THE RIDGE REVIEW
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ACACIA RIDGE ROCKETS
We are the Acacia Ridge Rockets. We are respectful, safe, learners.

From the Principal's Desk

We have had a great start to the year and have had a pleasing increase in student numbers. Now that the Department’s Day 8 processes have been finalised, we have been able to maintain our full staff of twelve classroom teachers, which is an increase of one class from last year’s enrolments. This is wonderful news as it reflects the growth in community confidence in our school and enables us to have smaller class sizes.

Those students who have moved classes have settled in remarkably well and have showcased the Acacia Ridge resilience. All classes were settled in their classrooms and the focus was back onto learning by 9:00am on Friday, which was fantastic to see. Thank you to our whole school community for making the transition for these students so positive and smooth.

Beating the Bell

Getting children to school on time helps get them in the best head space for learning. But working to a timeframe in a busy household in the morning is no easy feat. Here are my tips for an orderly school morning routine.

Make Lists

Start by listing everything everyone (including parents) needs to do each morning, such as eating a healthy breakfast and getting dressed. Think about what time you need to leave and work backwards.

Visual Charts

These can help young people learn the routine. You can also use it to indicate specific requirements for each day of the week, such as whether it is library day or swimming day to help them prepare appropriately.

Be Prepared

Minimise the number of tasks to be done in the morning by preparing as much as you can the night before. Have school bags packed after homework is completed and their lunch as ready as possible. Make sandwiches the night before and refrigerate them! Have any medication out on the bench ready to go so nobody forgets.

State Schools are Great Schools!

Note: This newsletter is sent home to all families each fortnight and can also be downloaded from the school’s website: www.acaciaridge.eq.edu.au
Keep Calm

Try not to raise your voice or get angry. Yes, it can be frustrating if you are repeating the same instructions, but try and be patient. You don’t want your child starting their school day with negative feelings and it’s not nice for anyone if you’re saying goodbye for the day after an argument.

Invitation- Parent Meet and Greet

On Tuesday 14th February Acacia Ridge State School will be hosting our annual ‘Meet and Greet’ afternoon at the school. The afternoon will commence at 2:40pm in your child’s classroom. Our teachers will be opening their classroom doors after school and we encourage our parents to visit to learn more about what is happening with the academic, social and emotional growth of your child this year.

To follow the open classroom session, we will have a BBQ available for our families under F Block, however you will need to collect a raffle ticket from the teacher during your visit to the classrooms to engage in the BBQ.

Please keep your children with you at this time for supervisory purposes. The adventure playground will not be open, as it is closed after school for safety purposes.

We encourage all parents and guardians to please take up this valuable opportunity to prioritise our home-school partnership, as we know this creates better student outcomes for every child.

Before School

A reminder that students should not be dropped to school before 8:00am. There are no formal supervision practices in place for students until 8:00am. Please keep your children home with you until this time to ensure they have plenty of time to eat a healthy breakfast and are ready to start the day.

Adventure Playground

Please be aware that our Adventure Playground is closed after school and should not be used by students. This playground is open during school hours only when there are staff scheduled to supervise the safety and interactions in this space. We ask that parents help to support us in this request by moving their children on from here after school. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Swimming Timetable

A change of classes has meant that there may be a change to the swimming day for your child. Please ensure that on your child’s swimming day they have their togs, towel, swimming cap and anything else they may require to participate. Prep students do not participate in swimming lessons in Term 1. Swimming days are listed below:

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Behaviour Expectations

In the first three weeks of school our teachers are reviewing the behaviour expectations that will enable smooth transitions and clear expectations throughout the school. Your child may discuss with you the following lessons:

1. Listen and follow Instructions the first time
2. Walk
3. Line up
4. Use respectful and polite language
5. Straight there straight back
6. Be ready to learn
7. Participate

Thought of the Week

‘Every child needs a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they could possibly be.’ (Rita Pearson)

Have a fantastic week!

Leigh Smith

Kumbara Afternoon Tea

The Kumbara Association is hosting an afternoon tea for Indigenous students and their families at Acacia Ridge SS.

When: Friday, 17 February
Time: 2:00pm to 2:30pm
Where: The Hub

Further information will be sent home soon.
Congratulations to our award winners

Student of the Week – Term 1, Week 2

PG  Conan Archer
PP  Iesha Dillon
1F  Benalath Fonoti
1P  Abdilhabib Hussein Ali
2P  Lavinia Fatafehi
2/3Q  Jackson Hart
3S  Kaylan Worrell
3/4P  Hailee Duane
4S  Samantha Skye Andrews
5C  Hillary Briggs
5/6C  Lauren Willis
6H  Wilson Fonoti

Behaviour of the Week – Term 1, Week 2

PG  Nirvana Delavari Edulat
 PP  Tyrone Hola
 1F  Halana Kay
 1P  Zavier Penitani
 2P  Ayub Mohamed Olad
 2/3Q  Malakai McDowell
 3S  Tangata Huirua-Canterbury
 3/4P  Kaedence Bales
 4S  Sara Alhusseini
 5C  Harmanvy Kay
 5/6C  Jacob Garland
 6H  Levi Bailey

Student of the Week – Term 1, Week 3

PG  Shelby Britton-Wagenknecht
PP  Wazanna Duane
P/1P  Eyob Gosar-Abdi
1F  Ashton Worrell
1/2P  Isaac Williams
2/3Q  Zoe Nurse
2/3S  Shalom Mhizha
3/4P  Lufia Heather
4S  Danny Taai
5C  Trellyn Stafford
5/6C  Justin Cubilla
6H  Neelab Abdul Baqi

Behaviour of the Week – Term 1, Week 3

PG  Jakobie Last
PP  Chloe Ireland
P/1P  Aisha Olad Mohammed
1F  Pahulu Kite
1/2P  Robert Stanton
2/3Q  Hiba Akhlaki
2/3S  Tyson Gillmore
3/4P  Kain Henderson
4S  Mohamed Abdiraham

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Tuesday 14 February
- “Meet and Greet” Sausage sizzle afternoon

Friday 17 February
- Afternoon Tea for Indigenous Students and Families (2.00-2.30) at The Hub

Welcome Back to Term 1 of 2017!

We trust that everyone is settled back into school and work. Now is the important time to enrol your children into Before and After school care! We are open 6:30AM – 6:00PM, so if you require to drop your children at school before 8:00AM, enrol them into care for as little as $9.00 a session. *please note prices vary, call for a personal quote*

OISS has many benefits for children. We program our activities around what the children would like to do. So the children are excited to come to before and after school care and play their favrite games with their friends. We provide healthy meals and snacks for your children whilst they are in our care and the children prepare these meals with their friends. We have so much fun at Before and After school care. We even have pet guinea pigs, name Keola and Stuart little!

If you would like to enrol for care before or after school, please enrol online at https://www.psyc.org.nz/ or call us on 32770633.
WINTER SOFTBALL COMPETITION

THE ALGESTER ARROWS SOFTBALL CLUB, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUBS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BRISBANE, IS HOLDING A SERIES OF SIGN ON DAYS IN THE LOCAL AREA, EACH SUNDAY MORNING COMMENCING ON SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY. WE CATER FOR SCHOOL AGE BOYS AND GIRLS, AS WELL AS OLDER GROUPS. THE CLUB IS ABLE ACCEPT “GET STARTED” VOUCHERS IN FULL PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES. PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB FOR MORE DETAILS BY PHONING LUKE ON 0458881857 OR MARSHALL ON 32732075, OR BY EMAIL AT arrowssoftball@icloud.com.

Are you interested in Volunteering?

Do you love meeting new people and interacting with children? Are you looking to:
- Give something back to the community
- Use existing skills or learn new skills
- Build experience for your resume or help in career transition
- Meet new people, build new networks, to expand the varied people

If this sounds like you then we have exciting opportunities with:
- Voluntary Work at our Long Day Care
- Home Work Club
- Drivers (Transporting families to our programs)
- Morning jobs
- Feeding programs
- Event volunteers
- Others based on your skills or passion that fit with our programs.

Saver Plus Fact Sheet

What is Saver Plus?
Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched saving and early financial education program. The program is offered strictly by community organisations in one-on-one sessions across Australia. The target audience is aged 18-25 years.

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How does the program work?
Saver Plus is run in collaboration with the National Centre for Seniors in Culture and their local delivery partners. The program provides financial literacy sessions to clients, followed by matched saving and early financial education programs. The program is a pilot program and is currently being evaluated for effectiveness. The program is supported by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training and is delivered in partnership with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.