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## From The Principal

Welcome back to Term 3! It is bound to be another exciting and eventful term with a lot to look forward to. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the many new students and families who are joining us for their learning journey at Acacia Ridge State School.



As part of our Successful Transitions Initiatives, our school has been redesigning a new playgroup with a variety of community stakeholders. Kerry Alberts our Deputy Principal has worked tirelessly to get this program up and running. I would like to thank her for her enthusiasm and community connections in this space. I am excited to announce that we have been a successful in obtaining a place in the Step Up into Education initiative for 2017 to 2020. Being a successful applicant for this project provides us with a massive financial benefit of \$40,000 this financial year and \$36,000 each year until 2020. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school and our community.

### **Deadly Choices**

Next week we are introducing the program Deadly Choice into our school each week for all our indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Students. The program will run for all our indigenous students from 1:30-2:30pm every Tuesday. This will clash with religion so our indigenous parents will need to make a choice about which program they choose for their children. ***A letter outlining the program details and permission will has gone home today.***

## **If you read, you will succeed!**

The Acacia Ridge State School's improvement agenda is focused on Quality Teaching of Reading and we know that every student can succeed in reading with the support of our teachers, teacher aides and parents or carers.

Our fabulous teachers and teacher aides have continue again this term to work consistency hard with all our classes for guided reading. Providing this support for our teachers and students is a major strategy in continuing to improve our students' achievements in reading. Reading is our Core Priority in our school's Improvement Agenda. Funds from Investing For Success (I4S) are used to pay for the teacher-aides, to ensure that every student in our school benefits from this invaluable support.

If parents have any spare time to support our guided reading program please feel free to speak with your child's class teacher.



### **How you can help your child with reading**

To get your child interested in reading, it's important to vary the books you read together and to talk about the types of material you read each day.

Our school encourages parents to work with us to develop children's reading skills. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- play number plate games in the car by looking at different number plates and making sentences starting with the same letters
- encourage children to re-tell stories they have read and to share these stories with other family members
- when reading to your child, stop and ask "what do you think will happen next?" and occasionally ask "why do you think the author included that part in the story?" to ensure they understand what they are reading
- if your child makes a mistake when they read aloud, give them time to correct the mistake themselves.

For more information about how you can help your child with reading visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/)

Our July P&C meeting will be rescheduled, we will be notified by our Web page and also our facebook page. We look forward to meeting new parents and to be apart of a great team of parent and community members.

I am pleased to announce that Penny Grant (former permanent Principal of Acacia Ridge) has been successful in obtaining the substantive position as Principal of Mt Crosby. I am also thrilled to let you all know that my contract here at Acacia Ridge has been extended until the end of the year. Karen Howes our Assistance Regional Director has informed me that the region anticipates advertising the substantive Principal position here at Acacia Ridge during Term.

Have a great fortnight

Thanks,

Nicole



## **From The Deputy Principal**

### **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data: School Students with Disability**



Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with a disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide any data that can identify an individual student to another organisation. The only data being collected at the school level which will be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important, not only for the data collection, but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will continue to consult with you about the adjustments being made to support your child through parent meetings and by providing you with copies of support plans individualised to your child.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please contact Kerry Alberts (Deputy Principal) on 3717 4111.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data, I encourage you to contact Kerry Alberts directly.

## **Wednesday Play Group**

***A community program for all children 0-5 years by Acacia Ridge State School in conjunction with Early Childhood Education and Care, Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre, SunRise Kids Early Education and Care and First Five Forever.***

This week we officially commenced our new Acacia Ridge Playgroup Program. The Acacia Ridge Playgroup Program is designed for all ages as well as Pre-Prep aged children of the local community. Children have the opportunity to participate in a range of quality learning

experiences. We encourage all of our parents in our school community to come along and join in the fun. ***If you'd like to come along please inform the Acacia Ridge State school office. PH: 3717 4111***



Acacia Ridge State School invites  
you to join us for  
**PLAYGROUP**

Where: Acacia Ridge State School ECDP  
When: Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:30

Great reasons for attending Playgroup

Connect to the community

Have fun            Make friends

Build oral language      Build social skills

Help your child prepare for school

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## HOC: Student Engagement - New Support Process

Our new process that supports student behaviour has now begun and you will have received a letter home regarding the changes this week.

We have 5 steps in our reactive process that is consistent across the school and allows our students the opportunity to self-manage their own behaviour and learn from their mistakes. Through this new process, we encourage the children to take ownership for their behaviour at school and be responsible for their own choices.

Our amazing classroom teachers have been explicitly teaching this new process everyday to ensure that all children understand the steps and the consistent phrases that guide the new process. Our support staff have also been instrumental during the implementation phases and it is pleasing to see the children recognising the consistency and support that the staff as a team offer your children.

Step 4 of our process involves time in the **Reflection Room** at second break. If your child receives a Reflection Room referral for twice attending buddy class or for a major behaviour, they will spend second break with me reflecting on their behaviour and making plans to restore any relationships they may have broken. During this time, they will write a letter home to you explaining what they did and how they have made amends. Please take the time to read the **Reflection Room** letter with your child if they bring one home and discuss what your child learnt from their behaviour choices. Most importantly, how are they going to fix it. This discussion helps your child towards take responsibility for their actions and also learn that mistakes, even with behaviour, help us grow as humans. I will contact you by telephone if a **Reflection Room** letter has not been signed and returned the next school day or if your child has refused to attend **Reflection Room**.

If you have any concerns or would like more information regarding our new support process, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

## 50 Star Stamps - Creative Explosion Day

On the last day of Term 2, students who had received 50 star stamps or more were rewarded with a fun-filled session of activities that explored their creativity and also included a few science explosions.

We congratulate the students who achieved this milestone and thank the staff that organised the amazing activities.

This term the students are aiming for 75 star stamps!

## Attendance - Term 2, Week 10



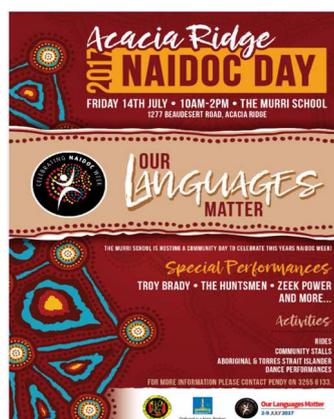
Congratulations to 5C who received a warm, yummy hot chocolate for the highest attendance in our school for Term 2. It was a competitive race this term with a massive improvement in our whole school attendance rate.

The class with the highest attendance each week this term will receive a **BONUS** playtime during the week. I anticipate a high level of competition between the classes each week to win this prize!

## NAIDOC WEEK

### **NAIDOC Day Celebrations at the Murri School**

On Friday the 14 July, some of our students will attend NAIDOC Day celebrations at the Murri School. Permission Forms have been sent home. There will be a number of stalls and activities that our students could partake in, as well as entertainment on the day. The school will provide transport for the students as well as adult supervision to support the students who will be attending. Please return the permission forms ASAP if you would like your child to attend.





## PRESENTS MURRI KIDS IN THE PARK



21 COLEY ST ACACIA RIDGE  
PHONE: 3373 8132 (RSVP FOR GROUPS 10+)



WHEN: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017 @ C & K Gundoo Mirra Kindergarten  
TIME: 9.30 am to 11.30 am



Free Fun activities for children up to 5 years

- Traditional Dancers
- Art
- Face painting
- Kyabra Play bus
- Playdough
- Music
- Police and Fire Brigade Visit
- ... and much more

BYO Morning tea, drink bottle and hat.



Proudly supported by C & K Gundoo Mirra Kindergarten and Kyabra Community Association

## Asthma Medical Updates

### ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

If your child's has a medical condition as having Asthma you are required to inform the school and follow up with following information

As Asthma can be a serious medical condition, could you please complete Section 1 of the attached form and return to the school as soon as possible. It is important one of these forms is completed annually and kept on file at school as asthma management, medications and treatment change.

An "Asthma Care Plan" can be provided for you to have completed by their treating doctor and return to school for our records. This will assist First Aid Officers in managing the individual needs of each student.

If this is no longer relevant can you please inform the office.

If you require information please follow the link. <https://www.asthmaustralia.org.au/qld/education-and-training/i-work-in-an-education-setting/school/staff/asthma-guidelines-for-qld-schools><http://>

Thanking you,

Administration First Aid

## **Q Parents**

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## **QPARENTS shortened information**

### **QPARENTS is coming**

Great news: Acacia Ridge State School will soon be providing our parent community with the opportunity to register for QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Downloading exam timetables and assessment planners
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details
- Upcoming events list showing school events, exam and assessment dates, and excursions.

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents on 21st July 2017. If you do not want to register, you may advise us not to send you any more invitations, and your child's student information will not be available to anyone through QParents.

QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

## **Drop Off And Pick Ups**

**Safety for our students.**



Please for the safety of all there is to be no entering through the front school gates at the administration entry for dropping off your children or picking them up.

This entry is for staff and deliveries only.

Alternatively use the entry area at the Beatty Road end to drop off your children.

Students must enter through the black gates beside the main gate entry and use the crossing inside the school to attend class or come through to the back administration door to receive their late note if required.

### **Award Winners**



### **Student of the Week - Term 2, Week 10**

PG	Kayden
PP	Noah
P/1P	Abdihabib
1F	Ethan
1/2P	Ayub
2/3Q	Tayla
2/3S	Harley
3/4P	Alyvia
4S	AJ
5C	Seth
5/6C	Wendell
6H	Arezoo

### **Behaviour of the Week - Term 2, Week 10**

PG	Jayden
PP	Chloe
P/1P	Yusuf
1F	Audrey
1/2P	Ioane
2/3Q	Zoe
2/3S	Gabriella
3/4P	Aatahua
4S	Abdirahman
5C	Daphne
5/6C	Kyla
6H	Hamid

**Star Students**



**25 Star Stamps**



PG	Theodore, Timothy, Folau
P/1P	Izaac, Suzanna, Tiahni
1F	Kyah, Sydnie, Jack
1/2P	Mekannah
2/3Q	Tayla, Ashton, Cazna, Isabella, Parker, Jackson
2/3S	Anthony
3/4P	Princess
4S	Abdirahman, Pasikali, Erik, Upolu, Tatiana
6H	Juan



**50 Star Stamps**



PG	Simon, Hunter, Kayden, Jaydan, Nirvana, Conan, Destinii, Jakobie, Kadin
PP	Wazana
P/1P	Erin, Melika, Ciara
1F	Ali, Tevania, Audrey, Yahya, Pahulu, Samantha, Stanley, Amal, Benaiah, Preston, Daymon-Tawhai
1/2P	Andjela, Ioane, Isaac, William
2/3Q	Hiba, Yousef, Zoe, Dianne, Liley, Kameron, Jett, Ava, Ashton, Isabella, Malakai, Emily, Chloe, Sean, Maliaiva, Peyton
2/3S	Madeline, Vinnie, Memphis, Lakiesha, Milad, William, Semir
3/4P	Callum, Jazmine, Kaylan, Augerea, Melody, Charlie, Anabelle
4S	Sara
5C	Trellyn, Andrew, Meko
5/6C	Quintin, Thomas
6H	Nuria, Neelab, Adisa, Arezoo, Denvar, Emysson, Savannah, Vivian, Wilson, Dawson, William, Abdurahman, Abby, Skye



## 75 Star Stamps



1F	Anika, Abshira
1/2P	Charleigh
2/3S	Shalom, Tangata
3/4P	Aatahua
6H	Neelab

### Lost Property



We currently have a large amount of unnamed lost property. The lost property will be put out on display under the library on Wednesday, July 19 and Friday July 21. After this, all lost property will be donated to a charitable organisation.

### Tuckshop News

If any families have some uniforms that no longer fit, could you please donate them to Tuckshop.

By now, all families should have received their Pie Drive order forms. All **orders with money** must be returned to Tuckshop **no later than Friday, 28th July**.

The delivery day will be Tuesday, 8th August. All orders **must be collected on this day** from the **Tuckshop after 1.30pm until 3.00pm**.

Many thanks for your support.

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### **Woolworths Earn And Learn**

**Go shopping to support your school**



Once again this year, Acacia Ridge SS is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. For every \$10 spent you will receive earn and learn stickers which can be placed on a sticker sheet provided or just bring in the sticker on their own. There will be a collection box in the foyer of the Administration block. Stickers will be available at Woolworths from July 26 to September 17, 2017. Please help us as this program provides valuable resources for your children.

### **FACEBOOK**

Join us now on Acacia Ridge state School Facebook, see up and coming information on your feed.

**Date Claimer - 2017**



# Term 3, 2017



Wednesday, 19 July	Deadly Choices program commences
Wednesday, 26 July	Earn and Learn commences
Tuesday, 25 July	Lower School active sports program commences (10.30am - 11.00am)
Thursday, 27 July	Upper School active sports program commences (10.30am - 11.00am)
Friday, 11 August	Interschool sport commences

## Community Notices

***METRO SOUTH ORAL HEALTH* - Have you had a recent dental check-up, we have free dental appointments available right now!**

All children aged four through to Year 10 are eligible for FREE dental care at our clinics. All adults and children with a Centrelink, healthcare or Pension Card are also eligible. You can choose the clinic most convenient for you.

Please call **1300 300 850** to book an appointment for your child.

- There is now no need to wait on line when you call– just leave your contact phone number and our friendly staff will call you back.
- You can choose the dental clinic you wish to attend.

For more about Metro South Oral Health and services we provide please visit our website:

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health>

or contact us via email: [metrosouthoralhealth@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:metrosouthoralhealth@health.qld.gov.au)

***GREATER BRISBANE JUNIOR TENNIS (GBJT)*** offers juniors up to and including year 12 tennis fixtures on a Saturday afternoon at the Queensland Tennis Centre and the University of Queensland during school terms. For more information, please visit our web site at [www.gbjt.org.au](http://www.gbjt.org.au) or phone Mrs Peta Davis, Secretary on 3374 0516