

Acacia in Action



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DATE: 20th October 2023

Newsletter Week 2 Term 4 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 4. Staff have hit the ground running with a myriad of activities for students, who in turn, are responding well and settling back into school routines. There is a buzz of energy in the air at Acacia Hill as we are gearing up for end of year reports, awards and celebrations. It's a great place to be, and I feel very privileged to be working with such a dedicated team at Acacia Hill. Thank you for such a warm welcome.

You will be aware that all schools in the Central Region of Australian schools have received notice of additional funding to promote and facilitate On Country Learning. Thank you for your feedback; a total of 45 families responded to the Parent Survey last term which reflects opinions of a good cross-section of our school community. 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. I hope to present a draft plan to School Council when we meet next Friday 27th October. Once our plan has been finalised, Council will need to endorse the document before it is forwarded to the Department of Education for submission to the Australian Government. It is an exciting time for Acacia Hill, and I hope to share further news regarding this funding soon.

Health and Wellbeing

Please be reminded if your child is sick, to keep them at home until well. I appreciate your assistance in ensuring everyone can stay healthy at school. The table below contains information about periods of exclusion from school for some common medical conditions:

Condition	Minimum period of exclusion from school
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased or doctor says its okay to resume school.
Scabies, Ringworm	Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.
Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	Exclude until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.
Viral Gastroenteritis	Exclude until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.
Influenza like conditions	Exclude until well.
School Sores/Impetigo	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.
COVID	Exclude if there are any symptoms, even if mild.

Also, wounds and sores on exposed parts of the body must be covered with a watertight dressing before coming to school to prevent infection.

Cae Ashton
Principal

DATES COMING UP

- 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



NDIS Therapists

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

Room 9 – Here are photos of Alex building block towers, Kymani enjoying a book about hair, Kenji looking very happy about reading the longest book he's ever read! Kenji also calculated the cost of flying himself and a group of friends to Sydney, with Ellie's help.

Kate



Room 7 – Last week the students made carrot towers as a part of our science program. We discussed the importance of having a strong foundation to support the rest of our tower. Some students found their tower fell apart if their toothpicks were not pushed all the way into the carrot. This was a great problem-solving activity that also supported the development of fine motor skills.

Kelly



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; NT Mental Health Line: 1800 682 288; E-headspace: 1800 650 890; Kidshelpline: 1800 55 1800

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

13 YARN counselling (First Nations): 13 92 76

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.

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