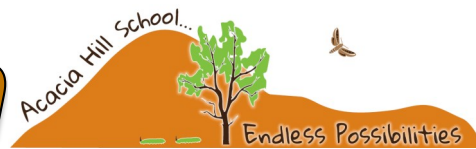


Acacia in Action



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DATE: 3rd March 2023

Newsletter Week 5 Term 1

From the Principal

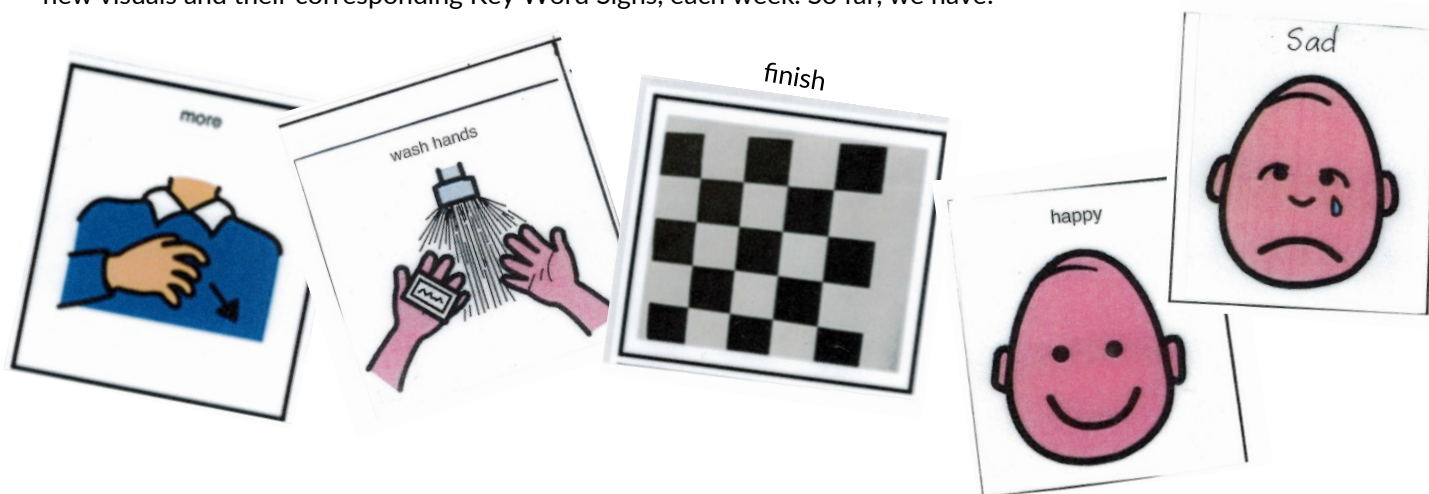
We had some very encouraging feedback from a former staff member who went to the UK to visit and work in some special schools and see what she could learn from them to bring back. But, she said, she didn't learn anything from those schools and the experience led her to see Acacia Hill School as quite exceptional! She found that Acacia is more prepared for supporting students with their learning and behaviour issues, and that staff are on the same page. This leaves me feeling really proud of the Acacia Team! 😊

School Council

Our School Council AGM was held on 17th February and followed by an Ordinary Meeting. I'm very happy to say that Lizzy Satour continues as our Chair. Parent members are Philip Drummond, Territory Families member, Charmaine Woodford, Chaani Bell, Rainer Salzer and Jodie Porter. Staff representatives are Marica Neubauer and Heather Jeffries is back! Student Representatives are Nabil Haddad and Danny Youngut. As Principal, I remain a member. Moin continues as invited Treasurer and Mel as invited Secretary.

Visiting consultant Speech Pathologist, Ciara-Lucy Forrest

It was really great having someone of the calibre of Ciara-Lucy working with us over the past fortnight. In Week 3, Ciara-Lucy spent 45 – 60 minutes in each classroom observing, getting a sense of student needs and overall classroom need. In Week 4, she met individually with each classroom teacher, and shared recommended a whole class goal and some individual student goals for their EAPs. In addition, we have commenced as a whole school to take on two new visuals and their corresponding Key Word Signs, each week. So far, we have:



Bradshaw Satellite Classes

With several students moving interstate or to different parts of the NT, we have combined the two Bradshaw satellite classes into one class. Bradshaw has kindly given us the use of one of its demountables for the combined class. This class is off to a great start this week, with students happy and keen to learn and everyone appreciating the nice classroom space!

DATES COMING UP

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| ◇ 8:00-10:00am Saturday 4/03/2023 Working Bee in garden | ◇ Thursday 6/04/2023 End of Term 1; Friday 7/04/2023 Good Friday |
| ◇ 10:00am Friday 17/03/2023 School Council Meeting | ◇ Term 2 Monday 17/04/2023 – Friday 23/06/2023 |
| ◇ 3:00-5:00pm Sunday 12/03/2023 Working Bee in garden | ◇ Term 3 Monday 17/07/2023 – Friday 22/09/2023 |
| ◇ 9:30am Friday 24/03/2023 Harmony Day Special Assembly | ◇ Term 4 Monday 9/10/2023 – Friday 15/12/2023 |

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

Enrolment and Attendance

We currently have 102 students enrolled and average attendance so far this year is 76%.

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

Term 4

I will be taking long service leave in Term 4 to complete my Master of Public Administration – which I commenced in 2017! I will need this time to focus on the final research part of the MPA. My position is currently advertised for that term.

Cheers
Julie



What's happening around the school!

Room 18

enjoying music
time



Room13

Reading time in Room 13 has taken various forms so far this term. The students enjoy reading their favourite books to Ms Jo.

Info on the students writing were working independently on the Kinship Unit of We Belong (Our Home Alice Springs).

Kindest regards and thanks

Jo

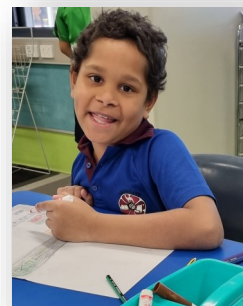


Room 8

Patricia feels
happy to have
done her Maths
work.



Tanny shares his
stories through
drawing and
talking about
them.



Room 11

Doing their weekly cooking experience - delicious chicken wrap today!



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.

Book Club due 20/03/2023

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.



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)
 1. Medication instructions from Prescribing Doctor
 2. Medication Request by Parent/Carer for Student with Notified Medical Condition
- ◇ In the chemist packaging that has the administration instructions

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.



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.

Acacia Hill School Council; BSB: 065-900; Account: 00940973



Working Bee

We will hold two working bees in the school garden:

- ◇ 8:00-10:00am Saturday 4th March
- ◇ 3:00-5:00p Sunday 12th March

We will be removing weeds and dead plants and preparing to have a layer of cracker dust to make the space easier to maintain and to keep beautiful and functional. Everyone is welcome to come along to give a hand!



The Senior Sausage Sizzlers

The senior sausage sizzlers will be putting on a sausage sizzle every Friday lunchtime for staff and students to help raise funds for our community access and other excursions.

So come down and help support us in our transition to life outside Acacia Hill!

Sausages are \$2 each or two for \$3.50

PS: If we don't give you the correct change we blame our teacher.

onion and sauces included



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Eat a rainbow



Did you know that different coloured fruit and vegetables give you different benefits?

Eating a rainbow of fruits and vegetables helps you get all their benefits. It can make your plate look great too!

Red fruits and vegetables are high in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. Lycopene can reduce your risk of a number of cancers.

Carotenoids found in orange and yellow fruits and vegetables promote eye health.

Leafy green vegetables contain plenty of folate to promote healthy growing children.

Find out more about colourful fruit and vegetables:
tinyurl.com/murupsav



APPLY ONLINE



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/apply
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form



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 nominated email address within 10 working days. Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email sportvoucher@nt.gov.au

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SKILL ACQUISITION COURSE



John Tambouras
instructor

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

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



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Fruit is Fun

Accredited Practising Dietitians recommend sending fruit to school every day. Fruit helps children fight infections and eat enough fibre. Below are some tips for boosting fruit for kids

1. Allow for choice
Instead of saying "What would you like to eat today?" You could say "Which fruit would you like to eat today?"
2. Reduce Waste
Some fruits will last longer after your weekly shop. If you go shopping early in the week you could try sending soft/perishable fruits early (strawberries, bananas), firmer fruit midweeks (mandarins and oranges) and tinned or dried fruit later in the week (sultanas, tinned pears).
3. Your child is always coming home from school with untouched fruit?
Squashy fruit can make great iceblocks. Just chop, add to a freezer proof container with a stick and cover in water.



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