



# Weetangera School

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a passion for learning'



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Weetangera School is an  
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Throughout this week students across our school have inquired into this years NAIDOC theme: *Always Was, Always Will Be, recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.*

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of Cape York Peninsula. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the history of this country, a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country, which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

Engaging our students and sharing the rich history of Indigenous Australians, our traditions and our stories, inspires and informs us all. It unlocks our imagination by creating wonder and appreciation for our successes. When we do that, it not only enriches the lives of our students and community. It leads to a better and shared understanding.

Today I share with you our draft vision of the RAP Vision for our school. It reflects the beliefs our parents, students and teachers have expressed through the consultation period.

*Reconciliation is intertwined with the values of Weetangera School of inclusion, respect, resilience and responsibility. Inclusion is not just about acceptance but embracing diversity within our school community and appreciating our differences. Resilience is about empowering each and every one of our students, despite adversity, to be a successful learner, a confident and creative individual, and an active and informed globally minded citizen. Respect means that no matter who we are, that we treat all members of our community in a way that makes them feel valued and welcomed. Responsibility is ensuring that we stay committed to creating a future where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are celebrated, and where all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and all children, have equal and equitable opportunities to achieve their full potential.*

*We believe strongly that our school values are in line with the values that will help us take the necessary steps to building reconciliation together. Building a reconciled community and country means we take collective responsibility for the past, honour those in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and plan for a positive future for all.*

*Our vision, as a community, is to inspire a passion for learning. We strive for all students to receive a quality education, one that promotes reconciliation. We are committed to ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are represented in every classroom, acknowledging the challenges that have been faced and continue to be faced, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.*

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**Term 4 Week 5**

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

### November

24 P&C Meeting  
7 pm Staff Room

### December

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

## STUDENTS LATE FOR SCHOOL REMINDER

If you drop your child/ren off at school after 9:00am you **MUST** sign them in at the front office.

This is a parent responsibility, students are **NOT** permitted to sign themselves in.

Thank you

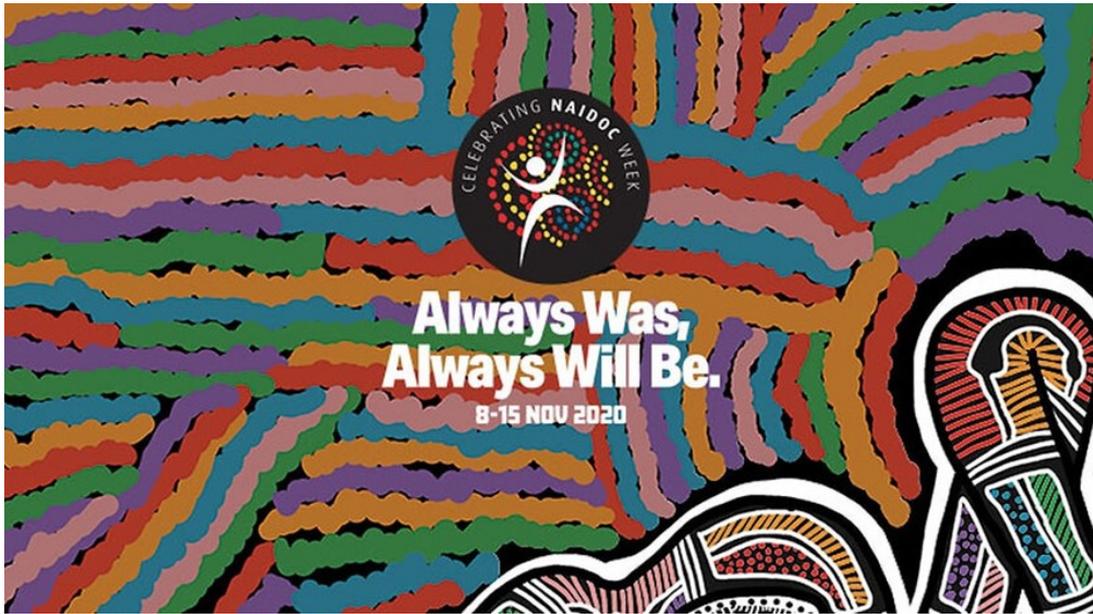
### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Parent Reps.** Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley - 0403 498 397, Vijaya Porwal

**Principal** - James Barnett 61422600; **Teacher Reps.** - Natarsha van den Boogaard

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[weetangeraps.act.edu.au](http://weetangeraps.act.edu.au)

We are committed to working collaboratively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations within our local community and participating in key events to continue building a more reconciled community, understanding the strengths, cultures and histories of thousands of years of Australia's First People.



James Barnett  
Principal

## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

Last week certificates were awarded for:

**Critical Thinking:** Anna P, Zayden D, Max C, Xavier T, Sophia B, Jack T, Aryia S, Evan Q, Abrish A

**Communication:** Anokhi G, Eva B, Izzy C, Siddhik P

**Creativity:** Sasha H, Caden S (AOM), Aarav A

**Collaboration:** Noah Q, Hudson W, Kemith O, Fares E, Harrison S, Abby B



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating loss in all wars, conflicts and peace operations.

This year 11 November marks the 102nd anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Weetangera School observed the occasion in a number of ways in our classrooms, including specific learning opportunities for students and observing a minute silence on Wednesday 11 November at 11am led by our School Leaders.



# How does your garden grow?

## This week is National Recycling Week

As part of National Recycling Week 2020 Actsmart wants to roundup and recycle our **mobile phones**. Don't forget to bring your old mobiles and accessories to school and put them in the collection bin at the front office and we will deliver them to the Actsmart collection point on Friday 13 November.

<https://www.actsmart.act.gov.au/news-events/events/actsmart-mobile-roundup>



I recently went to Officeworks and was impressed by their recycling station. It has grown to include 6 types of waste streams. Pens and markers, mobile phones, data storage such as CDs and DVDs, batteries, ink and toner cartridges and computers.

I called them and they said they accept broken earbud headphones. We go through a lot of headphones here at school, so this week will start to collect them to be recycled rather than sending them to landfill.

The rain we have had over the past month has been wonderful. I can't remember the playground looking so green. It did cause a bit of erosion to our garden path along with blocked drain holes. Henry from Year 3 headed up an initiative to sort out our problem. I was really impressed with the children's hard work and dedication to the job.

You guys are Awesome!!



The canteen and staff have been enjoying the latest crop of silverbeet. We collected about 8 bunches. A lot of our veggies have bolted and you might notice that we are letting them flower. We are hoping to collect seeds from them to sow in the garden or to pass on to the community. For those of you who received pumpkin seeds, it is time to plant them if you haven't already done so.

Nicole and the garden/sustainability team.



# Spotlighting Weetangera

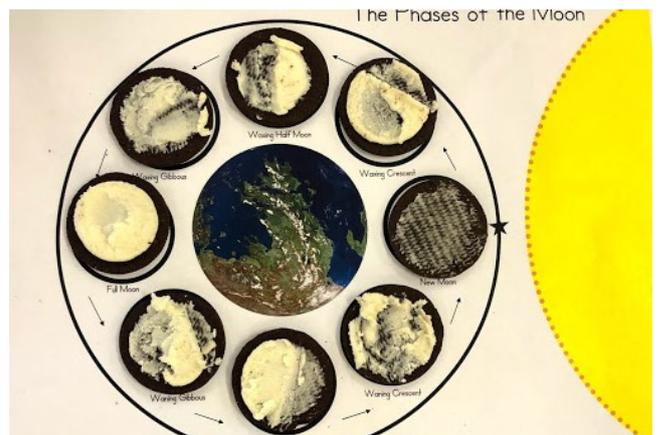
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Year 2

Last week Year 2 had the opportunity to participate in an Aqua Safe program. The children enjoyed a week of various swimming activities to develop their aquatic safety and survival skills.



Year 2 had fun exploring the phases of the Moon using Oreos. It was an incredibly tasty task. YUM!



# FINAL P&C MEETING OF THE YEAR

Tuesday 24 November

at 7pm, in the school staff room. All are welcome.



WEETANGERA SCHOOL

*Attention Artists of Weetangera Primary,  
have we got the competition for you!*

The P&C would like to paint a mural on the shipping container  
in the playground and we need you to design the image



Entries close  
on Friday  
20 November

What  
do you  
love about  
Australia?

- **Open to all Weetangera students**
- **Theme is Australiana.** What do you love about Australia?
- **Artwork to be on A4 or A3** with your full name and class.
- **Prize:** your image on the shipping container, the original artwork framed with a photo of you in front of the finished mural and a special prize to be announced later.

The winner will be chosen by each class,  
the SRC, teachers and the P&C.

GOOD LUCK!



With over 90 items to bid on, the [Conservation Council ACT Region's Christmas auction](#) has something for everyone including wonderful gifts for the holiday season. Particular favourites for schools are workshops with [Jackie French](#) and [Mal Webb](#), plus there are a stash of Jackie French and other books.

We campaign to cut greenhouse emissions, protect biodiversity in our urban and natural areas, protect and enhance our waterways, reduce our waste and improve public and active transport in our city.

More than ever, the Conservation Council depends on fundraising auctions like this one. When you bid in the auction you are helping protect the environment.

For more information, see <https://conservationcouncil.org.au/christmas-auction-2020/>



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## **STUDENT INJURY**

### **Insurance and Ambulance Transport**

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which an injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury, if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.