Principal's Message

Recently our school community had the opportunity to provide some input into the values we want incorporated into the teaching and learning here at Acacia Ridge State School. The values decided upon will be respect, honesty, learning, harmony, persistence and community. I believe these values align closely with what we want to achieve here in the context of our school, where we have students from many different cultures and backgrounds learning and growing together.

On parade last week, I talked about how important it is to be honest when taking responsibility for our actions, no matter what the consequence might be. Doing this will help our students to grow into respectful, honest and kind members of society.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2014

School Captains, Sport Captains, Regional and District Sport, Sport and Music Photos are displayed in the office. Envelopes are available in the office also. You have two options of payment. You can place the monies in the envelope provided and leave at the school office or alternatively you can view and place your orders online via www.advancedlife.com.au. They will need to be ordered by Friday 07 November.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – 31 OCTOBER

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers

Last Friday we celebrated the great work and commitment of our teachers on World Teachers' Day. We recognised the wonderful job our teachers do each day for the students in our school. We hope that you will join us in thanking our teachers for the work they do. They do make a difference!

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
BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

This week we are focusing on ‘Taking responsibility for our actions’.

- We are honest
- We accept the consequences of behaviour
- We make things right

POSSUM’S BIG JOURNEY

There is news of a possum travelling around Australia looking for a place to call home. You may think this is your ordinary possum but in fact it couldn’t be farther from the truth. Yes, this possum loves trees and yes this possum likes to stay up at night but...what makes this possum different from the others is that it LOVES to read books and listen to stories.

So far this furry creature started its trip to Uluru. The possum thought it was such a beautiful, magical place but it didn’t quite have enough books for the possum’s liking. So, the possum is packing its bags and heading somewhere new. Where do you think it will show up next?

Since this possum LOVES to read, maybe we could do something to encourage the possum to come to Acacia Ridge. What could we do? Hmmm! Maybe we could all start reading a whole lot of books and the word will spread. Keep reading to the Reading Trees that are in your schools, childcare centres and community spaces and MAKE THEM GROW! We’ll be sure to tell the possum how much our community loves to share stories.

Keep track of the possum’s travels on the Paint the Ridge

REaD group on Facebook.

Paint the Ridge REaD

Where and when will the Possum appear next?

Come along to the Paint the Ridge REaD Launch Party!
Friday 21 November, 2-5.30pm at
Grenier Park, Acacia Ridge
Free sausage sizzle, reading forest, face-painting, fun activities, award-winning performer and song writer Nadia Sunde and the arrival of a very special guest.
SCHOOL DISCO – THIS FRIDAY

MASK THEMED DISCO
FRIDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER
6PM – 8PM
ENTRY: $3
Sausage sizzle - $1.50, cans of drinks - $1
Packets of chips – 50c
Various glow items priced from $2 - $5
*ACACIA RIDGE STUDENTS ONLY*
younger siblings only with parental supervision
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS MUST BRING CHILDREN TO THE DOOR
AND PICK THEM UP FROM THE DOOR – NO CHILD WILL BE
ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITHOUT THEIR PARENT/CAREGIVER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY THIS TERM

Please note there is also a one-off public holiday for the G20 Leaders’ Summit on Friday 14 November, therefore there is no school for students on that day.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT DISRUPTION DURING G20

Travel into and across the city will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to the event.

- The South Brisbane train station will be closed from Monday 10 November to Sunday 16 November. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.
- There will be major bus disruptions from 7pm Thursday 13 November to Sunday 16 November, including the closure of busway stations between Royal CH Herston and Woolloongabba stations and many CBD bus stops. If your child commutes to and from the city and surrounding suburbs by bus, he/she should aim to leave the city before 6pm Thursday 13 November to avoid disruptions.
- Translink is working to ensure Brisbane’s traffic and public transport network will be operational for the morning peak on Monday 17 November; however, disruptions should be expected as services return to normal after the summit. Buses will operate as normal following their regular routes, however delays and congestion in and around the city should be expected. Students should allow extra time for their journey.

Visit translink.com.au for further details of the public transport changes or visit www.g20.org/community_information/brisbanelocals/traffic_and_transport for more general information on traffic, parking and road closures.

Kind regards,

Penny Grant
Congratulations!

to our award winners

Student of the Week – Week 3
Prep: Tangata Hirua-Canterbury
P/1: Saema Kazemi
1/2: Egra Egal-Hassan
2/3: David Wieckowski-Powell
3: Bryce Sears
3/4: Joshua Macapagal
4/5: Jacob Tully
5/6: Milliekah Rade-Saunders
6/7: Christine Smith

Behaviour of the Week – Week 3
Prep: Tomas Hanson
P/1: Daniel Taai
1/2: Aatahwa Lawrence-Lemone
2/3: Carter Smithe
3: Teokatoka Tah-Tahi
3/4: Carter Olejniczak
4/5: Joshua Mowrera
5/6: Ethan Kallisperis
6/7: Alofa Apulu

Student of the Week – Week 4
Prep: Izzy Cavanagh
P/1: Alex Telfer
1/2: Quintin Johnson
2/3: Zeke Skyring
3: Naomi Todd
3/4: Zahra Rahimi
4/5: Haylee-Marree Anderson
5/6: Khalid Korane-Ibrahim
6/7: Allisa Salkic

Behaviour of the Week – Week 4
Prep: Mohamed Korane Ibrahim
P/1: Victor Huynh
1/2: Jaylin Tamoe
2/3: Taijanae Williams
3: Dawson Ndaiyishimiye
3/4: Parvaneh Fayyazi
4/5: Oscar Nduwarugira
5/6: Reini Telfer
6/7: Angeline Tamayo

25 Star Stamps
WEEK 3 and 4 – Term 4
Prep – Tomas Hanson
1/2 – Ben Lapham, Jordin Green
2/3 – Levi Bailey
4/5 – Shona-Lee Woollen, Riley O'Rourke, Cody Bonnick

50 Star Stamps
WEEK 3 and 4 – Term 4
Prep – Mohamed Korane Ibrahim, Hussein Al-Salim, Alex Hinton
P/1 – Kain Henderson, Byron Sears
1/2 – Kaha Forrester, Quintin Johnson
2/3 – Treelyn Stafford, Hannah Sweeten
3 – Michaela Hankin
3/4 – Alia Fonoti, Treselle Bell
4/5 – Ahmed Hussein, Rhylee Brooke, Samira Egal Hassan, Tess Dawson, Oscar Nduwarugira
5/6 – Ethan Kallisperis, Tradd Ney
6/7 – Floyd Hill, Damon Hankin, Jacob Young, Joseph McKeon
75 Star Stamps

WEEK 3 and 4 – Term 4
Prep – Ayub Egal Hassan, Yousef Fayyazi
P/1 – Natalie Tran
1/2 – Jaylin Tamoe, Kiyae Phillips, Cooper Davey
3 – Bryce Sears, Mikaela Maddox, Samuel Hodgson, Aatahua Lawrence-Lemon
3/4 – Hami Huirua-Canterbury, Alexandre Tamayo, Joshua Macapagal, Adisa Ahmetovic, Marcus Samia
4/5 – Haylee Anderson, Georgia Sweeten
5/6 – Ruby Conroy
6/7 – Cody Norris, Mia Macapagal, Izyah Pereira, Anastasia Rivett, Renata Bantegeyahaga, Catherine Gbarpo, Darcee Telfer, Rufina Taai, Abigail Sorensen, Charlotte Sutton, Blake Jennings, Christine Smith, Matthew Smyth, Emme Faustina, Nic Chard

100 Star Stamps

WEEK 3 and 4 – Term 4
Prep – Keirin Jackson, Alyvia Samia, Tangata Huirua-Canterbury
1/2 – Valentina Tomsaevic, AJ Bollinger, Eqra Egal Hassan
2/3 – Harmony Kay
3 – Peter Hola, Abdi Egal Hassan, Dawson Ndayishimiye, Sharlee Conroy
3/4 – Dinjari Johnson, George Hola
5/6 – Lyn Huynh
6/7 – Priscilla Gyasi-Agyei, Agelu Tamayo, Tifini Percival, Megan Huynh, Alofa Apulu

150 Star Stamps

WEEK 3 and 4 – Term 4
P/1 – Saema Kazemi
2/3 – Halima Hussein
3 – Parneet Kaur

Tuckshop News

Uniforms
If requiring uniforms before the end of the school year, orders MUST BE PLACED by Friday 24th October, 2014.

If requiring uniforms for January 2015, orders MUST BE PLACED AND PAID FOR by Thursday, November 13th 2014.
**DATE CLAIMER 2014**

**TERM 4**

**WEEK 5**
Friday 7 November
- P&C Disco 6-8pm (Wear your favourite mask)

**WEEK 6**
Wednesday 12 November – Monday 17 November
- Book Fair
Thursday 13 November
- Uniform orders for January 2015 to be placed and paid for by today
Friday 14 November
- Brisbane G20 Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL

**WEEK 8**
Thursday 27 November
- Christmas Stall

**WEEK 9**
Tuesday 2 December
- Year 7 → 8 Orientation Day – MacGregor State High
- Year 7 → 8 Orientation Day – Sunnybank State High
- YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION, 6pm

Wednesday 3 December
- Swimming Carnival – Years 4 – 7 (8:30am onwards)

Thursday 4 December
- Christmas Stall
- Swimming Carnival – Years Prep – 3 (8:30-10:30am)
- Year 6 → 7 Orientation Day – MacGregor State High

Friday 5 December
- Christmas Stall
- Year 6 → 7 Orientation Day – Yeronga State High

**WEEK 10**
Tuesday 9 December
- Christmas Concert

Thursday 11 December
- Report Cards go home

Tuesday 10 December
- Last day of school for 2014

**DATE CLAIMER 2015**

**TERM 1**

**WEEK 1**
Tuesday 27 January

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**BOOK FAIR NEWS**

Opening times:
- Wednesday 12 November to Monday 17 November
- 8:00 – 8:30am and 2:30 – 3pm

A large range of books catering for all ages (1-13 years). Great for Christmas or Birthday presents.

Books – ranging in price from $5 to $30

Also have a range of pencils and rubbers for sale - ranging in price from $1 to $5

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**P&C NEWS**

**Breakfast Club**

We are looking for volunteers to come along and help us out. The breakfast club is open from 8am – 8.20am with around 10 – 15 minutes set up time and around 20 – 30 minutes to wash up afterwards.

If you can spare 20 minutes any morning for any of these times your child would love to see you there and we would love to have your help. The more volunteers we have the less load on everyone. You don't have to serve, you can help out washing up or setting up and even once a week or fortnight would be appreciated – Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE**

This year the P & C are conducting a multi-draw raffle to raise funds for our school. Raffle tickets will be sent home this week.

FIRST PRIZE – Large Grocery Hamper
SECOND PRIZE – Medium Grocery Hamper
THIRD PRIZE – Hamper with Cleaning Supplies
4th – 8th PRIZES – Canvas Print
9th – 17th PRIZES – School back pack with some school supplies

The raffle tickets need to be returned by Friday 05 December and the raffle will be drawn at the End of Year Concert on Tuesday 09 December.

Don't forget to return your tickets because

**YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!**
## 2015 School Calendar
### Queensland State Schools

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Legend:
- School holidays
- Public holidays
- Staff professional development days (SPDD)
- Final dates for student attendance

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There are 199 school days in 2015. Term dates 2015 commence for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**
- Staff professional development days are for teachers on January 22 and 23, and October 10, with three additional flexible days. Staff are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or at the end of school hours.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**
- Public holidays are set by the Queensland Relations Minister. Public holidays for each year are not shown due to variability of dates across the state.
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