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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we conclude yet another highly successful year at Weetangera School, it is timely to look back on all that has been achieved and also start to plan the way forward for next year. This is an opportunity to reflect back with pride and a chance to look ahead with optimism and excitement. A number of specific strategies were identified in the annual school action plan and successfully implemented in 2016. Specific actions included, developing our model of differentiation from Kindergarten to Year 6 advancing teacher expertise in literacy and numeracy through coaching and mentoring, enhancing the professional learning community model, enhancing student well-being and engagement, and promoting community partnerships.

Over the course of the year there have been many great achievements by our students inside and outside the classroom. Trying to summarise all that happens in a place like Weetangera School over the course of a year is very hard indeed. The achievements and successes of 2016 do highlight the amazing dedication of our staff and students. Without the strong relationships that have been established we would not be able to achieve all that we do. We also recognise the significant contributions that our families make to Weetangera School and thank our families for your ongoing support and the time you provide to Weetangera School.

Building on firm foundations, the school looks to the future in a 21st century approach to learning. Educational literature on 21st century thinkers emphasise a range of qualities that our future will need: open mindedness; the ability to work collaboratively with others; to engage in problem solving; to analyse and integrate knowledge; to think creatively and imaginatively; to apply knowledge to respond to emerging needs and trends; and to communicate accurately, clearly and effectively. Our approach to teaching and learning is constantly reflected upon to evolve to meet these challenges, to give our students the best opportunity to engage with their preferred future. In 2016 the school rolled out and provided a 1:1 digital device learning environment for students in Years 3 to 6, that has enhanced learning and allowed the teaching at Weetangera School to reflect the best of contemporary practice. The advances we make in digital technology at Weetangera School will never replace excellent pedagogy. The technology extends it, and is relevant as our teachers prepare our students for an increasingly interconnected and digital world.

I would like to thank and farewell Mrs Lyndy Dent who will be retiring at the end of 2016, and Ms Melinda Hill for their contributions and roles over the years they have been at Weetangera School. Their positive influence and impact as educators at Weetangera has been far reaching. On behalf of our school community we thank Lyndy and Melinda for designing learning experiences that are intellectually challenging, inclusive, relevant and connected to the Weetangera School community. For 2017 we welcome Mrs Emily Dziubinski from Majura PS and Ms Chelsea Rees from Radford College.

We also thank and farewell Mrs Belinda Brown. Please join me in

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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

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Term 4 Week 9

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

December

8 SCHOOL CONCERT
14 Year 6 Graduation

2017

January

30 Kindergarten / New Students
31 Returning Students



Don't forget to visit our Facebook

★ **ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am** ★

Friday 9 December
No Assembly

Wednesday 14 December
Year 6 Graduation Assembly



**Attachments
& Insert**

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congratulating Belinda on attaining the position of Assistant Principal at Berinba Public School in Yass. These opportunities do not often become available, and for family reasons Belinda has accepted the position starting in Term 1 2017.

As we sign off for this final time this year, I want to thank everyone at Weetangera School for your support and dedication to the great cause of Public Education. I give thanks to the teaching staff for the remarkable culture of learning that exists here. I also give thanks for the sense of community partnership that is part and parcel of a Weetangera School mindset.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday,

James M. Barnett
Principal

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Sidu N, Ryan S, Neve W, Malakai J, Edward F, Kosta J

Creativity: Murray CT, Callan B, Llewella Y, Lawson C

Collaboration: Callan H, Jeremy H, 3TR, Bella T.

Critical Thinking: Ruby F, Tom V, A'ida S.

SCHOOL CONCERT TONIGHT



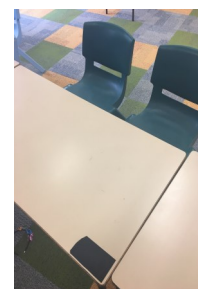
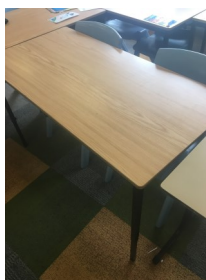
SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Time is running out to purchase from our second hand clothing stall for this year! The stall is open on Monday afternoons during term from 2:30pm to 2:55pm in the old hall. We have lots of summer clothing (especially in smaller sizes) at bargain prices!! Thankyou to all the families who have supported the stall this year!

Samantha Edmonds
School clothing co-ordinator

FREE TO GOOD HOMES - Student Desks & Chairs

We will be replacing a large quantity of student desks and chairs for the coming year, so if you would like to set your child up with a great place to do homework, please come along at 3:10pm on Friday 16 December or Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 between 8:00am and 2:00pm. Please phone Brad on 0407902072 and he will meet you at the front door of the school.



**CANTEEN WILL BE
CLOSED AS OF
FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER**

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas.

Spotlighting Weetangera

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Concert

This term we have been busy preparing for concert. We have been looking at the rhythm and beat in different songs and using this knowledge to refine our dance moves. We hope you all enjoy our concert items as much as we have enjoyed rehearsing them.



Number Card Games

Each week we do a variety of number card games to get faster and more confident with mental computation. Some of the games we have played recently include '0 to 61', 'My Card, Your Card' and 'Horizontal Double and Triple Digit Algorithms.'



Charles, Flynn, Niti, Aimee, Laura, Lola, Amara, William, Ava, Archie, Sarah, Ezri, Lawson, Leroy,

Makayla, Hannah, Charlie, Daniel, Aidan, Edward, Zaima, Gimna, Noah, Elijah, Neve, Elissa, Malakaj, Waikare, Claire, Jamiqua

Lachy, Alex, Ruby, Olie, Henry, Talon, Cassie, Kai, Olivia, Phoebe, Jocie, Scarlett, Ruby, Patrick, Alicia, Kai, Qian, Georgia,

Comprehensive
 Fantastic
 Adventurous
 Exciting
 Obedient
 Timetables
 Bizarre
 Sensible
 Fitness
 Scientific
 Learning
 Challenging
 Awesome
 Entertaining
 Divine
 Learning
 Brilliant
 Astonishing
 Different
 Art

**If we had to describe
 our time in Year 3 in one word
 here is what we would say!**

Awesome
 Challenging
 Exciting
 Concert
 Interesting
 Magnificent
 Expressing
 Entertaining
 Mysterious
 Interested
 Friends
 Maths
 Astonishing
 Concert
 Experienced
 Knowledge
 Hard
 Dedicated
 Exciting
 Energetic
 Breathtaking
 Knowledge
 Hard
 Dedicated
 Exciting
 Energetic
 Enthusiastic
 Interesting
 Magical
 Breathtaking
 Magical
 Interesting
 Challenging
 Energetic
 Intelligent
 Fun
 Energetic
 Challenging
 Experience
 Maths
 Art
 Important
 Fun

Rosie, Lila, Henry, Cadar, Jack, Wannie, Luke, Ashton, Thomas, Lucas, Daisy