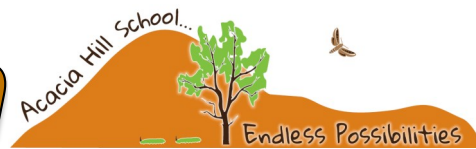


Acacia in Action



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DATE: 21st April 2023

Newsletter Week 1 Term 2 2023

Welcome to Term 2 from Acacia Hill School! It was really moving yesterday to see all students arriving at school with big smiles and happy to be back! I also really appreciate our committed and caring staff team and the good start we have had to the term.

We are entering Term 2 two teacher positions down, in spite of a lot of effort going into recruitment. For the time being, Lisa Sherriff, our Assistant Principal Behaviour and Wellbeing, is teaching Room 9 and Hannah Charlie, our Assistant Principal Curriculum and Pedagogy, is on class most of the time. I am continuing my efforts to recruit two more teachers and our Department is giving all the support it can.

In my search for teachers, I have realized that there are many people with a teaching qualification, but they have moved into careers and occupations other than teaching. Please, whenever you have a chance, give some kind and encouraging words to the people who continue to be teachers – and other staff in schools – so they know that they are valued and appreciated. It is a privilege to work with young people during their school years and let's hope more people take up this opportunity in the future.

As a reminder of the importance of us all working together in partnership, for best outcomes for young people, we are again sending out the Acacia Hill School Code of Conduct with this newsletter.

This term, we welcome Miss Yancy Tan, who joins us as a SESO (Special Education Support Officer). We also welcome Mrs Janine Hayward and Mr Daniel Keane, who will be doing some relief teaching for us from time to time.



New technologies

As we all know, technologies are developing so rapidly that it is hard to keep up! Recently, the NT Government has banned the use of TikTok on government devices, similar to other states and territories in Australia.

Also, Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools such as ChatGPT have been blocked within the NT Schools network, which is consistent with most jurisdictions in Australia. The Department is assessing these tools to ensure they comply with NT Government and Department of Education requirements, and will remain blocked until this assessment is complete.

DATES COMING UP

- Term 2 Tuesday 18/04/2023 – Friday 23/06/2023
- Tuesday 25/04/2023 ANZAC Day public holiday
- Monday 1/05/2023 May Day public holiday
- 10:00am Friday 19/05/2023 School Council meeting
- 9:30am Friday 26/05/2023 naming of hall after Telka Williams
- Monday 12/06/2023 King's Birthday public holiday
- Term 3 Tuesday 18/07/2023 – Friday 22/09/2023 (teachers commence 17/07/2023)
- 11:00am-2:00pm Friday 4/08/2023 Acacia 40th Birthday Open Day
- Term 4 Tuesday 10/10/2023 – Thursday 14/12/2023 (teachers commence 9/10/2023)
- Friday 15/12/2023 Staff PD Day for Teachers

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

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

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

Acacia's 40th Birthday

On Friday 26th May at 9:30am we will have a special assembly to name our hall the Telka Williams Hall. We are expecting former staff and students and other interested people to join us for this event.

On Friday 4th August, we will have an Open Day 40th Birthday Celebration between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

If you know anyone who would like an invitation to these events, can you please pass on the information to the front office on 8955 2222 or Acaciahill.school@education.nt.gov.au.

If your child is unwell

A reminder that if your child is unwell, please keep him or her at home until better. This is especially important as we move into cooler weather. This way, we help everyone, staff and students, to remain healthy.

Looking forward to working together again this term,

Julie Permezel
Principal

Support for Families and contact details

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.



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Go Grains!

Accredited Practicing Dietitians recommend sending breads or cereals to school every day. Grains are full of energy for learning and fibre for a healthy gut. You could try.....

- 1** Whole grains
Whole grain breads, cereals, wraps, rice and pastas have the most vitamins.
- 2** Your child won't eat whole grains?
You could try mixing the choice they like with some whole grains.
For example mix brown rice with white rice, or make a sandwich with one piece of white bread and one piece of whole grain bread.
Wholemeal or whole grain really not their thing? A "high fibre" white bread is the next best choice



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Water, the best drink for children

NT HEALTH

Water is important for our bodies.

Over 80% of our body is water, it is essential for almost every bodily function.

Water is needed to:

- ✓ lubricate our joints
- ✓ help us absorb nutrients and digest food
- ✓ regulate our body temperature
- ✓ protect our kidneys and get rid of waste.

Find out more about why water is best:
tinyurl.com/ywmb6v6u



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