

Acacia in Action

Respect Collaboration Integrity Understanding Adaptability 17th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

NT Disability Services and Inclusion Awards People's Choice Award

Congratulations Ellie Spikin, who was nominated for this award! Ellie didn't win the award but she is most certainly an absolutely worthy nominee.

Staff

Emma Finnegan has won the position of Hydrotherapy Assistant for 2021. Emma has a Cert IV Training and Assessment, a Diploma in Education, a Diploma in Disability and a Diploma of Community Services. She has worked for three years in schools as a student support officer and for eight years as a support officer and house manager with disabled individuals in home and respite care.

Remembrance Day

We had the treat of seeing the medals of our Executive Officer, Bec Strickland, and her grandfather, which she brought in to show students on Remembrance Day.

Bec comes from a large army family with both grandfathers, step-grandfather and three uncles who all served with the British Army. She was the only one of her generation and the only woman in the family to join the services. She joined the Regular Army at 24, and after not completing the Officer Training, joined the British Territorial Army as a soldier. She found her niche as a radio operator and over 10 years rose the rank of Sergeant. During this time, she travelled with the Army to America, various European countries, even completing an exchange on HMS Broadsword sailing from Glasgow to Edinburgh. Halfway through her service she was posted to the Former Republic of Yugoslavia as part of the UN Implementation Force stationed in Sarajevo, Split and Mostar. She says it seems like 5 lifetimes ago but a part of her life that has created amazing memories and lifelong friends. She is now on the Committee of the Alice Springs RSL and regularly attends the Dawn Service and Remembrance Day to pay respects and remember those we have lost.



COVID-19 Update

On Monday 16th November, all of South Australia was declared a hot spot. Anyone who has arrived in the NT since 2nd November must contact the COVID-19 Hotline **1800 008 002** and if directed, must undertake a COVID-19 test. Practice physical distancing, stay home if unwell, sleep in a separate bedroom to others, minimize contact with people until 14 days has elapsed since returning to the NT.

Website: <https://www.acaciahill.nt.edu.au/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Acacia-Hill-School-101999724805228/>

NAIDOC Assembly

Thank you Cheryle and Justine for organizing our terrific NAIDOC Assembly. We really enjoyed Justin's didgeridoo playing!



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020



Art Excursions

Over weeks 2, 3 and 4 this term, some of the art classes visited a few Art Galleries to fit in with the art curriculum.

An example of some of the goals are:

- responding to various visual arts, for example study visual components within a picture
- participating as an audience member by moving around quietly and looking at art pieces
- identifying how design elements, such as line, shape, colour or texture, are used in their artworks and in the artworks of others

The visits were fabulous and I was so proud to see our students shine out in the community.



Halloween Assembly

Thank you Kobus for enjoying a really fun assembly for Halloween! There are lots of great photos on our Facebook page!



All Abilities Triathlon

The annual All Abilities Triathlon was held at Acacia Hill School on Sunday 15th November. While numbers were a little lower than usual, everyone who came had a lot of fun. The Triathlon Club is organizing a committee to make this a bigger event next year. It would be great to have more Acacia Hill students participating.



Acacia Hill School Facebook page

Remember to visit our Facebook page and keep up to date with some of the great things that are going on at our school. :)

Kind regards,
Julie

Dates Coming up

- ◆ 10:00am Friday 27th November - School Council Meeting
- ◆ 5:30pm Wednesday 16th December - End of Year Concert
- ◆ Thursday 17th December - Whole Staff PD Day - students do not attend school this day!

Allergy Alert: students at Acacia Hill have nut allergies and other serious eating conditions