



Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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

Dear Weetangera Community,

Belonging at school makes a difference...

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for children's health and wellbeing. Children who feel they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems. They are also more motivated to learn and are more successful with their school work.

As part of becoming a KidsMatter school, we are constantly re-evaluating ways we can continue to build strong positive, respectful relationships with all students and families. This includes examining the following:

- Making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
- Encouraging teachers to get to know all their students and families
- Identifying ways of improving communication with families
- Focusing on child and family strengths
- Ensuring school policies on safety and welfare are clearly communicated and support a sense of belonging for children and families.

Lap-A-Thon

Last Friday our school Lap-A-Thon was held. This event was hugely successful. There was a strong community feel at the whole school event and parents, students and staff joined together to raise money for our school. A huge thank you to Olivia Rogan and the P&C for all the organisation that went into the event. Just a reminder to return your sponsorship money by **Wednesday 10 June**.

Pegasus

Congratulations to the group of Year 6 students who volunteered their time at the Pegasus Open Day. Members of the public commented that the students were so happy and cheerful, especially when running parachute games for the very young children attending. The students represented the school with amazing community spirit and enthusiasm. We raised a total of \$290 for the day which was an excellent effort.

Thank you to Genasea, Erin, Kyah, Olivia, Olivia R, Sophie, Sophie, Jasmine, Ashleigh, Lilly, Jessica, Thomas and Allan. The students ran a number of activities throughout the day including: Jelly Bean, Guess, Stationery Guess, Pick a stick win a prize, Stress Balls, Loom Bands, Paper Helicopters, Parachute games, Balls, Hoops and general games.

Thank you to Melanie Broadbent for her organisation and to Kerri Sun and Peggy Liu helping out on the day.

Danielle Hoogland
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Rachel Campbell 0402208150; James Badgery 0412552634; Monique Allen 0407595572; **Community Rep. Principal** - James Barnett 62057488; **Teacher Reps.** - Isabel Dunn.

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Term 2 Week 6

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

June

- 8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 11 P&C fete Meeting 7pm
- 16 Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 16 P&C Meeting 7pm



Don't forget to visit our



ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 5 June

Whole School Assembly

Hosted by Unit 4

Friday 12 June

Junior School Assembly

Hosted by Unit 5

Attachment

Belconnen High School - ACT Government Budget Announcement

Weetangera School
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Telephone: 6205 7488
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Please read our web site:
weetangeraps.act.edu.au

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.

A-E REPORTS

Each student will receive their Mid-Year reports in Week 9 of Term 2. Our reports contain two components; the Weetangera report as well as the A-E grading component. If for any reason you wish the school to withhold the A-E grades please inform the school by Friday 12 June and we will accommodate.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Discount Glass for their amazing professionalism and swift response to our cry of need.



WEETANGERA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Weetangera had two teams competing at the Junior Volleyball Tournament at the Lynham Hockey Centre on the weekend. Congratulations to the following players who represented Weetangera: Cain P, Kate B, Hana A, Saskia D, Joshua B, Erin F, Freya M, Will O'B, Soondus H, Olywn D, Sophie E and Zoe C.



SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL

Just to let everyone know that for the rest of the year, second hand clothing will continue to be available for

sale on Mondays from 2:30pm - 3pm in the hall.

We must say a big thank you to Linda Baird who has managed the clothing pool for the past three years. Linda has done a great job managing the pool and ensuring a very smooth handover. The new coordinator will be Samantha Edmonds, so please come and say hello on a Monday afternoon, and have a browse at our bargains! Alternatively contact Sam at ms_samantha_jane@hotmail.com.

With winter well and truly upon us, we all need more layers so any donations of school clothing will be gratefully received. You can leave your old uniforms with the lovely ladies at the front office during school hours.

FETE 2015

This year Nicola Smith and Jennelle Barry will be coordinating the Weetangera School Fete. We know it seems like a long way off, but Sunday 8 November 2015 will be here before you know it (only 18 school weeks to go!). So that we can ensure this year's fete is as successful as previous years, we need to start preparing now. To that end, there will be a very brief fete planning meeting on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 7pm in the staffroom. This meeting is simply to get ideas for the fete - there is no obligation to sign up to anything (but you can if you want to!). So come along and tell us what you would like to see at this year's fete. If you can't make the meeting but would still like to contribute, we have placed a suggestions box in the foyer. Feel free to drop us a note - we would love to hear from you. Jennelle Barry and Nicola Smith.

The Australian Association for the Teaching of English & Australian Literacy Educators' Association

Invite students, with their parents, to meet the authors

Graeme Base and Gary Crew at

The National Convention Centre, Canberra on

Saturday 4 July 2015 from 12:00pm – 1:00 pm

These renowned Australian authors will be available to share experiences, respond to questions, and sign books.

A range of their books will be for sale during the session.

Spotlighting Weetangera

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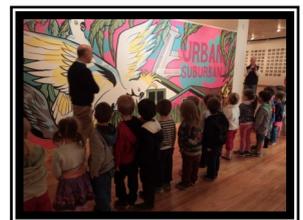
On Tuesday and Friday of Week 5 respectively, the preschoolers went on an excursion to the Canberra Museum and Gallery. The program was called “Curiously Canberra”, and the children were introduced to works of art depicting Canberra. This was followed up with a visit to a real art studio where the children were able to explore and experiment with some of the tools and techniques the artists had used to create the pieces of art the children had viewed.



The first exciting part of our big adventure was going on the bus. We enjoyed seeing some Adventurer houses as we drove through Weetangera, then as we got closer to the city we saw Telstra Tower, Lake Burley Griffin and the orange tunnel.

“I liked sitting on the back seat on the bus.”

When we arrived at the gallery we viewed some beautiful pieces of work. We saw some paintings, photographs and sketches.



“I liked all the houses in the art,” Charlette.



We participated in experiences related to the artwork. We looked at photographs of some local Canberra pools and made a patterned towel using felt pieces. We even pretended to swim in the pools, showing off some of our best swimming strokes.

“I liked doing the pictures and the art,” Lola.



We enjoyed our snack in the sunshine before going into the studio to create our own works of art based on some of the techniques and pictures we had seen.

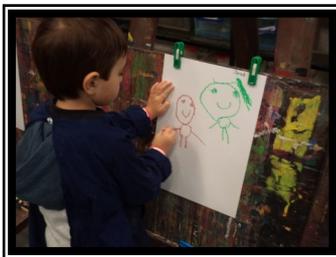
“My house has panels on the roof. My one at home doesn’t,” Evan.

We made houses just like the one in the painting by artist, David Watt.



“We made lovely houses,” Anais.

We experimented drawing with crayons and painting with watercolours.



“We did some painting, first you get to draw and then you put paint on it,” Alara.

We were lucky enough to do some printing using a real printing press. This was a highlight for many of us.

“It’s just like magic. First it isn’t on the paper and then it just is,” Stella.



“I liked the printing the best. Peeling off the paper was fun!” James.