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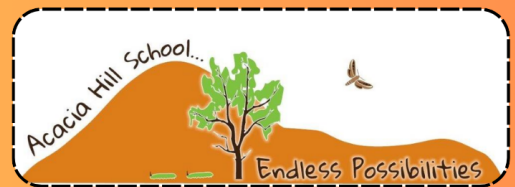
NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 6 TERM 3

22 Aug 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

While I was in Darwin at the Leaders' Summit last week, there were some great things happening at Acacia! You will see some of the amazing photos from Book Week dress-up day in this newsletter. I am very thankful to Lisa, who was Acting Principal while Joel and I attended the Leaders' Summit on Wednesday and Thursday, and then Hannah, Samantha and I attended a great day of School Improvement Tool training on Friday.

Our enrolment is now 105 students on the active roll, which is the highest enrolment since I have been at Acacia, and I continue receive about one query a week about enrolling a young person. Our attendance for the first four weeks of this term was 65%, and we would like this to improve. There has been quite a bit of sickness around, but there are also some students whom we really want to come to school more regularly. Cheryle, Stephanie and I are working with Will from the Attendance and Inclusion Team to try to support families to send their child to school every day.

A reminder that the school has copies of Susan McLean's book, *Sexts, Texts & Selfies: How to keep your children safe in the digital space* in the front office, for sale at cost price (\$35). This book is now out of print, so we have some of the last copies around. There is a quote from this book later in this newsletter.

Cheryle and Stephanie, with Congress, organised an NDIS information session for parents and carers on 12th August. This was to provide information about NDIS, and what they can do if NDIS services are not being provided to their satisfaction for their child. Although a number of parents had expressed interest in attending, unfortunately, no one attended on the day. We have brochures at the school about some of the different teams in Congress who can help in different types of situations.

There is information in this newsletter about the School Survey. Can you please take just a little time to do this survey. Your voice is important. Feedback from this survey helps us shape the work we do at Acacia Hill School as we begin to prepare for 2026.

Cheers,
Julie

DATES COMING UP

- 22nd August NAIDOC Day
- 16th-23rd August Book Week
- 5:30pm Wednesday 17th September Year 12 graduation
- 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 17:

Room 17 has had an amazing term so far! We have learnt about the seasons, participated in athletics, had Sports Day at Sadadeen, learnt about shapes and created some bubble art.

We hope you enjoy the photos we have chosen to share with you this week in the newsletter!

Happy reading,

Teacher Jordie, Alex and the students of Room 17.

Bubble Art:

We love creating things in room 17. One of the favourite things we have created is our bubble art prints. Teacher Jordie created the solution for us, then we used a straw and blow some bubbles, after that we squashed the bubbles with some paper which made a beautiful print.



Athletics:

In preparation for Sports Day, in weeks 1 and 2 we had some athletic practice lessons and joined with another Sadadeen class. Our favourite thing we learnt was how to throw a javelin.



On Friday in week 3 we had Sadadeen Sports Day. Our class was in the yellow team called Mahomet. The students had fun shouting their team chant and competing in different events. The students received ribbons from positions 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Overall our team came 2nd.



Seasons:

In term 3 we have been learning about the seasons. Every week we have made a poster of what we would look like during each season. The students drew clothing that we would wear and took a picture of what we would look like in each season.



Shapes:

We have been learning about 2D shapes. It has been a lot of fun! The students played shape bingo, made pictures out of the shapes and sorted the shapes.



Quote from Susan McLean's book, *Sexts, Texts & Selfies: How to keep your children safe in the digital space* (p. 8)

Young people see the internet and mobile phone technology as a lifeline to their peer group. Whether we like it or not, it is a very real part of their life. But that same technology can also expose them to:

- Inappropriate content
- Cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Online grooming
- Identity theft
- Online pornography.

The perceived anonymity of the internet gives many young people a sense of bravado and disinhibition, allowing them to engage in behaviours that they would not consider in the real world. Most kids think they know it all ... that they *won't* make a poor choice and that they *will* be able to sort out the good from the bad. Kids don't always realise that making a poor choice online can be catastrophic, they can't undo what they did, nor can they erase it. They do not understand that once you press the button to send, enter or upload, it is almost impossible to erase. There is no 'undo' button in cyberspace.



2025 School Survey – Have Your Say!

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

This is your chance to share your thoughts on what's working well and where we can grow. Your feedback is incredibly valuable it helps us shape the future of our school's culture, performance, and services.

Whether it's about learning, wellbeing, communication, or facilities, we want to hear from you.

Every voice matters, and together we can make our school the best it can be.

- Survey closes 5th September 2025
- Click on the QR Code to take the survey



Parent Survey



Book Week Fun at Acacia Hill School!

Our students and staff went all out, dressing up as their favourite book characters and filling the school with colour, laughter, and imagination! From magical creatures to classic heroes everyone looked amazing!



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



**NORTHERN
TERRITORY
GOVERNMENT**

**NORTHERN TERRITORY
SPORTS ACADEMY**

ALICE SPRINGS MINI PARALYMPICS

WHEN: THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER – 10am – 2pm

**WHERE: ALICE SPRINGS BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION & TIO TRAEGER PARK**

**Join us for a fun and inclusive day of
sport and activities, to explore and learn
more about different Paralympic Sports,
in a supportive and accessible
environment .**

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER**



OR JOIN US ON THE DAY



Thanks to the Northern Territory Government, NTSA, Australian Sports Commission, Paralympics Australia and Reclink Australia in making this event possible and the continued support of Paralympic Pathways across Australia.



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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.

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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