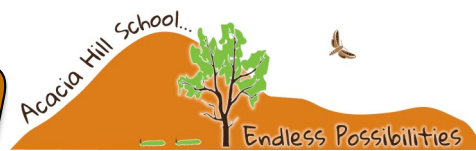


Acacia in Action



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DATE: 17th February 2023

Newsletter Week 3 Term 1

From the Principal



Speech pathology

It is great having Ciara-Lucy (speech pathologist) with us this week and next. She has already spent an hour in each of nine classes, and we had a staff meeting with input from her. It is great having someone of her calibre spending time with us at Acacia, and providing input into each student's communication goal for their EAP. Ciara-Lucy hopes to be able to link up with NDIS speech pathologists so everyone is on the same page for each student.

Along with Ciara-Lucy's visit, we are starting a weekly focus on particular Key Word Signs (KWS) and Visuals, led by Heather. For this week our focuses are 'More' and 'Finished'.

Heather doing the KWS



Staff

Thankfully we are fully staffed for the commencement of 2023 and every class has a teacher and a SESO. We welcome Jashan Virk back. Jashan is working with Victor's class.



Action Plan for School Improvement (ASIP) 2023

This year our two goals are

- One year's growth for one year's schooling: 'Every student has a pencil' (that is, a way of communicating)
- Increase overall attendance for 2023 from 74% to 78% and un-notified absences from 9% to 3%.

EAP Meetings

EAP (Educational Adjustment Plan) meetings for 2023 have commenced. This is a very important meeting for each young person where we set their goals for the year. As mentioned above, Ciara-Lucy will have input into your child's communication goal.

We would appreciate it if parents and carers could invite to the EAP meeting any NDIS therapists, the NDIS CoS or any other allied health therapists working with your child. This enables us to all be on the same page, which will be in the best interests of each young person. The school is not allowed to invite NDIS personnel to the meeting, only parents or carers / legal guardians may do this.

If your child is away

If your child is away from school, can you please notify the front office on 8955 2222 by 9:30am. Soon we will be commencing a system whereby we text parents or carers if we haven't heard by 9:30am why their child is absent.

DATES COMING UP

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| • Weeks 3-4 Term 1 Ciara-Lucy Forrest at Acacia | • Thursday 6/04/2023 End of Term 1 |
| • 10:00am Friday 17/03/2023 School Council AGM | • Friday 7/04/2023 Good Friday |
| • 9:30am Friday 24/03/2023 Harmony Day Special Assembly | • Term 2 Monday 17/04/2023 – Friday 23/06/2023 |
| | • Term 3 Monday 17/07/2023 – Friday 22/09/2023 |

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

Cooking

Cooking is a great way to teach literacy, numeracy and many other skills at school. This year, classes will be doing cooking once most weeks. Families will be asked to contribute \$5 per week to cover costs, and also for teaching budgeting, costs and so on. Please bring your payments to the front office ASAP.



Uniforms

Our new uniforms have arrived! Shirts are \$35 each, Baseball Caps are \$15 each and Bucket Hats are \$15.

Purchasing via cash or EFT.



NT Government Back to School Voucher

The \$150 Back to School voucher will expire at the end of Term 1: The \$150 can be used by parents and carers to pay for uniforms and school swimming and excursions.

Medication at school

Just a reminder that medication must be brought into the school under the following conditions:

- ◆ Accompanied by 2 forms (both of which are available from Reception)
- ◆ Medication instructions from Prescribing Doctor
- ◆ Medication Request by Parent/Carer for Student with Notified Medical Condition
- ◆ In the chemist packaging that has the administration instructions

Parking

We ask that parents not park in the bus bay for pick up, drop off or parking. With the busyness of the morning and afternoon rush, please park in the designated parent parking area as the buses and in case of an emergency, they need to be able to access this area at all times.

Book Club due 20/02/2023

When ordering Issue 1 on LOOP you will have the opportunity to select up to 3 FREE BOOKS. To qualify all you have to do is spend over \$30 and you can select 1 FREE book, or spend over \$50 and you can select 2 FREE books or over \$70 and you can select 3 FREE titles from a special online list. The list will display after you create your order and head to the checkout. See www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP for more information.



Support for Families 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.

What's happening around the school!

Room 13

Did an amazing job dying silk scarves. The scarves are available to buy from the Acacia Hill School Office (\$25-\$30) along with our wrapping paper (10 sheets for \$5) all of which are designed and created by the students.

Veronica Hagan

Art teacher



Room 9

On Fridays Room 9 have their swimming lesson with me. Last Friday room 9 had a great lesson. We were focusing on kicking and doggy paddle which everyone did really well. Alex did great at grabbing sink toys, Zac did fantastic gliding and Kenji was really good at kicking and counting. Next week, we will be focusing on stop and go kicking and gliding.

If there is anything else you think I should add please let me know.

Kind regards, Jordie.



Room 18

Marley and his brother Aisha participating in the smoking ceremony at CSC.

Thanks

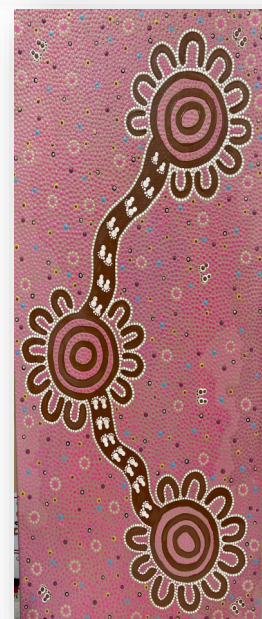
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Thank You!

A big Thank you to one of our parents who painted and donated this special painting to our school.

It depicts the gathering place of Acacia School with foot-prints of students coming and going to our satellite's room and other places.



Water, the best drink for children



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/ywmbv6vu



APPLY ONLINE

SPORT VOUCHER

Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year - one in January and one in July for sport, recreation and cultural activities.

Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form.

Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

1. Visit sportvoucher.nt.gov.au to apply
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form

APPLY TODAY

If your child's details are in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your registered email address within 12 working days. Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email sportvoucher@nt.gov.au

sportvoucher.nt.gov.au

Pack a Healthier Lunch Box

In 3 easy steps.

Try these tips from Accredited Practicing Dietitians working with the NT Government.

- 1** Use the 5 Food Groups
Try adding one thing from each food group to each lunch box. That means 1 fruit, 1 vegetable, 1 dairy, 1 carb (like bread or rice) and 1 protein- in every lunch box.
- 2** Make Ahead
If packing lunch boxes in the morning works for you that is great! Some families find it is easier to make lunch boxes the night before or even in a batch on the weekend. Find a time that works for you.
- 3** Pack Water
Water is the best drink for children. If your child likes very cold water you could try freezing a bottle the night before.

GRASS ROOTS COACHING COURSE

MARCH - SATURDAY 4TH
9AM TO 11AM
ROSS PARK

FREE for all Grass Roots coaches to attend

Registration Link
<https://form.jotform.com/230388685386875>

For more information
Albert.Krause@footballnt.com.au

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Mums' Retreat

Rest, Reflect, Rejuvenate

Yoga Saturday 25/02/23 9am-3pm
At Campfire in the Heart
Ragonesi Rd
\$150
(Includes all food and activities)

Painting
Massage
Labyrinth walk

Bookings essential

Call or email Ruth Tahere
0428546576
Kindnessinmotion.au@gmail.com

positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

FREE WEBINAR INTERCEPTION

INTERCEPTION - Part 1

INTERCEPTION - Part 2 (Practical application of interception)

We invite you to join us for a two-part interactive webinar series where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents/carers, teachers and others who support individuals on the autism spectrum.

During part one of this two-part interception webinar series, you will develop an understanding of what interception is and explore how interception relates to autism and other diverse individuals.

Part two of the series will review what interception is and explore practical strategies to help individuals improve interception through interception activities in the home and school.

All of our webinars are free and participants that attend receive a certificate following the completion of the webinar.

INTERCEPTION - PART 1
Tuesday 21st March 2023
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM AEDT
OR
Wednesday 29th March 2023
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM AEDT

INTERCEPTION - PART 2
Monday 3rd April 2023
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM AEDT
OR
Thursday 13th April 2023
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM AEDT

To register for this webinar and find upcoming ones, visit
positivepartnerships.com.au

SKILL ACQUISITION COURSE

04 MARCH SAT

FREE for all Skill Acquisition coaches to attend
Ross Park, Alice Springs
1pm - 3pm

Registration Link - <https://form.jotform.com/230388685386875>
More information: Albert.Krause@footballnt.com.au

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