



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,

'I don't lose any sleep at night over the potential for failure. I cannot even spell the word', James Mattis.

As the school community has come back together during the past weeks, we have all had to make significant changes to our own way of what we believed was normal for our existence in our family's lives and professional life.

We have witnessed our students confidently stride towards embracing their passions for learning and being at one with school life, in so many contexts across the school. Many students who used to be dropped off to the classroom by their parents are now independently, persistently and confidently embracing their steps for independency. Let's join them in chorus and be optimistic about their new daily habits and fresh innovations we can all adopt as a school community.

Our mission is to develop and deliver an education empowering each person at Weetangera School to be a successful learner, a confident and creative individual, and an active and informed globally minded citizen. One of our schools' Learning Dispositions is to be a *'Risk Taker'* in our learning. Our students have identified successful learners as:

I am a *Risk taker* if I...

- ... try new and exciting things in my learning
- ... am courageous
- ... am not afraid to try
- ... solve problems in lots of different ways.

In his book Michael Carr-Gregg *"Strictly Parenting – Everything you need to know about raising school-aged kids,"* Michael advises that young people will feel more competent when they have to contend and grapple to achieve. Particularly when they need to be persistent, tenacious and have to dig deep as they face a new challenge, or cope with a setback or make a mistake along the way. He adds, *"This is what makes successful kids..."*

Let's be optimistic about the new daily habits we can all adopt and the fresh ideas we can develop independently and with others.

Family engagement with Weetangera School following the learning from home period

Recent press articles have focused on what we might learn about schooling from the disruptions to face-to-face schooling due to COVID-19. One newspaper article noted that *'parents were given an unprecedented insight into what their children are taught, and their behaviour as learners, which many hope will strengthen the bond between families and schools'* (Sun-Herald Sunday 7 June). As I visit our classrooms and hear also from our teaching teams and parents, I see us reflecting on the learning from home period to inform how we move forward positively and ensure times ahead capture the innovations and new ways of working and learning that were successful.

Professor John Hattie, Melbourne Graduate School of Education and Chair of AITSL, has commented in blogs and the media that he hoped this

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Week 9

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

JUNE

29 NAIDOC Week

JULY

3 Last day Term 2

20 Begin Term 3

ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

**ALL ASSEMBLIES
POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**



Attachments

Parent/carer information-
COVID-19 restrictions ease

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

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newfound interest from parents would be sustained, *'involving parents better and in different ways with school-that's incredibly exciting.'* I prompt us all to consider how we can and should engage our families with Weetangera School.

Professor Hattie has also reassured families not to be anxious about the weeks away from the classroom. Hattie's research found that on the return to school, *'teachers tailored learning to what students could NOT do, whereas often school is about what teachers think students need, even if students can already do the tasks...It's so important they (teachers) don't assume, they need to take a really good look at all students and determine which ones need extra help'*. Some students will need more time and resources to ensure they achieve success now that they have returned to the classroom.

I am in awe of the professional work of our teaching staff who are so good at diagnosing where each student is in their learning and planning accordingly. Hattie states, *'You have to be amazed at what teachers have done to turn the whole system around so that kids could work at home doing various things.'*

COVID-19 and school arrangements for Term 3 2020

I'm pleased to let you know there will be a further easing of restrictions on our school activities and parent/carer engagement in line with the broader easing of COVID-19 restrictions across the ACT. On Tuesday the ACT Education Directorate released a 'roadmap' based on the ACT Government's COVID-19 recovery plan. This roadmap is based on health advice and is attached along with a letter from the Chief Health Officer. In Term 3 we plan to welcome back our families for events such as parent teacher interviews and small assemblies with physical distancing and hygiene measures in place. However, where possible parents and carers should still routinely avoid entering school grounds and ensure they practise physical distancing around adults at schools. I encourage you to review the roadmap and letter and look out for future school newsletters and communication about how we will be implementing the roadmap in our school.

Yours faithfully

James M Barnett
Principal

LIBRARY REOPENING TERM 3

For morning reading
8:30am to 8:55am for students
with accompanying parents/
carers to sit quietly and share a
book

**Maximum of 10 adults with children at
any one time**

**Social distancing and sanitising of
hands protocols still apply**

**Please clean your hands prior to and
after handling books**

**All returning books to be placed in the
returns box so they can then be cleaned
and quarantined**



PS... Reducing waste!

This year we are looking at our waste and making a big effort to do something about it by reducing the amount of waste we produce, reusing what we can and recycling the rest. The aim is to send very little waste to landfill. This is a big job and we need everyone's help if we are going to succeed.

To start with we have created recycle stations in every classroom. They consist of collection tubs for our worm food, used pens, scrunchy plastic and scrap paper. We created a demonstration video explaining how to use these stations successfully and aired it across all units last Friday morning. Ask your children if they can explain what they can put in each tub. Here is a bit of help:

Food scraps

We can put all food scraps in the worm food buckets except for raw meat. That means we can recycle orange peels and all fruit and vegetable scraps, chips, crackers, popcorn, bread, biscuits and even jelly. Obviously we would prefer the food is eaten by the children but if there are leftovers the worms love them.

Used pens

Used pens are any hard plastic covered writing implement such as textas, highlighters, biros, sharpies, artliners and whiteboard markers. We are sending these to Terracycle where they are pulled apart and used to make new objects.

Scrunchy plastic

Scrunchy plastics are soft plastics that are able to be scrunched into a ball such as biscuit packets, bubble wrap, cellophane, chip and cracker packets (silver lined), chocolate and snack bar wrappers, cling film, snap lock bags / zip lock bags and even squeeze pouches with lid on (e.g. yoghurt) We ask that the plastic be as dry and as empty as possible. All our scrunchy plastic is going to REDcycle to make items such as park benches.

Scrap paper

This is for paper that is printed on a single side. Students are able to use this paper for just about anything, using it one more time, before it goes into the industrial recycle paper bin.



Pps... Reminders

FAMILY SIBLING PHOTOS

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

DOGS

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

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.**

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to families to please name all belongings. There are so many new jumpers, lunch boxes, drink bottles and hats in lost property!

A name in black marker does the trick. Is your jumper named?



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.

When school is out
THE Y IS IN! 6 - 17 JULY

Vacation Squad operates 8am to 6pm

YMCA Canberra offers holiday programs where children are encouraged to play and have fun in a safe and stimulating environment. Our programs enable children to interact with nature, explore scientific experiments, participate in sport, creative and dramatic arts, play and explore.

At this stage, all bookings are still going ahead but we will continue to monitor and follow closely the advice of the ACT Government in terms of Coronavirus precautions. If we are unable to proceed due to closures, families will be advised and will not incur any fees.

We have an action-packed holiday program planned but need your help to make it happen!

Our locations

Jamison Macquarie ACT	Kaleen Kaleen ACT	North Ainslie Ainslie ACT
St Josephs O'Connor ACT	Buttons Buttons ACT	Spaced Heart Hicks ACT
Woolangera Woolangera ACT	Quinnbeyran Quinnbeyran NSW Book by calling 027 315	Bungandore Bungandore NSW Book by calling 027 315

Book by calling 6242 4040, or if you are already registered via the My Family Lounge App

We have a commitment to safeguarding children and young people first and foremost in all our programs.

6242 4040 | canberra.ymca.org.au

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN the Y

Ppps... Reminders



RICKY STUART HOUSE

Ricky Stuart House is taking on new families for respite!



Ricky Stuart House is an NDIS registered service run by Marymead that provides respite for children (5-12) with disability. Minimum three hour booking including through the school holidays.

For further information and/or to come and have a look at the house please call Michelle Groeneveld on 61625800 or email Michelle.groeneveld@marymead.org.au

 The landscape around COVID-19 is changing daily however we will be strictly keeping in line with the current ACT/NSW Government Guidelines and the Cricket ACT & NSW training protocols. 



CANBERRA CRICKET CAMPS & T20S

ACT T10 SMASH CUP
6th - 8th July
Dickson Oval, Antill St, Dickson

ACT CRICKET CAMP & T10S
13th - 15th July
Weetangera Oval, Southwell St,
Weetangera

TIMES: 9AM - 3PM EACH DAY
*(8:30am early drop off, pick up
no later than 3:30pm please).*



\$295 FOR 3 DAYS
\$110 PER DAY

Catering for ages 7-15 we offer intensive individual and group skill development for all ages and stages across all facets of the game. With an excellent coach to player ratio and incorporating current and former first class cricketers it's the perfect environment for the kids to have heaps of fun, make new friends and take their gameto a new level.

PHILOSOPHY

We are passionate about helping each and every player achieve their goals and reach their potential through expert coaching in a fun, challenging, positive and professional environment. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players learn, grow and develop into becoming better people.

Our camps include T20 games and high-quality coaching with specialists in batting, bowling, fielding & wicketkeeping focusing on the specific technical, tactical, psychological & physical skills required in each discipline.

Players will be exposed to a variety of games and drills designed to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

SPECIAL GUEST COACHES HAVE INCLUDED:

- Steve Smith
- Peter Neville
- Daniel Christian
- Trent Copeland
- Geoff Lawson
- Pat Cummins
- Chris Tremain
- Scott Henry
- Ben Rohrer
- Kurtis Patterson
- Josh Lalor
- Jono Dean



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