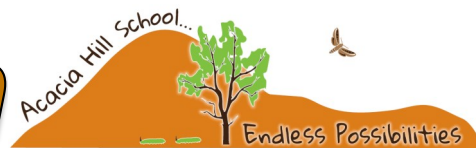


Acacia in Action



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DATE: 26 April 2024

Newsletter Week 2 Term 2 2024

Dear Carers and Parents

Students have returned to school for the start of Term 2 eager to learn. As you will be aware, the class configurations changed for the start of term, taking into consideration student progress and social connections to optimise learning at school. I am pleased to inform you that plans seem to be paying off with new and old friendships blossoming.

On pupil free day, all staff welcomed four members of the Student Wellbeing and Inclusion Programs (SWIPS) team to complete the practical components of Safe and Supportive De-escalation of Behaviour (SSDB). This is an essential aspect of our roles at Acacia Hill School, to ensure proactive and preventative strategies are evidence-informed when completing risk assessments and behaviour support strategies for our students.

Yesterday we had a beautiful ANZAC Day service for students and staff. We welcomed Peter (Junior) Blythman and guests from RSL Alice Springs, President Chris Clarke, and Treasurer and past employee, Rebecca Strickland. Students lay personalised wreaths and joined the service respectfully.

On Tuesday 7th May (following May Day public holiday), Acacia Hill students will have the opportunity to join Variety Abilities Unleashed Kids: A fun and inclusive day connecting children with disabilities to local sport and active recreation opportunities. The event will be held at the YMCA: Kilgariff Recreation Centre in Sadadeen. Parent consent forms will be sent home early next week which will need to be signed for students to participate.

I look forward to working with you and observing your child's progress this term. Please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or by email to me directly if you have any concerns, at acaciahill.school@education.nt.gov.au

Kind regards,



NDIS Therapists

Please be reminded that NDIS providers must hold a current certificate of NDIS registration to apply for a NDIS service in NT Government schools.

DATES COMING UP

- Monday May 6—May Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday May 7—Variety Inclusive Sports Day
- Monday June 10—King's Birthday Public Holiday
- April 26/May 24/June 14—School Council meetings
- Friday 21 June—End of Term 2

Website: <https://www.acaciahill.nt.edu.au/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Acacia-Hill-School-101999724805228/>

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What's happening around the school!



Acacia Hill School held a respectful Anzac Day service, paying homage to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve their country. The school was very privileged to host distinguished guests, including the President Chris Clarke and Treasurer Rebecca Strickland of the RSL, along with Chief Petty Officer Communications (RAN) Peter Blythman, who all attended the ceremony.

The students at Acacia Hill demonstrated remarkable respect and reverence throughout the service. Each class took part by crafting beautiful wreaths, which were then respectfully laid out at the front of the ceremony area. This act of remembrance and tribute highlighted the appreciation and understanding the students have for the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women.

The presence of honored guests and the participation of our students made this Anzac Day service at Acacia Hill School a truly meaningful and memorable event, fostering a sense of gratitude and unity within the school community.

Bikes

Week 2—a visit from Bike Safety NT. Students learnt the basics of safe bicycle riding and how important clicking your helmet is for safe riding.

Teacher, Jo



Lunch Time Activities

Acacia Hill School lunch times have transformed into engaging periods of fun and creativity! With a wide array of structured activities, our students are having a blast and making the most out of their break time.

One of the favourite activities is building with boxes, this activity unleashes their imagination and construct amazing creations. From forts to tobogganing down the hill, the possibilities are endless!

Another highlight is the rocket-throwing activity, where the students get to launch their rockets into the sky.

Of course, what's a lunch break without some energetic ball games? Our students have been enjoying a variety of ball games, honing their coordination, teamwork, and sportsmanship skills.

It's been amazing to witness our kids so engaged and working together, fostering a positive school environment. Let's keep the lunchtime fun rolling!

Children's Charity Network

The illustrator will be visiting the school next week Wednesday.



We are incredibly grateful to The Able Hub Pty Ltd Disability Service for their generous donation of an electric scooter to our school.

We are organising a raffle, and tickets will be available in the front office for your chance to win.



Room 19

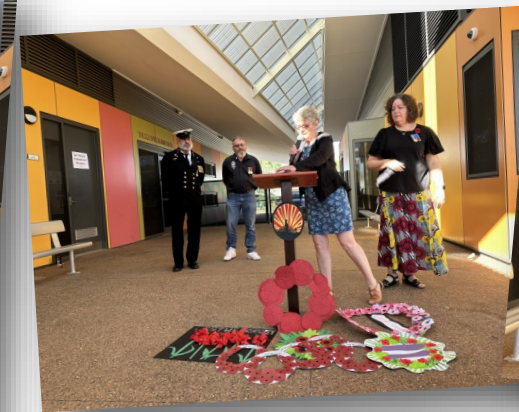
Here are some of our students sewing ANZAC day poppies. We also made Wreaths and had our own small ANZAC day ceremony in our classroom.

I'll try to remember to take some of us gardening next week!

Teacher, Beth



ANZAC Day Photos



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More ANZAC Day Photos



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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