

# ACACIA IN ACTION

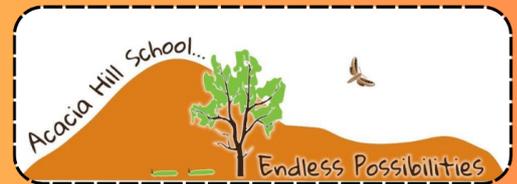
## NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 04 TERM 1

20 Feb 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We currently have 124 students on our roll aged 3–18. We have 22 new students, so we are off to a good start for 2026! Certainly, the playgrounds look busier than in the past! Our two senior years classes (Years 10-12) have settled well into their two classrooms at Centralian Senior College.



We are very proud of Shilayne Dixon and Hunter Pederson, who each received an academic achievement award for Acacia Hill School for 2025 (the Year 9 award and the Year 6 award respectively) at the NT Board of Students 2025 Student Awards on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we were honoured to have the visit of the Hon Jo Hersey, MLA, Minister for Education and Training, and our local member, the Hon Joshua Burgoyne, MLA. Minister Hersey really appreciated her visit and was particularly interested in our preschool and in our work in the senior years space.

Congratulations to our SESO, Carly Ross, who has won a Teach Local Scholarship with NT DET. For this scholarship, Carly will work 0.8 at Acacia on a full-time SESO salary, while at the same time, studying a Bachelor of Education full-time with CDU for four years. I am proud of Carly for winning this scholarship, and for taking on this big commitment! I look forward to Carly becoming a teacher in a few years!

Congratulations also to our Hydrotherapy Assistant, Sarah Rendina, who has recently received word that she is being fully supported by Sporting Australia to become a fully qualified swim coach! Well done, Sarah!

Congratulations, and thank you, Mel and Julia, for successfully gaining some grants for Acacia Hill School. Mel successfully applied for an \$800 grant for Harmony Day on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March; Julia successfully applied for \$2,000 from the Airport Development Group to go towards the cost of Riding for the Disabled (RDA), and Julia successfully applied for \$10,000 from Variety SA, also to go towards the cost of RDA. The Airport Development Group runs Alice Springs Airport, and Variety from various states often visits the NT, raising money for children as they go.

Our annual general meeting (AGM) will be at 9:30am next Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. I'm very happy that several parents have expressed interest in being on the School Council. The School Council meets twice a term on a Thursday from 9:30-11:00am. This is a really important group, which provides advice to us on the running and organisation of our great school! We would love to see you all there!

Kindest regards,

Julie

### DATES COMING UP

- 9:30 am Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - School Council AGM and ordinary meeting
- 9:30 am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Harmony Day
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Whole school photo day
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last day of Term 1

### Room 3

We work hard and we play hard. We are a class of 6 students and 2 teachers. We are doing an amazing job of getting to know each other and learning to follow class routine and expectations. We enjoy school both in the classroom and out on the playing field. Last week Room 3 presented at assembly despite the flood on Todd River. Adonis did us proud as the principal's helper at assembly. Our goal is to develop our talents and achieve our dreams.



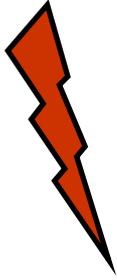
We play together and care for each other.



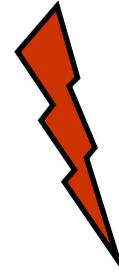
We learn our local language and connect with each other.



We eat together and build our community.



We learn together and develop confidence in our new skills.



ACACIA HILL SCHOOL

## NEW STAFF

**Izzy Ross**  
SESO

*"Hello there! It's Izzy! I'm so happy to be working at a new and bright school! I have worked at CMS for 2 years and I am excited to take this new journey with Acacia."*

Acacia Hill School... Endless Possibilities

### Annual School AGM

Thursday, 26th February 2026  
at 9:30 am

*All parents and community members are invited to attend.  
We hope to see you there!*

80 Spearwood Road, Sadadeen - Telka Williams Hall

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



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PER CHILD

## BACK TO SCHOOL

- ✓ Still fully funded by the NT Government
- ✓ Expanded eligibility for students
- ✓ More flexibility for families



The Back-to-School payment scheme is an NT Government initiative to help parents pay for certain school-related costs.

This supports student learning by removing potential barriers for students to engage in school.

If eligible, you are entitled to a one-off payment of \$200, to be spent by the end of Term 3 in each school year.

### 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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