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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that there are only just over two weeks left of term. We still have a packed two weeks ahead of us, full of exciting learning opportunities for the students.

Weetangera Reading Challenge

I hope everyone has been reading as much as possible and tallying the number of pages read each week, to count towards our school Reading Challenge. Each unit has class lists for students to record their total number of pages read each week. One student from each unit is selected each week to attend a morning tea with Mr Barnett. The students that have been invited to the morning teas in Weeks 6 & 7 have been very excited to be selected. If we reach our target of 100 000 pages read by the end of term, there will be a whole school celebration on Friday of Week 10.

Tournament of Minds

Two teams of students from Year 5 and 6 presented at the Tournament of Minds competition on the weekend. Tournament of Minds is a problem solving event drawing on a range of disciplines including drama, maths, engineering, social sciences and literature. The teams spent the last six weeks preparing, giving up their lunch times to practise and design their solutions, and develop their skills in collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity. The students also had to present a solution to a spontaneous problem on Sunday, where they were given only a short amount of time to create and practise their presentation. Congratulations to Jasmine B, Holly L, Cassie D-J, Joey L, Maia W, Oliver S, Olivia M, Rachel F, Amina B, Shayan D, Ashley T, Freya M, Anna V, and Lucy M on all of your efforts. Thanks also to Janinne Nascimento and Isabel Dunn for organising the teams, coordinating the practices and giving up your time to attend the presentations over the weekend.

What a week! The Writers Festival!

There have been a number of exciting activities taking place over the last week to support our students in developing their writing skills. On Friday of Week 7, Marc McBride shared his journey as an illustrator of the *Deltora Quest* series of books, and worked with students across the school to create fantasy illustrations. On Monday author and parent Craig Cormick workshopped the writing process with all of our students from Kindergarten to Year 6, and Tuesday saw local author Cath Blake share her journey of writing *Clarinda and Henry*, a novel telling the story of her great grandfather Sir Henry Parkes' life from the perspective of his wife and family, with the Year 5 and 6 students. Nicole Godwin, a former parent of our school, spoke with all of our students today about her book *Ella*, and tomorrow we are privileged to hear from Mike Kisbey, an ex-student from Weetangera who has recently had a book published, titled *Magic*. Throughout the week every child has shared a WOW word they have kept in their pocket. During the

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

September

- 4-8 Writers Festival
- 19 Band plays at Floriade
- 20 Learning Journey

October

- 13 World Teachers Day
- 16 Kenny Koala Visit
- 17 P&C Meeting staff room 7pm

 ☆ **ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am** ☆
 ☆ **Friday 8 September** ☆
 ☆ **Senior School Assembly** ☆
 ☆ **Hosted by Year 6** ☆
 ☆ **Friday 15 September** ☆
 ☆ **Whole School Assembly** ☆
 ☆ **Hosted by Year 5** ☆
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Fete News
Singing Circle
Holiday Tennis
Program

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Teacher Reps. - Isabel Dunn and Erwin McRae

Writers Festival students have entered our writing competition, and winners will be announced at tomorrow's assembly. Our thanks go to the committee and Ms Janinne Nascimento for organising and coordinating our Writers Festival and all the extra hours that have gone into making this week a festival of learning focusing on the writing process.

Learning Journeys

Keep an eye out this week for your invitation to Learning Journeys in Week 10. Learning Journeys provide families with an opportunity to share with your child the learning that has happened throughout the year. Learning Journeys this year will be held on Wednesday 20 September (Week 10), from 8:30am -10:00am. If your child hasn't brought home an invitation yet, please contact your child's teacher.

Kind regards

Yvonne Piper

Executive teacher

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Oscar B.

Creativity: Ethan W, James W, India C-S, Eli B, Ecrin I.

Collaboration: Hannah N, Eilidh L, Sparsh S, Rosie W, Bianca B.

Critical Thinking: Layla J, Alara I, Tom B, Georgie B

MUSIC NEWS



ALICE THE MUSICAL

Will be performed by Yrs 5 & 6 at 11:30am Thursday 23 November and again in the evening at 7pm

BAND

Yr 5 & 6 Band are performing at Regatta Point Stage at Floriade on Tuesday 19 September 2pm - 2:30pm

BELCONNEN TENNIS CLUB COACHING

Holiday Tennis Program

Special exclusive offer

Week 1 26 - 29 September

Week 2 3 - 6 October

8:30am – 12:00pm \$20 per day, when you book for a full 4 day week receive a free brand new kids tennis racquet.



This offer is exclusive to Year 3 to Year 6 kids attending primary schools in the Belconnen area and current BTC customers. The number of positions is capped at 32 students for each week and the offer will be going out to over 250 students so bookings are essential. If you are interested in your child taking part please email me at the address below with the following details

Your Full Name:

Your child's full name and year of birth:

The name of the school your child attends:

Your mobile number and email address:

Preferred dates:

Once I have this email I will produce an invoice, payment of invoice is necessary to secure booking. Usually these are reasonably priced at \$40 per half day without the free racquet offer, so I expect these places filled by the end of term. All enquiries to Jeff Gray at tennis@btccoaching.com

TAG20 RUGBY - WEETANGERA TEAM

After Weetangera School's success at the ACT Touch Football Gala Day this term, I thought it would be a great idea to get our students to continue playing football in a school based team.

Tag20 is played at Weetangera Oval on Tuesday evenings and will cost \$75 per player. For each team we register, Tag20 will donate \$100 of sporting equipment to the school. If you would like your child to play in the upcoming Tag20 summer competition, which begins in Week 2 of next term, please email me at julia.ison@ed.act.edu.au by next Friday 15 September. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend on Tuesday evenings so parents would need to accompany their child, however, I am happy to liaise with families to get a school team(s) together. Tag20 has the following divisions: 8s, 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s. If your child is interested in playing and also has some friends outside of Weetangera School that may be interested, please let me know as we can use those players to fill in any extra places.

If any parents are willing to be the parent contact for the team, please let me know.

Kind regards,
Julia Ison

READING AT THE TANG

8:30am to 8:55am

The library is open every morning for students with accompanying parents/carers to sit quietly and share a book.

ALL WELCOME



Spotlighting Weetangera

Dinosaur Unit Year 1

Welcome to our third edition of Spotlighting Weetangera with Year 1! In the Dinosaur Unit, we have the Triceratops with Mrs Edwards, the Brontosaurus' with Mrs Millar & Miss O'Callaghan and the Pterodactyls with Miss Eade.

We have been busy writing stories for the Writers Festival competition. We are in the process of writing, editing and publishing them. Read some of our stories below!

The Ninja's Adventure

It was a warm October day when the Ninjas came. The Ninjas jumped out of the tree. They were fighting Lloyd Gammadion. Lloyd Gammadion got stabbed in his shoulder. The Ninjas found a magic book. They threw it on Lloyd and it sucked him up. The Ninjas went home.

- Zac

The Magic Book

Once upon a time there was a girl called Sia. One day she was in the attic and she saw a book, so she decided to read it. She opened the book and Boom! Bam! She was sucked in! Then she was in a pool. She looked around and she was surrounded by witches! She screamed and ran as fast as she could. The witches were chasing her! Then one of the witches caught her and brought her back to the witches castle and tied her up. Then a tiger came and cut her free from the ropes and then she got the magic book and it sucked her back into the attic.

- Emma

Ella the Fairy Bat

Once upon a time there was a little fairy called Ella. She lived at the bottom of a tall, strong tree covered in moss. Ella slept at the bottom of a tall sunflower on a comfy mushroom covered in sparkles with her rainbow wings wrapped around her. One day she went for a walk in the forest. She found a tall building. Ella pushed the door open and walked inside. She saw a table and on the table was a magic book. She flew up and turned into a bat, and she flew back home. Her friends thought she was an actual bat and flew away from her. The next day she was back to a fairy! Her friends had lots of questions.

- Olivia

The Wizard Dies Today

A wizard got a book and the book opened. A monster came out of the book and a volcano of lava erupted. The world died. The volcano got bigger and bigger until the wizard died.

- James W

The Pirate Book

One day I was walking when suddenly I saw a book on the ground. It looked like a pirates book. When I touched the book, it sucked me in and spat me out. When the book spat me out, it turned me into a pirate. Then a pirate came out of the book and turned me back into a boy. Then I went back home.

-Sparsh

The Bad Witch

Once upon a time there was a witch that was very, very bad. That day she got a book. It wasn't just any kind of book. It was a book with witch spells. Just what she needed. But it was very bad for humans because now she could turn them into frogs. Before she could cast a spell, a robber stole the book. It was the last one so the humans celebrated with a party.

- Zoe



A mini beach!
- Oliver

**A puppy machine
that shoots out
puppies!**
- Kat



**Goggles that let us
see into the future!**
- Stella



**A star that shoots out
pets!**
- Elise

Magic willow tree!
- Lily

An oval on the roof!
- Harvey



As well as looking at schools in the past, Year 1 were very excited to create a school of the future. We got to work in small groups and come up with some really innovative ideas. Check out some of the ideas we would like to see in schools in the future!



**A chameleon buddy
that helps us solve
maths problems!**
- Sam

A waterslide!
- Simba Jin

**A portal to the
teachers that can
shrink you!**
- Felix



**Automatic bins that
come to you!**
- Hannah



**A robot that gives
you water!**
- Sophie

