



# Weetangera School

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**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**  
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Welcome to Term 2. We started the term running on full cylinders and eagerly got back into setting our goals for the week and the term. On the very first day back we worked with Christine Topfer. Christine is a past Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA) National Vice President and was the assistant principal of Moonah Primary School in Hobart. She has worked as a school leader, literacy coach and early years teacher. Christine has published journal articles, contributed to publications, co-authored two books *Supporting Literacy Learning in the Early Years*, and *Guiding Thinking for Effective Spelling* and led literacy action research projects. She has presented nationally and internationally in a range of literacy areas including spelling, writing, reading comprehension and leading literacy improvement. Christine was also awarded ALEA Life membership in 2009 and the AITSL award for Excellence in Teaching and School Leadership in 2013.

We have been working with Christine this year as our educational consultant from the Australian Literacy Education Association. On Monday this week she worked with our K-2 team, modelling lessons on the ten essential instructional practices in literacy and followed up with feedback and planning sessions after the modelled lessons.

We were certainly blessed with wonderful weather over the school holidays. While meeting and greeting families throughout the week, it was clear that many of us made fine use of the sensational autumn conditions outside. During the holidays we have been busy upgrading our sliding doors in units across the school, providing a more open, inviting and enriching learning environments for our students and community. The fence around our Community Vegetable garden has also been put in place. It was wonderful observing many families on Monday morning taking the time to wander around the garden.

### ANZAC Assembly

On the last day of Term 1 the school held our ANZAC assembly. This ceremony was embellished with speeches and hymns from the choir and wreaths designed and laid by our students from each year level. A brief introduction set the scene of our ANZAC Day remembrance, and hymns and poems were recited and sung of remembrance, for peace and for the future of Australia. Speeches emphasised the sacrifices made by those who have served in all conflicts and promoted the spirit of ANZAC and stressed that we have a legacy of responsibility. Our thanks are shared with Mrs van den Boogaard, Mr Lanham, Mrs Dziubinski and Mrs Lloyd-Jones for coordinating such a moving and emotional service to our school community.

### Preschool 2019

Do you have a little one who turns 4 years old on or before 30 April 2019? If so, they are eligible to attend an ACT Government Preschool in 2019. Enrolment applications for Term 1 of 2019 open on Monday 30 April 2018 and must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Parent Reps.** Yvonne Gray 0414817680; Alex Nockels 0414914006; Janine O'Keefe 0411286853; **Community Rep.** Tomasi Wainigolo; **Principal** - James Barnett 62057488; **Teacher Reps.** - Isabel Dunn and Erwin McRae

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Term 2 Week 1

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### May

- 10 DISCO
- 11 Mother's Day Stall
- 14-25 BOOK FAIR
- 15-17 NAPLAN
- 28 Reconciliation Day  
Public Holiday
- 30 Athletics Carnival

### ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 4 May

No Assembly

Friday 11 May

Whole School Assembly

Hosted by Year 2

### Attachments

- **Mother's Day Stall information**
- **Lunch time dance class**
- **Cricket Training**



Mother's Stall Friday 11 May

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