

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

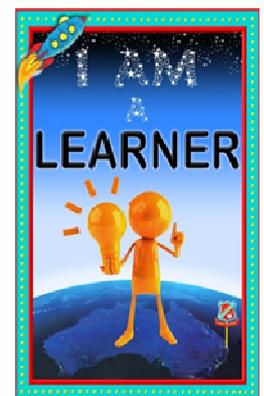
2016 has brought a number of new families to Acacia Ridge and we welcome them to our wonderful school. We trust that you find Acacia Ridge to be a welcoming and enjoyable environment and that your child/ren will experience success.

At this stage we are still evaluating our student numbers, and thus our class formations. Please be aware that there is still a possibility that we may need to make some changes to class structures. Friday 5th February is Day 8 and a collection point for the region to identify staffing needs within schools. Please be aware that a class restructure is a common occurrence in all schools and will not impact on the continuity of the teaching and learning that happens in our school. A class restructure ensures that all school resources are utilised effectively to provide the best learning opportunity for every student, every day.

I will provide you with any further information around the necessity of a class restructure as it comes to hand.

School Expectations and Behaviours

Our teachers have been reinforcing and reviewing our three school expectations. These are values you could utilise at home as well, as we know that a consistent message between home and school helps create success.



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.acaciaridgess.eq.edu.au



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Desley Clark (Tuckshop
operates Wednesday-
Friday)

P&C Association:
Meets on the 2nd Thursday of
each month.

Sports Houses:
Oxley (Gold)
Flinders (Green)
Hinkler (Red)

Hand in hand with these expectations, we are also explicitly teaching and reviewing the following behaviours over the first five weeks of school:

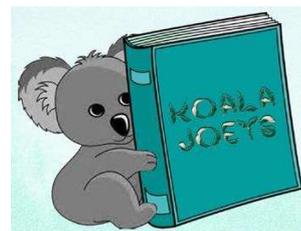
- Listen and follow directions the first time
- Walk
- Line up
- Use respectful and polite language
- Straight there, straight back
- Be ready to learn
- Participate

These behaviours are critical for ensuring success in and around the classroom and are the foundation to being respectful, safe learners.

Koala Joeys

Acacia Ridge State School will recommence the Koala Joey's program in 2016. The Koala Joey's program was created specifically for schools to help parents use rhyme, songs, dance movement and stories in their child's development.

The program focuses on emotional and social development and early literacy and numeracy, helping to prepare your child for formal school years.



Koala Joeys will run once a week on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2:15pm in the ECDP room and a small afternoon tea will be provided. The program will be run by an experienced facilitator who will work with parents and children to enrich their early learning experiences. The program will commence Wednesday 10th February and run until the end of the year.

Please contact the school on 3717 4111 for further details or to register your participation in the program.

Reminder

Parents, we ask that as you arrive to collect your students in the afternoon that you don't wait on verandahs outside of classrooms. Our teachers like to use every minute of learning time in the day to help our students' progress, and sometimes the arrival of parents or visitors means that our students become distracted. We ask that you wait at the bottom of the stairs, and away from classrooms and proceed to the classroom once the bell has rung to signal the end of day. We thank you in advance for your understanding around this.

Swimming

Swimming lesson commence during HPE lessons in Week 3. Please ensure your child has brought back their participation form.

We wish Marcus, Alexandra and Shontah all the very best as they compete at the Inala District Swimming Carnival at Dunlop Park Swimming Pool on Thursday 11 February.

Thought of the Week

The wonderful thing about education is that nobody can take it away from you.

Have a fantastic week!

Leigh Smith



Student of the Week – Term 1, Week 2

Prep	Zaliah Watts
P/1	Kobe Fifita
1	Malakai McDowell
2	Daud Hussein
2/3	Matthew Wilson
3	AJ Bollinger
4	Lauren Willis
4/5	William Taa
5/6	Zahra Rahimi
6	Haylee-MareeAnderson

Behaviour of the Week – Term 1, Week 2

Prep	Te-Hono Bah-Wawhi
P/1	Kiet Tran
1	Lavinia Fatafehi
2	Tangata Huirua-Canterbury
2/3	Sara Alhusseini
3	Kiye Phillips
4	Lavinia Fonoti
4/5	Wilson Fonoti
5/6	Denvar Criddle
6	Sabrina Mohamed Abdulwahab

**DATE CLAIMER
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TERM 1 - 2016

Monday 8 February 2016

- Term 1 Swimming Commences

Friday 19 February 2016

- Interschool Sport Commences for Year 6

Friday 18 March 2016

- National day of action against Bullying

Thursday 24 March 2016

- FINAL DAY OF TERM 1 2016

**Yeronga State High School
ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION
Y - TOUR
for new enrolments in 2017**

**Tuesday, 23 February from 9.00am - 10.30am
in the Professional Lounge (top floor of Admin block)**
Your chance to meet Senior Administration staff and key people, tour the school and see it in action on a school day, talk to senior students and have all your questions answered.

Morning tea provided

For more information, please call Tracey on 3249 1400 or email twalk78@eq.edu.au

'Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 7 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516

THE ALGESTER ARROWS SOFTBALL CLUB, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUBS ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF BRISBANE, IS HOLDING A SERIES OF SIGN ON DAYS IN THE LOCAL AREA, COMMENCING ON SATURDAY 14th, 21st and 28th of FEBRUARY. WE CATER FOR SCHOOL AGE BOYS AND GIRLS, AS WELL AS OLDER AGE GROUPS. THE CLUB IS ABLE TO ACCEPT "GET STARTED" VOUCHERS IN FULL PAYMENT OF FEES. PLEASE CONTACT THE ARROWS ON 0407371900 OR EMAIL arrowssoftball.icloud.com FOR MORE DETAILS.



Coding Kids



"Everybody in this country should learn how to program a computer because... it teaches you how to think."
- Steve Jobs -

Why learn computer programming?

Coding is essential in the 21st Century. Help your students be future-ready by learning computer programming, logic, graphic design, animation and problem solving in a playful way. Computer literacy is about technology creation as well as technology consumption.

What topics are covered?

- children can build their own games, animations and interactive stories. Games such as e.g Angry Birds, Flappy Bird, Pac- Man, Ghostbusters, Tetris, Space Invaders
- Logic: repeat, if-else, calculations, x & y coordinates, random numbers, variables, inputs & outputs, decisions
- Cyber safety
- coding in the real world: building games, websites, animation, apps, internet of things ...

Parents and teachers will be able to play the computer games the students make.

Coding Kids



What is needed from the school?

- to have a notice in the newsletter

About Me - Emily de la Pena

- civil engineer (11+ years)
- volunteer with the Brisbane City Council (Saturday afternoons at BCC libraries) to teach children computer programming fundamentals
- teacher at a German-English bilingual kindergarten in Germany for 12 months
- former high school physics, maths and chemistry tutor whilst studying at University.

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Course details

- 6 Monday afternoons of 1 hour classes
- Mon 15 Feb - 21 Mar
- separate class for grades 2-3 (3.30pm) and 4-6 (4.30pm)
- cost \$\$16-18 / hour (discounts for families)
- 10 students per tutor max.

Get your whole family active and eating well

Families can still sign up for the free PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program starting this term!

The program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within the school term and after school hours.

The program covers:

- **Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, making healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead.
- **Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, how to reduce screen time and help with setting goals.
- **Parenting** – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.
- **Family focus** – the program recognises that each family is different and so our facilitators work with individuals to come up with a plan that suits them.

Kids love the PEACH program as it helps build their confidence and make new friends. It is run by trained PEACH facilitators and aims to help the whole family lead healthier lives.

The PEACH program is run by the Queensland University of Technology and funded by the Queensland Government.

Free call 1800 263 519 or www.peachqld.com.au



Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact David Smit, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in South Brisbane by The Smith Family.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.