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WEEK 2 TERM 3

25 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you had some valuable family time over the school holidays. We are looking forward to a great term! Congratulations to Kam and the Acacia students for the beautiful artwork entered in the Junior Art Section at the Show, winning second place!



I appreciate all the work carried out over the school holidays, coordinated by our Business Manager, Julia. Concreting was completed in part of the carpark in front of the school where bitumen was cracking badly and starting to wear away. Also, the softball has been replaced around the liberty swing – in part, thanks to the generosity of Variety Queensland.



I am very proud that we had a lot of nominations for World Teachers' Day NT Awards: Koal, Carly, Marica, Carolyn, Jodie, Jordan, Kelly, Kylie, Marica, William, Mel, Neelima, Shane and me! I also really appreciate those who put in nominations. This does take a bit of time and commitment. I know we have other great staff who hopefully may be nominated next year. We will wait to find out if we have any finalists or winners in October!

Our staff team is working on a Whole School Curriculum and Assessment Plan for Acacia. This plan tells us the scope and sequence of knowledge, competencies, skills, capabilities and attributes to be taught/developed and how and when students are assessed.

We were able to procure some copies of Susan McLean's book, *Sexts, Texts and Selfies: How to keep your children safe in the digital space*. These are available for parents at cost price from reception (\$35). This book is based on Susan's many years working in cyberspace as a police officer, her experiences as a mother of three very tech-savvy children, her international study and research, and her current role in which she travels to classrooms and schools all over the world, dealing with online issues and educating young people, teachers and parents.



I'm looking forward to working together with you, our school community, for a great Term 3!

Julie

DATES COMING UP

- 11:00am-12:00pm 30th July Questacon incursion
- 9th-17th August Science Week
- 12th August Disability and Family Services Expo – Telka Williams Hall
- Friday 15th August Book Week Dress-up Day
- 16th-23rd August Book Week
- 9:30-11:00am Thursday 21st August Council meeting - Annex
- 22nd August NAIDOC Day
- 9:30am-11:00am Thursday 18 September Council meeting - Annex
- 1:30pm Friday 19th September School Concert – Sadadeen Hall
- Term 3 - Tuesday 15th July to Friday 19th September



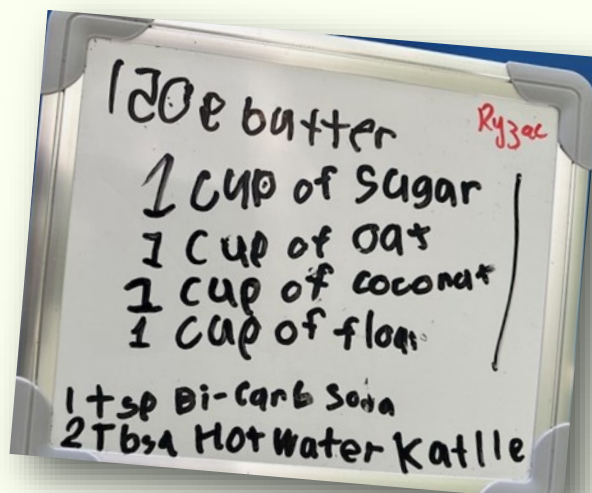
Room 9

A big hello from Class 9. Amongst a mountain of amazing effort from our young men, here are a couple of highlights!

As part of Class 9's integrated literacy and numeracy activities, students have been building their understanding of different units of measurement. These have included grams, kilograms, tablespoons and teaspoons. We have then applied this knowledge to write our own recipes and then create a dish.



Stuart and Ryzac adding ingredients to their Taco mix as part of Class 9's cooking activities.

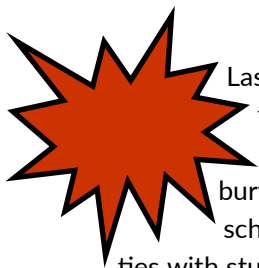


Ryzac and Kevaia's recipes ready to use for making ANZAC Biscuits.

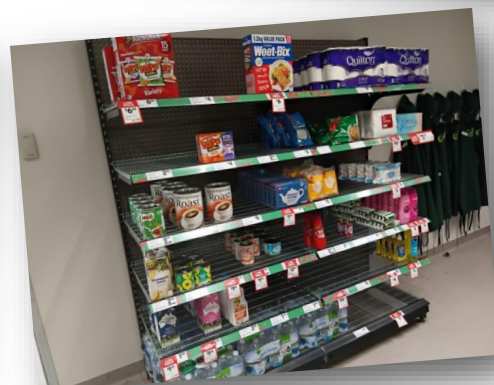
In May, our students attended an interschool AFL clinic run by Yirara College. This was an amazing experience for all our boys and was extremely rewarding for Teachers and staff to see the children actively engage with the wider Alice Springs community in such a meaningful way. Well done lads!



Class 9 has hit the ground running in term 3 with our focus being on the seasons and migration. Teachers and staff have been amazed at how quickly our children have engaged in and grasped complex environmental process including what causes seasons and how seasons differ from one region to the other. Judging by the children's level of engagement, we think it will be another bumper semester for Class9!



Last week, two of our Assistant Principals, Joel and Lisa, spent two days in Darwin. On Monday they joined leaders from various schools, undertaking a training course with Team Teach Connect - focusing on positive behaviour support. On Tuesday, Sarah Corry, the Principal of Henbury (7-12) School and Virg Hughes, Principal of Nermarluk (P-6) School welcomed them into their schools. It was a wonderful experience seeing two NT special schools in action, joining in on activities with students and gaining new insights, ideas and knowledge. Staff from these schools would like to visit us one day and we look forward to showcasing our wonderful school!



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



Correction of e-scooter information

Information about e-scooters which was recently provided was incorrect. We have been asked by our CE, Susan Bowden, to give correct information.

Electric scooters and bikes

If you want to use an electric scooter, also known as an e-scooter, you don't need a driver licence or learner permit. But you must follow the rules below. If you don't, you may be fined, receive demerit points or have your licence disqualified. To use an electric bike (e-bike), you must ride them how you would ride a regular bicycle. Read more about [bicycle safety](#).

Rules for riding a Beam e-scooter

You can only use e-scooters in public places if they're provided by Beam Mobility Australia.

To hire and ride an e-scooter, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- wear an approved bike helmet that is securely fitted
- only ride on footpaths and shared paths and bicycle lanes, unless prohibited
- keep to the left
- give way to any pedestrians

You can only travel on a road for a distance of less than 50m if:

- there is an obstruction on a footpath, nature strip, or shared path
- it is impracticable to travel on the adjacent area

You must also not:

- carry passengers or use a mobile phone
- have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.05 or more
- take them on public transport or outside of areas permitted by authorities

For your safety, scooters are also:

- speed limited to 15 km/h
- fitted with an electronic warning device eg. bell
- fitted with front and rear lights which must be operating for use at night

Rules for riding your own e-scooter

If you own an e-scooter, you can only ride it on private property. You can't ride it on roads, footpaths or other public spaces. If you're caught riding an unapproved e-scooter, you may be fined for driving an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle. Read about [traffic offence fines and demerit points](#).

Contact

For help, contact Beam:

- through the 'support' button of their app
- by calling their helpline [1300 507 676](tel:1300507676) (toll-free number)
- via email to teamsupportau@ridebeam.com

To report a Beam vehicle or rider, submit a report on the [Beam website](#). Include the registration number (if possible) and details of the rider's behaviour including location and time. If the rider is breaking the law or using a privately owned e-scooter or e-bike, refer the matter to the police.



OLD TIMERS FETE

**Saturday 9th
August
10am to 3pm**
SOUTH STUART HIGHWAY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- plant sales •
- face painting •
- live music •
- yummy food •
- auction •
- home made preserves •
- lucky wheel •
- devonshire tea •
- and much more!

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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.



Autism online workshop for parents & carers Alice Springs

Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young autistic people from across Alice Springs.



Free workshop



Session 1: Diversity of autism

Tuesday - 19 August, 2025
4:30pm - 6:30pm (ACST)



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or click [here](#).



Session 2: Understanding sensory processing

Tuesday - 9 December, 2025
4:30pm - 6:30pm (ACST)



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or click [here](#).

2 Workshop sessions

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

- This series of 2 workshops will be held online via Zoom.
- The sessions are stand alone, but complement each other.
- Each session has a separate registration. You can register for one or both.
- These workshops are interactive online sessions.
- If you plan to invite others to watch this session with you, they must register via the website to receive a certificate.

For enquiries email Jen Cousins:
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