



# Weetangera School

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



**ACT**  
Government  
Education

Weetangera School is an  
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Celebrating Intercultural Understanding

Weetangera School has had a focus on building two of the Australian Curriculum General Capabilities and Cross Curriculum Priorities - Intercultural Understanding and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. Across the year we have celebrated cultural diversity in a range of ways in our classrooms as a part of inquiry units, rich texts, games, music and dance. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students also meet once a week and make up our 'Yirri group' where they participate in a range of activities that promote intercultural understanding and establish partnerships with the wider community.

The Australian Curriculum recognises the significance of intercultural understanding to enable students to live with others in a diverse and interconnected world and in equipping them to become responsible local and global citizens. The curriculum supports students to "develop intercultural understanding as they learn to value their own cultures, languages and beliefs, and those of others. They come to understand how personal, group and national identities are shaped, and the variable and changing nature of culture. Intercultural understanding involves students learning about and engaging with diverse cultures in ways that recognise commonalities and differences, create connections with others and cultivate mutual respect." If you would like to learn more about how intercultural understanding is embedded into our curriculum, please refer to the Australian Curriculum website below.

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/general-capabilities/intercultural-understanding/>

Many different cultures are represented at Weetangera School. As a school we value parental engagement and would welcome any family members who would like to visit our school to celebrate and share their culture with our school community. If this is something that your family would be interested in doing, please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Julia Ison

## Newsletter No. 24

13 August 2020

Week 4

### COMMUNITY DIARY

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

#### September

- 1 P&C meeting  
7pm- 9pm
- 1-2 Weetangera  
Writers Festival
- 4 Jersey Day
- 17 Kinder Information  
Session 6-7pm
- 22 Yrs 3-6 Athletics  
Carnival  
11:30am- 3pm
- 25 Y6 Market Day

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ASSEMBLIES 9:15 am

**ALL ASSEMBLIES  
POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER**

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**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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**Please read our web site:**  
[weetangeraps.act.edu.au](http://weetangeraps.act.edu.au)

## AWARDS CERTIFICATES

Last week certificates were awarded for:

**Critical Thinking:** Nii A-B, Maleah O, Astrid E, Ryan J, Lincoln C, Louis A, Evie L, Ayan S, Angus S, Charlie B, Rhys G

**Communication:** Raiyana B, Chloe E, Daniel W, Amy S, Willow F (WOM), Layla W, Evan M, Annabel K, Jake L

**Creativity:** Hannah M (AOM), Danny M, James A, Jarrah W, Izumi S (AOM), Harry W, Xavier F, Aarmi A

**Collaboration:** Noah S, Torkieah M, Darcy A, Perrin F, Simba J, Poppy M, Katarina M



## P&C MEETING

Tuesday 1 September

at 7pm, in the school staff room. All are welcome.

## NEW TO CANTEEN MENU

Pumpkin Soup

\$3.50

Hot Chocolate

\$2.50

*Everyday*

Order via  
Flexischools



## FAMILY SIBLING PHOTOS

are available from the front office  
at a cost of *only* \$6.

## DOGS

Under ACT Government policies,  
dogs are not permitted on school  
grounds.



Confused about NDIS? Need help finding services?

Marymead offers NDIS Support Coordination to support your family to navigate NDIS plans. This includes supporting you to best utilise the funds allocated.

For more information please call Michelle 6162 5800

# Spotlighting Weetangera

*brought to you by*

*Unit 6*

Our writing focus has been persuasive. We have looked at the language features, devices and techniques used by advertisers when designing an ad campaign. One of the examples we investigated was the persuasive texts used by real estate agents to see homes. Students then had a turn at selling a house of their own.

Here is what they said.....



For the discerning buyer, this architecturally designed, and commanding home, is simply stunning with its beautiful structure and sensational views. This exquisite home is part of a beautiful community. The open-air balcony provides a wonderful atmosphere for visitors and guests alike whilst the newly renovated kitchen is humble and modest. Hannah Mo

This generously sized house has a spectacular view looking straight out to the ocean. You can go on just a one minute walk that leads right to the beach. The moment you arrive you will be overwhelmed by the amount of space this one house can hold. Sam S



This peaceful wonderfully placed Wooden Cottage is located in the Daintree and nice little yellow white house to fit a family with three bedrooms and the bathroom this Resort is placed in the Beautiful Spot just near the entry just imagine how it feels to wake up to the peaceful rain and the bird singing by afternoon. Marley P

Luna lodge is a beautiful 2 storey log cabin with a grand entrance located in the northern rainforests just off Queensland. With it having 3 perfect size bedrooms and a master suite with a newly renovated ensuite this house is perfect for couples who want to relax.

Scarlett K



This small house may not look like much from the outside but wait until you see the amazing interior.

When you walk inside you will notice that there is only a couch and a small fridge, but as you walk further inside you will see that there is a small trap door that leads down to a spectacular open floor plan. This luxurious floor plan is the most amazing thing you will ever see. This amazing interior has a master bedroom with a luxurious ensuite, three spare bedrooms that will suit your family's needs.

Ryan J

Are you that somewhat person who hears a deep, ad voice and is looking for a luxurious, spacey home? Well you're in luck! For we have a sweet ginormous house! N enterprise homes have one just for YOU!!!

Well, to be honest (which ads rarely do) the entrance looks like a bit broken down shack in the middle of a lake. But go down the obvious trapdoor and find a 3-storey underwater dreamfield wonderland!

Noah S

On this beautiful island off the Irish coast resides the most influential piece of 21st century architecture. Drive into the underground garage and enter into an aquarium lovers dream or enter through the breathtaking concrete bridge to the massive dining room completed with amazing frosted windows.

You may be wondering about the location, don't worry about it! It's gold! The house is 5kms away from the biggest shopping centre in the whole of Ireland but down worry about people parking near your house. The house has nearly 100 square kms of land making it so you don't have to worry about that excessive noise. This area is also great for raising kids with the nearby super school catering to all students, including daycare but what if you have older kids? So what! The nearby universities including the prestigious Irish National University and the University of Oilean!

Archie H



Old but Gold

As old as this house may seem it has oodles of first class features to spice up your spacious luxury home.

With 8 undeniably large bedrooms this home is perfect for a family of many. With an extensive amount of grass surrounded by an exquisite amount of greenery, it is a perfect place to have a calming afternoon with friends and family. Lalo M



# Ps... How does your garden grow?

## Garden Visit

The Year 3 students are exploring procedural text. I was asked to pose four questions to be solved in a 'How to' style of writing.

I've been asked if families can bring food to put in our worm farm. Unfortunately it is only big enough for our school waste. So the first question I asked was "How do I build a worm farm for home?" I also asked, how can I make a compost at home, how can I grow pumpkins from seed and finally, how can I recycle my lunch order bags at school.

The students need to research and interview experts. Who better to ask about our worm farm questions than our expert Cid? Cid came to talk to the students on Monday. The kids really enjoyed the visit but I think Mrs V was the most impressed! I hope to share some of the procedural writing here in future weeks.



## Garden helpers

We have so many enthusiastic weeders popping into the garden that we were running short on tools. I did a quick trip to Bunnings to get more tools and some collection buckets. Here are a few of my expert weeders. They are great at their job and very happy to show newcomers how it is done.

## Home recycling tips

Did you know that **aerosol cans** can be recycled in your yellow home recycle bin? Remove the hard-plastic cap and nozzle. Place the empty can in your yellow recycling bin. Aerosol cans are made from steel or aluminium which can be recycled to make new products.

<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/recyclopaedia-a-z-listing>

Nicole and the garden/sustainability team.



Book Club – It's been 6 fun years but it is time for me to hand over the role of book club organiser/s to someone new.

Ideally suited to 2 people, the book club organiser/s efforts contribute significantly to the fundraising rewards for Weetangera Primary.

If you would like to take on this role, please contact me at [admin@mpsact.com.au](mailto:admin@mpsact.com.au) and I will be happy to show you the ropes.

Kylie



**Dear Parent,**

**Our school is looking for a new Book Club Organiser.**

Scholastic Book Club not only enables us to boost our home and school libraries, but also to improve children's reading skills and encourage at-home reading.

**You can help ensure Book Club continues at our school**

We are looking for a new Book Club Organiser to manage Book Club. You can keep the reading momentum rolling at our school by helping provide children with more access to self-selected independent reading material all year long.

Plus, when you run Book Club, everyone benefits—every Book Club order earns **20% in Scholastic Rewards** to help purchase additional learning and literacy resources for our school!

**Book Club helps feed the reader.**

There are eight issues of Book Club each year. You should consider offering them all in your school to keep the reading momentum rolling.

When the catalogues arrive at your school, a Book Club Organiser distributes the catalogues to students and advises them of the date that orders are due.

As a Book Club Organiser, placing your orders is simple online. When the orders are placed by class, the books arrive back at the school pre-sorted, which makes your job of distributing the books easy!

**Interested in making a difference at our school?**

- Provide continuous access to the best books at the best prices for families!
- Help to feed readers with regular access to independent reading material.
- Earn free books for the school!

**If you are interested in becoming the next Book Club Organiser, please contact**

Kylie at [Kylie.hazlewood@mpsact.com](mailto:Kylie.hazlewood@mpsact.com)



## Limited Places Available NOW

Koala Playschool is a play-based educational program that meets the developmental needs and interests of three and four year olds. Sessions are conducted by our Early Childhood Teacher and Assistant with the help of parents and carers.

Koala Playschool is the ideal setting to provide opportunities for your child to gain independence and develop social skills in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment. With the focus on warm reciprocal relationships, children are given the opportunity to play and learn in a rich, vibrant learning community. Our learning spaces are welcoming and well-resourced with a bright airy classroom and a beautiful natural garden.

We are located in Cook.

For more information or to place your child's name on our waiting list please visit

[www.koalaplayschool.com.au](http://www.koalaplayschool.com.au)