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WEEK 2 TERM 3

24 July 2026

Dear Families and Friends,

As we begin Semester 2, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our students, families and staff. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and is feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning, growth and connection. We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding semester filled with wonderful opportunities for our students.

Alice Springs Show Art Prizes

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Alice Springs Show Art Prizes this year. We are incredibly proud of the creativity, effort and talent displayed in the artworks submitted. Our students achieved outstanding success, showcasing the high-quality learning and artistic expression taking place at Acacia Hill. A special thank you goes to our art teacher, Kam Kaur, for her hard work and dedication in coordinating the prize entries. Her organisation and support helped ensure our students had the opportunity to share their artistic talents with the wider community.

Individual Student Awards

- Hunter Pedersen – 2nd Place
- Jerrick Perera – 2nd Place
- Noaha Chan – 3rd Place
- Grayson Dunbar – 3rd Place

Group Art Awards

- 1st Place – *Creating a Didgeridoo* – Rooms 9, 11, 13, 15, 19 and 20
- 2nd Place – *Collage of a Lion* – Room 20
- 3rd Place – *Collage of a Giraffe* – Room 13
- 3rd Place – *Bottle Caps Project* (with heartfelt thanks for your kind donations) – Room 9 and 15

These achievements are a wonderful reflection of our students' creativity, teamwork and commitment. Congratulations to everyone involved. If you want to see the art work for yourself it is now on display in our front office.

Deadly Science Incursion

Last Thursday, our students had the privilege of participating in a Deadly Science incursion, which provided a fantastic hands-on learning experience. Students explored traditional knowledge and practices while making bush soap, gaining a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture and the connection between science and First Nations knowledge. It was a highly engaging experience, and students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn in such a meaningful and practical way. Thank you to our teacher Trina Wood-Brown for coordinating the day.

School Photo Day

On Wednesday, we held our second school photo day, and it was wonderful to see all of our students and staff looking so smart and proud. Everyone looked absolutely spectacular, and the day was a great success. Thank you to families for helping students arrive photo-ready and prepared for the occasion. We look forward to sharing the photographs when they become available.

Save the Date: Acacia Hill NAIDOC Celebration

We are excited to invite all families to attend our Acacia Hill NAIDOC Celebration on **Thursday 6 August**, commencing at **11:00am**. This special event will celebrate the rich cultures, histories and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and will include a range of activities such as a smoking ceremony, making bush medicine, and a BBQ lunch. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, learn and celebrate. Further information and communications regarding our NAIDOC celebrations will be shared with families over the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming families and community members to this important event and sharing the day together.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable Semester 2.

Cheers,
Joel Hohn

DATES COMING UP

- Thursday 13th August 9:30 am - 10:30 am - School Council Meeting
- Friday 18th September - School Concert / Last day for Term 3
- Monday 5th October - Teachers Return - Term 4
- Tuesday 6th October - Students Return - Term 4



Room 1 Newsletter

Welcome Back to Term 3!

A warm welcome back to all of our Room 1 families as well as our bigger school community! We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

Room 1 is Acacia's Early Intervention and Preschool class, with 11 students attending across two groups:

- Preschool: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
- Early Intervention (3-year-old preschool): Thursday and Friday mornings

We are looking forward to another exciting term of learning, exploration and play.



Our Learning This Term

We are starting our Term 3 learning by looking at recycling and caring for our environment. The children will investigate different ways we can reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle. Throughout the next few weeks we will:

- Create artworks using recycled materials.
- Explore how paper is recycled by making our own recycled paper.

Book Focus

Our first story for the term is Big Rain Coming. This beautiful First Nation story will introduce our weather theme as we explore rain, sunshine, wind and other weather patterns through stories, art, science and sensory play. We will follow this up with books about the seasons and how living things grow and change.





Literacy and Numeracy

Throughout the term we will continue to support children's early literacy and numeracy skills. The children will participate in name writing activities, helping them recognise and write their own names with increasing confidence. We will also explore measurement through hands-on experiences, comparing length, height, weight and capacity using a variety of everyday materials and play-based activities.

Learning Through Play

Our learning areas have been busy already!

Home Corner

The children have been enjoying preparing both hot and cold meals, including noodles with prawns, sushi and steamed buns. This imaginative play encourages communication, creativity and social skills.

Puzzles

Puzzles have been a favourite activity this week! They provide wonderful opportunities for children to develop problem-solving skills, persistence, concentration and fine motor coordination.

Outdoor Play

We've been spending lots of time outdoors building our gross motor skills through climbing, balancing, running and active play.

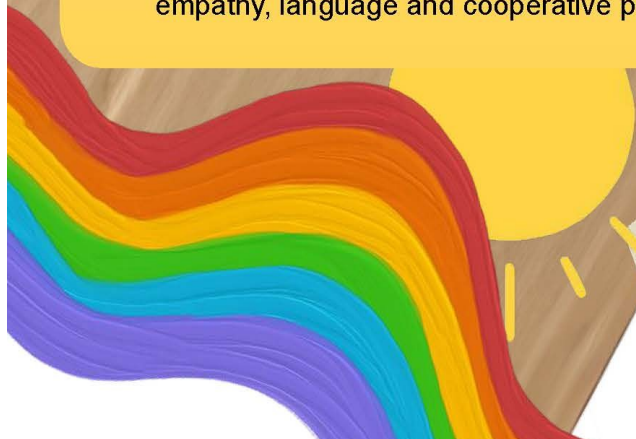
Dramatic Play

Our dramatic play area has been transformed into a hospital, ready to care for anyone who needs a check-up! The children are enjoying taking on the roles of doctors, nurses and patients while developing empathy, language and cooperative play skills.



We are looking forward to a wonderful term filled with curiosity, creativity and learning. Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to share all of the exciting experiences ahead!

The Room 1 Team



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Endless Possibilities



NAIDOC

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee

ACACIA HILL SCHOOL Invites all parents/carers
to come and be involved with their children.

We will celebrate our NAIDOC EVENT

ON THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

11:00am

Enjoy a BBQ LUNCH

Together, we will honour culture, community and
the rich traditions of the world's oldest living culture.

- A Smoking ceremony
- Bush Medicine displays and interactive activities of
making the medicine using a grinder method
Bush medicine stall/sales
- Sensory materials of touching of bush tree – Mingulpa Inerte seeds,
river sand, feel the different sorts of bark that make ashes
will be on display
- Animal cards and Animal Tracks.

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You're invited

MOVIES & MUSICALS

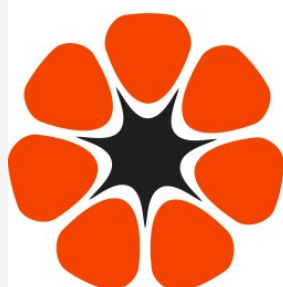
Join us for an afternoon of amazing performances as our students take you on a journey through **Movies & Musicals!**

 Lights, Camera, Action!

 **DATE**
Friday
18th September
2026

 **TIME**
1:30pm

 **VENUE**
OLSH Marion Centre
95 Sadadeen Road,
Sadadeen

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AFTER SCHOOL

- youth programs -

term 3



THURSDAY

5pm - 7pm

3X3
Basketball
w. Hoopers
Hopes

@ Newland Park
Skate and Play
Precinct

FRIDAY

4pm - 6pm

Commencing
Fri 7 Aug

Community
Cook-Up

@ Lyndavale Park,
Larrapinta

alicesprings.nt.gov.au
(08) 8950 0500



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 1800 951 955.

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