



Weetangera School

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



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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

In last week's newsletter, Bec Smith spoke about two of the guiding principles of writing that we are focusing on as a school: Purpose and Authenticity.

purpose requires us to ask:

- What do I want my students to know and be able to do as writers?
- Do my students know the importance of what they are learning about writing?

Authenticity requires us to ask:

- Does the writing that I'm asking my students to do happen in the world, outside the classroom?
- Are my students compliant writers or are they emotionally engaged in their writing?

In this week's newsletter, please enjoy examples of student's writing that demonstrate the two guiding principles of writing, purpose and authenticity.

Kindergarten – Magic Hats (authenticity)

On Monday I received a letter from the Kindergarten, Magic Hats class. After reading the story, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, the children went 'hunting' for words and letters around their classroom. They were so proud of their writing that they wrote me a letter explaining the wonderful word work they had completed and shared their writing with me. Congratulations Magic Hats, it is wonderful to see such **engaged** writers!



Year 5/6 – The Red trees (purpose)

Our year 5/6 teachers have been planning collaboratively to consider what students need to know and be able to do as writers. Last week, students from the Red Trees class, were learning how figurative language and rich vocabulary can enrich writing pieces. Please enjoy an excerpt from Tayla's

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

March

- 6 Swimming Carnival
- 10 No Way Bulling Day
- 11 School Photo Day
- 12-13 Year 3 Camp - Warrambui
- 18-20 Year 4 Camp - Birrigai
- Year 5/6 Camp - Borambola

ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

28 February
Junior Assembly
Hosted by Year 1

6 March
No Assembly



Attachments

- Read & Write Parent Workshop
- Preschool Research Study
- Pegasus Open Day
- BCS After School Classes/Enrol Form

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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writing, demonstrating these writing strategies. Well done Tayla!

The morning sun rose up from behind the little waves. Ripples from the water swayed against the wooden structure. Creaking, wailing from the house, always waking her up. Her schedule was bright and sunny, no dark clouds to be seen for miles. At least that's how she explained it.

With our new writer of the month award, we look forward to celebrating more outstanding writing samples as the year progresses.

Kind regards,

Julia Ison

AWARDS CERTIFICATES

At last week's Senior School Assembly certificates were awarded for:

Communication: Dylan W (WOM), Gerard VDB, Zohaib H, Jaala P, Sophie S, David W, Seren B, Pheobe B, Carla B, Efe I, Max M (WOM), Basma D, Bobby VDB

Creativity: Josh K, Ecrin I, Natan P (AOM), Benji M (AOM), Imogen O (AOM), Max McG (AOM), Maddie O (WOM), Kalina C (AOM)

Collaboration: Tayla McG, Hannah M, Gabby E, Evelyn P, Amalie H

Critical Thinking: Hannah B, Eli B, Carolyn C, Jasper N, Archie McD, Natasha G, Isabelle S, Tommy G, Ella G, James F, Violette B, Elliot R



P&C SHOUT OUTS



- thanks to Terri-Anne Simmonds, Tony Lenton, Tania Martin and Nikki Vincent (outgoing P&C/canteen subcommittee position holders) for their terrific efforts.
- thanks to the Hogan family and Peter Kalyvas for watering trees at the school over the holidays. The P&C and trees are most grateful!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 6 March

The **LAST** day for payment and notes for the swimming carnival is **Tuesday 3 March. Please ensure all notes are in before then.**

CANTEEN HAPPENINGS

The Canteen needs to fill the following positions on our committee

CONVENOR - Chair Meetings, Reports to P&C, supports canteen staff...

TREASURER - Pays invoices, pays wages, prepares financial report for P&C...

FAMILY SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling photos will be taken on Photo Day Tuesday 11 March. **You do NOT need to order these**, they will be available from the front office when photos come back from the printers at a cost of *only* \$10.

PS...

TWILIGHT CULTURAL PICNIC - Expressions of Interest



Proposed date: Thursday 2 April 2020 Week 9 - from 5:30pm - 8pm

At Weetangera School we understand how important food and music is in celebrating identity and culture. We would like to hold an event at school where families join us for a twilight picnic - bringing food to eat and also a cultural dish/food to share with other families.

At the moment we would just like to know if families are interested in attending this type of event and are asking for expressions of interest to see whether an event like this could go ahead. If you are interested please send 'YES' via email to either isabel.dunn@ed.act.edu.au or Natarsha.boogaard@ed.act.edu.au



BELSOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB
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Girls Needed to Play Under 10s in 2020

Weetangera School is one of the schools in Belsouth Football Club's catchment area and many of the students play for the club.

Belsouth are seeking more girls to play this season. In the under 10s we have a few places still available and we are very keen to sign up more players. If your daughter is interested, please register online as soon as possible.

Belsouth's motto is 'Fun, Football and Family' and it's a great club to be part of. To find out more about the club and all their junior football programs visit: <https://belsouthfootball.club/>

POSITION WANTED

My name is Samuel Adjei and I am looking for an opportunity in a **Bookkeeping** or **Accounting position** after completing and receiving my Diploma in Accounting at CIT Reid. I have experience in using MYOB and have excellent skills and knowledge in Excel and Financial Analysis.

Both full and part time opportunities are welcomed. Please contact me on 0415 225 642 or Samuel.adjei65@gmail.com



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.

Spotlighting Weetangera

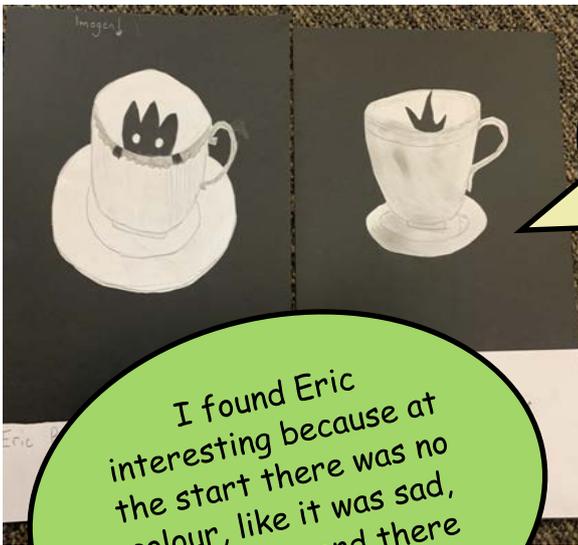


brought to you by 'The Erics' and 'The Lost Things'



aka Year 5/6 (Unit 7)

We have been exploring the Australian author and illustrator Shaun Tan. We have connected with a number of his books and enjoyed connecting to his underlying meanings and emotions within the story.



The Lost Thing is about anything that does not fit in, but it finds a place that is perfect.

The Lost Thing is a deep story with hidden meanings and engaging

I found Eric interesting because at the start there was no colour, like it was sad, then at the end there was a pop of colour,

The Lost Thing is a detailed illustrated book that sends the message of living in the moment and noticing

Eric was a curious little creature that is fascinated by the world.



For me Eric is about curiosity.

We created our own illustrations and models of Shaun Tan's characters Eric and The Lost Things.

Our beginning of the year activities have helped us to create a learning environment where we feel happy and safe to learn.

We are helping each other to kick goals!



Growth Mindset

Developing a positive growth mindset makes us resilient learners who are able to take risks to further our learning

