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WEEK 8 TERM 3

04 Sep 2026

Principal's Message

As we move through the final weeks of Term 3, there are plenty of exciting events and important dates ahead. Please take note of the upcoming school holiday dates and our annual school concert. We also had a wonderful visit from St John Alice Springs this week, which was a fantastic experience for our students.

Upcoming School Holidays

A reminder to families that the Term 3 school holidays will run from 21 September to 5 October. The **last day of school for students will be Friday, 18 September**, and students will return for the **start of Term 4 on Tuesday, 6 October**. We hope all families enjoy a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the final term of the year.

School Concert Reminder

We are excited to remind families that our School Concert will be held on Friday, 18 September at the Marion Centre, starting at 1:30 pm.

Our students and staff have been working hard preparing for this special event, and we look forward to showcasing their talents. We encourage all families to attend and support our students on the night.

Further information, including event details, will be sent home to families shortly.

Thank a First Responder

Today we were fortunate to welcome St John Alice Springs to Acacia Hill School.

Earlier this term, our students participated in the "Thank a First Responder" colouring competition, and we are proud to share that our school was selected as a winner. As part of the prize, paramedics visited our school with an ambulance, giving students a unique hands-on learning experience.

Students had the opportunity to try on paramedic uniforms, tour the ambulance, explore the stretcher, and even practise applying bandages. It was an engaging and educational experience that helped students gain a greater appreciation for the important work of first responders in our community.

We will be sharing photos from the visit on our Facebook page, so keep an eye out for them in the coming days.

Cheers,
Joel Hohn

DATES COMING UP

- Friday 18th September - School Concert / Last day for Term 3
- Monday 5th October - Teachers Return - Term 4
- Tuesday 6th October - Students Return - Term 4

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION

Students in Room 10 have recently started working at their explicit instruction table doing Read Write Inc. and numeracy. This approach makes learning clear and manageable by breaking tasks into smaller steps, using clear language, visual supports and predictable routines, with opportunities for practice and feedback. Students have responded really well to the one-on-one approach and enjoy focused time with the teacher, allowing for more individualised support. Meanwhile, other students work with SESO support or independently, keeping everyone engaged and working towards their learning goals.



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SCIENCE

Last week, Room 10 students enjoyed a fun and colourful milk experiment. They added food colouring to milk and used cotton buds dipped in dishwashing liquid to watch the colours move and spread.

The experiment helped students develop prediction, curiosity, observation and cause-and-effect skills. It also provided great opportunities for social interaction and communication, as students took turns, shared materials and watched each other's experiments. Students communicated their reactions and predictions using vocalisations, verbal communication and facial expressions.

It was a fun, hands-on way to learn about science while also developing communication and social skills.



SWIMMING



Room 10 students have been building their swimming and water safety skills during our recent pool sessions. Students have been practising floating with noodles, kicking skills, and learning how to correctly put on and use a lifejacket in an emergency.

Learning to swim is an important life skill that helps develop strength, coordination, balance, fitness, confidence and independence in the water. Our pool sessions also provide a great opportunity for social interaction, with students encouraging each other, participating together and having fun while developing these important skill





BOOK WEEK

2026



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

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You're invited to our

ACACIA HILL SCHOOL CONCERT

MOVIES & MUSICALS

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



DATE

Friday 18th
September 2026



TIME

1:30pm



VENUE

OLSH Marion Centre
95 Sadadeen Road, Sadadeen



NEW STAFF

Monica Gardner

SESO



"Hi! I'm Monica, I've just started at Acacia Hill as a relief SESO! I grew up in Alice Springs but have spent the last 7 years away in QLD and Canberra! I love our town and am happy to be home and working with all the great students and staff at Acacia Hill 😊"

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Helpful services and contact details



AUTISM ADVISORY LINE
Available 24/7. Run by families of children with autism.
1300 22 777



AUTISM NT
8948 4424



NT MENTAL HEALTH LINE
1800 682 288



EHEADSPACE
1800 650 890



KIDS HELPLINE
1800 55 1800



FACES
Monday to Friday, 8:00 am–8:00 pm
Parenting support, budgeting assistance and service referrals.
1800 999 900



PARENTLINE
Counsellors available Monday to Friday, 8:00 am–10:00 pm.
1300 301 300



13YARN – FIRST NATIONS CRISIS SUPPORT
13 92 76



RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA
May support children depending on individual needs and service capacity. Phone intake required. Fees apply and vary with family income.
8950 4100



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