



# Weetangera School

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



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Education

Weetangera School is an  
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We need to help all students recognise and value that persistent efforts, pure grit, curiosity, practice and the hidden power of each individuals' character, accompanied by setbacks, are part of the journey to extremely worthwhile achievements. Over the course of 2020 we will be continuing to learn together and further develop our Learning Dispositions.

Successful schools create a culture of resilience. Resilience can be defined as remaining steadfast in the face of any destabilising conditions. It can also be defined as having more protective factors than risk factors. Some protective factors that Weetangera School is always nurturing to increase educational success include fostering caring relationships, conveying high expectations and promoting opportunities for our students for intentional meaningful learning and participation in school life.

Research and evidence suggests that with the right supports, many young people can reach high levels of success that neither they or those around them thought possible (Building Learning Power, Guy Claxton, 2015). The research also confirms that one person can make a difference in helping students succeed. High quality relationships are especially important and a supportive school environment really matters. Resilience makes it possible for us to rebound and bounce-back from the challenges we are met with each day. Students' mindsets about learning are incredibly important in developing one of our core values, Resilience. Fostering resilience is important to all students.

**Our whole school improvement priority for 2020 is to improve the rate of growth in writing for all students**

*The statement below details our vision for how this priority will change the experience of school for our students.*

Students will articulate, we write for a range of purposes, and when the purpose changes, so does the text form. Effective writers draw on a range of skills while writing: generating ideas for writing, organising ideas so that they are sequenced and coherent, selecting words carefully, writing sentences that make sense, are grammatically correct and flow, apply spelling knowledge, apply punctuation knowledge, proofreading checking spelling, punctuation and the writing makes sense and recrafting making changes to the text to improve the content and message.

## Cycling Safely

The school encourages riding as one way to be physically active. Sometimes the busy roads and conditions around the inside and outside of the school can impact student safety. Riding may not be the safest option for the pedestrians or the rider.

We want our students and community to be safe. Wheel safety is taught as part of the PDHPE K- 6 curriculum. Parents and carers can assist by reinforcing safe, legal use of bikes and scooters by encouraging their child

## 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

## Newsletter No. 5

5 March 2020

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### March

- 6 Swimming Carnival
- 10 No Way Bullying Day
- 11 School Photo Day
- 12-13 Year 3 Camp - Warrambui
- 17 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 18-20 Year 4 Camp - Birrigai
- Year 5/6 Camp - Borambola

#### ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

6 March

No Assembly

13 March

Whole School Assembly  
Hosted by Year 5/6



## Attachments

Canteen Assistants

Weetangera School  
Southwell Street  
Weetangera ACT 2614  
Telephone: 6142 2600  
Canteen: 6142 2621  
**Please read our web site:**

to:

- give way to pedestrians
- wear a helmet and protective gear
- understand and follow the road rules
- understand their responsibility for safe storage at school.

### **Urgent - Medical Consent Forms**

Please send in your medical consent form ASAP. Any student who does not have a medical consent form will not be able to attend any planned incursions/excursions.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Hopefully, tomorrow we will hold our annual School Swimming Carnival at Dickson Swimming Pool, pending on the weather conditions. Our sincere thanks go to Mr Ian Lanham and Swimming Carnival Committee for coordinating this wonderful event for our community. As a school we are very proud that we have all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating throughout the day at our swimming carnival. I also thank our entire teaching staff and administration staff for their ongoing and continued support for all our extra-curricular activities that we are privileged to support at Weetangera School.

James M Barnett  
Principal

### **AWARDS CERTIFICATES**

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

**Critical Thinking:** Aarav R, Hunter D, Adam S, Alaya N, Jack D (WOM), Henry B

**Communication:** Angus D (WOM), Samantha H, Ava B, Mason O, Alex E, Audrina C, Tully H, Ryn P, Joseph S

**Creativity:** Lachlan G, Juniper B-M, Louisa B (AOM) Wynn N (AOM)

**Collaboration:** Charlie McM, Nadia M, Thomas S, Sarah Z, Kaveen A, Jack G, Ava M



## **SWIMMING CARNIVAL TOMORROW**

### **CANTEEN HAPPENINGS**

Expressions of interest  
Canteen Assistants (paid positions)

**Please see attached flier**

email expressions of interest to  
[weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com](mailto:weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com) by 5pm  
on Friday, 13 March 2020. Any questions?  
Contact Kate Donaldson at  
[weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com](mailto:weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com)

### **FAMILY SIBLING PHOTOS**

Sibling photos will be taken on Photo Day  
Wednesday 11 March. **You do NOT need to  
order these**, they will be available from the front  
office when photos come back from the printers  
at a cost of *only* \$10.

# PS...

## P&C MEETING

P&C's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 17 March  
at 7pm, in the school staff room.  
All are welcome.

### PRESCHOOL PICNIC

Preschool picnic is postponed until Wednesday week 7.

### TWILIGHT CULTURAL PICNIC - Expressions of Interest



Proposed date: Thursday 2 April 2020      Week 9 - from 5:30pm - 8pm

At Weetangera School we understand how important food and music is in celebrating identity any culture. We would like to hold an event at school where families join us for a twilight picnic - bringing food to eat and also a cultural dish/food to share with other families.

At the moment we would just like to know if families are interested in attending this type of event and are asking for expressions of interest to see whether an event like this could go ahead. If you are interested please send 'YES' via email to either [isabel.dunn@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:isabel.dunn@ed.act.edu.au) or [Natarsha.boogaard@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Natarsha.boogaard@ed.act.edu.au)

### ANOTHER CHANCE OP SHOP

Another Chance Op Shop, Ross Smith Cres, Scullin shops will be having 50% off all clothing and books from Monday 16 – Saturday 28 March. Great bargains to be found, especially in children's and babywear. Like us on Facebook for more information. Open Monday – Friday 10am-4:30pm and Saturday's 10am-1pm. Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church.

### STUDENT INJURY

#### Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which an injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury, if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

# Spotlighting Weetangera

Proudly brought to you by Year 2!

## Inquiry—Connections to People and Places

During our learning about Australia, we have inquired into significant landmarks and what actually makes a landmark significant.

We researched a variety of different landmarks and gave reasons as to why we thought they were important or interesting or both!



**Uluru**

It is important to Aboriginal people –Tilly and Evie S  
It is almost 350m high–Wesley and Jasper  
It is the heart of Australia–Kelvin and Caden



**Kakadu National Park**

Kakadu has 200 types of plants– Thomas, Gus and Mason  
There is a lake. Kakadu is like a forest–Victoria, Ariana and Anokhi



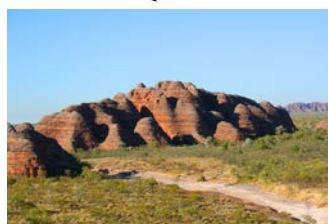
**Daintree Rainforest**

They are 350million years old–Ollie, Anish and Mohammad  
It is a series of beehive shaped sandstone rock formations–Jasyon, Luca and Archie



**Great Barrier Reef**

It is part of the largest continuous area of tropical rainforest–Adam and Jackson  
It is over 135million years old–Lara and Lilly  
It is home to many endangered species–Mali and Sophia



**Bungle Bungle Range**

It is the largest living structure on planet Earth– Mikey, Tessa and Lanxi  
It can be seen from outer space–Taylah, Lottie and Izzy  
It is home to lots of animals and is more than 8000 years old–Sophie and Tully

## Picture Perfect Sentences

Year 2 discussed the difference between a statement, a question and an exclamation and then had a go at writing some for the different pictures below. Have a read and see if you can figure out what type of sentence it is!



The chickens are playing soccer. - Braxton

I think the chickens are really crazy and cool. - Kemith

Who is going to win? Are they warming up? - Tilly

The chickens had a match and it attracted all the other birds to come over and watch - Charlotte



Why are the bulls chasing me? - Archie

The bulls are chasing the apple. - Talin

Holy cow he's fast! - Izzy

The apple is going to get squashed - Noah

Wow! The apple is so fast! - Ejay



How did the cat get up there? - Evie G

I am petrified of falling off this big mountain! - Sophia



I wonder if the penguin knows how to use the symbols? - Tully

OMG! Is the penguin going to wake up the polar bear? That is crazy! - Tessa

How did the penguin get up there? - Bonnie

Why is there a penguin with a handbag in the background? - Adam