



Weetangera School

Successful Learning Through Caring and Sharing



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Weetangera School is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs and all nuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent involvement that makes a difference in a child's learning

There are four key things that parents can do to support their child's learning to support our consistent message of improving the learning at Weetangera School:

Having High Expectations

The research shows undeniably, that high parental expectations have the greatest impact on student achievement. The positive attitude parents have toward their child's education, teacher and school is significantly related to increased academic performance. Further, parent involvement is significantly related to academic performance above and beyond the impact of a child's intelligence. High expectations at home support children's achievement.

Talking about school at home

Studies have shown that parents talking to their children about school and school activities at home, have a great impact on children's learning. Our Seesaw App is a wonderful forum which continues to frame conversations with families at home.

Positive attitude and good work habits

As students get older, the impact parents can have on their child's academic achievement decline. Parents can't teach their children everything they need to know, but the habits they encourage at an early age, have long-lasting benefits, through to high school. Parents can assist by helping their child develop a sense of personal competence, encouraging persistence, showing them how to plan and manage their time, handle distractions, and ask for help when they need it.

Reading with Children

Parents make a major difference by reading and talking about books and stories with their children, in any language. Parents can help build a crucial foundation for successful literacy through conversation and reading together, which develops the motivation to read, a greater level of comprehension, and strong oral language skills.

On Tuesday evening this week Ms Ebony O'Connell, Ms Nicole Terry and Mrs Julia Ison conducted an engaging and highly informative reading workshop concentrating on how families can support the enjoyment and strategies to develop capable and engaged young people in discovering the magic of books.

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Term 1 Week 9

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

April

- 9 Bubbles Day - Autism Awareness
- 10 Non- Uniform Day: Fundraiser Cancer Council
- 12 Last day of Term 1
- 29 First day of Term 2

ASSEMBLIES - 9:15am

5 April 2019

Senior Assembly
Hosted by Year 3

12 April 2019

SRC ANZAC Assembly



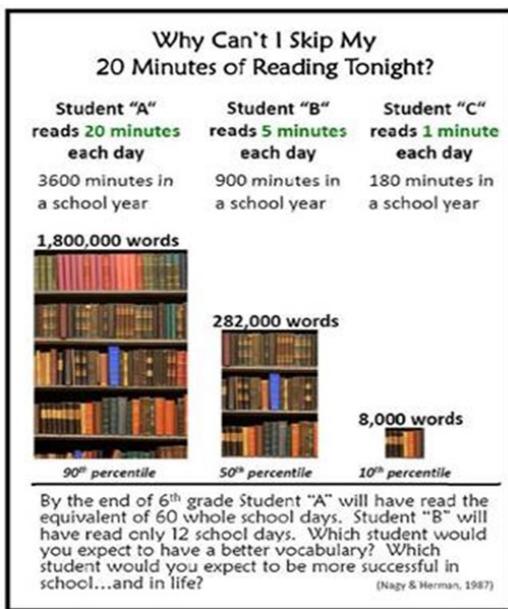
Attachments

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning project workshops

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I thank you for supporting Weetangera School to create a supportive and welcoming culture that invites everyone to support student learning and school improvement.

Yours faithfully

James M Barnett
Principal

SRC FUNDRAISER

When: Wednesday 10 April (Week 10)

What: Non- Uniform Day

Cost: Gold coin donation

For Who: All money will be donated to the Cancer Council

EARN AND LEARN STARTS WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

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.

Earn great equipment from MTA

Once again, we're proud to be partnering with Modern Teaching Aids, Australia's largest supplier of educational equipment. This means you can choose equipment for Weetangera School's own learning needs across Arts & Craft, Digital Technologies, Maths, English, Science, Outdoor and Indoor Play and more.

SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK AT WEETANGERA SCHOOL

School banking is back. School Banking Day is **FRIDAY**.

School banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good savings habits. For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a school banking reward.

If your child has previously participated in School Banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on school banking day.

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on school banking day and we will issue them with a replacement book.

Our school banking program is made possible because of parent volunteers. Thank you to those volunteers for donating their time to run school banking for our students.

If you would like to know more about school banking, please ask for a 2019 school banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Bubbles Day

We will be celebrating World Autism Day on Tuesday 9 April. This gives all the Weetangera students, staff and community the opportunity to learn about and celebrate difference, as well as raising awareness and understanding the features of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

There are many amazing books that have been written about Autism & Asperger Syndrome. These books are captivating, charming, funny and uplifting. There are such books displayed in the library, please take a moment to read at least a page or two and you too might be moved, touched and maybe filled with a little more insight.

Wear blue on Tuesday 9 April to celebrate World Autism Day
World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on autism as a growing global health priority.

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Preschool



During Term 1 at preschool we have a strong focus on settling into the preschool environment and getting to know each other. During Week 4 we held our getting to know you picnic where families of preschool children came to preschool for a picnic dinner. It was a great evening and the children and families had a wonderful time getting to know each other.





On Wednesday the Investigators and Explorers ran in their very first cross country race. We did lots of practice the day before to make sure the children knew where to run. They did a great job and were so proud of their efforts.

