



Weetangera School

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Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy time of the year with numerous excursions and whole school events planned including preschool, Year 5 and Year 6 excursions, Year 5 combined band rehearsal, ACT Rostrum finals, as well as our school Lap-A-Thon next Thursday. Learning experiences such as these add to the rich and exciting learning that already takes place at Weetangera School.

Building Resilience

In this week's newsletter I would like to share with you something we think is important in your child's learning, building resilience. Resilience is that ineffable quality that allows some people to be knocked down by life and come back stronger than ever. Rather than letting failure overcome them and drain their resolve, they are able to change course and soldier on.

Our teachers work incredibly hard every day to plan and teach programs that support our children to be happy and confident learners. This week during our *Bounce Back* social skills program, the children have been learning about what resilience is, and some of the factors that make someone resilient. These include a positive attitude, optimism, the ability to regulate emotions, and the ability to see failure as a form of helpful feedback.

Why not ask your child what they learnt about resilience this week? Their answer might surprise you! Please enjoy reading some of the children's responses to "What have you learnt about resilience?".

Dom D – *"Resilience is bouncing back from a setback, not letting things get you down."*

Willow F – *"Resilience means trying again."*

Jimmy P – *"Resilience means getting on with it."*

Freya M – *"If you can't do something, you get back up and try again, be persistent. You don't let things get you down."*

Da Vinci Decathlon

Congratulations to our sixteen Year 6 students who represented our school in The da Vinci Decathlon this week. We had two teams competing and we are proud to announce that our yellow team received 1st place in Maths and 2nd place in Science. Our green team were also successful, coming 3rd place in Code Breaking. Well done to all of those students.

P&C Update

The focus of the P&C meeting on Tuesday was *The Future of Education*. During this meeting, a workshop was held to discuss what is important in regards to the future of education for our Weetangera School community.

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Term 2 Week 7

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

June

- 12 Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
- 15 Lap -A -Thon 11:30am–1pm



ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 9 June

Junior Assembly

Hosted by Year 1

Friday 16 June

Senior Assembly

Hosted by Year 5

Athletics Carnival Ribbons
Assembly on Tuesday 13
June 12:30pm in the old hall.

Inserts

Holiday Happenings

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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

Please remember all parents/carers are invited to attend our P&C meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

I wish all of our Weetangera families a happy and safe long weekend.

Kind regards,

Julia Ison

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication: Elena P, Elissa V, Bill E

Creativity: Charlotte M, Emily W

Collaboration: Lachlan G, Violette B

Critical Thinking: Gemma T, Thomas L, Jessie O'T

LAP-A-THON THURSDAY 15 JUNE

Reminder to keep collecting Lap-A-Thon sponsors on your sheets and bring your walking shoes next Thursday.

BELCONNEN CROSS COUNTRY

Last Tuesday fifty students represented Weetangera at the Belconnen Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo Forest Park. Congratulations to all the students that competed for your great participation and competitive spirit. The students are to be commended on their fine running effort as well as their school spirit shown in cheering on their fellow school mates.

With over one hundred students competing in each race it was pleasing to see so many Weetangera runners finishing in the first twenty to thirty places.

The following students did extremely well to finish in the top ten and qualifying for the ACT Championships to be held next week:

Benji M- 10th in 9 years boys

Scarlett W- 10th in 10 years girls

Tyler J- 10th in 11 years boys

Amy B- 10th in 11 years girls

Aidan J- 8th in 10 years boys

Mim S- 7th in 10 years girls

Elissa V- 7th in 9 years girls

Lachlan T- 6th in 12 years boys

Alex C- 6th in 9 years boys

Molly W- 2nd in 12 years girls

Congratulations and best wishes at the ACT Carnival!

Thanks to all the parents and carers for your support and encouragement at the carnival and with transport to Stromlo.

Erwin McRae

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

The Weetangera second-hand uniform shop is open every Monday of term from 2:30pm to 2:55pm. Logo jumpers and jackets at \$2 each, all other items \$1!

The uniform shop is desperately seeking donations of all your old school jumpers and jackets!! Please consider dropping off any warm school clothing to the front office - your school community will love you for it!!

If you have any questions about the second-hand uniform shop please contact Sam on ms_samantha_jane@hotmail.com

BOOK CLUB

Wow book clubbers, you have raised over \$400 already this year for your school simply by ordering through the Scholastic book club catalogues. Great work everyone!

Issue 4 has now been circulated, and all LOOP orders are due by next Tuesday 13 June. Take a peek inside Issue 4 this weekend, we're sure there's something in there for all of you.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Family photos are available at the front office at a cost of \$6. Speciality photos include Band, SRC, School Recorder, School Leaders, Percussion, LSUA, Sustainability, House Captains and Leaders, these are available to view at the front office before ordering. All orders must be placed before Monday 24 July 2017 and cost \$16 each.

ONESIE DAY

Raising awareness for Cerebral Palsy. Friday 30 June Week 10.

Gold coin donation money will be donated to Cerebral Palsy Alliance.



Something to ponder

- The human body of a 70 kg person contains 0.2mg of gold

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

Brought to you by Preschool

This term the Explorers, Investigators and Adventurers preschool classes have been exploring the ways we can collaborate with our community.



Our Mother's Day afternoon tea

I love my mummy
because...
"She gives me really
good cuddles."
- Henry B



On Fridays the Sustainability Team has been coming to preschool working with us to ensure we are caring for the environment.



They helped us recycle egg cartons turning them into amazing artworks. We also went to the primary school yard to rake up some of the leaves that had fallen.

"Are the big kids coming today?"
- Izzy C

"I love when the big kids come down, they're fun."
- Hudson W



After enquiring about Australian animals and environments and continuing with our sustainability focus, we decided to practise our cutting skills with flowers donated from Coles.

