



# Weetangera School

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## Newsletter No. 13

16 May 2019

Term 2 Week 3

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### May

- 17 Walk to school
- 27 Public Holiday - Reconciliation Week
- 28 Athletics Carnival
- 28-3 June - Book Fair
- 30 Belconnen Zone X-Country

#### June

- 3 Board Meeting
- 5 Lap-A-Thon

Dear Parents and Carers,

### The Power of Reading Aloud

In this newsletter I would like to discuss the importance of story to children's language and literacy development. Children need to listen to and have the chance to talk about and explore story.

Oral story telling (hearing stories told aloud rather than with a book) is valuable in developing children's language and literacy development. There is strong research-based evidence from an Australian study in schools that found for most children, stronger comprehension was gained through listening to a story rather than reading it. Some of this is suggested because when children hear a story and talk about it, they have to identify crucial points in the story and create their own images of characters and events. At Weetangera School, our teachers privilege reading aloud every day in every class from preschool to Year 6. Students also hear stories as a part of lessons across different learning areas like French and music where links to cultural aspects of learning are rich and enhance learning.

Research in this area also states the value of hearing traditional stories and tales from your own cultural heritage and from around the world. We love the fact that many of our families tell us that they spend time telling or reading to their children stories from their cultural heritage. To support this, recently our preschool team applied for a grant to make 'story bags' that consist of a bilingual story (written in English and a variety of other languages), as well as resources to assist children in retelling the story. We are also in the process of sourcing a variety of dual language books for our school library that families can enjoy.

This term we are going to celebrate the power of read aloud by participating in a whole school read aloud. Many staff have volunteered to read aloud and perform a story at one of our school assemblies later this term.

For more information about the benefits of reading aloud to children young and old, please read the article attached to this newsletter.

Happy reading,

Julia Ison

Executive teacher

### SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling photos are now available at the front office. They are still only \$6 each. Great presents for grandparents.

### ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

17 May 2019

Junior Assembly  
Hosted by Year 1

24 May 2019

Senior Assembly  
Hosted by Year 4



### Attachments

The power of reading aloud article.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

At last week's Whole School Assembly certificates were awarded for.



- Creativity:** Talon M, Imeth K-A, Jocelyn D-J, James S, Zahia T.  
**Collaboration:** Harvey K, Lola F, Anna P.  
**Critical Thinking:** Eli P, Scarlet F, Thomas L.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition



For all our writers at Weetangera – put pen to paper and let your creativity flow.

Poems can be hand written or sent as an email. Entries by Friday 21 June to Miss Nasci in Unit 6 or email [janinne.nascimento@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:janinne.nascimento@ed.act.edu.au)

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 28 May. What better way to top up your fuel tanks after all your bouts of athleticism than with a Special Lunch Order! This year our Special Lunch Order will include a sausage sizzle, juice box and a jumbo chocolate chip cookie. Vegetarian options will be available. Total cost is \$7. Orders can be placed via flexischools or the lunch tubs. We also desperately need volunteers to help on the day. At this stage if we don't get some helpers we won't be able to offer our usual canteen service at the oval. We'll only be able to do the SLO. If you can help out in any way please come and see Kerrie or Belinda in the canteen or let another committee member know. Thank you, the Canteen Committee.

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Tomorrow Friday 17 May Weetangera School will be taking part in Walk Safely to School Day. We will be meeting at 8:20am for an 8:30am departure from Hawker Shops.



Erwin McRae

## BOOK CLUB

Our wonderful book clubbers raised \$386 during Term 1 through the Scholastic Book Club. This money goes straight back to Weetangera School to be spent on books and classroom resources.

If there is a particular book that your child would like to see in the school library, and it is available from the Scholastic store, let me know at [admin@mpsact.com.au](mailto:admin@mpsact.com.au) and we may be able to purchase it.

Issue 3 orders are due in by C.O.B this Thursday 16 May.

Kylie

## CAKE STALL ON ELECTION DAY

Start cooking! We need lots of cakes to sell on Election Day and hence all donations of home made cakes, cupcakes, biscuits etc will be gratefully received. Please drop off at the school this Friday or at the cake stall on Saturday before 10am. If possible, please include a label identifying the type of cake and ingredients.



With thanks from the Canteen Committee

## ELECTION BBQ

This Saturday at Weetangera Primary The countdown to our big fundraiser of the year is on! The weather is looking fabulous, the sausages have been ordered and we only need 10 more volunteers for the day!



To sign up visit [volunteersignup.org/RXRLP](http://volunteersignup.org/RXRLP) Or call Bonnie on 0417 256 234

Thank you!

## BOOK FAIR

Catch the reading wave!

Our annual Book Fair this year starts on Tuesday 28 May and will be here till Monday 3 June.

Unfortunately it is here for 1 week only so get in early if you would like to purchase some amazing books.

The more books we sell the higher the percentage in dollars comes straight back to our library so new books can be bought and much loved books replaced

As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Annie



## 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**

# Spotlighting Weetangera



**During Writers' Notebook Year 4 have used Beryl Webber's Big Fella Rain as a scaffold for their own writing.**

**One sentence has been shared.**

Raindrops hit the ground, rivers form in the empty holes.

Davilyn & Bianca

Bleeding wounds become scabs, scabs become scars.

Kieran & Conal

A moment of silence then ... CRACK.

Suroor

Water lilies stand their ground while duck weed floats on the surface.

Ruby & Elena

An octopus dances in the deep blue sea and tosses and swings his tentacles.

Jarryd

Turtles catch currents, a shadow scares them away.

Grace

The post rattled fast as the ball struck it and went in the goal.

Nicholas

An octopus fires ink, sharks wait for the right moment.

Eli P & Archie

Turtles glide while dolphins play but up high eagles fly.

Saachi

Eels wait for their food to come to them.

Mohamed

A slater scurries across the floor and cobwebs sway in the breeze.

Astrid

A pterodactyl soars through the stormy clouds and lightning crashes down to the ground.

Noah & Namejs

The stranger collects treasures, belonging to the sea.

Nii & Ecrin

Lightening illuminates the sky, creating a scary glow.

James

Stingrays lie flat while jellyfish bounce around.

Alba

Foxes run into their dens, while hares sniff the dry grass.

Zoe & Isabelle

Chickens walk on thin feet, while cows stomp on big feet.

Gerard

Trees creak under the weight of resting birds.

Hannah, Xavier & Nathan

Snow falls through vanilla clouds while water carries ice away.

Nakita

Flames spread across the forest. Burning trees become trunks, trunks become logs.

Emily & Jess

Snowy owls wait for dinner while lemmings seek shelter.

Torkieah

The centre forward shot the ball into the post - CRACK.

Cooper

Far west dolphins play, frogs hop around nothing to worry about.

Noor

The snakes are silently lurking through the jungle and bears are cautiously hunting.

Jarraah & Beau

Deafening bursts of thunder bursts our ears.

Danny

The basement pictures tumble, CRASH.

Eli B

On the ocean floor sand swoops as the great white comes and goes.

Thomas & Morgan

Turtles catch currents to get from place to place.

Elisabeth

The heat suffocates the land, making animals sluggish.

Daniel & Poson

Butterflies glide along the glistening waters while frogs leap from lillipad to lillipad.

Sanuki

In the silent school where young children learn a child drops some soil, out pops a fern.

Dylan

