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Dear Weetangera Community

Morning reading

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents" – Emilie Buchwald
Learning to love reading is the aim for all of our students. To help support this aim, we encourage all of our parents to participate in the morning reading program with your child as often as possible. Each morning from 9:00 - 9:15am, parents are invited into the classroom to share a book with your child. The focus of this time is reading for pleasure, and enjoying a story together.

Children are encouraged to choose "just right books". Teachers work with students in choosing these books, to ensure that they are interesting and challenging. These books are used for both in class reading and take home reading. The books may be from the coloured book boxes in the junior school, from the class or school library, or a combination of books. We encourage students to borrow books that interest them from our library, and to keep these books in the classroom as well. We also encourage our students to read their books more than once, as rereading books helps to build fluency and accuracy in reading, and is a strategy employed by good readers.

We encourage parents to refrain from engaging in conversations with the teacher or other parents during morning reading time, and to sit close with your child and enjoy reading together. This could be in a chair, at a desk, on the floor ... wherever is most comfortable for you and your child. Regardless of where the book is being read, what remains constant is the closeness between parents and their child as they share the reading together, and the happy buzz in the units. The success of the morning reading program comes from the number of parents that we can encourage to take part. If you are unable to stay for the first 15 minutes of the school day, our library is open before school, from 8:30am, for parents to read together with their children. The more we can share the love of reading with our children, just for the pure pleasure of it, the more our kids will grow to be the readers of the future.

Swimming Carnival

What a great day we had yesterday at the annual Weetangera School swimming carnival! We couldn't have asked for better weather, and the students' behaviour and participation was commendable. It always makes me proud to be part of the Weetangera community during events like this. Our students' support and encouragement for one another is outstanding!

There is of course a lot of hard work and effort that goes into organising a successful day like this, and the work of Natarsha van den Boogaard, Therese Skennar, Erwin McRae and the swimming carnival committee must be acknowledged. Qualifying students 8 years and older from yesterday's events will soon receive information about the Belconnen District carnival, which will be held in March. We must also thank Chrissie Worland, Tarnii

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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

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Term 1 Week 4

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

March

- 14 Canberra Day
- 16 School Photos
- 25 Good Friday
- 28 Easter Monday
- 29 Cross Country
- RE Assembly
- 30 March -1 April 5/6 & 3/4 School Camps



Don't forget to visit
our Facebook page



ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 26 February

Senior Assembly

Hosted By Unit 6

Friday 4 March

No Assembly

 **Attachment & Insert**

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

Eade, Megan Rixe, and Kellie Shoemark for organising and running the junior carnivals.

Car park safety

Our students' safety is paramount. At the beginning and end of each day there are a lot of cars, children, bikes and so on moving through the car park and along the streets adjacent to the school and preschool. We would like to remind parents of the need to obey parking restrictions and signs in these areas, to ensure the safety of our children. The area opposite Weetangera Preschool along Southwell Street is a no stopping zone in the morning and afternoon. The driveway of Weetangera School as you enter from Southwell Street is also a no stopping area, marked by a red kerb. The median strip on Shumack Street opposite the school is a no parking area. Please do not park in these no stopping areas, or double park in the car park or along Southwell Street as it can cause issues for traffic flow, and safety for our students. Your support in this is appreciated.

Warm regards

Yuvonne Piper
Executive Teacher

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Eli P, Benjamin M; Eli B; Ruby H; Nicholas B; Eryn H; Thomas B.

Creativity: Isabelle S; Ryan J; William McC; Bridget L; Zoe L; Anabel K; Sarah V.

Collaboration: Xavier G; Natasha G; Caitlin L.

Critical Thinking: Oliver W.

P&C AGM

Thank you to all the members of our school community who attended the Weetangera P&C Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23rd February. It was wonderful to see so many people participate and to have parents of children from preschool through to Year 6 in attendance. The majority of the committee positions were filled. Congratulations and thanks go to the following individuals for accepting a role within the executive committee: Jenny Gleeson (President), Tony Lenton (Vice-president), Melissa Hankinson (Treasurer), Vicky Maher (Assistant Treasurer), Joan Webb (Secretary), Jennelle Barry (Public Officer).

A number of other individuals have volunteered for specific positions within the committee and we thank them in advance for their contribution to the school. We are still looking for individuals to assist with particular roles, so if you would like to consider nominating for assistant secretary or fete coordinator the committee would love to hear from you.

Our first general P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 March starting at 7pm. All parents or carers of children at Weetangera School are welcome to attend.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Our school clothing pool is open from 2:30pm to 2:55pm every Monday in the hall. All jackets and jumpers are \$4 and all other items \$2. Please pop along and say hello! Any questions about secondhand school clothing can be directed to ms_samantha_jane@hotmail.com.

PIANO TUITION

Craig Mewett piano tuition.
All ages and styles.
Beginners welcome.
Ph. 62785331 Mob. 0409151887



SOMETIMES A SCHOOL BUS HAS A BREAK DOWN



From time to time school buses may break down and require a replacement bus to be called. On these occasions drivers will ask students to remain on the bus until the replacement bus arrives. This may result in some delay but it is a much safer option than children leaving the bus. Parents may wish to remind their son or daughter to ensure they stay on the bus on these occasions.

CONNECT & PARTICIPATE EXPO
SAT 19 MARCH 11AM-4PM
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Spotlighting

Weetangera
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Year 5

Little known facts about us! Learning Intention - Connecting with each other

- Tanay** – I like big cats.
- Joe** – I love cats.
- Shaun** – I was born in Perth.
- Connor** – I've never broken or fractured a bone.
- Max** – I like nachos – hold the guacamole!
- Oriën** – I like to code.
- Alex L** – I like to doodle.
- Ava L** – I've visited over ten countries.
- Nathan W** – Last year, seven of my pets died.
- Jaime** – I'm basically a princess.
- Ashley** – I have climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- Xavier** – I'm a co-founder of a comic company.
- Shayan** – I am a co-owner of a comic company.
- Oisin** – My name comes from Ireland and I love 80's pop.
- Jessie** – I have travelled a lot.
- Wil** – I won a gold medal in a judo competition.
- Mia** – I am a dog lover.
- Grace** – I like sprint cars.
- Tahlia** – I was born in Darwin.
- Keira** – I love teddies.
- Lachlan G** – I love scorpions.
- McKye** – I have a dog.
- Matthew** – I go camping.
- Jarrah** – I love boogie boarding.
- Tyler** – I love sport!
- Noah** – I hate bananas.
- Zoe L** – I love dancing.
- Angus** – I have nine scars.
- Zoe P** – I like playing with Nerf guns.
- Riley** – I'm terrified of spiders.
- Jemima** – I do not like ham or lamb.
- Samantha** – I like lizards.
- Robert** – I don't get stage fright.
- Archie** – I like cats.
- Olivia** – I like dogs and dislike cats!
- Jacob** – I went to preschool 2 years in a row because I was 3.
- Ayva** – I have 4 dogs, a cat, 2 chickens and 5 goldfish.
- Cassie** – I love cute pictures of baby animals.
- Alex** – I like cats.
- Freya** – I have never owned a dog in my life.
- Hamish** – I love spaceships and aliens.
- Fallen** – I have a pet lizard named Twitch.
- Emily** – I want to be the leader of an acapella group.
- Holly** – By using Minecraft I'm hoping to become an architect.
- Jessica** – I have a heart murmur that makes my heart beat faster than other people.
- Riley B** – I love to play rugby.
- Ruby D** – I have 12 pets!
- Amina** – I love learning from others.
- Nathan** – I have a pet dog that is older than me.
- Jordon** – I love technology; I'm very geeky!
- Lachlan T** – My Mandarin is not very good.
- Amy** – English & P.E. are my favourite subjects.
- Molly** – I like to read action books.
- Oliver S** – Sometimes I ask questions that not even I can answer.
- Allan** – I don't like tomatoes.
- Hayley-Maree** – I like pulling pranks.

Leila– I love to draw flowers.
Charlie– I've played 6 different sports.

Oliver J– I like to play golf, basketball and rugby, but don't like soccer.

Michael V– I love representing Weetangera in things such as Zone and G.A.T.Eways.

Jonathan– I have won the best soccer player award from Coerver Coaching.

Zac C.S– I watched Dan T.D.M.
(The Diamond Minecart)

Ilham– I hate going on road trips because I get bored and tired.



Did you Know that ??

Thinking Outside the Square

What does a table and a sheep have in common? - Table is the anagram of bleat.
- They both serve lamb.

Why is it raining popcorn? - Giants are having a movie date.
- A fire went through a cornfield.

Imagine you are in a room with no windows, doors or anything else. How do you get out?
- It's made of gingerbread and you eat your way out.
- Stop imagining!

The King of the Jungle Lion calls a meeting of all the animals. Who doesn't come?
Dodo - he was too busy working on the internet.

- the ant because the elephant stepped on him on the way there.

There is a tractor in the middle of the lake. It wasn't transported how did it get there?
- There was a tunnel.



Playing the board games we created with our buddies in Year 2.

