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.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to all our families to Term 2 and I trust that you all had a relaxing break. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined our school this term.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this newsletter, as we believe it forms an important part of our school/home communication.

NAPLAN
As you may be aware, our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests which are set Australia wide on the following dates:

Tuesday 13th May Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Writing
Wednesday 14th May Reading
Thursday 15th May Numeracy

These standardised tests provide our teachers with point-in-time information regarding student’s knowledge, skills and understanding in the above areas. Our teachers have been working with our students sitting the tests, so they are well-prepared.

BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK – ‘Encourage Others’
What does this behaviour look like?

- We use build ups not put downs
- We celebrate our achievements
- We support and help each other

What are build ups? They are words that make people feel good about themselves such as “Good game” and “Keep trying”.

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

Great state. Great opportunity.
SWPBS – NEW POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM
BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK AWARD
To reinforce students who are displaying and following our Behaviour of the Week, one student from every class will be awarded a ‘Behaviour of the Week’ certificate on parade. This will also entitle them to a free ice block.

We believe these awards will help encourage our students to behave in a safe, respectful and responsible manner.

‘STAR STAMPS’
This term, we are making some changes to our positive reinforcement system here at school. Our previous system enabled students to be able to earn a ‘rocket ticket’ for showing positive and appropriate behaviour. These were put in a container and one rocket ticket per class was drawn out on parade per week, which then enables that student to earn an ice block.

To ensure that all of our students are reinforced for their good behaviour, children will work towards earning ‘star stamps’. These will be put on a chart and will earn small rewards after 25, 50, 75 and 100 star stamps. Rewards will range from a certificate to a gold star badge that they will be able to wear on their school shirt. Rocket tickets will still be used in the playground and swapped for a ‘star stamp’ when they return to the classroom.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Last week, we held our own ANZAC Day Ceremony. Our special guest Private Lenny Redrose spoke to our students about the significance of ANZAC Day and why it is important to commemorate this each year. Our students played an important role in the ceremony with our school leaders reading various poems and The Ode and our school ensemble singing ‘Never Forget’, accompanied on guitar by our Chaplain Mrs Robinson and Year 7 student Floyd Hill, during the laying of the wreaths.

LOCAL ANZAC DAY SERVICE

A number of our school leaders attended the local ANZAC Day service at Greenier Park, Acacia Ridge on ANZAC Day last week. Our students read a poem during the ceremony and two of our student leaders received two Australian Flags and two red poppies from the local RSL as part of the Passing the Australian Spirit tradition.
SCHOOL UNIFORMS
In the last newsletter I reinforced the importance of wearing the school uniform and outlined what our uniform is. Our summer uniform is a school polo shirt with black shorts/skorts/skirt. Our winter uniform is the school jumper and black tracksuit pants. These items are available from the tuckshop. Alternatively, a plain black jumper (no hood) will be acceptable. All jeans, leggings and coloured jumpers are not part of the school uniform. Please ensure that your child/children have the correct uniform for school. A lot of our students at the moment are wearing all types of coloured jumpers to school. I will remind students on parade this week what the proper uniform is. As of next week, students who wear an incorrect jumper will be asked to ‘off or swap’. This means they will either take their jumper off or swap their jumper for a plain black jumper which they will swap back at the end of the day.

ADDITIONAL MATHS EXTENSION FOR STUDENTS
This semester we have provided extension for those students in Years 3, 5 and 7 who are achieving well in Maths. The purpose of this is to provide these students with opportunities to achieve at the highest level possible in Maths. One of our teachers Mr Damien Taylor has enjoyed working with these students and seeing their skills improve in this area.

CARS PARKING IN THE NO PARKING ZONE
It has been reported to me that a number of parents have been parking in the NO PARKING ZONE in Nyngam Street close to the pedestrian crossing. I ask that you not park in this zone as it impedes our crossing supervisor’s view and puts our students at risk.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT THIS TERM
Our After School Sport Program commences next week. Notes went home this week to those students who have a place in the program. Please see below for the details regarding Basketball and Soccer:

- Basketball (Years 4-7) – starts Wednesday 7th May
- Grasshopper Soccer (Prep to Year 3) - starts Thursday 8th May

There are still some spaces left for students in the After School Sport Program for years 4-7 on Wednesday.

If you haven’t already registered please send your form back as soon as possible as the program starts next week on Wednesday, 07 April.

Unfortunately, the Prep-3 Soccer Program is fully booked.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
If you did not have an opportunity to attend a Parent-Teacher Interview last term, you are still able to make an appointment with teachers to discuss your child’s progress. These interviews are an important opportunity for you to find out where your child’s learning is at and the areas they need work in.

I look forward to sharing in the joy and success of every child learning during this busy term.

Kind regards,

Penny Grant

Happy Mother’s Day to all our wonderful mums and other special persons. We hope you have a special day.
We hope that everyone had a great holiday. We would like to remind everyone that we have a FREE breakfast club for all Acacia Ridge State School students running from the New Hall kitchen each morning from 8am – 8.20am.

Thank you to all families who have kindly donated items. We must also say a huge thank you to Kelloggs Breakfast Buddies who have donated 9 cartons of cereal – Rice Bubbles, Sultana Bran and Corn Flakes.

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday the 11th of May this year. The P&C will be holding its annual Mother's Day stall from next Wednesday the 7th – Friday the 9th which will give children a chance to say thank you with a little gift. Prices range from $1.00 for a ballpoint pen up to $6.00 for a tea cup set with a wide variety of gifts available including – Mugs, umbrellas, cookbooks, desk clocks, torches, key rings and towels.

A price list and class time schedule flyer will be sent home at the beginning of next week.

Grant Updates

We are happy to announce that we have been successful in our application for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund – Round 79 grant for $35,000 to build a new pool fence.

The quote obtained was for $35,860 from Fencebuild (Aust) Pty Ltd, Crestmead and we are hoping that they will support our school and accept the grant total however if they do not then the P&C will contribute the extra $860. Work should commence within the next few weeks.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held next Thursday the 8th from 2.45pm in the office staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend – Hope to see you there, Thank you.

Before and After School Care

Welcome back to a new term of FUN!! During the school holidays PCYC has improved the School Age Care Service. Amber Cruickshank will be running the school age care services as part of PCYC State Office team.

Just one of the improvements we have made is reducing the cost of our service.

Your kids can have afternoon tea and attend a full day worth of activities for less than $5 per day. You can book just one day, two days or all 5 days!

Contact the service and speak with Amber, to get a personalised quote based on your Centrelink entitlements.

Our new staff have many ideas to re-vamp our program including being involved in Food Revolution day on the 16th of May.

Our centre is looking great after some TLC from the super team at state office. We've got new toys, resources, arts and craft resources and furniture for everyone to enjoy.

We are excited about these new changes and we hope you are too. For new parents who would like to join our service we will be offering a special deal for this Term 2 only. Once you attend the service for 9 sessions you will receive your 10th session for free.

If you would like to come and visit to see the centre and what we offer, come in and say hi. While you're there, guess the number of lollies in the jar and you could win a prize for your whole family!

We hope to see you soon!
TERM 2 DATE CLAIMER
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TERM 2

WEEK 2
Friday 01 May
- AFL Clinic – Yr 5/6, 6/7

WEEK 3
Wednesday 07 May
- Afternoon Sport – Basketball
Thursday 08 May
- Afternoon Sport – Soccer
Friday 09 May
- Fire Education Visit – P/1 & 1/2

WEEK 4
Tuesday 13 May
- NAPLAN Test (Years 3/5/7) – Language
  Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 14 May
- NAPLAN Test (Years 3/5/7) – Reading
  Afternoon Sport - Basketball
Thursday 14 May
- NAPLAN Test (Years 3/5/7) – Numeracy
  Afternoon Sport - Soccer
Friday 16 May
- Fire Education Visit – P/1 & 1/2

WEEKS 5
Monday 19 May – Friday 23 May
- Chaplaincy Week
Tuesday 20 May
- Yeronga High Open Day – Yrs 6 & 7
Wednesday 21 May to Tuesday 27 May (Week 6)
- BOOK FAIR
Wednesday 21 May
- Afternoon Sport – Basketball
Thursday 22 May
- Afternoon Sport – Soccer

WEEK 6
Monday 26 – Tuesday 27 May
- BOOK FAIR continues
Friday 28 May
- Gala Day – Football, Touch, AFL & Basketball

WEEK 7
Wednesday 04 June
- Afternoon Sport – Basketball
Thursday 05 June
- Afternoon Sport – Soccer

WEEK 8
Monday 09 June
- Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL TODAY
Wednesday 11 June
- Afternoon Sport – Basketball
Thursday 12 June
- Afternoon Sport – Soccer

TERM 3 DATE CLAIMER
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TERM 2 (continued)

WEEK 9
Wednesday 18 June
- Afternoon Sport – Basketball
Thursday 19 June
- Afternoon Sport – Soccer

WEEK 10
Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 June
- Year 6 & Year 7 Camp at Tallebudgera
Friday 27 June
- Report Cards go home
- Last day of Term 2

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