



Weetangera Primary School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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

Dear Weetangera Community

The weather has certainly turned colder and winter is fast approaching. With the colder weather comes the layering of warm clothes over school uniforms to keep out the early morning chills. Many of our children are wearing jumpers and coats to school in the morning, which they take off as the day warms up. Now is the perfect time to ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name, to make it easier to return lost jumpers and jackets to their owner. If you have lost any items of clothing please check our growing pile of lost property which is now located outside the counsellor's office near Unit 5.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up

Parents are reminded that there is no supervision of students before school **until 8:45am**. We ask that families do not drop children off before this time, as it can become a safety issue if children are left unsupervised. Our school offers before school care, and bookings can be made online at www.canberra.ymca.org.au or by calling the YMCA office on 6242 4040.

Last year we worked closely with TAMS to improve traffic flow and student safety on the roads around the school. Changes included improved signage and the construction of curb edging. During morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, we request that parents do not park on the median strip along Shumack Street. Parking on the median strip restricts the view of the pedestrian crossing for cars travelling along Shumack Street, which can become a safety issue for our students. We also ask that parents remind students to cross the road using the pedestrian crossings, to check for cars before they cross, and to walk their bikes across the road.

Belconnen Zone Cross Country

Good luck to all of our runners in the Belconnen Zone Cross Country tomorrow. Weetangera School is sending 50 runners from Years 2-6. They will compete against students from schools across Belconnen at Stromlo Forest Park. Students who are successful at this carnival will go on to represent the school and the Belconnen district at the ACT Cross Country carnival later this term. Thanks go to Erwin McRae for coordinating the team, and for training our students in the lead up to the carnival.

Lap-A-Thon

Information about our school Lap-A-Thon was sent home last week. Students have been busy collecting sponsors in the lead up to the event, which will be held next Friday. This is a major fundraising event by our school P&C, who have been organising prizes for the students who raise the most money. We would like to thank Olivia Rogan and the organising committee for all of your efforts behind the scenes to make this a successful event for our school.

Physical Activity Foundation Project

Weetangera School are piloting a program, offered through the ACT Government and Physical Activity Foundation, aimed at increasing the health and safety of our students. As part of the program our school has been given 15 bikes and helmets that can be used by our senior students in supervised activities, and a one-off self-defence class will be offered to our students in Years 3 and 4 later this year. Our teachers participated in a workshop after school on Tuesday this week, learning skills to support the program, and later this term the students in Years 5 and 6 will participate in BMX workshops, including bike safety and minor maintenance.

Facebook and Google Groups

By now you should have received an invitation to join your child's class Google Group. If you haven't received an email yet, could you please provide the school with an updated

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Term 2 Week 4

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

May

- 22 Belconnen Cross Country
- 29 Lap -A-Thon

June

- 8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday



Don't forget to visit our facebook page



 ☆ **ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am** ☆
 ☆ **Friday 22 May** ☆
 ☆ **Senior School Assembly** ☆
 ☆ **Hosted by Unit 4** ☆
 ☆ **Friday 29 May** ☆
 ☆ **No Assembly** ☆
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Attachments

- Lap- A -Thon
- Language Perfect Year 1-6
- Marymead Showbag Note

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email address for your family. This is a wonderful way to keep informed about what is happening in your child's class. Each fortnight teachers will provide an update of the major learning focus for literacy and maths, important dates and reminders, and strategies to support learning at home.

If you are a Facebook user make sure you log on and 'like' our Weetangera School page. We use this page to post information about the school, and share the exciting learning that is taking place each day.

Regards

Yvonne Piper
Executive Teacher

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

- Getting Along:** Lachlan S.
Persistence: Jarryd D-S, Jacqueline T, Cyrus F, Aidan G, Grace O'S.
Confidence: Laura U, Ashlyn C, Eli B.
Organisation: Zara L, Sarah A, Claire P, Charlotte B, Keely B.
Welcome: Malaki J.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Family Photos - \$6.00

Speciality Photos - \$16.00 LSU, school captains, school leaders, choir, band, percussion etc.

All photos can be collected/ordered and paid for at the front office.

SAVE THE DATE - Friday 29 May

The P & C are organising an exciting
"Colours of the Rainbow" Lap - A -Thon.



All students will be raising money for the school by completing laps around a set course (400m) within the school grounds, between 11:30am-1:00pm (depending on age).

Start thinking about all the people who might be able to sponsor you.

Lots of fantastic prizes will be on offer for highest fundraisers.

Money raised will go towards 'Outdoor play initiatives'.

It's going to be a super fun day!

RIDE OR WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday our first Ride or Walk to School Day was held and the event was a great success. The teachers enjoyed greeting the students as they travelled to school and it was fantastic to see so many bikes and scooters in the bike compound.



223 students walked, 52 rode a bike while 22 children rode a scooter to school on Friday. A total of 297 out of 375 children or 79.2% of students present who found an alternative to the car. Well done boys and girls!

We would like to thank the Weetangera community for supporting this event and helping promote physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. 5V had the highest percentage of students from any class walking or riding with 95 percent to win the class prize of a healthy morning tea with Mr Barnett, well done 5V!

Erwin McRae

Fruit and Vegetable Discounts for Families

Initiative of **ACT Government** | **fresh TASTES**

You have probably heard that Weetangera School is a part of Fresh Tastes, an ACT Government program to make healthy food and drinks a part of everyday life at school. You can read more information online at: www.health.act.gov.au/freshtastes.

Many community and business organisations have come on board as Fresh Tastes partners. Toms Superfruits, at the Belconnen Markets (www.belconnenmarkets.com.au) is one such partner.

Toms is offering all families and staff at Fresh Tastes schools a discount card offering 5% off purchases in the first year of Fresh Tastes involvement, 7% in the second year and 10% in the third year (one card per household; discounts available Wednesday to Saturday - not Sunday).

All purchases made by our families and staff earn the school points. The more points we collect, the more bonus boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables we will be rewarded from Toms.

Our canteen will also receive wholesale prices from Toms Superfruits.

TOM'S SUPERFRUITS SUPER STORE

If you would like to receive your own discount card, here is what you need to do:

1. Email info@tomssuperfruits.com.au with the subject line: FRESH TASTES Weetangera School.
2. In the email, simply write your full name and your mailing address.
3. Toms will create a card for every household request.
4. Toms will deliver the cards to the school front office until the end of term 2.
5. Once the cards are delivered to the school front office, a notice will be put into the school newsletter to let you know to pick up your discount card from the front office.

If you have any questions, please contact our school's Fresh Tastes coordinator kellie.shoemark@ed.act.edu.au

Toms Superfruits at the Belconnen Markets is offering all families and staff at Fresh Tastes schools a discount card.

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Spotlighting Weetangera

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As part of the Earthquake Explorers Unit, students were challenged to write a story poem that described the moments before, during and after an earthquake.

The Disaster By Olivia

Dance

Feet are throbbing

Pointed shoes everywhere

Starving

A whole two hours pass

Horrific rain in the courtyard

Birds going insane

Windows start to shatter

I feel like I'm on a roller coaster

Power goes out

The floor shakes viciously

Evacuating into secure buildings

Dust clouds surround us like snow

Hoping everyone is safe

My house has been conquered

We now live in a sheltered
building

Hoping the city can rebuild

Everyone is devastated and
terrified.

"The paperclip is facing north and when you change the plate's position the styrofoam stays." Spencer

In Science, students made a floating compass out of everyday materials.



"The compass goes the same way as the paperclip. It is moving in a circle." Lily



"The needle is moving because we rubbed both sides with a magnet and that made it move to south and north." Grace

"The red bit is trying to face north and is attracted to the magnet. When the magnet is near it is sensitive." Sidney

Home By Rachael

At home

Tired

Vacuuming my floor

Sky angry

Throwing a storm

On the couch

Picture frame starts shaking

The glass cup vibrates

Faster and faster off the bench

Puppy gets beneath the table

Glass cup drops and shatters

Get my sister and stand

Below the doorway

Worried

Sister is crying

People are screaming for help

The man across the road

Helps us out

He gets our neighbour

I am relieved

"The magnetic pulse is pulling the needle around." Jack

Fear By Eve
Meeting

Waiting for meeting to
end

Sunny and bright

Sitting in the office

Bored

Waiting

Water is shaking in the
glass

Frightened

Instructions given

Table shakes

Lights flicker in fear

Under the table

Waiting

Loud alarm

Screams of help

Shatter

Hear cracking

Stops

Safe

I'm ok

Standing

I look around

Looking for an exit

Screaming for help

No answers

Looking in terror

I can see help

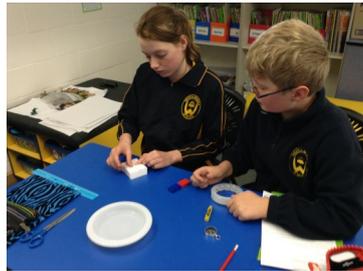
The roof cracked

I look up

Everything fell



"I predict it will spin around because the magnetic charges chase each other." Rhyan



"The needle acted like a compass and tells us which way to go." Cain
"When you are camping or lost in the bush and you don't have a compass you could make this and find your way out." Madison



"I predict the compass will spin because the north side will be attracted to the south side of the compass. The styrofoam will activate the magnetic pulse." Harry
"I predict it will float on the water and move in a circle." Jemma
"The compass goes the same way as the needle." Hana
"The north side of the paperclip is the same way as the compass." George

The Earthquake By James
Relaxed

Empty rooms and corridors

Patients nowhere

Tired

Nothing to do

Sun is beaming through the window

Shining into my eyes

Sky deserted of clouds

Ocean blue sky

Liquid from medicines start shaking

Drawers slowly opening

Equipment falls from drawers

Machinery falls and smashes

Outside the road shakes and cracks open

Trees shake wildly

Then crack and fall

I am frightened

I sprint into the emergency room

Squished

Can't move much

Nervous don't know what is outside

Clear path

Adventure through the rubble

I make it out

Hear screams everywhere

Help

Realised it was an earthquake

Absolute total destruction everywhere.

"I predict the styrofoam will hover above the water because the magnet will create electricity." Kyah

"The red part of the compass is pointing to north even when you turn it, it goes back to north." Rea

"I predict the needle will hold the styrofoam up on its own because of the static electricity from the compass." Will

"The needle and the Styrofoam are staying still in the plate and are acting as a compass. The red is pointing north." Esha

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"It is moving because the north and south poles of the magnet have been transferred to the paperclip making it work like a compass." Ella

"The needle is turning and always faces north." Isobel