

Acacia in Action



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DATE: 15 November 2024

Newsletter Week 6 Term 4 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is good seeing students happy to be at school and learning, most of the time! This is a busy time of year, and currently I am working on the Annual School Improvement Plan for 2025, budgeting, and staffing. We are also working on having an overarching policy which explains how all of our curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting documents fit together. In addition, John Matthews (Associate Principal) is working on a whole school data plan; we are looking into a system which may be able to hold all of our data and make it easier to access. The policy and plan will all help to streamline our work at Acacia to help us best support our young people to reach their highest potential.

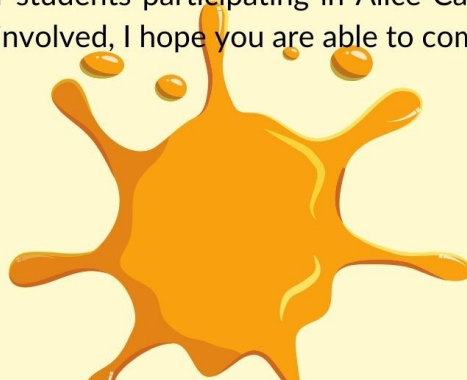
Last Friday was a really terrific day, with Barber Blak King doing some great haircuts, a rooftop lunch and Crazy Hair Day. I enjoyed catching up with some parents and carers and listening to their ideas for important things for school next year. One thing that came up a few times was life skills, so that our young people can be independent with a lot of things by the time they leave school.

Our attendance has been quite low for the first four weeks of term, at 68%. We will welcome Stephanie Bell from Monday in a Family Engagement Officer role, who will help with supporting families to make sure their young person comes to school every day. We also welcome Julia Anderson, who will be doing a morning bus run for some students who no longer have a place on the CDC buses.

We have a lot of students participating in Alice Can Dance this evening. Whether or not you have a child involved, I hope you are able to come along. It is always a great event!

Kind regards,

Julie
Principal



DATES COMING UP

- Friday 15 November—Alice can Dance
- Thursday 12 December – last day for students
- Friday 13 December – Staff PD Day

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

What's happening in class!

Room 7

Room 7 students enjoy coming to school every day but especially on a Tuesday because our day is loaded with all the fun activities and subject areas that we enjoy participating in like Physical Education, Art Class and Swimming lessons. We are all very active and energetic students who enjoy being a part of Room 7. Here is a little insight to our busy Tuesday sessions at school.

Thanks,

Shinaide, Alenira, William & Room 7

Here we are enjoying bike riding and dancing during our P.E. Lesson.



We are creating some beautiful Art pieces and working really hard on our Fine Motor skills.



We finish our fun Tuesday by going for Swimming lessons with Mr. Koal and Miss Alenira.

We love Tuesday's in Room 7!



Whooping cough (pertussis)

School parents/carers, students and teachers are reminded that pertussis (whooping cough) continues to spread in the NT. Whooping cough usually starts with a snuffle or a cold and within a few days develops into bouts of coughing, which can last for many weeks, sometimes vomiting or shortness of breath can occur. There is sometimes a noise or "whoop" when the person breathes in between coughs. It can be a very serious infection in young babies. It is important to make sure all children and adults who work or care for infants are vaccinated. Children should have whooping cough vaccines at 2, 4, 6 months; 4 years and 12 years (Year 7). Catch up vaccine for children who have missed their school vaccine is available from your GP, pharmacy, health Centre or Community Care Centre. Pregnant women should also be vaccinated during each and every pregnancy, Those working with children are encouraged to receive an adult diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine every 10 years (self or employer funded). If you are unwell, please see your doctor for early testing and treatment and children should not attend school until they have completed at least 5 days of recommended antibiotics or 21 days after the onset of coughing. For more information see Whooping cough (pertussis) | NT Health or contact CDC on 89228044



Autism Social Group



Thursday 14 Nov, 4pm–6 pm

Our Autism Social Group is a regular get-together for Autistic young people and those who think they might be. It happens on Thursdays, about every 4 weeks (exceptions noted*).

The group is a chance to meet others who might share some of your experiences. You can make new friends, share coping tips, or just hang out and be part of a supportive group.

We provide a range of games, drawing materials, and stim toys. So, if you don't feel like talking to anyone, that's ok.

We also put on some light refreshments.

You are welcome to bring your own games (including electronic).

Where

headspace Alice Springs, 5/74 Todd Street (we're behind Loco Burrito)

Age range

12 to 25 years old

RSVP or more information

Call headspace on 8958 4544 or email deborah.rock@caac.org.au

Interested but not sure? You're welcome to come for just a quick look before deciding.

The next group: 12 December 2024
End of year party

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

Northern Territory Sports Academy



Futures Program



A free, fun and challenging early performance pathway program suitable for all sports.

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Bussy's Corner Hello Students and Families

KEEPING THE BUS CLEAN AND SAFE

- Do not eat and drink on the bus.
- Eating on the bus will let you to drop food particles on your seat and floor, which will make the bus smell bad.
- If you spill any drinks on the floor, your friend could slip and fall.
- Do not drop or throw trash or any unwanted items on the floor.
- Do not scratch the seats and windows of the bus.

Can parents/guardians please ensure that students understand their responsibilities as outlined in the *Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel*. Click on this link for the Code:

https://nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-for-school-bus-travel.pdf

