

Acacia in Action



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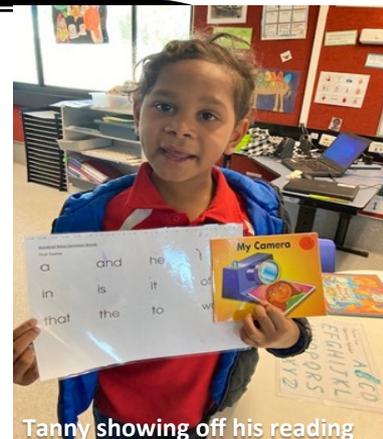
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Newsletter Week 1 Term 4 2021

We didn't expect rain, hail and warm clothes in Alice Springs in October on Day 1, but it was a good way to start Term 4! Staff and students all look happy to be back. Here is Tanny after he read his sightwords and a reader with no trouble at all!

Alice Can Dance

Ten Acacia students participated in the first session at 5:00pm and six in the second session at 7:00pm. As always, it was a great event and very moving for those who came along to watch. Tickets were sold out for the second performance. It was a big, long night for our students. They did really well and were very patient, sitting and waiting out the back for their times on the stage. A lot of staff also went along to help.



Tanny showing off his reading

Year 12 Graduation

The graduation for Ananias, Caleb, Mona, Alicia and Marianne was a beautiful event on the grassed area, with a big screen. A highlight was former assistant principal, Brendan Coleville, Skyping in from Melbourne. Brendan had intended to come to the event but was unable to in the end due to the COVID lockdown. It was a fitting celebration for these five long term students and extremely well organised, thanks to Maree Woolford. Our secondary ,Senior teacher

Assembly

We had a piratey-looking crew and lots of little pirates at school on the last day of Term 4 with Talk like a Pirate Day dress-up assembly. Lots of our students and staff got into the spirit with dressing up and pirate activities.

Assistant Principal 2022

Sadly, Ms Heather will be taking leave next year and moving south. But some good news is that Hannah Charlie will be our Assistant Principal for 2022. Ms Hannah has over seventeen years' experience working in special schools. We all know she is an excellent and inspiring teacher, and has worked with most teachers across the school, mentoring with Structured Teaching.

Returning staff and a farewell

We welcome Di Gallard back. Di is teaching the Centralian Senior College satellite class two days a week. Di's daughter, Anna, is SESO for two days a week in the place of Michelle Lewis, who is on long service leave down south. Michelle has been a wonderful member of the Acacia Team for many years and dworked with students in such a caring and supportive way. We had a morning tea to wish Michelle well on her Long Service Leave

We welcome Robyne Ezard who will take our Preschool on Fridays. Our other Preschool teacher, Uzma, is working 0.8, Monday to Thursday.



Michelle with her son Connor

Flinders University Supervisor Recognition Awards

Congratulations Heather, who was nominated for the Flinders University Supervisor Recognition Awards. Heather supported Sheanna Bridely this year and a number of other Flinders students when they have been on placement at Acacia. There were over 100 nominations, with about 10 awards across the NT. Alice Springs received three awards – a social worker, an OT and a nurse. Well done, Heather! It's great to have an educator among the nominees!

Preparing for 2022 ASIP (Action Plan for School Improvement)

Our vision (endless possibilities), purpose (We foster learning without limits) and values (confident, caring, connected, community) will give focus to our 2022 ASIP. Our strategies will be to continue the whole school curriculum and assessment work and to commence a strong focus on whole school instructional model, especially Structured Teaching. Our Staff PD Day on 16th December will be focused on 'Know Your Students' and planning strategies for individual students to help them learn, in

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School Concert and Staff PD Day

A reminder our School Concert will be on Wednesday 15th December, starting at 5:30pm at the Marian Centre. This is the end of school for the year for students. The following day is a training day for staff only.

Support for Families

Autism Advisory Line: 24/7; Run by families of children with autism; 1300 22 777

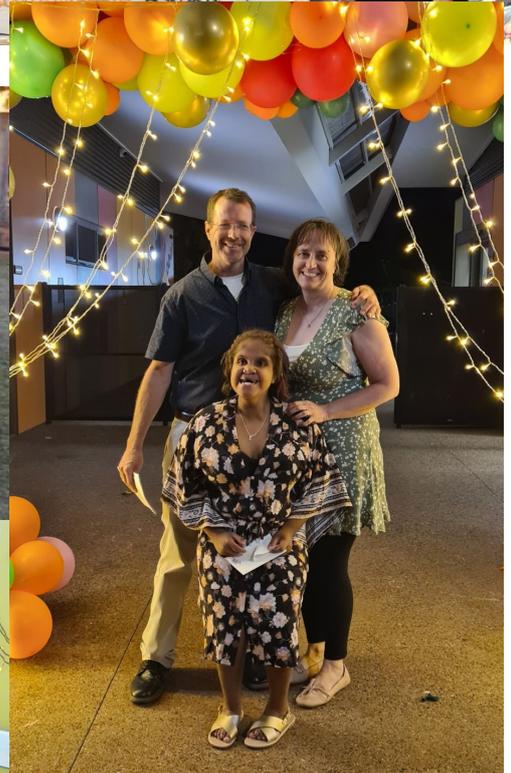
Autism NT: 8948 4424

FACES: 8:00AM-8:00PM Monday to Friday; parenting support, budgeting support; Referral for services; 1800 999 900

Parentline: Access to counsellors Monday to Friday 8:00am-10:00pm; 1300 301 300

Relationships Australia sometimes sees children if they have the capacity to cater for the individual. There is a phone intake process in which they determine if they have the capacity.

Family must pay for the service. The fee varies according to family income and can be quite low if income is very low. Contact number is 8950 4100.



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FIRST PEOPLES DISABILITY NETWORK (AUSTRALIA) DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION Community Information Session

First Peoples Disability Network (Australia) would like to invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability and their carers in Alice Springs to come along to an information session to hear more about the Disability Royal Commission and how you can share your stories with the Commission.

Date: 13th of October 2021

Where: Purple House Shed (East Side location)

15 Lindsay Ave, East Side NT

Time: 10am - 12pm

A light morning tea will be provided on the day

ALL COMMUNITY WELCOME



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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First Peoples
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Dates Coming up

Friday 29th October: World Teachers Day

Sunday 31st October Grandparents Day

11:00am – 2:00pm Wednesday 3rd November COVID vaccinations Dose 2 at Acacia

10:00-11:30am Friday 12th November School Council Meeting

9:30am Friday 3rd December Year 6 graduation

9:30am Friday 10th December Final Assembly / farewell to students moving to mainstream classes

5:30-7:00pm Wednesday 15th December End of Year Concert – Marian Centre

Thursday 16th December 2021 Staff PD Day preparing for Term 1 2022

Thursday 27th January 2022 Support Staff start

Friday 28th January 2022 Teachers start

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