



Weetangera School

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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every time I have the pleasure of learning with our students in a classroom in our school I am reminded of the wonderful diversity of our students and the commitment of our staff to ensure they are each celebrated for their achievement. We have been seriously impressed by the intentional learning, persistence and growth mindsets of our students. This has demonstrated just how much our students have grown in their learning and confidence over the course of this year and the quality of learning that happens in our school.

At Weetangera School we are committed to ensuring that every child in our school is valued, supported and engaged in great learning experiences. We are also committed to working in partnership with our Directorate and with each of you to make this happen. This week students have been provided opportunities to sit the ICAS English and Mathematics, Preschool students have enjoyed Dance Kids incursion programs, the Christian Education program have run their assembly, Floriade music ensemble groups from Weetangera School have performed and tomorrow the Year 6 students will run their Market Day as culmination of their Unit of Inquiry and the P&C will be hosting a Trivia Night for our community.

I encourage you to speak to us and your child's teacher, if you would like to have a clearer understanding about your child's learning or our school or suggestions for how we can continue to make our school community the best it can be.

HATS, HATS, HATS!

Our children have been great at wearing hats! Our sincere thanks to our families for helping our students to remember their hats. It is still hard for the children to understand why we have to wear hats when the weather is cool. All students have shared discussions with their class teacher about the UV rays that can still do damage.

Reading Challenge

A couple of weeks ago we saw the start of our Weetangera School Reading Challenge. We challenged our students to read 115 000 pages from books they read at home or for pleasure. Children in Preschool and Kindergarten included pages from books that were read to them as well as books they read themselves. If we reach our target, I have promised to give a whole school reward!

The Challenge is about to cease next week. I wonder what will be the final tally for our students, as I am determined that the target will have to be met for the challenge I will be presented. It will take me out of my comfort zone!

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley- 0403 498 397 Vijaya Porwal
Principal - James Barnett 61422600;
Teacher Reps. Ebony O'Connell - Natarsha van den Boogaard

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Term 3 Week 9

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

September

20 Weetangera School P&C
Trivia night

20 Yr 6 Market Day

27 END OF TERM 3

October

14 START TERM 4

**2019 WEETANGERA
SCHOOL FETE SUNDAY 17
NOVEMBER 10am - 2pm**

ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

Friday 20 September
Whole School Assembly
Hosted by Kindergarten

27 September
No Assembly

Attachments



Wheel-tangera

Belconnen Little Athletics

Weetangera School
Southwell Street
Weetangera ACT 2614

Telephone: 6142 2600
Canteen: 6142 2621

Please read our web site:
weetangeraps.act.edu.au

The Learning and Teaching Branch of the ACT Education Directorate would like to invite you to help select a Ngunnawal name for the northside hub of the Academy of Future Skills.

The northside Academy will open later this year at University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra as an outreach centre for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for ACT public schools.

The ACT Education Directorate has consulted with Thunderstone Aboriginal Cultural and Land Management Services for a shortlist of Ngunnawal names. The names reflect the aims of the Academy, the natural environment around Lake Ginninderra and the name selected for the southside hub, **Mungga-iri Jingee** (Touch the Stars). The spelling of these words is being confirmed and may be adjusted following future advice. The shortlisted names are:

Daoure Dhurrawang (Earth and Sky)

Daoure Ngadyung (Earth and Water)

Gadi Buggarabung (Learn/Search For and Grow)

The Learning and Teaching Branch would like to hear from students about their preferred name for the Academy.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. Individuals will provide the name of their school, their relationship to the school, their year level (students only), whether they identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and their preferred name for the Academy. This information will be collected and handled by the Directorate solely for the purpose of selecting a name for the northside Academy.

The survey will remain open until Monday 23 September 2019. Survey for individual students, parents and community members to complete:

https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5737A6s0dgr6WK9

Yours faithfully

James M Barnett
Principal

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2019-2020 Entertainment Book provides terrific bargains for dining, holiday travel and accommodation, movie tickets, gift cards and school holiday outings. The cost is \$60, with a portion going to the Weetangera School P&C Association (which will be used to fund school projects). Digital memberships are easy to use and can be shared across up to 5 devices. To purchase a membership or find out more information, please go to:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/239d74>

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

At last week's Senior Assembly certificates were awarded for:



Communication: Oliver H, Charlotte B, Benji M, Flynn C, Simba M, Carys H, Phoebe B

Creativity: Alexander M (AOM), Oliver S, Dylan H, George M, Fares A, Ethan W, Ruby H, Noah H, Rosemary D, Layla J

Critical Thinking: Archie H, Lucy C, Eli B, Natasha G, Patrick B, Lila M, Stella H, Sanuki O, Nicholas B, Cooper T, Sam S, Oscar L, Rafa L, Katarina M

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - Tomorrow

We will be meeting in the area near Rocksalt Cafe from 8:20am onwards for an 8:30am departure from Hawker Shops and we would love to see lots of students, teachers, parents and carers walking to school from here or joining us along the way. We will walk up Springvale Drive then turn onto Gillespie Street before heading up Southwell Street.

Ride or Walk to School Committee

BELCONNEN LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE



The philosophy of little athletics is self-improvement, personal bests are a focus (not winning or losing). We aim to provide an environment promoting fun, family, inclusion and fitness. The development of skills, coordination and fitness is encouraged in children of all abilities aged under 6 to under 17 years old.

Belconnen Little Athletics meets on Saturday mornings at Cook Oval, commencing Saturday 12 October 2019. Meets start at 8:45am and usually finish by 11am.

For more information:

Visit our website www.bwlac.org.au,

Contact our Registrar – Leanne Wilkinson at blacregistrar@gmail.com or 0406 375 195

To Register go to: <http://actlaa.org.au/> and click on REGISTER HERE



Spotlighting Weetangera

Brought to you by Preschool

Preschool celebrated Father's Day with a morning tea during Week 7. We had dads, grandpas, uncles, carers and friends turn up to share the morning with us. In keeping with the Early Years Learning Framework Outcomes, this event was just one of many ways we ensure the children develop a sense of connectedness and belonging to their world and an understanding of how we can contribute and participate within the community.

My daddy is amazing because.....



“He gives me cuddles.”



“He plays with me.”



“He makes me breakfast.”





“We go to the park.”



“He buys me toys.”

“He loves me very much.”

