic trick and it went so viral that he became famous. It had over 50 million views. Fact: his birthday is on September 25th. He has won America's got talent twice. He won \$1,000,000 just by winning America's got talent and received the star on his own in the world.

So how you know some things about magic tricks. But do you know the history of them?

The history of magic tricks

The number one first ever magic trick was the top and the ball. It is almost 2,000 years old (2,100 BC). Most people who lived on the street use this trick for money. The first magician ever was someone named Dedi from ancient Egypt. Not only in our days, knows what Dedi looked like, there are only ancient drawings of him. There are also a lot of legends about the great Dedi.

Who invented magic tricks and why?

Magic tricks were invented by Reginald Dool to stop people getting killed by witchcraft back in the old days. After that many books were published to describe magic tricks. Reginald Dool died on the 28th of October. Day before he died he wrote lots of scrolls about witchcraft.

Here's a list of beginner magic tricks that you could learn:

1. Spoon Bending
2. Taking Magic Calculator
3. Betwixt Can't Break The Egg and its contents
4. and lots more!

