



Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



Weetangera School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Help us reach our goal of 150 likes on our Facebook

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weetangera School is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. In the near future, you will have an opportunity to provide us with some feedback through the School Satisfaction Surveys and the Australian School Climate Measurement Tool.

2015 School Satisfaction Surveys

The 2015 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in Years 5 to 6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. Although the survey is voluntary, we encourage all parents to participate and provide feedback on the things we are doing well and areas for future development. A letter about the parent survey will be sent to you in August. The key ACT results from the 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education and Training Directorate website (www.det.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2014 School Board Report.

Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT)

Weetangera School in partnership with the Australian National University and the ACT of Education and Training Directorate is surveying staff, students and parents/carers. The aim is to gather information about the school's social climate, day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school, and the future challenges. This survey will take place this term during August. You will receive information from the school with a link to the survey, and students in Year 5/6 will complete the survey at school. Weetangera School values the information provided by the community to ensure the high quality of the relational and wellbeing climate of the school for staff, students and parents/carers. Details about how your information is stored and used are available in the ETD *Privacy Policy* (available at <http://det.act.gov.au>).

Facebook

At the start of Term 2, Weetangera School launched its Facebook page. Facebook has been used as a way to communicate and celebrate student learning and achievement across the school. The popularity of the page has slowly increased and we currently have 88 'likes'. Our goal by the end of the year is to achieve 150 'likes'. We are encouraging all members within the school community to 'like' the Weetangera School Facebook page.

Science Week

Science Week is being held from Monday 17– Friday 21 August. The theme for National Science Week 2015 is *Making Waves – the Science of Light*, based on the International Year of Light. To celebrate science in our school the students from Cranleigh will be joining us on Tuesday and Wednesday to showcase the science experiments which have been collaboratively designed with students in Year 6, to classes across the school. On Friday 21 August we will be having a special assembly to celebrate Science Week. We have invited Minister Burch to attend the

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Term 3 Week 3

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

August

- 14 P&C Trivia Night
- 17- 21 Science Week
- 24- 28 Book Week



Don't forget to visit our Facebook page



ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 7 August

Junior School Assembly

Hosted by Unit 7

Friday 14 August

Senior School Assembly

Hosted by Unit 1

Insert

Book Week

Dress up parade

SOC Coupons

Weetangera School
Southwell Street
Weetangera ACT 2614

Telephone: 6205 7488
Fax: 6205 7487
Canteen: 6255 2634

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. James Badgery 0412552634; Monique Allen 0407595572; Community Rep. Tomasi Wainigolo; Principal - James Barnett 62057488; Teacher Reps. - Isabel Dunn.

assembly where Weetangera Year 6 and Cranleigh students will jointly host the assembly.

Good Vibes Day

On Monday, students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 participated in Good Vibes Day. The learning intentions for all students on the day were:

- All students will develop an understanding of what constitutes bullying and harassment and that bullying and harassment is unacceptable and they don't have to put up with it.
- All students will develop strategies to deal with situations of bullying and harassment help others who are being bullied and harassed
- All students will gain an understanding of how to ensure their rights and how to take responsibility for their own actions.

We would like to say thank you to Chrissie Worland and the organising committee for a successful day.

Year 2 Aqua Safe Program

In Weeks 4 and 5, our Year 2 students will be participating in the Aqua Safe Program run by Royal Life Saving ACT. Aqua Safe is a non-progressive water safety awareness program with a focus on water safety and survival skills. The program consists of 10 x 30 minute practical pool sessions and 5 x 40 minute classroom theory lessons.

Regards

Danielle Hoogland
Deputy Principal

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

French: Cyrus F, Daniel M, Dayle J.

Music: Henry M, Ruby F.

FETE DONATION

Did you forget your jar/bottle for the fete? Don't worry - you can drop your wrapped jar or bottle at the front office in the marked box. Thank you to those who have already donated, there are some fantastic and creative jars.

The Fete Committee

LOST PROPERTY

If you are wondering why you have run out of kids' jumpers, jackets, lunch boxes and drink bottles it's because they are here at school.



WEETANGERA SCHOOL P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
FOR 7:00 PM START

Book online through flexischools.com.au or at the front office.

8 people per table

Make or join a table on the night. Book the babysitter & come and relax. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Prove you're the real brains in the family.



\$10 per person - \$80 for a table

BYO Drinks/Nibbles, glasses/cup

You can pay for your individual ticket or table on flexischool, at the front office OR on the night.

Don't have a table organized? No problem! You don't need a table of 8. Individual tickets can be purchased & then add your name to the list at the front office and you'll be on a table with other friendly faces! There will also be tables formed on the night.

The objective of the night is to have fun and get the school community together. There will a great range of questions - including music, movies, sports.

We expect the night to run to around 10:00. So book the babysitter and come have a great night out!

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Don't forget that our second hand clothing stall is open every Monday of term between 2:30pm and 3pm in the hall. We have had lots of generous donations of clothing, so come and grab a bargain. Browsers are most welcome!

Donations of clean school clothing can be dropped off at reception. If you have any questions contact me on ms_samantha_jane@hotmail.com

BOOK WEEK 2015

Saturday 22 - Friday 28 August.

This year's theme is

'Books Light Up Our World'.

Our Book Week Parade will be on
Wednesday 26 August

So put your thinking caps on!



FRESH TASTES

Applications for the Fresh Tastes Student Healthy Food Workshop due this Friday 7 August.

During this term, 24 students from Years 5 and 6 will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a *Fresh Tastes Healthy Workshop*. The successful applicants will have the chance to attend a hands-on cooking workshop coordinated by Kids Pantry. Towards the end of the term, students will then use these cooking skills to teach and lead each class from across the school in a cooking session.

Any questions contact kellie.shoemark@ed.act.edu.au

Spotlighting Weetangera

Proudly brought to you by Year 5!

Our learning intentions were to encourage an enjoyment of reading, for students to review what they have read and to persuade others to read it.



'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell

This is a book of adventure filled with heaps of characters (Hiccup, Toothless and Stormfly). There are eleven books in the series and I highly recommend them!

By Asher C



'13-Story Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths

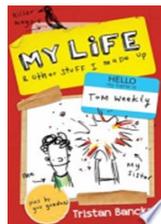
Andy and Terry have the best treehouse in the world. They have lots of fun together and so will you, when you laugh your way through this amazing book!

By Lillyana M

'My Life' by Tristan Bancks

This book has a bunch of different stories, which are funny. I give it 5 stars!

By Grace R-E



'The Land of Stories' by Chris Colfer

This book has adventure and mystery, and you fall into it. Your mind is stolen by words which are powerful, and you feel alive! Trolls, goblins, magic, mayhem... You name it, it's there!

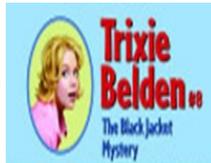
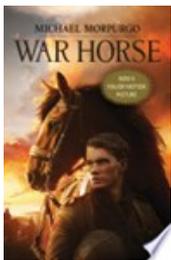
By Jasmine R



'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo

This book has lots of friendship and adventure between the characters, but when war breaks out, everything turns the other way!

By Ashlyn W



'Trixie Belden' by Kathryn Kenney

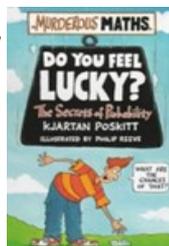
If you are looking for an exciting mystery, this book is for you! There are many characters you can relate to.

By Saskia D

'Do You Feel Lucky?' by Murderous Maths

I learnt a lot of stuff about chance from this book and so can you! 10/10.

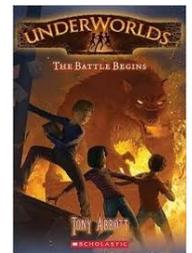
By Kaden K



'Underworld Series' by Tony Abbott

With dragons, ghosts, giants and more, in a heart stopping adventure story! It's about four kids who have to protect their town with a magical harp.

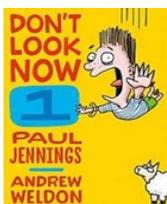
By Dharma H



'Don't Look Now' by Paul Jennings & Andrew Weldon

This book is jam packed full of comedy and adventure. It is about the amazing adventures of Ricky the boy who can fly... Most of the time!

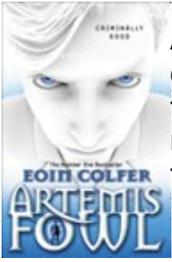
By Spencer W



'Deltora Quest' by Emily Rodda

Join Leif, Barda and Jasmine on their quest to defeat the Shadow Lord and gain the seven gems from the belt of Deltora, while saving the people of Deltora.

By Cameron M



'Artemis Fowl' by Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl is a child genius with an I.Q of over 200. However, with his sidekick and the muscle, his butler, he is capable of even more. He is willing to do anything to restore the family fortune, even stealing fairy gold.

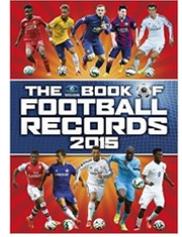
By Matt M

'The Book of Football Records' by Clive Batty

Are you a diehard soccer fan? Are you someone who wants to know a little bit of soccer knowledge?

This book is perfect for you!

By Alec M



'The Maze Runner' by James Dashner

Thomas is in a dark, cold box which is moving and he can't remember anything! This book is filled with action, adventures, and Grievers surrounding the maze. What are they going to do?

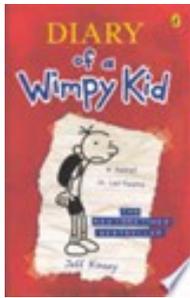
By Laura C



'Wonder' by R.J Palacio

'You are beautiful no matter what they say, words can't bring you down...' This story teaches us lessons to be proud of. Be proud of who you are and what you can do!

By Sophie C



'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney

This is a funny and confusing book about a boy named Greg Heffley, who goes to school and on adventures. I highly recommend this book because it could bring smiles your way and you'll be linked with the series until you're finished reading them!

By Josh B



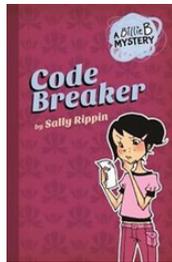
'Percy Jackson - Sea of Monster' by Rick Riordan

There are four kids left to get into the gateway to hold off the Cyclops! This book has lots of fun to introduce you to. You will find yourself drawn to it straight away!

'A Billie B Mystery' by Sally Rippin

This book is about a girl called Billie and the Secret Mystery Club. You should read it because you can learn about code breaking.

By Roxana F

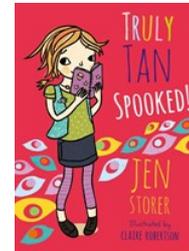


'Truly Tan' by Jen Storer

Tan has three sisters, who she calls the Lollypops. She meets a very annoying country boy who has a HUGE cubbyhouse called Purple Haunt.

By Zoe C

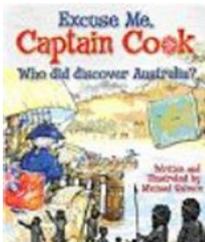
By Soondus H



'Excuse Me, Captain Cook' by Michael Salmon

If you are someone who wants to know about who discovered Australia then this is a book for you! It is funny, scary and full of facts.

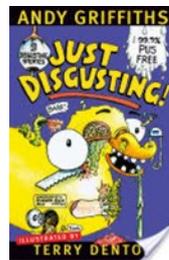
By Luke B



'Just Disgusting' by Andy Griffiths

This book will either disgust you or make you laugh so hard. It's got lots of comedy and short stories which are exciting.

By Sam C



'Out of My Mind' by Sharon Draper

This book is about an 11 year old girl named Melody. Melody has cerebral palsy, so she can't talk, walk, run or move much. There are lots of cliffhangers and you may cry a bit, but you will love it!

By Amber P



'Tom Gates' by Liz Pichon

This book relates to all kids with annoying siblings and who are having a hard time at school. With lots of up and downs, I highly recommend this book for you!

By Julian S

