



Weetangera School

'Our vision, as a community, is to inspire
a passion for learning'



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Weetangera School is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed back our remaining Year 5 and 6 students back to face to face learning. It has been quite a journey to reach this moment and it has been wonderful to see them back in class and working collaboratively with each other.

Throughout the last ten weeks, one theme has become apparent throughout the community was that we were "In This Together". This is the theme of the 2020 Reconciliation Week and yesterday marked the close of this important time to reflect and move forward. Tuesday 26 May marked National Sorry Day, to remember and acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

In 2019, Weetangera commenced working closely with parents and students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to create a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). A RAP is a formal statement of commitment to reconciliation. Weetangera School is developing their RAP using the Narragunnawali platform. Through consultation with students, parents and staff we will create a shared vision which clearly communicates the Weetangera School's commitment to reconciliation to the community. Following this, a set of actions will be identified towards reaching our vision. Throughout this process we would like to hear the voice of all community members. If you would like to be part of developing our RAP, please email Danielle Hoogland on Danielle.Hoogland@ed.act.edu.au.

School Uniform

Students attending Weetangera School are expected to wear school uniform while travelling to school, at school and attending official school activities. The wearing of school uniforms can also assist to:

- promote a sense of inclusiveness and equal opportunity;
 - make school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.
- Please ensure your child/ren come to school in full school uniform. If you require assistance in obtaining winter uniform items, please contact the school's front office on 6142 2600.

Hats Off

Students are not required to wear hats for the months of June and July. Cancer Council ACT recommends Canberra primary schools and early childhood services adopt a combination of sensible sun protection behaviours when spending time outdoors when UV levels are 3 and above. For this reason, sun protection behaviour like wearing a hat and applying sunscreen is not generally required around the June and July winter period in Canberra because daily UV levels drop and stay low (under 3) during this period.

Hoogland

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Week 6

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

June

- 9 P&C Meeting 7pm
Staffroom

ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

**ALL ASSEMBLIES
POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**



Attachments

Managing Student
Illness

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley - 0403 498 397, Vijaya Porwal

Principal - James Barnett 61422600; **Teacher Reps.** - Natarsha van den Boogaard;

- Virginia Hamby

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Please read our web site:

PS... Creative expression

Creative Writing

As a famous person once said *“Love is like a supermarket trolley. Except it ‘asn’t got any wheels. And when I think about it. It asn’t got a place to put shoppin’ either”.*

Today in 1937.... the world’s first supermarket trolleys were put into service in Oklahoma City, US.

The first supermarket was called ‘King Cullen’, after its owner Michael Cullen, and started in 1930. Soon trolleys may be fitted with their own scanners, so customers would no longer need to have items scanned one by one.

Word of the day

‘trolley’ – a basket on wheels used for shopping. Probably from the Middle High German ‘trollen’ (stroll or roll).

Imagine... The local supermarket has just installed the new breed of trolleys. Equipped with artificial intelligence, they’re designed to offer useful suggestions about the location of grocery items, food choices, and advertise products. Unfortunately, the trolley you have chosen seems to be a little strange. What does the trolley look like? What does it say? or Do? Write a story.



Pps... How does your garden grow?

Gardening news



Last Wednesday, Cid Riley of Global Worming came to start the building process of our new worm farm. At just under 8m long it is the biggest worm farm any of us had ever seen. Cid started off by setting up guidelines and digging in the first trench. It was then that the worm farm volunteers got involved. The boys dug and cleared out the trench that the panels would sit in.



The frames were erected and the second side dug out. After the panels went in, they were packed out with the soil that came from the trenches. This helps to support the worm farm walls and gives it stability until the worm farm starts to fill up with food waste. On Friday the worm farm build will be complete and the worms will come to live in their new home. We have already started to collect food waste in anticipation of their arrival.



We also manage to get a crop of **garlic** in thanks to our enthusiastic Year 1 garden helpers.

Maybe you could grow some garlic at your place. Garlic likes full sun and well composted soil. Break bulbs into individual cloves. Plant the cloves pointy end up, approximately 5cm deep and 10cm apart. If growing in rows, make the rows about 30cm apart. Water them well at time of planting but don't water again until you see some green shoots. They can also be grown in pots. Happy gardening!

Ppps...

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 9 June at 7pm in the staffroom.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Weetangera School Parking and Traffic Guidelines:

Cars should not park in the Pick Up and Set Down zone at the front of the school.

Please only use this area to drop off or collect waiting children.

Returning to School

To support the safety of staff and students at Weetangera School, parent/carers are encouraged to drop off and collect their children **WITHOUT** entering the school building, noting that some children may require additional support.

For any inquiries, please report to the front office **via** the main entrance.

FAMILY PHOTOS

Family photos are available from the front office a cost of *only* \$6.

DOGS

Under ACT Government policies, dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

CANBERRA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

FREE telephone counselling sessions Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Sessions via Zoom or Skype
Limited availability for FREE face-to-face counselling sessions

Sadly our groups and training are temporarily suspended

Contact us for a FREE confidential chat

 6287 3833 

 parentline@parentlineact.org.au



SOFTBALL:

IS READY 

IS SAFE 

RETURN TO SPORT POLICY 

DISCOUNTED CLINICS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS IN TERM 3 & 4

CONTACT ILA AT DEVELOPMENT@ACT.SOFTBALL.ORG.AU
FOR FURTHER DETAILS

