

ACACIA IN ACTION

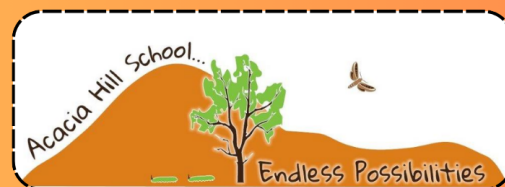
NEWSLETTER

Confident

Community

Caring

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WEEK 4 TERM 3

08 Aug 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am proud to hear from members of our leadership team how smoothly classes are functioning, and students are engaged in learning. We see many of our young people growing in maturity before our eyes; for example, some students who, in the past, had trouble managing their emotions, are beginning to be able to make calmer choices, or to quieten down and reconcile when there has been a mishap. There are a lot of students in the yard at playtime, and generally, it is an active and happy time for everyone.

We had a busy week last week. On Monday, we had an impromptu fire drill. Everyone did really well: staff and students were all at the assembly area in a matter of minutes. It was a treat to have the fire brigade visit us after the drill, and students had turns holding and spraying the special fire-engine hose! On Wednesday, we had the visit of Questacon, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Have a look at page 32 in this week's *Centralian Today*! Science is definitely a lot of fun! All of last week, we also had Jonathan Daw working with Ms Kam and Art classes on claymations – digital animations made with plasticine figures created by the students. We should have some of these animations up on our website and Facebook page in a couple of weeks – they are currently having final touches, such as special sound effects, being added.

Kind regards

Julie

2025 School Survey is OPEN!

We're inviting all Parents and Carers to take part in our 2025 School Survey!

This is your opportunity to share what you think is working well and where we can improve. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school's culture, performance, and services.

To complete the survey please click on the QR Code.



Parent Survey

DATES COMING UP

- 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 3 Magic!

Welcome to room 3 where no day is like another. We are a class of boys only and together we work hard and play hard. We are full of energy; we love life and like to keep busy. We learn to share, wait patiently for our turn, be kind and look out for each other. Rainer speaks for us all. Ryder is our class perfectionist; he keeps us in order. Noah knows all about movies and tells us about animals. For numbers and letters, we go to Ace. Pip is the soul of our parties. Kindness is something we really value in Room 3, and Alphonso shows that every day.



STOP ACTION SMILE at Acacia Hill!

Last week, Acacia Hill School was buzzing with creativity as we welcomed Jonathon Daw, a talented Australian stop-motion filmmaker! Every class had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with Jonathon to create a unique film celebrating our school.

Students brought their imaginations to life, designing vibrant backgrounds and crafting original characters to tell their stories. The energy and enthusiasm were contagious, and every student loved being part of the filmmaking magic!

To top it all off, our budding filmmakers proudly shared their creations with the local newspaper and ABC Radio, showcasing their storytelling talents and school pride to the wider community.



Celebrating Principals' Day

Last Friday, our school community came together to celebrate Principals Day and show our appreciation for our incredible principal, Julie Permezel. Julie's leadership, dedication, and unwavering support make a lasting impact every day, and it was wonderful to take a moment to recognise all that she does. Thank you, Julie, for your inspiring guidance and commitment to our school!



A Surprise Fire Drill Turns into a Morning to Remember at Acacia Hill!

Last week, Acacia Hill students and staff experienced an unexpected fire drill but what began as a routine safety procedure quickly turned into an unforgettable adventure!

All students responded brilliantly, showing calmness, cooperation, and maturity throughout the drill. Their excellent behaviour didn't go unnoticed, and they were rewarded with a special visit from our local fire officers.

The excitement soared as students had hands-on experience with real firefighting equipment. With big smiles and wide eyes, they took turns using the fire hose and even got to operate the "jaws of life", an incredible opportunity that sparked curiosity and joy.

The fire officers were generous with their time and knowledge, turning the morning into a fun and educational experience.

A huge thank you to our local fire officers for making safety so exciting, and to our amazing students and staff for their fantastic response. What a day!



Sport Voucher Scheme – 2025–26



Claim your child's sport voucher today

You can receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year, one in January and one in July, to help pay for sport, active recreation and cultural activities.

How to apply

1. Visit nt.gov.au/sport-vouchers to get started
2. Register and apply for the voucher through grantsnt.nt.gov.au

Need help?

Call us on 1800 817 860 or email Sport.VoucherScheme@nt.gov.au



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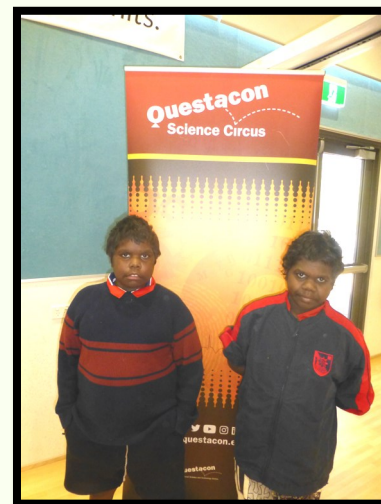
Questacon Inspires Young Scientists at Acacia Hill School!

Last week, Acacia Hill School was thrilled to have a visit from the amazing team at Questacon. The day was packed with fun, hands-on science activities that had students fully engaged and smiling from ear to ear!

From creating giant, shimmering bubbles to experimenting with slime and exploring more activities students had the chance to dive into the world of science in the most exciting way possible. The interactive sessions sparked curiosity, encouraged creativity, and brought science to life in ways that worksheets and lessons in a class simply can't.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn through play, ask questions, and discover how science is all around us.

Thank you, Questacon, for a day filled with wonder, discovery, and unforgettable memories!



Book Week Dress-Up Day is Coming!

Get ready to bring your favourite stories to life! Next week, we're celebrating the magic of reading with our annual **Book Week Dress-Up Day**. Come dressed as your favourite book character whether it's a brave hero, a mischievous villain, or a whimsical creature from a faraway land. Let your imagination run wild and show off your literary love!

St Philip's College Proudly Presents

MINI MUSICAL WORKSHOP

School Holiday Program For students in Years 5 & 6

St Philip's College - 22 to 26 September
 11:00am to 2:00pm ~ Monday - Thursday
 11:00am to 3:00pm ~ Friday
 Mini Musical Show for Parents - 2:30pm Friday

Love to Sing, Dance or Act?
 Step Into the Spotlight!

Join us for a fun-filled, creative week where you'll discover what it takes to bring a mini production to life. Learn from the best, perform your heart out, and shine on stage!

Cost: \$180 per student
 To book scan the QR code

*Terms and Conditions apply




Book Week Dress Up Day - Friday August 15th



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.



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)



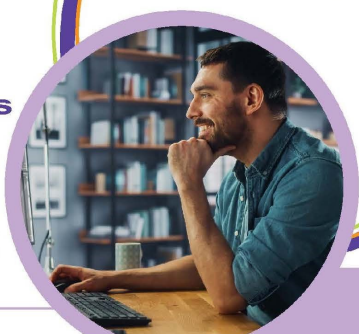
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Free workshop



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.

ACACIA HILL SCHOOL CONCERT

50's

60's

70s Vibes

80's

90's

19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Time : 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

Venue : Sadadeen School Hall

Our students are excited to showcase our concert theme of the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Come and support our talented young stars as they shine on stage!

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP - 15 September 2025



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



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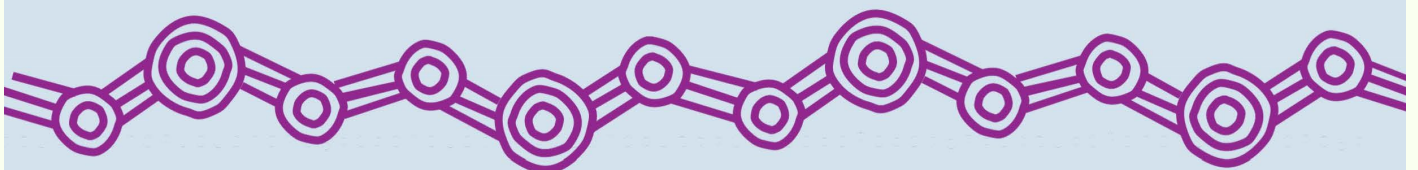
PARENT SESSION

AT ACACIA HILL SCHOOL HALL

TUESDAY AUGUST 12 11AM – 1PM

Congress is coming to Acacia Hill School to share about our services for children and families, including:

- NDIS
- Head to Health Kids
- CYATS
- Family Support Services





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!

ENTRY:
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For more information, email us on
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visit our facebook page!

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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.