

# Acacia in Action

Respect

Collaboration

Integrity

Understanding

Adaptability

24 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome!

We welcome Helena Lattar, who is a new relief SESO at Acacia Hill School. We also welcome Tom Lisok, who is doing the extra COVID spraying and cleaning. Welcome back also to Pam Bidgood, who is visiting Alice Springs and doing some relief work for us.

## COVID-19

A reminder to remain vigilant and keep our high level hygiene practices. This includes wiping down high-touch surfaces like door handles, switches, phones, computer mice. We have recruited Tom to do the spraying of outdoor equipment and extra wipe over of the toilets during recess and lunch, as Kurkur unfortunately wasn't able to continue with us.

**Whole Staff PD Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – students do not attend school this day

As mentioned in the Week 3 newsletter, we will be having a **Whole Staff Professional Development Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. Staff will be working on our Shared Vision and Values and Whole School Curriculum and Assessment plan. **Students do not attend school this day.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Jeffries or myself on 8955 2222.

## School Photo Day—Tuesday 25 August

Reminder that the annual school photos will be taken on Tuesday 25 August by Advanced Life. Orders can be placed at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using the code **MH4 6CV ZNX**. Sibling orders can be done, please order prior to photo day for this service.

## School Survey

The Annual School Survey will be released today for our Community and our Students. We encourage you all to take part. You may have already received your link or you can undertake the Community Survey at [www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/VJqG5AjT](http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/VJqG5AjT)

Cheers,

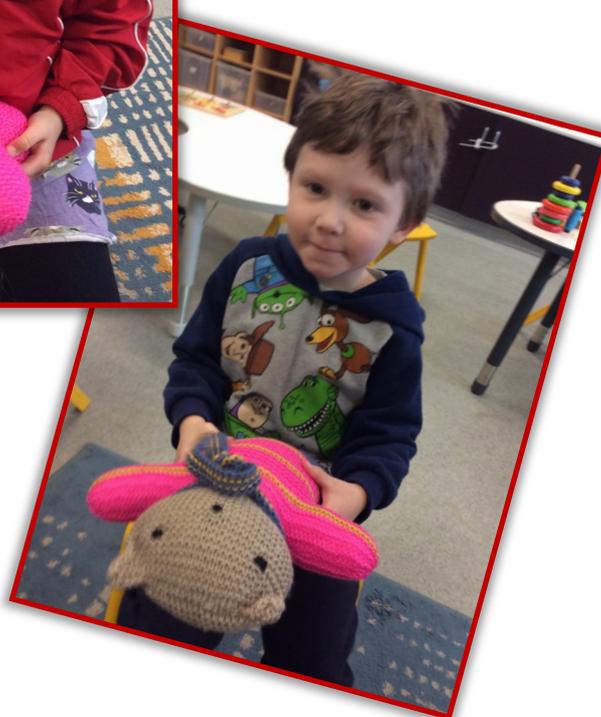
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## Teddy Bears

A dear friend of one of our staff members from Adelaide has sent up some handmade teddy bears that needed special cuddles. 'Nanny Kosh' makes them all from left over wools and as you can see from the photos they are getting the best cuddles in the world.



## Dates Coming up

- ◆ Tuesday 25 August 2020 - School Photo Day!
- ◆ Friday 4 September 2020 - Staff PD Day - students won't be attending this day.
- ◆ 10:30am Friday 11th September - School Council Meeting
- ◆ Friday 18 September - Talk like a Pirate Day!

# Nits the pits,



Speak with the Health Promoting Nurse at your school, Community Health Centre staff, your pharmacist or doctor for more information or contact the Centre for Disease Control for copies of Nits the Pits, Head Lice Action Pack.

Recently there has been a small increase in the instance of head lice in students. Head lice are tiny insects that vary in colour from cream to brown/black. 'Nits' is the common name for the small eggs that are laid by the head lice. They are the size of a grain of salt, yellow-white in colour, and are found glued to the hair near the scalp. They are usually found behind the ears, the back of the neck and fringe. To assist us in the prevention of head lice spreading please ensure you check your child (ren)'s hair.

If head lice or nits are found please treat immediately. Refer to the Department of Health's online resources for all head lice management and prevention strategies.

Your local pharmacy will also be able to offer some treatment options. Nits (live eggs) hatch in 7-10 days. The key to success in getting rid of them is to repeat whatever treatment you use after one week, and don't forget to also check/treat the rest of the family and items such as bed linens.

# Take a peek, ONCE A WEEK



In the case that head lice or nits are detected on inspection, it is required that you begin treatment prior to your child returning to school. If you have any concerns or require further information, please contact the front office of Briarna (Health Promotion School Nurse).

Every week, check hair and scalp of all family members for live lice and nits.

# A fine tooth comb, GETS THEM OUT OF HOME



Apply an occlusion type lice product or conditioner generously to dry hair to cover each hair from root to tip. Comb one section of hair at a time from the roots with a metal nit comb. Wipe the product or conditioner on a paper tissue and look for lice and nits.

If you choose to use an insecticide treatment, do not use conditioner at the same time as the conditioner may protect the lice.

# Smother, cover BYE BYE LICE, ONE AFTER ANOTHER



### Medicated Shampoos and lotions

Use occlusive head lice products to kill lice as well as combing with a nit comb. Follow the directions carefully. Do not use insecticidal chemicals more than once a week or for more than three weeks in a row.

## School Science Week

This week we joined in School Science Week. There were plenty of experiments and learning. Here is photo of one of our students learning about our Solar System.



Our admin offices in our new building are great working spaces. They lack the special touch of some colour and art. Our new Executive Administration Officer put the call out for something colourful to brighten up the admin office. This awesome piece of art was created by one of our students from the shadows cast in the playground. It now hangs in the admin office, brightening our day.



Room 3 have been busy with erupting volcanos, rainbow milk and a seed growing experiment. Here are a few photos of their adventures



## Oral Health Info

G'Day Everyone,

Thank you all for participating in oral health week activities on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. We had some visitors from the Flynn Drive Dental Clinic who provided all main campus students with some fun health-promotion activities, fluoride treatments for some of the students, a coloring competition, and some lovely prizes.

Congratulations to Rhys, Ryzac and Toni who won the individual coloring competitions. And congratulations to Room 4, for taking out the class prize.



A reminder to all that brushing twice a day for 2 minutes can ensure a healthy happy smile and can impact not only your oral health but your whole-body health and wellbeing. For your twice yearly dental checkups, please make an appointment with Flynn Drive Dental Center on **(08) 8951 6713**.

Briarna Smith,

(Health Promotion School Nurse)