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2 May 2019

Term 2 Week 1

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

May

- 6 ACT Zone Swimming Carnival
- 7 P&C meeting 7pm Staff Room
- 9 Disco
- 10 Mother's Day Stall
- 14-17 NAPLAN
- 30 Belconnen Zone X-Country

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

3 May 2019

No Assembly

10 May 2019

Whole School Assembly
Hosted by Year 2



Attachments

Mother's day Stall Flyer

Adventurers Club Program
Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2. We started the term running on full cylinders and eagerly got back into setting our learning goals for the week and the term. We were certainly blessed with wonderful weather over the school holidays. While meeting and greeting families throughout the week, it was clear that many of us made fine use of the sensational autumn conditions outside. During the holidays we have been busy continuing to upgrade our sliding doors in units across the school, providing a more open, inviting and enriching learning environments for our students and community.

Educational Consultant working with Weetangera School

In Terms 2 to 4 we will be working with an educational consultant, Louise Dempsey. Louise is an experienced teacher, consultant and trainer who has worked in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. She facilitates literacy training around New Zealand and Australia and provides in-school professional learning. She has completed a range of writing projects for New Zealand and English publishers, including the Department of Education in the United Kingdom. Louise and Sheena Cameron are the co-authors of *The Writing Book* and *The Oral Language Book*. Louise is a New Zealand MOE accredited trainer. During the professional development staff will be required to apply their knowledge of writing and effective teaching practices and use this knowledge while supported by Louise to design and implement differentiated learning and teaching opportunities. The aim of which is to further develop both staff and student understanding in the area of writing. Staff will be engaged using an inquiry approach to evaluate their teaching and learning programs in the area of writing and use evidence to move student learning forward. Throughout they will be working one on one with Louise, who will support them to advance the use of evidence based teaching strategies in the area of writing. In 2019, Weetangera School is implementing the 'Spiral of Inquiry' framework to support differentiation in classrooms. This model will be used when staff are working with Louise in their team meetings. To identify what is going on for learners and working out future learning steps.

ANZAC Assembly

On the last day of Term 1 the school held our ANZAC assembly. This ceremony was embellished with speeches and hymns from the choir and wreaths designed and laid by our students from each year level. A brief introduction set the scene of our ANZAC Day remembrance, and hymns and poems were recited and sung of remembrance, for peace and for the future of Australia. Speeches emphasised the sacrifices made by those who have served in all conflicts and promoted the spirit of ANZAC and stressed that we have a legacy of responsibility. Our thanks are shared with Ms Eade, our school leaders and SRC representatives across the school for coordinating such a moving and emotional service to our school community.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Parent Reps. Yehuwdiy Dillon - 0458 866 937, Amy Begley- 0403 498 397 Vijaya Porwal
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Assessment of our Weetangera Preschool under the National Quality Standards (NQS)

You may be aware that all childcare centres, after school care centres that have four-year-old programs and all preschools undergo assessment for national accreditation. We have been working towards the assessment and accreditation process of our preschool for some time. We recently received information that our dates for the assessment are next week on Monday 6 May and Wednesday 8 May. There are seven Quality Standards which our preschool team constantly engage with to ensure we are providing a high-quality educational service: Educational program and practice; Children's health and safety; Physical environment; Staffing; Relationships with children and partnerships with families and communities. Our preschool team have worked with the NQS resources to ensure our program and environment meets the many detailed standards. I thank every staff member involved in this process for their dedication and professionalism. We have an outstanding program in our preschool that each and every preschool parent I am sure will attest to.

Preschool 2020

Do you have a little one who turns 4 years on or before 30 April 2020? If so, they are eligible to attend an ACT Government Preschool in 2020. Enrolment applications for Term 1 of 2020 opened on Monday 29 April 2019 and must be submitted online at www.education.act.gov.au. Some things have changed. Even if you are a family already enrolled in the ACT public school system, you should read the website before completing your online enrolment form.

Yours faithfully,

James M Barnett

Principal

MOTHER'S DAY

The Mother's Day stall is coming....

On Friday 10 May students will be able to purchase gorgeous gifts for their mum, nana, grandma, or other special lady in their life. Gifts will be mainly useful/sustainable items.



CANTEEN NEWS

DISCO Thursday 9 May

Theme for this disco is dress to impress

Juniors 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Seniors 7:45pm - 9pm

Tickets \$7 available via flexischools and delivered to the classroom on disco day.

Tickets also available at the door on the night.

Snacks and glow products will also be available to purchase.

If you are staying to watch the kids dance why not offer to help out in the canteen or on the glow product table, it's lots of fun!

If you'd like to volunteer please contact Sarah Slade at sarahkslade@gmail.com or pop into the canteen and chat to Belinda or Kerrie for more information.

A NOTE FROM THE FRENCH TEACHER

It's a great pleasure to announce that the mobile bookshop "French Books on Wheels" will come to Weetangera School on Monday 13 May from 1.30pm onwards, the French owners Anne and Jacques will offer you a wide range of French children's books and advise you on what is suitable for your child.

Follow Anne and Jacques on their trips through Australia online and pencil May 13 in your calendar: <https://www.frenchbooksonwheels.org/>



EARN & LEARN

Starts Wednesday 1 May and finishes Tuesday 25 June.

Stick together and collect more



With every \$10 spent at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These can be placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into the collection box at Weetangera School or your local Woolworths.

READING AT THE TANG 8:30am to 8:55am

The library is open every morning for students with accompanying parents/carers to sit quietly and share a book.

ALL WELCOME