



Weetangera School

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



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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Weetangera Reading Challenge (Weeks 2-6)

The Weetangera School Reading Challenge has entered its third week. The idea of the reading challenge is for all students to develop a passion for reading, regardless of their reading level. Children in preschool and Kindergarten have been asked to count pages from books that were read to them as well as books they read themselves.

We challenged our students to collectively read 110 000 pages or more from books they read at home or at school. If we reach our reading target Mr Barnett has promised to give a whole school reward! We have currently read **38,877** pages, and with less than three weeks left of the challenge we will need to work hard to reach our target.

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting one of the Year 1 classrooms during one of their reading sessions and I noticed children were independently tallying their pages, and then applying some of their mathematics strategies to calculate the weekly total. It was wonderful to see the children using a variety of addition strategies to calculate their totals. It was interesting to watch some of the children using tally marks, some counting in groups of ten, some using partitioning strategies and others the column method. When I asked why they were choosing particular strategies, children had a variety of responses and they were eager to explain their reasoning for their choices. It is always pleasing to see our students making connections in their learning. Who would have thought that the reading challenge would have a profound impact on our maths skills?

Year 2 Swimming (Week 4)

This week our Year 2 students are participating in the Aquasafe water safety program at CISAC. Aquasafe is a unique water safety and awareness program designed specifically for Year 2 students in the ACT. The concept of the program was developed as a joint initiative between Royal Life Saving ACT and the ACT Government Education and Training Directorate.

We asked some of our students what the highlights have been so far:

Arianna - *'My favourite part of the AquaSafe program was wearing a life jacket and floating on my back.'*

Jack - *'I loved being in the boat, getting pulled around and falling into the water'*

Bonnie - *'The boat was great because when you get to go into the water is fun'*

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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Term 4 Week 4

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

November

9 Year 6 Day Camp
Birrigai

December

14 Year 6 Dinner
16 Year 6 Fun Day
17 Year 6 Graduation

REMINDER LATE STUDENTS

All students who are late in the mornings (after the 9am bell) are to be signed in at the front office by a parent/carer. Thank you

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weetangeraps.act.edu.au

Taylah -I really enjoyed swimming underwater, because it's fun holding your breath'

Canteen Day - (Friday 6 November 2020)

The daily efforts of our canteen staff and the many volunteers who support our students and our school have been tremendous this year.

We should remember to say please and thank you every day, but on Canteen Day, Friday 6 November, we will say a very special thank you to this wonderful team. Our canteen provides a great service to fuel our students study and play.

We don't take their hard work for granted, so thank you and Happy Canteen Day!

Kate Harvey-Sutton

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

Last week certificates were awarded for:

Critical Thinking: Caelan C, Finn C, Hailey R, Ambrose A-M, Ruby H, Tom W, Druvis M, Scarlett F, Luca P Willow B-M (WOM),

Communication: Dominique W, Vin B

Creativity: Saachi L (WOM), Ella B, Phoebe T-S, Phoenix K, Patrick E (WOM), Lyanna E

Collaboration: Campbell S, Kaitlin B, Seb O, Hala E

P&C UPDATE

The P&C have been busy this term and would love to share what we've been up to:

- we received orders for 167 trays of mangoes and have placed the order with the supplier. The mangoes will be trucking their way to the school in the first week of December. Watch this space for further info

- in celebration of World Teachers' Day last Friday and the wonderful job that staff at our school do, we shouted staff a beverage from the ShotClock Espresso coffee van and delivered chocolate biscuit treats to their desks (thanks to Kate Harvey-Sutton for being our delivery fairy)

- we are running a competition for students to come up with a design for painting the shipping container outside the preschool. Entries close 20th November!

- at our meeting on Tuesday last week we discussed options for a fete next year - we may do a virtual fete like some other schools are doing

- the canteen (which is part of the P&C) is now offering birthday buckets of juice icypoles which can be purchased for a whole class through flexischools

- last but not least, this Friday is Canteen Day, and we would like to thank the canteen staff for the terrific job they do fuelling students (and staff) for study and play.

If you have any questions or would like to share suggestions, come along to our next meeting on 24 November or contact Angelina Anthony at Weetangera.pc.secretary@gmail.com or me at Weetangera.pc.president@gmail.com

Kate Donaldson (P&C President)



How does your garden grow?

Next week is National Recycling Week

Do you have a drawer or box at your home containing old phones and phone accessories that you don't know what to do with? As part of National Recycling Week 2020 Actsmart want to roundup and recycle our mobile phones.

Bring your old mobiles to school and put them in the collection bin at the front office and we will deliver them to Actsmart.

Alternatively you can attend the collection event yourself.

Event location: Canberra Times Fountain, outside the Canberra Centre, City Walk

Event date: 13 November 2020

Event time: 10:00am - 5:00pm



RECYCLE
your mobile phones

actsmart
mobile roundup

Celebrate National Recycling Week
Start collecting mobile phones and accessories and drop them off **NOW**

| Accepted | Not Accepted |
|-------------|---|
| ✓ Mobiles | ✗ Non-mobile electronic components or devices |
| ✓ Headsets | ✗ Non-mobile batteries |
| ✓ Batteries | ✗ Pagers, MP3 players |
| ✓ Chargers | ✗ Personal Digital Assistance (PDA) |
| ✓ Earpieces | |
| ✓ Cases | |

For more information visit [actsmart.act.gov.au](https://www.actsmart.act.gov.au) or call 6205 1635

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What is Actsmart?

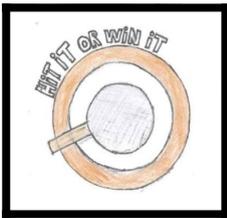
Through Actsmart, the ACT Government is helping households, businesses, schools and community groups contribute to a more sustainable future and to reduce the ACT's carbon footprint.

Full details of available programs can be found on the Actsmart website. <https://www.actsmart.act.gov.au/what-can-i-do>

Nicole and the garden/sustainability team.

Spotlighting Weetangera

This week's Spotlight is bought to you by the Year 6 students. After a very successful Market Day, Year 6 have had some time to reflect on the day and their stalls. Here are their thoughts.



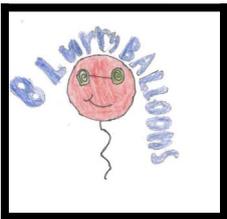
We all thought it was fun and our roles were perfect. We brought in our lollies late and we nearly would have had no prizes if it were not for the whole group. We had 600 mentos and heaps of other prizes for our stall. Our advertising was amazing because of Campbell and we liked switching our roles up a lot. It was harder than last year because of the pandemic. Most of our consumers were from 5/6 and Year 3.



Our stall at market day was very successful and we didn't even spend a dollar. We're still happy and we give our thanks to Woolworths for supplying us with lollies.



We experienced a very successful market day, with over 400 people enjoying the experiences at our stall. It was a great learning opportunity and we took a lot away from it. We had to make a few trade-offs when we realised that it was going to rain and we came to realise that our school has a lot of great throwers. We would like to thank the community for all of the support and we raised a lot of money for our graduation.



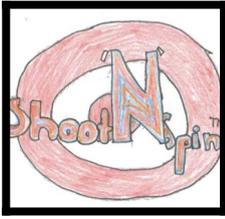
We struggled at the start to have an idea for a store but once we got an idea we didn't look back. Most of our customers were in Kindergarten I think because the goggles were interesting and made questions. We didn't get many Year 5s because we ran out of chocolates.



Market day was amazing! We were very successful because our stall seemed to have a unique aspect about it. We had to make multiple trade offs but we made it work.



We thought our stall was extremely bright and colourful, which attracted a broad amount of customers and teachers. Great reviews brought us to a total of four hundred and seventy-seven consumers, and a lot of happy faces. We had our most populated age groups within kindergarten and Year 1.



Market day was a huge success! Even though we had to move because of the rain which was one of our trade-offs. We had over 180 customers that were really happy with our stall. Most of our customers were under Year 4, we think that most of our customers were some of the younger kids because they like the idea of nerf guns and the older years aren't really interested in buying nerf guns because they might think that they are a bit childish or annoying.



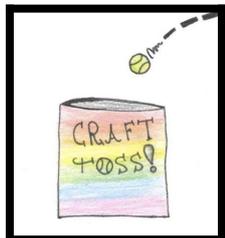
Our stall at Market Day was extremely successful. Our first session we sold out of prizes within the first ten minutes. For the other sessions we sold out very quickly too. Nobody missed out on our stall as we included free merchandise. We were a COVID safe stall and provided hand sanitiser. The Lucky Bag was an enjoyable experience for our consumers and us.



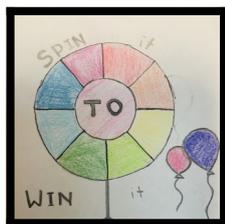
Market day was unbelievably successful. We would like to thank our customers and community for supporting our stall. We had over half the school visit our stall and we hope all of our customers enjoyed their experience. Ducko was a huge part of our stall's success and making consumers feel welcome with cheeky quacks. We had to consider how to make our stall COVID safe and after weeks of work we had a plan. We hope that market day was as memorable for you as it was for us.



We all enjoyed the day and we organised it well enough to make our market day store successful. Our consumers liked picking their own costumes and props to wear in the photo. We were still busy after market day printing and marking the photos that were handed out recently.



On market day, our stall was amazingly successful. We had a wide range of customers and all had a great time. Our total number of consumers were 234, our two biggest year groups were Year 4 and two Year 3 classes with Year 5 from unit 6 .



On market day, despite our setbacks at the beginning, we thought we were a successful store. At the start of market day, we were a bit disorganised and then it started to rain and we had to move inside. Though once we started we found a good method to stay on track. In total we had 131 consumers, and it feels pretty good even though other groups got way more than us.

THANK YOU to the whole Weetangera School community for your support with our Market Day! Without you this day would not have been as fun and successful as it was. We really enjoyed being able to put our learning from our Business and Economics Inquiry Unit into a real life situation.

Year 6 students and teachers 2020



WEETANGERA SCHOOL

Attention Artists of Weetangera Primary,
have we got the competition for you!

The P&C would like to paint a mural on the shipping container
in the playground and we need you to design the image

Enter by
yourself or
with some
friends

Entries close
on Friday
20 November

What
do you
love about
Australia?

- **Open to all Weetangera students**
- **Theme is Australiana.** What do you love about Australia?
- **Artwork to be on A4 or A3** with your full name and class.
- **Prize:** your image on the shipping container, the original artwork framed with a photo of you in front of the finished mural and a special prize to be announced later.

The winner will be chosen by each class,
the SRC, teachers and the P&C.

GOOD LUCK!

ACT Instrumental Music Program

Primary Concert Choir - 2021

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in ACT public schools in 2021 to audition for IMP Primary Concert Choir.

Auditions will be held at the ACT Instrumental Music Program Rehearsal Room (adjacent to UC High School Kaleen), Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.

Choir auditions will be in Term 4, Week 8 (30 November-4 December), with audition times to be allocated in mid-Term 4.

All audition requirements will be available on the IMP website by mid-Term 4.

The IMP Primary Concert Choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The group is an active performance ensemble, and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information cards and posters are available at your child's school.

Complete your online application at:

<https://forms.gle/qS26k7zkpRBxFKEZ9>

or scan the QR code for a direct link.



Applications are now open and close Friday 13 November.

Announcing Canteen Day 2020 - Friday 6 November

Kate McMahon, Executive Branch Manager, Learning and Wellbeing Policy and Design

This year schools across the ACT will celebrate the very first Canteen Day on Friday 6 November, in alignment with other states.

Canteens contribute to a healthy food environment for our children, with 99% of our public school canteens now following the ACT Public School Food and Drink Policy. To recognise and celebrate your canteen staff and volunteers this Canteen Day, use the newsletter templates and social media tiles at [Canteen Day resources](#)