



# Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Developing Word Conscious Classrooms

The teachers at Weetangera School have been putting theory into practice this term, developing word conscious classrooms with strategies such as Alphaboxes. As you walk through our classrooms you may see a class created Alphabox, these are used to record the words we notice as we are reading and writing. Documenting the words in themes helps children to build strong vocabularies and learn how words work. The words from Alphaboxes then create a meaningful addition to the word walls in our classrooms which assist children with their writing.



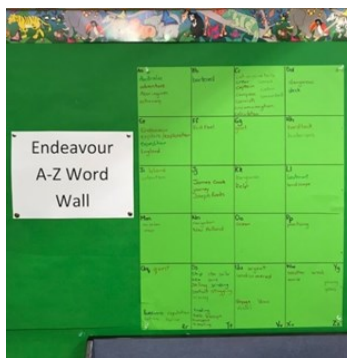
## Swimming Carnival

Children from Kindergarten to Year 6 attended the Swimming Carnival at Dickson Pool on Friday. The weather was kind to us and provided a day perfect for being in the pool. The children of Weetangera School are to be commended for their outstanding team spirit and 'can do' mindset. Each house group did an exceptional job cheering on the competitors in their races demonstrating a great deal of support to the swimmers. Our rotations were well structured and operated by the students from Hawker College. A special mention is made to the teachers on the committee who worked tirelessly to make the day a success for all.



## Camps

The anticipation is building for our children in Years 3 to 6 as the time for our camps draws closer. Each year level has been provided with a list of camp supplies that are required for each child to bring along. Please ensure you are referring to this list when packing, If you require another copy of the list, please see you child's teacher.



## Clean up Australia School Day

Friday 2 March is Clean Up Australia's Schools Day and this year we are going to 'slam dunk our junk'. Children from Preschool to Year 6 will participate in a whole school clean up over the course of the morning. 'Slam dunk junk' will involve students using a bag and gloves to collect rubbish, make a ball, then slam dunk the bag through a hoop and into the bin. We

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### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### March

- 12 Canberra Day
- 14-16 Years 4,5,6 Camps
- 15-16 Year 3 Camp
- 21 Whole School photos

### ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

Friday 2 March

Junior Assembly  
Hosted by Year 2

Friday 9 March

Senior Assembly  
Hosted by Year 3

## INSERTS



### 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

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[weetangeraps.act.edu.au](http://weetangeraps.act.edu.au)

know that the students at Weetangera will participate in a respectful and responsible way on the day.

### Tag20

Congratulations to the Weetangera School Tag20 team who represented our school in the Tag20 summer competition. All students demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and improved their skills throughout the season. On Tuesday evening we were fortunate enough to play in the semi-finals. Although we didn't make the grand final, it was a wonderful way to finish the season.

A big thank you to Julia Ison and Anthony Goodwin for organising and coaching the team and to all the families who came each week to support our students.

Regards

Bec Smith

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL ASSEMBLY

The assembly to present the ribbons from the swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 6 March at 9:10am in the old hall. At this assembly we will also announce the winning house team and age champions. We expect this assembly will take approximately twenty minutes.

Well done to all students for their enthusiastic participation at the carnival. There were over one hundred students involved in the competitive races and over thirty in the 25m non-competitive event. In the afternoon all Year 3-6 students took part in the novelty events with a focus on fun and water safety. The Belconnen Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 27 March, students involved in this competition will be notified as soon as the required information is made available.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Hawker College students who worked at our carnival. Their assistance helped ensure the carnival ran smoothly and our students had an enjoyable day.

Swimming Carnival Committee

### CANTEEN AGM, TOMORROW

If you would like to support our wonderful canteen, please come to the AGM tomorrow from 3pm in the library – kids are welcome. We are very fortunate to have a P&C run canteen but it needs volunteers to keep it running. The Canteen Committee supports the canteen by holding fundraising activities such as the school discos and ensuring it continues to offer great food at reasonable prices. If you can't come along but want to be involved, send an email to [wpscanteen@hotmail.com](mailto:wpscanteen@hotmail.com) or chat to Kerrie or Belinda in the canteen.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE

The construction of our Community Garden has begun! The Community Garden is part of our *Growing Food* action plan which will be valuable in creating connections between growing food and classroom learning.



Alongside landscapers, horticulturalists and Brad, the Garden Committee have been working hard to plan out our garden with a focus on sustainability and purposeful learning.

This weekend we will be holding a working bee. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful project, we would appreciate if you fill out the orange note that was sent home on Monday and send it back with your child.

**When: Saturday 3 March**

**Time: Anytime between 8am-12pm**

**What to bring: A shovel and community spirit!**

Kind Regards,

The Garden Committee



AUSKICK IN BELCONNEN

Girls aged 5-10

Kippax Oval

Tuesdays 4-5PM 6/3/18 - 8/5/18

[bonnie.lawrence@afk.com.au](mailto:bonnie.lawrence@afk.com.au)

Get down and enjoy some local footy!

[AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU](http://AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU)



NAPLAN will be online from 15-25 May 2018.

NAPLAN Online:

- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN. Visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) to see how the test works and for more information.



## 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**

The title 'Spotlighting Weetangera' is centered at the top of the page. The word 'Spotlighting' is written in a large, black, cursive font, while 'Weetangera' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A bright yellow spotlight effect is cast from two spotlights at the top corners, illuminating the title.

# Spotlighting Weetangera

**Proudly brought to you by Year 5/6**

**GRIT– A growth mindset**

What is a growth mindset and how will it help us?

“Growth mindset is about not giving up and trying your best. You can’t be negative all the time as it distracts you by making you not want to try. I’m trying new things like the school band this year and I need to stay positive during this time so I can do my best.”

-Georgie

“In life, it’s good to have a growth mindset because you have to face challenging tasks. If you stay at it, you may DO IT and get the results that you wanted, and feel accomplished. This is my last year here so I want to have a positive year before high school (things will get really tough there).”

- Sidu

“GRIT is having the ability to bounce back. It’s helped me by not getting upset when things don’t go my way. I did get upset, I could start arguments with people and that would make me feel upset with myself. I will try to stay positive this year.”

-Noah

“GRIT is about being positive and having a good mindset. It will help because I am going into a new environment next year for high school and I will need to take on challenges and connect with people.”

-Tia

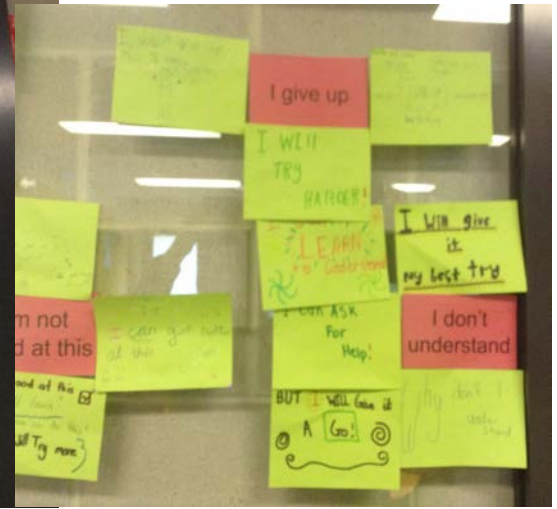
“We’ve been learning about GRIT in school and it’s been helping me and my peers to deal with our problems more easily. I can also stay positive and figure out ways when I have a problem.”

-Katie

“Having a growth mindset can change your reputation. If you are giving up all the time, people may think you’re not willing to give things a go. This year, I am going to stay and act positive toward people and I will not let things get in my way.”

-Micah





**Learning intention:**  
 Students used a 'growth mindset' to turn a **negative** phrase into a **POSITIVE** phrase. Students will use positive language when facing challenges in their learning in 2018.



**I DON'T UNDERSTAND** 😊  
 I'd like to understand  
 I don't understand yet  
 I'll try to understand  
 I Just Need Some help  
**I'LL NEVER GET THIS**

by Patrick  
**CHANGE YOUR MINDSET**

I Want to get This  
 I want to try harder  
 I'll get this eventually  
 I will get this

**I Just Need Some help I'LL NEVER GET THIS**

by Patrick  
**CHANGE YOUR MINDSET**

I don't understand = I'll try to understand  
 I give up = I will keep going until I succeed  
 I never get this = I will try to  
 I can't improve = I'll give it a try  
 I made a mistake = I'll learn from my mistake  
 everyone is smarter = I'll learn to be better  
 this is too hard = this is a challenge but that's good  
 I don't read = I will improve on it  
 it's good enough = I can always improve  
 I am not good at this = I will learn to get better

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 I've made e  
 Everyone is s  
 than me.  
 By Anna, Eleanor