



THE RIDGE REVIEW

Acacia Ridge State School Newsletter (published fortnightly)

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



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operates Wednesday-
Friday)

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

Sports Houses:
Olney (Gold)
Hindors (Green)
Heldler (Red)

From the Principal's Desk

On Wednesday 24th February Acacia Ridge State School will be hosting our annual 'Meet and Greet' Welcome BBQ 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.

In addition to our BBQ we will also have some old books from our library for sale for a gold coin donation. We encourage you to take a look and restock your home libraries!

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.

Approaching Our School

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of your own child.
- Express concern about actions of other students.
- Enquire about school policy or practice.
- Express concern about actions of staff.

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- Ensure that the rights of students, staff and parents are respected and upheld.
- Support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- Help reach an agreed solution.

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.acaciari.qld.gov.au



CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of your own child	Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or at an appropriate time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information. • For more serious concerns, contact the office. State the nature of your concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member. • To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.
Actions of other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the class teacher in the first instance. • Contact the Deputy Principal or Principal for major concerns but ensure the classroom teacher is aware first.
School policy or practice	Contact the office. State the nature of your concern and make an appointment to see the Principal or Deputy Principal.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the teacher directly in the first instance.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. Please be aware that making an appointment time is the best outcome, as schools are busy places. Staff members may not be always available to talk to you immediately. Your concerns are important to us however, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Code of Conduct for Parents / Visitors

A code of conduct for parents and visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviors.

Parents and visitors are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures.
- Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

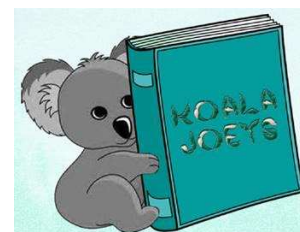
Please note that no parent should directly approach another person's child at any time within our school grounds.

Our staff work tirelessly to maintain a safe, respectful learning environment for our students and want to work alongside our community to create positive partnerships for everyone.

Koala Joeys

Our Koala Joey's program has now commenced at Acacia Ridge SS. 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.



When: 1:30-2:15pm weekly

Where: ECDP Room

Who: 0-5 year olds

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

School Uniforms- Second Hand

If you have old school uniforms at home that you would be willing to donate to the school, please contact us on 3717 4111, or drop to the Office.

We are a Sporting School!

This term, we will be offering **Touch Football** for our Sporting Schools After-School Sport Program for 4 weeks from week 5 to week 8 inclusive. For week 5 only (the first week) Years 4-6 will be on Tuesday 23rd February due to the Parent Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 24th February and then Years 4-6 will be the following 3 Wednesday afternoons. Prep to Year 3 will be on Thursday afternoons starting on the 25th February.

Please see below for the details:

Sport	Day	Time	Year Levels
Touch Football	Tuesday (1st week) Wednesdays (2nd, 3rd and 4th weeks) (For 4 weeks starting on Tuesday 23 rd February, followed by the next 3 Wednesdays)	2:30 – 3:45	Years 4-6 students
Touch Football	Thursdays (every week) (For 4 weeks starting Thursday 25 th February)	2:30 – 3:45	Prep to Year 3 students

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form sent home already and return it to the office as soon as possible. There are only 35 places available in each program so it is first in best dressed.

This program is **free** for your child/children to participate in. If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact Damien Taylor. Please note that it is important that a parent/carer or other adult **collect your child at 3:45pm and no later**. No students are allowed to walk home by themselves at this time, all students must be collected. Only students enrolled in the program are able to attend. There will be **NO** supervision for other students/siblings during the program.

Thought of the Week

Seven Things Every Child Needs to Hear:

- 1. I love you
- 2. I'm proud of you
- 3. I'm sorry
- 4. I forgive you
- 5. I'm listening
- 6. This is your responsibility
- 7. Try again next time

Have an amazing week!

Leigh Smith

Congratulations!

to our award winners

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Student of the Week – Term 1, Week 3

Prep	Nate McMullen
P/1	Anika Lawrence Lemon
1	Brandon Tierney
2	Madeline Fowler
2/3	Daniel Taai
3	Namoe Gesa
4	Bailey Fifita
4/5	Thomas Sutton
5/6	Abby McDowell
6	Shontah Stephens

Behaviour of the Week – Term 1, Week 3

Prep	Halana Kay
P/1	Francisco Vilugron
1	Hiba Akhlaki
2	Sean Frawley
2/3	Lufia Heather
3	Dhulfiqar Al-Gemeel
4	Andrew Boota
4/5	Kyla Baluca
5/6	Abduraham Olad Mohammed
6	Marcus Samia

Student of the Week – Term 1, Week 4

Prep	Linoa Taea Tamoe
P/1	Ariele Llewellyn
1	Jairae Tabuai
2	Callum Wakefield
2/3	Luyando Vilugron-Mwampole
3	Te-Rore Bah-Tawhi
4	Seth Christensen
4/5	Emily Sommer
5/6	Josh Elbourne
6	Hamiora Huirua-Canterbury

Behaviour of the Week – Term 1, Week 4

Prep	Yahya Hassan
P/1	Preston Nathan
1	Connor Addley
2	Natalie Tiyce
2/3	Kain Henderson
3	Augerea Koite
4	Ava-Grace Morton
4/5	Nuria Barat
5/6	Skye Cassady
6	Kenyon Lealiiee

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Friday 19 February 2016

- Interschool Sport Commences for Year 6

Tuesday 23 February 2016

- After School Sport (Touch Football) commences for Yr 4-6 (then each Wednesday for 3 weeks)

Wednesday 24 February 2016

- Parent Welcome BBQ

Thursday 25 February 2016

- After School Sport (Touch Football) commences for Prep to 3 (for 4 weeks)

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

Oxley Futsal will be holding sign on's online at www.australianfutsal.com for our upcoming Junior Winter Season at Oxley (98 Factory Road Oxley) starting the 11th April . To try out futsal or learn more about it email oxley@australianfutsal.com The season runs April to August for boys and girls from ages 6 and up. For more information go to QLD Futsal or contact Raewyn at oxley@australianfutsal.com or phone on 0417 703 597



GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START!

GKR Karate is conducting classes for children, adults and families in your area

- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Improve Fitness
- ✓ Gain Self Discipline
- ✓ Learn Self Defence

Did you know? 'Karate kids' are less likely to be bullied or become bullies as they develop greater self-confidence and respect for others.

Did you know? Children's school work and classroom behaviour can be greatly improved through karate's disciplined and respectful training environment!

Trial Memberships available, for the first 10 callers receive a **Free Training T-Shirt WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Helen Naughtin 0487 431 179

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Unique education and coaching experience for parents of adolescents

INFORMATION SESSION

Our young adolescent has moved in, the whole family dynamic has changed and it can be a confusing and vulnerable time, for all of us.

Usual parenting strategies no longer seem to work well and we wonder where to go from here. Newly-minded adolescents refuse to be treated like the child they once were, demand to have a say, disagree with us to practice their thinking skills, then turn off their thinking when it is really needed; they often try out new identities, insist on making their own decisions and have supplanted us, in our prime spot as number one, with their friends, whom we didn't get to choose.



Your Host: ROBYN CROSS

Robyn's adolescent daughter constantly reminds her of how inspiring the adolescent phase is and how important and rewarding it is to be present to our emerging adults. Robyn brings considerable depth of insight and wisdom from her diverse professional career along with her personal life journey. Her intelligent and insightful approach has been enriched through involvement in early childhood education and development. Robyn's current work encompasses business and life coaching and draws on her extensive experience in the corporate, government, community and not-for-profit sectors.



- Q:** Has the "adolescent switch" happened in your home?
- Q:** Perplexed on how to best parent your new adolescent being?
- Q:** Conflict and counter-arguments regular features in the home?
- Q:** Needing to stay connected to your adolescent?

Adolescent friendship groups may dominate their world but our influence and guidance is still powerful and paramount. Parents are the first educators of their children, so we need to remain checked-in.

Being neither the child, nor yet the adult, we see our adolescent move between acting grown up and independent and then retreating back for security, nurturing and reassurance.

The *Essence of Adolescence* is a unique education and coaching experience for parents of adolescents that will enlighten and coach you through this new challenge with reverence for the newly emerging autonomous adult.

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

Are you a parent of a young adolescent... then you are invited to an information session that will scope content, investment and scheduling. *Essence of Adolescence* is committed to helping you to "meet" your adolescent, be empowered to ask the right questions rather than give advice, stay connected, offer helpful guidance and confidently balance maintaining boundaries and letting go to allow autonomy.

Don't just wonder if it might be useful, come along and ask your questions.

Adolescence is an awesome time of development don't miss any of it.

Date: Wednesday 24 February 2016
Time: 6.30 – 7.30pm
Venue: The Salvation Army Meeting Room
 25 High Street, Forest Lake
RSVP: Robyn Cross T: 1300 591 184
 E: robyn@intelligentparenting.com.au

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Acacia Ridge Walking Group
 Free walking group – all welcome!

Days: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat
Time: 5.30 am
Meet: Brandon Park Reserve, Mortimer Road, ACACIA RIDGE
 Meet in first car park on left.
Notes: 60min medium paced 5km walk.
 Any age, any size. Everyone is welcome!

For more information about this FREE walking group contact:
Walk Organiser, Cheyanne at cheyannelynas1990@gmail.com
 or on 0410 734 134 for more information.

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