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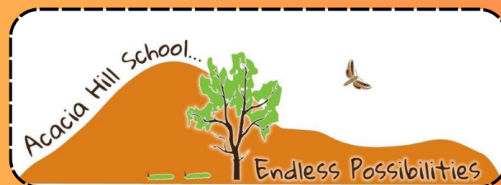
NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 8 TERM 3

05 Sep 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great NAIDOC celebration on Friday 29th August. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for breakfast. I am very thankful to our AEO, Cheryle Edwards, and HLO, Stephanie Bell, for organising Akeyulerre Aboriginal Corporation to lead some activities during the day. You can see some photos from our NAIDOC event in this newsletter.

By now, most parents and carers have participated in an EAP Review for your child. For students who were still at the 'emerging' level in relation to an EAP goal, the goal would have been tweaked in consultation with you, with the aim of them achieving or at least partly achieving the goal by the end of the year.

The school survey closes tomorrow. We appreciate the 22 parents and carers who have filled out the survey. If you haven't done the survey yet, details on how to access it are later in this newsletter. This information helps us have a sense of how Acacia Hill School is going from your perspective, and is taken into account when planning for 2026.

One area needing attention identified by parents and carers in recent school surveys is their child knowing how to communicate safely and respectfully online. One of our responses to this has been to stock some 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). There are 8 remaining copies. A quote from this book is included later in this newsletter.

On 18th August, a School Safety Maturity Audit was carried out at Acacia. This looked at things like safety induction for staff, de-escalation training for staff, visitor sign in and out register, school safety risk register, hazard inspection checklists, electrical tagging and testing, school emergency plans and exercises. I am proud to say that Acacia scored 95% of the available points, placing us at the level of Leading Safety Maturity. Well done to our Business Manager, Julia Rossana, and all staff, for ensuring our school is a really safe place!

Best regards,

Julie

DATES COMING UP

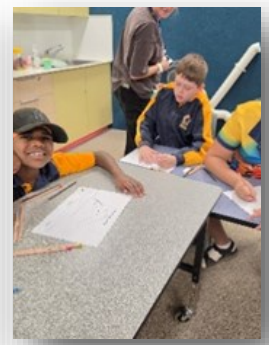
- 5:30pm Wednesday 17th September Year 12 graduation
- 9:30am-11:00am Thursday 18 September Council meeting - Annex
- 1:00pm Friday 19th September School Concert – Sadadeen Hall
- End of Term 3 - Tuesday 15th July to Friday 19th September

Term 3 Health and Physical Education

All classes have been having lots of fun working together in HPE. Our lessons are divided into two main parts. The first is *Health*, where we learn about ourselves and our feelings. The second is *Physical Education*, where we develop our movement and teamwork skills.

Health

In Health, we explore our identities and learn different ways to express how we feel. We have covered a range of topics, from identifying the people we trust to recognising different facial expressions.



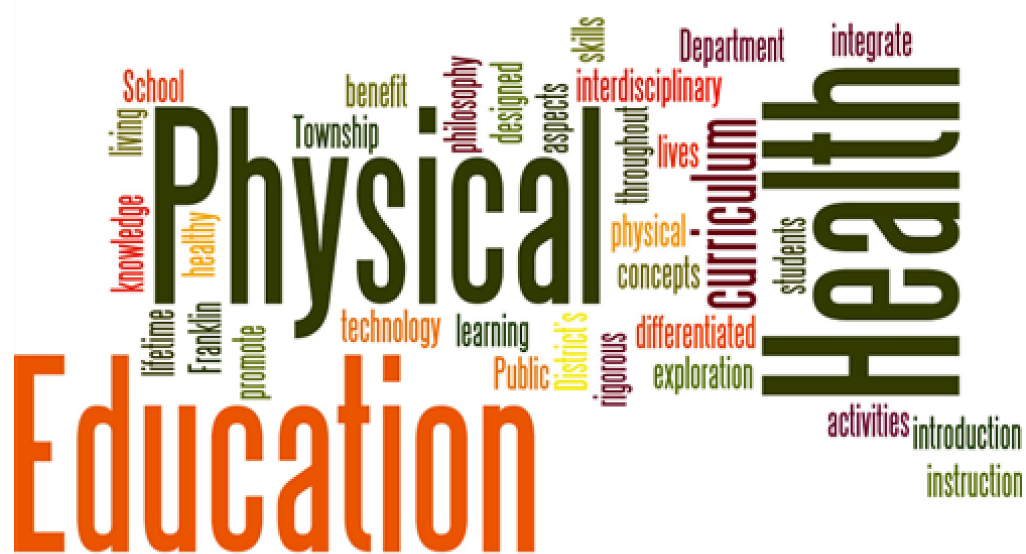
Physical Education

In Physical Education, we focus on developing our movement and teamwork skills. The students have been learning and having fun using tennis rackets, basketballs, javelins, soccer balls, baseball bats, and other types of equipment.



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'Working for' – We get to choose an activity from the HPE wagon to practice. This gives us the chance to enjoy our favourite sports and explore new interests.





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

There is strong research evidence to suggest that adolescents in general, and male adolescents in particular, are developmentally less able to make informed decisions about personal safety and security than adults. The fact that they are tech-savvy does not compensate for their still-developing brain and their lack of maturity and life experiences. We are also seeing much younger children online and with access to connected devices, so the conversations must start earlier than ever before.



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