



Weetangera School

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



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

In 2020, our priority at Weetangera School is to continue our whole school approach to teaching of writing by *Improving the rate of growth in writing for all students*. As a professional community we want students to articulate that we write for a range of purposes, and when the purpose changes, so does the text form. To know that effective writers draw on a range of skills while writing: generating ideas for writing, organising ideas so that they are sequenced and coherent, selecting words carefully, writing sentences that make sense, are grammatically correct and flow, apply spelling knowledge, apply punctuation knowledge, proofreading checking spelling, punctuation and the writing makes sense and recrafting making changes to the text to improve the content and message.

In classrooms, teachers will provide opportunities for new learning and mastery of these skills as well as a focus on two guiding principles of writing: 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?

Teachers develop student understanding about the influence and importance of writing whilst developing an identity as successful writers.

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?

Through authenticity we make connections between writing and reading and notice what author's do then apply these strategies to our own writing.

We look forward to sharing examples of student writing with the Weetangera community as we introduce an exciting new award: Writer of the Month, which will be presented at senior and junior assemblies alongside the Artist of the Month. When a child received the Writer of the Month award, their work will be displayed and a book will be dedicated to them in our school library.

Regards

Bec Smith

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20 February 2020

Term 1 Week 3

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

21 February
Senior Assembly
Hosted by Year 3

28 February
Junior Assembly
Hosted by Year 1



Attachments

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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AWARDS CERTIFICATES

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

Communication:

Creativity: Yr 6 Cohort

Collaboration:

Critical Thinking: Alicia M, Henry F, Kindergarten



NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between Tuesday 12 and Friday 22 May 2020.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations are extended to Felicity G in Year 6 who represented the ACT at the School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships in Darwin towards the end of 2019.

Felicity competed in the 100m, 200m and Long Jump in the multi-class events with the following results:

100m: 6th place (20.77s or 78.77%)

200m: 6th place (45.70s or 74.79%)

Long jump: 3rd place (2.01m or 65.68%)

Her 100 and 200 time were within half a second above and below her PBs so that was an excellent achievement too, given the heat and humidity. The percentages are those calculated adjustments made from the persons level of disability. Therefore it is someone's percentage that gives them their placing rather than their absolute time or distance.

Great work Felicity on representing the ACT at the Australian Championships and doing so well! To compete at such a high level and finish with three top ten placings is an amazing effort. You should be very proud of your efforts and we wish you well in your future endeavours in sport.

Ian Lanham and Erwin McRae

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

For the rest of the year, the second-hand clothing stall will be running on Fridays from 2:30pm to 3pm. The stall is in the old hall in the space next to the stage.

Everything is \$2 or less!

Donations of good quality school clothes are welcome at anytime.

If you have any questions please contact Sam on ms_samantha_jane@hotmail.com

Cheers! Sam

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.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

When dropping or picking up children from school, remember to park safely and legally. Parking across pedestrian crossings, corners, verges and double parking can block children from seeing the road and this can be fatal. Inspectors will be patrolling school zones to enforce safe driving and parking behaviours.

SAFETY REMINDER

For the safety of your children and those of other parents, **PLEASE** make sure they use the school crossings when entering or leaving the school grounds especially on Shumack Street. A large number of students were, dicing with danger, crossing from between parked cars this week. Oncoming traffic is not expecting this and a serious accident can occur.

RIDING BIKES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please remind your child to get off their bike and walk it to the bike compound once they reach school grounds, **especially along the front of the school**. We have had a few staff almost hit by bike riders in the last few weeks. Thank you.

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

brought to you by year 4

Highlights of Year 4

So far in Year 4 I have enjoyed watching BTN, making new friends, meeting Ms You and being a classroom helper. Gabby

I have enjoyed learning about odd and even numbers, I didn't really understand last year but now I do. I liked doing maths in art because you got to do your own shapes and colours. Maisie

I liked doing table tennis with Mr Lanham because I have done it before. I enjoyed making origami as I love origami. I liked getting stationery because then we don't have to bring in our own. Julius

I enjoyed origami with Ms You because I got to do something new and step out of my comfort zone. I was able to develop a new skill and improve my fine motor skills. Annabel

I enjoyed playing with my friends. I enjoyed the maths in art and odd and even numbers. Tari

My highlight of Year 4 so far is being in The Simpsons class (4D). I like this because I have a very nice teacher and she has lots of good activities. James S

One of the highlights of Year 4 was getting in SRC. When they were announcing the people my heart was beating so quickly. I was absolutely relieved when my name was announced. Max M

My highlight of the year so far: French! I have really enjoyed French this year. I hope I can try my best to learn more of this beautiful language by the end of the year. Seren

I have been walking to school and it is fun, I walk back sometimes and it has made me fit. Jack

I enjoyed doing Origami and playing with my friends. I loved making lots of new partners in a group and my friends are helpful, kind and cheerful. Dede

I have enjoyed making lots of new friends. A lot of people have been really nice to me, I really like Weetangera School. I loved learning new things on BTN such as how the Coronavirus started. Evelyn

I liked the table tennis. I really liked hitting the ball in the air. Doing a rally was hard. Harvey

This school year is a blast. My highlight has been playing ping-pong with Mr Lanham. This has improved my forehand and backhand hits, I played with Rafa and Felix and all of us loved it. The school year so far has been awesome, I hope this keeps on going because I don't want it to stop. Oliver

I ran for SRC this year. It was very tough because there were a lot of good people with great speeches and it was a really good experience. We voted two times because we voted for one half of the year and the other half and I won! I will be in SRC in the second half of the year. Lily

My favourite part of the year so far has been Science. Going outside and focusing on push and pull, force and movement and doing an annotated drawing has been fun. We had to make sure we included a learning intention. Sophie

Weetangera's Learning Dispositions

Inquirer Open-minded Caring Thinker Risk Taker
 Knowledgeable Communicator Balanced Principled Reflective

This year, we set goals to reflect our new learning dispositions. We found out that a disposition is a quality of mind and character. We also learnt about what happens in our brains when we learn something new!

