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NEWSLETTER

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Acacia Hill School...



Endless Possibilities

WEEK 2 TERM 4

16/10/2026

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Principal's Update

It has certainly been a busy start to the term. Following the significant storm damage across our community, the school was closed on Tuesday to allow for clean-up and recovery efforts. I would like to sincerely thank our staff who came in, rolled up their sleeves and worked tirelessly to help clean up the school grounds and make the site safe and welcoming for our students to return on Wednesday. Your teamwork, flexibility and commitment to our school community were greatly appreciated.

Year 12 Graduation

One of the highlights of the past fortnight was our Year 12 Graduation, where we proudly celebrated the achievements of Bobo Williams, Tiarni Morgan and William Hall as they completed their schooling journey at Acacia Hill School. Graduation is a significant milestone, and it was wonderful to reflect on each student's growth, accomplishments and contributions to our school community.

Congratulations to our graduates on reaching this important milestone. We wish them every success and happiness as they move into the next chapter of their lives.

A sincere thank you also goes to Nellie Niku for her outstanding work coordinating the day and helping to make the celebration such a memorable occasion for our students, families and staff.

Dancenorth Workshops

Students in Rooms 8, 9, 10 and 11 recently had the opportunity to participate in engaging workshops facilitated by Dancenorth Australia. These sessions encouraged students to express themselves creatively, build confidence and explore movement in a fun and supportive environment.

The workshops provided a special connection to Dancenorth's upcoming performance, *Lighting the Dark*, which will be presented at the Araluen Arts Centre on Saturday, 17 October. The production was choreographed by Chris Dyke, a Kurna (Adelaide) based dancer and choreographer living with Down syndrome, and explores themes of love, hope, creativity and human connection. We are grateful to Dancenorth for offering Acacia Hill School students and families a special promotional code to attend the performance at a reduced rate (the code can be found on the promotional poster later in this newsletter). We encourage families to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to experience a professional dance production and support inclusive arts.

Mural Workshops

Last week, students and staff participated in a series of mural workshops, bringing creativity, collaboration and community spirit together. Participants contributed ideas and artwork that will form part of an exciting new mural project for our school.

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the finished product later this term and sharing this vibrant new addition with our school community.

As always, thank you to our staff and community partners who continue to create meaningful and enriching opportunities for our students. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we look forward to many more exciting experiences in the weeks ahead.

Joel Höhn

Acting Principal

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

 **Enrolments are now open for Alice Springs College, opening in 2027.**

Winnie is one of the first students to enrol and be part of an exciting new chapter in education in Central Australia.

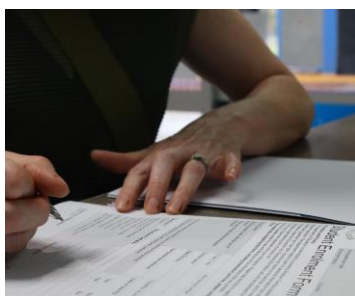
If your child is currently in Year 6 and will commence Year 7 in 2027, now is the time to enrol.

 Submit your completed enrolment form by **16 October** and receive a **free movie ticket**.

Enrolment forms are available from our school office.

For more information:  centralian.middle@education.nt.gov.au

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With the hot summer days here, we'd like to include weekly water safety tips to keep swimming fun for all families.

TIP 1: Follow these three important safety rules when in the water

1

Go Together, Swim together, never alone



Always go near, in, or on water with another person. This ensures someone is present to help or call for assistance if trouble occurs.

2

Stay Afloat and Wave



If you get into difficulty:

- Stay calm
- Float on your back
- Wave one arm to attract attention

These actions help conserve energy and make you visible to rescuers.

AQUACODE



GO TOGETHER



STAY AFLOAT AND WAVE



REACH TO RESCUE

WHEN IN AND AROUND THE WATER, FOLLOW THE AQUACODE



3

Reach to Rescue



If someone else is in trouble, **do not enter the water.**

Instead:

- Lie down to avoid being pulled in
- Reach out with a stick, rope, or similar object
- Or throw them something that floats

Do your part Be Cyber Smart

Phishing is a type of scam

Cybercriminals use it to trick you into giving them your personal, sensitive or financial information.

Phishing emails can be hard to identify.

Some look realistic and can appear to come from a trusted source.



Stop! Think! Check!

NTG **applies email banners** to emails that come from outside the NTG.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

They are designed to **encourage you** to take extra care and check these emails for phishing.

If you receive a work email that appears to be from a NTG colleague with this banner - **it may be impersonated.**

Be alert for email scams

Do you **know the signs?**

Do you **know when to stop, think and check?**



Remember: The NTG Service Centre or IT staff **WILL NEVER ASK FOR YOUR PASSWORD** to access your account on your behalf.

REPORTING PHISHING

You **must** report all phishing or scams!

NT Government

Report it to SPAM@nt.gov.au

Education and Training

Click on the 'Report' located in the Home ribbon and select 'Report Phishing'

Power and Water Corporation

Log a 'Report spam or fraudulent email' ticket via ICT Services Portal

Jacana Energy

Report it to help@jacanaenergy.com.au

READ MORE ON NTG CENTRAL

CYBER SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



LIGHTING THE DARK.



"This show is about fun, spontaneity, and inclusivity."

BRISBANE STAGE

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
Araluen Arts Centre



\$20 STUDENT TICKETS
PROMO CODE: **STUDENT20**

DANCENORTH

BRISBANE
FESTIVAL



LIGHTING THE DARK was commissioned by Brisbane Festival and is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, and the Ian Potter Foundation. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body. Dancenorth Australia is assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body, and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, and by Townsville City Council. Dancenorth is supported by the Tinti Farlam family foundation and receives funding from Creative Australia through the Australian Cultural Fund. Photography Credit : Amber Haines 2024, David Kelly 2024 & Tsar.



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