

Acacia in Action



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DATE: 14th September 2023

Newsletter Week 9 Term 3 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be my last newsletter to you for a while. Cae Ashton will be taking over the reigns of Acacia Hill School from me for the next three terms. With her strong background as a principal of special schools in Queensland for twenty years, I can't think of a better person to have at the helm! I know I am going to miss our beautiful staff team, our great leadership team, beautiful students, Lizzy Satour and our great School Council, and great parents and carers – although I will see people around town! I will be spending some time interstate with children and grandchildren, but will mostly be in Alice and next semester will be completing a thesis for my Masters degree.

Alice Can Dance

I had the privilege of watching the 5:00pm Alice Can Dance performance last night. The whole event was amazing – and Acacia students and staff were spectacular! I think I am not being biased when I say that Acacia received the loudest cheers from the whole audience! A huge thanks to our Assistant Principal, Lisa, for all the organising, to teachers for being flexible to allow their students to attend rehearsals, and a big thanks to our talented students and staff who were on stage!

Dental Therapy Fluoride Varnish

The dental therapy visit went really well on Monday and Tuesday this week. A note from our Health Promoting School Nurse, Sarah:

The students had a chance to receive demonstration of items used for dental procedures and then had a turn to try them out including adjusting the usually scary dental chair. This will ensure a smooth and more fruitful experience when they have to be seen at the big Dental clinic.

Most of our students were in the green zone and do not require follow up . Thank you to those classes already promoting and doing oral hygiene during school time.

A few students received notes to take home for further follow up and investigations.

Kindest Regards

Sarah

I am very thankful to Sarah for organising this and making it a reality for Acacia this year. I look forward to a dental therapist visit being an annual occurrence from now on.

Annual School Survey

Thank you, everyone, who responded to the Annual School Survey. We had 45 parent responses, which is about triple the highest response rate we have ever had before! Your feedback is really important for planning for 2024, including the actions we will be taking with the federal On Country Learning funding.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday from 23rd September to Monday 9th October!

Julie Permezel/Principal

DATES COMING UP

- 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/>

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

Room 9

Today in Class 9 we thoroughly enjoyed our cooking program, which was ricotta ravioli. First, we made the pasta dough using flour, semolina and eggs. Then, we made the filling, using ricotta, eggs, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper. After recess, we took a trip to the garden to pick parsley for the sauce. We then made the ravioli by rolling some dough into long rectangles and placing some filling in rows and then folding the dough over to make little pillows. We separated them and sealed them shut with a fork. Because we don't have a stove top in our classroom, we cooked the ravioli in some boiling water in the microwave. Meanwhile, we cooked the butter, parsley and lemon juice in our electric frypan to make a delicious sauce.

It was all ready just in time for lunch!

Kenji says it was yummy!

Kate/Teacher



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. 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. Resources are available to support families concerned about bullying and cyberbullying.

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES CENTRAL AUSTRALIA



Get your check up for strong teeth and strong bodies!

Special Needs Dentist

28th August – 8th November

Flynn Drive Dental Clinic



Public Patients NT
HCC & PCCholders and children
free of charge.
Ask the clinic about eligibility.

Stay well

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PRINCIPAL'S TOUR & INFORMATION SESSION

Join the Principal Simon Rowlands for an overview & tour of **Centralian Middle School**

Thursday, October 12th, 5pm
Thursday, October 19th, 5pm

Or individual bookings can also be arranged via the front office 8955 2333

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