

Acacia in Action



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DATE: 09 May 2025

Newsletter Week 4 Term 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance prizes

I'm proud to announce we had two students who were at school every day last term and were not late even once: Theo Bell and Lennox Dickson. These two students have won a family pass from NT DET to the AFL Demons vs Saints match at Traegar Park on 1st June. Andy Peterson has won a family pass for the most improved attendance, with an improvement of over 50% from Term 1 this year compared with Term 4 last year.

ANZAC Day

Acacia held a very beautiful assembly for ANZAC Day, and it was great that five of our students and several staff participated in the event on ANZAC Day, and our students laid wreaths at the cenotaph. Although I was away these days, I have seen photos and video clips and found them very moving. Thanks to Lisa Sherriff and Mel Insch in particular for enabling our students to be involved.

Variety Queensland grant

Acacia has received a grant of \$10,000 from Variety Queensland to go towards replacing the soft fall under the Liberty swing. There will be a group coming to Central Australia in May for a 4WD adventure. Lisa and Samantha and four of our students will join them for breakfast and wave them off on Wednesday 14th May. John Matthews and I have been invited to their final dinner on 23rd May where the \$10K grant will be officially presented.

Young Archie Mparntwe art competition

Thanks to our Art teacher, Kam Kaur, some of our students participated in this competition, and we are very proud that Indica Jones was a finalist!

Review of Secondary Education

Resulting from the recent review of secondary education, NT DET is moving away from the Middle Years structure and back to comprehensive 7-12 high schools. The proposal for Alice Springs is that CMS will become a 7-12 high school and CSC will become an industry, trade and flexible education hub. There definitely won't be two 7-12 government high schools. There is time right now to give feedback on this proposal, at Reforming secondary education-Alice Springs. We are encouraging the parents and carers of our Year 6 students to do this survey, as it will potentially affect their young people.

DATES COMING UP

- 10:30am Friday 30th May School Council
- 10:30am Friday 30th May Primary School AFL Carnival at Yirara
- Term 3 Tuesday 15th July – Friday 19th September
- Term 4 Tuesday 7th October – Thursday 11th December

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

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

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World Teachers' Day NT Awards

Nominations are now open for the World Teachers' Day (WTD) NT Awards. The awards are an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions of teachers, specialist teachers, early childhood educators, principals, leaders and support staff who are making a difference in the lives of NT students. We have some great staff at Acacia and this is a way to recognize their contribution to education. Nominations can be submitted on the World Teachers' Day Awards website.

There are 9 categories in the awards:

- Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educator of the Year
- Northern Territory Early Childhood Educator of the Year
- Northern Territory Corporate Based Support Person of the Year
- Northern Territory Inclusion Educator of the Year
- Northern Territory Leader in Education of the Year
- Northern Territory Primary Educator of the Year
- Northern Territory Principal of the Year
- Northern Territory Secondary Educator of the Year
- Northern Territory School Based Support Person of the Year

If you have any trouble accessing the website or questions about your nomination, please email TeacherAwards@education.nt.gov.au. Nominations close Friday 23 May.

Best regards,

Julie

Fun in Art Room!

Creating art isn't just a fun, colourful pastime for Acacia Hill students. If you walk into Art Room, you'll probably catch them scribbling with crayons, markers, pens, and whatever else they can get their hands on. Students enthusiastically engage in artwork and express their creative self.



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Celebrating Indica's Artistic Achievement!



We are thrilled to share the exciting news that one of our talented students, Indica, was shortlisted for the Young Archie Mparntwe competition with her stunning self-portrait created using oil pastels. This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to Indica's creativity and dedication to her art.

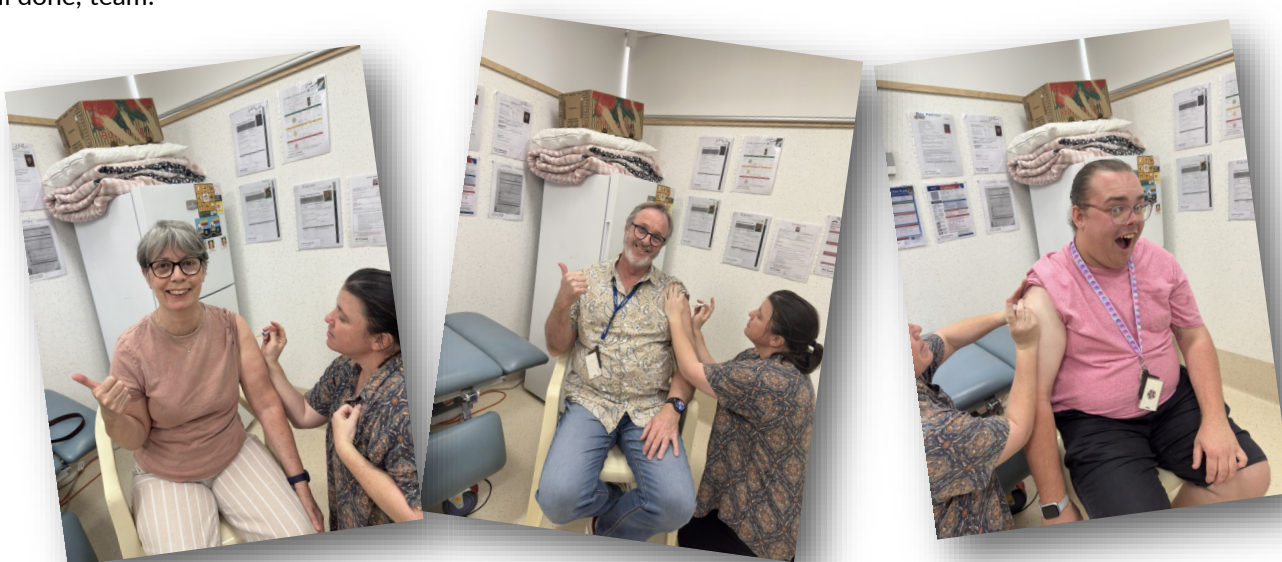
Indica attended the official presentation last Friday evening at the Araluen Arts Centre, where her work was showcased among other outstanding young artists from across the region. She said she felt very excited and proud to be part of such a special event, adding with a big smile, "Wait till next year bigger and better!"

We are incredibly proud of Indica and can't wait to see where her artistic journey takes her next. Well done, Indica!



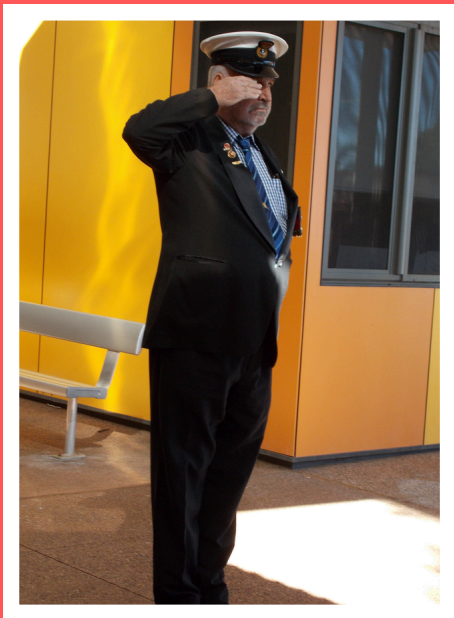
Keeping Our Students Safe – One Jab at a Time!

Staff at Acacia Hill School are stepping up to protect our students by rolling up their sleeves and getting the Fluvax! With flu season upon us, our team knows how important it is to stay healthy—not just for themselves, but for the well-being of our whole school community. What brave staff they are, doing their part to keep everyone safe and learning. Well done, team!



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.







ANZAC DAY MARCH



World Teachers' Day NT Awards

The World Teachers' Day NT Awards (formerly known as the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards) recognise the achievements of principals, teachers, leaders and support staff in Northern Territory Government schools.

This year marks 20 years of recognising and celebrating outstanding teachers in NT Government schools.

Nominations for the 2025 World Teachers' Day NT Awards open on Monday 14 April and close on Friday 23 May 2025.

World Teachers' Day NT Awards 2025
Nominations now open!

Celebrating 20 years of awarding excellence in the NT

🌟 **2025 World Teachers' Day NT Awards** 🌟

🌟 Nominations close Friday 23 May 2025,

🌟 With 9 categories, this is your chance to recognise
ALL school staff—not just teachers!

Now's your chance to say **THANK YOU** in a big way and nominate an
Acacia Hill School Staff member
Let's shine the spotlight on those who make a difference every day!

<https://wtdawards.nt.gov.au/home>

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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CARTOONING CAMPS

ALICE SPRINGS

The best fun your children will have!

Darwin NT (Weekend)
Saturday 21st June - Sunday 22nd June

Alice Springs NT (5 Days)
Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June

Early Bird Discounts

School Holiday 5 Day Programs:
Book all 4 Long Days Monday to Thursday **NOT** Friday - don't select Friday by 4.30pm Friday June 13th & we'll give you Friday for **FREE**. Your child will be added to the Friday list.

Saving \$65 per child

Weekend Programs:

Book all 4 classes by Friday
May 30th 4.30pm
& we will give you 4 x
'How to Draw Cartooning Books'

Value \$48

Venues

Darwin NT (Weekend)

Saturday 21st June - Sunday 22nd June
Mokani Guide Hall 33 Greenwood Crescent, Moil

Alice Springs NT (5 Day Program)

Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June
Ross Park Primary School 7a Winnecke Avenue, East Side



Bookings

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- Click the **Cartoon Workshops** button in the middle of our home page
- Select Your location
- Check your junk, spam folders for the confirmation
- If using PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email
- For children aged 4 - 15 years

\$60 Short Day 9.30am - 3.30pm
\$65 Long Day 8am - 6pm (or part thereof)
\$30 Thursday night 6pm - 9pm
\$39 Weekend classes

Enquiries: 9.30am - 4.30pm (EST)
Days of Office: Monday - Friday

02 9343 0833
bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au
www.illustrating-man.com.au
Mail: Suite 2, 29 Newland St, Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Holiday Art & Cartooning Programs

Monday June 23rd

- Theme: Colourful, Hawaiian & Tropical. Prizes for best dressed.
- Draw: A tropical island.
- Explore: The enchanted park.
- Draw: Cute manga animals.
- Play: The game 'Charge'.
- Coral reef: Draw sea life.
- Enjoy: Decorate & eat doughnuts.
- Squishies: Play the squishy game.
- Draw: A frog, snake & a turtle.
- Make: A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- Competition: Build with LegoTM for prizes. (Long Day)
- Play: Chocolate egg hunt. Bring a bag. (Long Day)
- Competition: Design candy. Win USA candy! (Long Day)

Tuesday June 24th

- Theme: Backwards & messy clothes & hair. Prizes for 'worst' dressed.
- Kids on wheels: Bring your scooters.
- Draw: Australian animals.
- Draw: SpongebobTM.
- Draw: A volcano erupting.
- Flour fight: Join in the fun.
- Slime: Make ooobleck slime!
- Play: Shaving cream battle.
- Draw: African animals.
- Enjoy: The 'Kit Kat' challenge. Guess the flavours blind folded.
- Play: Harry PotterTM, PokemonTM & Star WarsTM trivia. (Long Day)
- PokémonTM: Draw them & bring your cards to trade. (Long Day)
- Make: Glass jar sand art & build a match stick tower. (Long Day)

Wednesday June 25th

- Theme: PJs. Prizes for best dressed. Bring a pillow & teddy bear.
- Draw: Cartoon birds.
- Draw: HogwartsTM castle.
- Draw: SonicTM & YoshiTM.
- Paint: With watercolour.
- Draw: A teddy bear.
- Play: The Pinata game.
- Competition: Design a time machine.
- Enjoy: Skittle S'mores & a teddy bears picnic.
- Play: Capture the flag in teams. (Long Day)
- Competition: Taylor Swift singing & dancing. Win 'Tay Tay' posters. (Long Day)
- Treasure hunt: Find the treasure & golden ticket jackpot by working out the secret code. (Long Day)

Thursday June 26th

- Theme: Sparkles, Tay Tay & gaming. Prizes for best dressed.
- Competition: Design & win a watch.
- Make: Clay mini food.
- Draw: GarfieldTM & Odie.
- Draw: MarioTM & ToadTM.
- Play: Human O's & X's.
- Enjoy: Hit & miss jelly.
- Draw: Farm animals.
- Make: Rainbow biscuits.
- Make: Friendship bracelets.
- Face painting: Be creative. (Long Day)
- Design: T-shirts - we'll provide. (Long Day)
- Make-over: Get your hair coloured & nails painted. (Long Day)

Friday Market Day June 27th - BEST day of the week!

- Theme: All things Japanese. Prizes for best dressed.
- Draw: One PieceTM.
- Draw: Kawaii cute insects.
- Draw: Hello KittyTM.
- Draw: Anime & Manga.
- Draw: GudetamaTM.
- Draw: Animated fruit & veggie.
- Pocky SticksTM: Guess the flavour blind folded.
- Waterfight: Bring in your waterguns.
- Kingdom Markets: Everyone needs to prepare a shop for Market Day. Buy & sell using Kingdom money. We'll also give you \$100 Kingdom dollars.
- Talent show: Singing, dancing, comedy, etc... Perform for prizes. (Long Day)
- Computer gaming: Bring in your devices for a gaming session. (Long Day)

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FAST FOOD FOR BUSY PARENTS

Sometimes it can be difficult finding the time and energy to cook a healthy meal for the whole family and it might seem easier and cheaper ordering fast food or takeaway.

Preparing healthy, affordable, convenient meals can be made simple using these tips:

- 1.always have staples ingredients in the pantry (e.g. rice/ pasta/ quinoa/ canned chicken & tuna/ canned chickpeas, lentils & beans/ pesto/ tomato passata sauce)
- 2.have frozen ingredients/ leftover meals in the freezer (e.g. frozen vegetable bags, fruit, meats & bread loaves)
- 3.don't let scrap ingredients go to waste.... turn them into a pizza, fried rice, tacos, pasta, noodle, toastie, frittata or soup meals (By using these strategies we also help the environment and save dollars!)

For more busy parenting healthy eating tips, meal ideas and ways to reduce food waste while saving money, follow the links:

- [Healthy snack ideas](#) | [Healthy Made Tasty](#)
- 8 healthy packaged snacks to grab and go when time is low
- <https://thegreatunwaste.com.au/>



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Let's compare the time, money and health cost of buying fast food versus making a quick healthy meal at home for dinner



'Fast food' family meal (hamburger, nuggets/fried chicken, soft drink & fries)



Using leftover/ pantry items for 4 (rice/tuna/frozen veg/curry powder/onion)



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