



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,

As we have entered into another month of these extraordinary times, our thoughts remain with all schools, their staff, students and families. We all know the last few months, indeed much of this year, has presented us with significant challenges both personally and for our community. COVID-19 has changed the way we all live, work, socialise and educate.

It can be challenging to adapt to a new way of living, but as a community I have seen how we have worked together to support each other, how we have gone out of our way to show kindness and understanding, particularly when people have been struggling.

The ACT Government has launched a public health and information campaign 'Canberra Strong Together' that reflects this community spirit and the resilience of Canberra. It demonstrates the new ways that we live and connect, and the joy that we can get out of interacting with others, even if that is virtually.

Today we share a positive message to our families and students during this challenging time, the Canberra Strong Together [video](#) with our school community.

Canberrans from all walks of life have shared their experiences during COVID-19. Each person featured in the television ad is a proud member of the ACT community who has invited us into their homes, backyards and makeshift offices, bringing to life their personal experiences amid COVID-19 restrictions.

Moments in Time Journaling Project

I am very excited to share with you the Directorates' new [Moments in Time](#) 10 week journaling initiative developed by Learning and Wellbeing Policy and Design to give our students an opportunity to capture their observations and feelings during this pivotal time. We are encouraging students to record their experiences to provide insight for future students. You can find a video explaining how this works and encouraging our students to take part [here](#). The Directorate is also approaching some prominent members of our ACT community to submit their journal entries – so look out for them in weeks to come.

Yours faithfully,

James M. Barnett
Principal

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7 May 2020

Week 2

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

**ALL ASSEMBLIES
POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**



Attachments

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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Please read our web site:

PS... How does your garden grow?



Pps... Creative expression

Creative expression

As a famous person once said, *"Most modern calendars mar the sweet simplicity of our lives by reminding us that each day that passes is the anniversary of some perfectly uninteresting event."* In each newsletter this term we will include a perfectly interesting event to expand everyone's mind and take an imaginative leap to stimulate creative expression to encourage our students to respond. This week with a written response!

Today in 1934

The 'Pearl of Lao-tzu' was found at Palawan in the Philippines.

- At 24cm x 14cm the pearl is the largest ever found. It has been valued at over \$32 million!
 - 'La Regente' was a pearl once part of the French Crown Jewels. It sold in 1988 for over \$840 000
- Pearls are 'molluscan concretions' formed when a tiny piece of grit becomes lodged inside the oyster's shell.

Word of the day

'Mollusc' – An invertebrate with a soft body enclosed in a shell. From the Latin 'mollis' (soft).

Imagine...

'Dear diary: Today a bit of grit washed into me. It's really scratchy and annoying....' Complete Marmaduke Mollusc's diary as he grows a protective coating around the grit, evades ocean creatures and finally gets opened and the pearl removed.

Send your response to Mr Barnett james.barnett@ed.act.edu.au and Ms Hoogland danielle.hoogland@ed.act.edu.au



Pearl of Lao-tzu



Ppps... Library

Would your child like to borrow some books from the school library? On Tuesday and Thursday next week we have a contactless, book collection service. It's easy to take part, just follow these steps:

1. Search Oliver for books you are interested in. Make sure you select 'available items only.'
2. When you find the book you are interested in 'Reserve it.' The Reserve button is on the left side of the screen
3. When you have Reserved up to 5 books, email Annie at annie.moore@ed.act.edu.au to tell her you have reserved books.
4. Wait for Annie to reply. She will tell you when your books are ready to be collected.
5. Come to school and return the books you have finished into the designated trolley in the front foyer. Now, collect your books from the foyer/ hall in front of the office. Your pile of books will have your name on it.
6. Take the books home and enjoy!

Please note, it may take a couple of days for Annie to get back to you. Please do not come to school to collect books until you have been contacted.

Don't forget the thousand of e-books that can be borrowed through 'Sora'



Getting started with Sora

With Sora, you can borrow free e-books and audiobooks from the central **ACT Education Directorate** collection. More than 7,000 e-book titles and 1,000 audiobooks available for recreational reading. Borrow up to 10 resources at a time! Loan period is four weeks with an early-return option for those quick, enthusiastic readers. Need a bit more time, then use the renewal option if no one has placed a HOLD (reserve).

Step 1

Go online to soraapp.com. or install the free Sora app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#)

Step 2

In Sora, in **Find My School** enter the set-up code **ACT Education Directorate (NOT the individual school name)**, then, sign in using your school, individual login credentials, ie. student ID number and password or the staff Schools net account and password.

Step 3



Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow an e-book or audiobook. Your book will open so you can start reading or listening right away.

Step 4



Close the book and go to **Shelf** & see all your books (up to 10!). From there you can:

- Select **Open book** or **Open audiobook** to read or listen to the book.
- Select **Options** to renew or return the book.

BOOK CLUB IS COMING!

We're really excited to have **BOOK CLUB** running this Term, but it will look a little different! It will be a **virtual catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

To order from this issue go to:

[Scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/](https://www.scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/)

Place your order on LOOP as normal and orders need to be in by:

15th May 2020.

We will receive your order here to our school like normal. Once your order arrives, we will contact you to arrange for collection from the school.



Even though this is a virtual catalogue, we will still receive 20% of your order value back in Scholastic Rewards to use to purchase additional books and resources for our school!