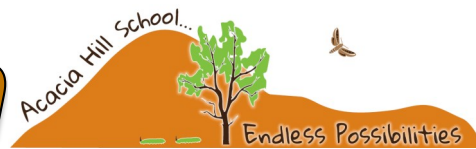


# Acacia in Action



**Confident**

**Community**

**Caring**

**Connected**

**DATE: 4th August 2023**

## Newsletter Week 3 Term 3 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### 40th Birthday Event

A reminder that the Acacia Hill School 40th Birthday Event will be held tomorrow 4th August from 11:30am-2:30pm. The celebration will commence with class activities and rides (cup and saucer and jumping castle) at 11:30am, followed by a sausage sizzle and fruit platters at 12:30pm, 1:15pm speeches and a big cake, then a disco at 1:45pm. There will be a powerpoint of old photos in the hall throughout the event. We hope you will join us!

### Children's Book Week

At 2:00-4:30pm on Sunday 13th August, there will be a free afternoon tea at the Town Library where we can go to hear about the 2023 Book of the Year Award Shortlist. Two of our teachers, Aliness and Heather, are doing a book review. It would be great if you could come along to the event!



### NDIS Therapists

Just a reminder that NDIS therapists must be registered NDIS providers in order to apply to work in NT Government schools.

### On Country Learning Measure

The On Country Learning measure was announced through the 2023-24 Federal Budget as part of the better, safer future for Central Australia plan. It is a commitment of \$40M over 2023-24 and 2024-25 to support improved attendance and engagement at the 46 government and non-government schools in the Central Australian region. In line with the broader Central Australian response, the underlying principle is for community-driven responses, with community engagement as a core component of delivery.

On Country Learning means different things to different communities. It refers to ideas such as providing flexible approaches for learning that support two-way learning opportunities, fostering culturally responsive learning environments, inviting Indigenous language and culture into the day-to-day delivery of curriculum, and where local community members and organisations are engaged in the design and implementation of learning and activities with a focus on student engagement.

Acacia Hill School has been given some money for this initiative. We have some ideas for using the money and would love to have your feedback:

#### 1. Pathways for young people with very high needs from remote Central Australia

- for example, so they can attend Acacia during school terms and go home to country in holidays – some families have said they want an option like this. This may involve a partnership with Territory Families and NDIS providers.
- An additional staff member who could release staff to visit remote schools and mentor staff in supporting the child.

#### DATES COMING UP

- 11:30am-2:30pm Friday 4/08/2023 Acacia 40th Birthday Open Day
- 10:00am Friday 18 August School Council meeting
- 5:30pm Wednesday 20 September Year 12 Graduation
- Friday 22/09/2023 end of Term 3
- Tuesday 10/10/2023 first day of Term 4 for students
- 10:00am Friday 20 October School Council meeting
- 10:00am Friday 17 November School Council meeting
- 9:30am Thursday 30 November Rm 1-6 Annual Awards Assembly
- 9:30am Friday 1 December Rm 7-20 Annual Awards Assembly
- Friday 8 December Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- 1:30-2:30pm Thursday 14 December School Concert
- Thursday 14/12/2023 last day of school for students
- 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/>

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2. Pathways for young people with high behaviour needs to the point of a safety issue for other students and staff – employ additional staff who can work with these young people one-on-one, either at school or at home.
3. Teacher shortage issue: five of our SESOs have commenced studying a Bachelor of Education. When they have to do a placement, currently they have to do this as Leave Without Pay. I am proposing a sort of 'internal scholarship' so they could be paid while on placement and also could work 0.8 so they can progress through the B Ed more quickly.
4. Reinstate a Secondary Senior Teacher 1 to assist with
  - a. Modified NTCET
  - b. ASDAN Curriculum (life skills)
  - c. Transition from school including employment pathways
  - d. Pathways for young people with disability from Owen Springs back into school
5. Transition from satellite class to mainstream – a teacher to work with students AND mainstream schools to support successful transitions.
6. A high quality sensory room with robust sensory equipment.
7. Central Arrernte words and signs taught across the school.
8. Re-start ASSPA Committees and employ an ARO
9. Specialist bikes
10. Nutrition program / renovate kitchen
11. Library expansion
12. Music studio
13. Gathering space with learning sessions for families – food provided

We will have these ideas displayed during the 40th Birthday Event for your feedback.

### **School Survey**

Our annual School Survey will go live from Tuesday 8th August. We would love to hear your feedback to help with 2024 planning.

Please see link: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/acaciaasp>

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.

Dolly's Dream Support Line is now available to families and students 24/7, providing them with access to qualified counsellors for free and without a referral. To access this service, call or text 0488 881 033 or use this webchat.



## What's happening around the school

### Room 11

Men's shed business.

Thanks

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The important history of Mparntwe Town Camps and the residents of the Town Camps is not a well-known story to non-Indigenous people.

**NGURRIKA  
LYATINYA  
INGUNTH'AKA**  
YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW

**TOWN CAMPS  
STORY**  
12 July — 8 October  
Araven Arts Centre  
61 Larapinta Drive  
www.aravenartscentre.nt.gov.au

Araven Arts Centre is a proud member of the Northern Territory Writers' Centre and the Alice Springs Town Council.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**  
#CBCA2023

**READ  
GROW  
Inspire**

Come for afternoon tea and hear about the 2023 Book of The Year Award shortlist.

**Sunday 13 August  
2pm to 4.30pm  
@ The Library**

- Free Event
- Hot & Cold Drinks
- Sweet Treats
- Raffles
- Lucky Door Prize

Register at [aspl.eventbrite.com.au](https://aspl.eventbrite.com.au)

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Corner of Leichhardt & Gregory Ice  
ASPLibrary | [alicespringstowncouncil](https://www.alicespringstowncouncil.nt.gov.au)

**Alice Springs  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## Edge of the Future Responsible Consumption and Production

Speak up through art about your concerns, fears, hopes, dreams and ideas for a healthy, sustainable world through responsible consumption and production.

### Youth Waste Management Tour

Saturday 29 July | 12pm - 2pm  
Regional Waste Management Facility

### Youth Recycled Art Workshop

Wednesday 2 August | 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
Central Craft

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Endless Possibilities



*Anniversary*

Please join us to celebrate  
the 40th Anniversary of

**Acacia Hill School**

**FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023**

**11:30am - 2:30pm**

**Sausage Sizzle, Fun Games, Rides & Music**

**Acacia Hill School**

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