Red Hill School Newsletter

Coming Events

Monday 28 July
Limelight Choir Rehearsal at Namadgi School

Tuesday 29 July
Carrousel Theatrette Performance – Aladdin & the Magic Lamp
SPARK

Friday 1 August
Jeans for Genes Day – SRC Fundraiser
Assembly – Year 3 to Host
RHIPP

Monday 4 August
Year 4 CSIRO Discovery Excursion
School Board Meeting 6:15pm

Tuesday 5 August
SPARK
P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Staff Room

Wednesday 6 August
Athletics Carnival

Thursday 7 August
Newsletter

Red Hill School is a Nut and Fish Free Environment

Notes Home

Year 3 to 6 French Performance
Limelight Choir Rehearsal
Year 4 CSIRO Discovery Excursion
Book Week Celebrations (Kinder – Year 3)
Athletics Carnival
West African Dance Workshop (Selected Students)
Wassa Wassa T3 Performances (Wassa Wassa Students)
RHIPPS Carey Gardens (Selected Students)
Pre-Service Teacher Advice (2A only)
Our Next Assembly

Will be held on Friday 1 August at 12.10pm

Hosted by: Year 3

All welcome, please be seated by 12.05 for a prompt start

Reminder

School Hours
School commences at 9.10am and concludes at 3.15pm with breaks for recess from 10.50am – 11.25am and lunch 12.55 -1.45pm.

Before School
Children go to the asphalt area of the playground before school and not into the classroom as teachers need this time to prepare for the day’s lessons and have before school meetings.

Play ground supervision commences at 8.40am.

Collection of Students after School
School finishes at 3.15pm. Students may be collected from corridors outside classrooms or you may choose to meet your child at a designated spot at the front or rear of the school. Please ensure that your child knows collection or going home arrangements. For younger children a note to the teacher advising any change to normal arrangements would be helpful.

To ensure the safety and welfare of all students, it is important that children do not arrive at school before 8.40am and have been collected before 3.30pm
Executive Overview

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back for term 3 to all the students, parents and staff. Term 3 is set to be another busy term with all year levels focussed and hard at work in their exciting inquiries. There are many other events planned for this term including; the annual musical evening, limelight, Floriade performances, ICAS competitions, RHIPP, Bush Dance, School Satisfaction Survey, year 6 information evenings, jump off day and a book fair. Please keep an eye out for the notification of these events and we look forward to seeing many of you attending.

A positive, inclusive school culture

Time to Talk - your thoughts about partnerships between families and schools

Parent engagement in learning and education is all about how families and schools talk to each other, how to bring together learning at home and learning at school, and how families and schools can work together to help our children be the best they can be.

There is very strong evidence that children do better and learn more when families and schools work together as partners.

The ACT Government has partnered with the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) to research parent engagement in the ACT and develop a strategy to strengthen parent engagement into the future. An important aspect of this research is talking with families about what parent engagement means to them.

ARACY would like to hear from parents about what they think makes for a good partnership with their child’s school and the things they do to help their children learn.

ARACY has developed a short online survey to gather parental views, beliefs and understandings about parental engagement in schools. The survey will be available on the ACT Government Time to Talk website from 21 July 2014 to 26 September 2014. [www.timetotalk.act.gov.au](http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au)

New and Returning Families

I would like to welcome our new families who have started with us over the last week; we hope that the start in a new school has been a successful experience for you all. On the flip side farewell to all the families who are planning their moves this term. We have a number of families taking up postings for moving for other reasons across Australia and the world. We look forward to hearing about your adventures.

Uniforms and Hats

Just a reminder that we strongly encourage all students to wear school uniform including the jumper, track suit top or jacket. The uniform shop is open on Friday afternoons and you can also order these items online. Hats will make a return to our playground starting in August please ensure that your child brings a SunSmart school hat each day.

A capable, sustainable school

New netball court and pathway

A big thank you to the P&C for their organisation and fundraising for the new netball court that is currently under construction. Dan Graetz is currently getting new equipment ready for using the new court and the students are very excited. There is also a new path linking the lower crossing with the bike rack that students are now welcome to use.

A Relevant Engaging and Challenging Curriculum

PYP Evaluation Parent Survey

We have previously sent out this survey in electronic format and thankyou to the very small number of parents who completed and returned the survey. Today we will be sending out a hard copy with the hope that we will have a great response rate.
Year 4 Art Launch

Miss Brown and her year 4 class this week attended the launch of the new art work of Explorer La Perouse at the Red Hill shops.

The organisers then wrote to thank our students saying “I just wanted to say thank you for allowing Year 4B to attend the launch of La Perouse today. They were a lovely bunch kids who were very polite and well behaved. They also had some great questions for the artists and Suzie and Andy really enjoyed being able to talk directly to them about the work.” The students have just completed a unit of inquiry where they learnt about discovery and settlement so they all knew who La Perouse was and his journey of discovery.

Have a wonderful term and I look forward to seeing many of you at our planned school events.

Kate McMahon
Principal

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data project collects data from schools about the number of students who require adjustments to participate in education. It will present a national picture of the supports schools provide students. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australian, every year. The purpose of the process is to help governments to target support and resources in schools to help all students reach their potential.

During term 2 2014 all ACT Public Schools will be taking part in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). Schools will identify students who need adjustments and are identified as meeting a broad definition of disability. This definition is based on the Disability Standards for Education 2005 which is an inclusive definition of what constitutes a disability and does not require a medical or professional diagnosis. If your child currently requires some additional support at school they may be included in the data collection. Examples of the sorts of adjustments and supports a school may provide include:

- Small group literacy and numeracy sessions
- Study lines
- Additional time to complete tasks

A letter will be sent home to families of students that have been identified as requiring adjustments and supports. This letter will outline the process and ask for your permission to include your child in the data collection. No names or personal information is collected as part of the collection process. More information about the NCCD can be found at the Australian Government Department of Education website. [http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability](http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability)
## Excursion Acquittals
### Term 2, 2014

**Yr 4 National Gallery – 6 May 2014**
$6.00 per person - 82 students
- **Funds In**: $492.00
- **Funds Out**: $472.72
- **Balance**: +$ 19.28

**Yr 2 – 34 Squadron – 13 May 2014**
$8.00 per person - 91 students
- **Funds In**: $728.00
- **Funds Out**: $757.00
- **Balance**: - $ 3.00

**Yr 5 Questacon – 21 May 2014**
$20.00 per person - 68 students
- **Funds In**: $1215.00
- **Funds Out**: $1597.74
- **Balance**: - $ 382.74

**Wassa Wassa Public Education Week Performance – Belconnen Mall – 23 May 2014**
$6.00 per person – 22 students
- **Funds In**: $ 130.00
- **Funds Out**: $ 129.10
- **Balance**: +$ .90

**Da Vinci Decathlon – Canberra Grammar School – 4 June 2014**
$30.00 per person – 14 students
- **Funds In**: $ 420.00
- **Funds Out**: $ 454.54
- **Balance**: - $ 34.54

**Matt Gitteau Cup – O’Connor Oval – 6 June 2014**
$7.00 per person – 16 students
- **Funds In**: $ 112.00
- **Funds Out**: $ 234.36
- **Balance**: - $ 122.36

**Yr 1 – Mint – 16 June 2014**
$7.00 per person – 68 students
- **Funds In**: $ 475.80
- **Funds Out**: $ 472.72
- **Balance**: + $ 3.08

**Yr 4 – Lanyon Homestead/National Museum – 17 and 19 June 2014**
$25.00 per person – 79 students
- **Funds In**: $1975.00
- **Funds Out**: $2035.84
- **Balance**: - $ 60.84

**Yr 5 – Sexual Health Workshops – 2 July 2014**
$9.00 per person – 83 students
- **Funds In**: $ 423.00
- **Funds Out**: $ 631.82
- **Balance**: - $ 208.82
School Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 6 August at Chapman Oval (Tauchert Street Chapman). The whole school will be attending with Kindergarten and Year 1 students participating in fun cooperative games and students from years 2-6 competing in events. High school students from Telopea Park will be assisting on the day. It should be a fun and exciting day!

West African Dance

I am very enthusiastic about introducing West African dance into our school. We have a specialist dance teacher conducting a workshop at our school on Wednesday 30 July to teach year 5 and 6 students songs and dances from Guinea, West Africa. The whole school will be learning these dances through the RHIPP program, class drumming and Wassa Wassa performances.

Wassa Wassa Performances

This term the year 6 Wassa Wassa ensemble has many important performances. They will be performing at the Malkara School, Step into the Limelight, Floriade and the school musical evening. I am looking forward to an action-packed term!

Regards,

Dan Graetz
PE/African Drumming teacher
dan.graetz@ed.act.edu.au

Step into the Limelight

Step into the Limelight is the Territory’s creative and performing arts showcase event for public schools. It is the largest youth Arts event in the ACT and the Art Exhibition will include works from Preschool to Year 12 across a wide variety of media and styles. This is a great opportunity to see the excellent work being produced by the students from ACT public schools.

These talented Red Hill students have had their art work selected for the Art Exhibition:

- Aimee Kellam, KR
- Dante Adamson, 1MW
- Chris Taylor, 4G
- Sam Liddicot-Choi, 5P
- Therese De Salis, 6W.

Their works will be on display in the Art Exhibition held at the ANU School of Art Gallery 29 July – 9 August 2014.

Congratulations!
Anna Gray, Visual Arts Teacher.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents and children who brought in donations for the Saint Vincent De Paul Winter appeal. We gathered approximately 100 bags of warm clothes and bedding and there were also many donations of tinned goods for the SVDP pantry.

SVDP were thrilled with the response and so were the students and teachers of Year 2 who organised this as part of our How the world works inquiry.
**Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to Red Hill

**Tuesday 19 August – Thursday 21 August**
**Where** – School Library

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| **Thursday**       | 8.40 – 9.20am  
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*alternate sale times can be arranged by calling Kelly Boulton in the Library

Preferred methods of payments are eft-pos, credit or cheque

**Contacts** – Kelly Boulton and Kathy Joyce
Defence News

The Deployment Group at Red Hill had a busy end to term 2 with two very special celebrations.

In week 9 the Defence students who have a parent deployed on overseas Operations hosted a morning tea to celebrate and thank their “Amazing Defence Mums”. These amazing ladies do a wonderful job in looking after everyone and everything at home and also providing great support to their Defence husbands while they are away on duty for very lengthy periods of time.

To start the celebration, students gave a brief speech to acknowledge and thank their Mums for all the hard work they do in looking after them while Dad is on deployment. Each student presented their Mums with a handwritten thank you letter and beautiful paper flowers that the students had made during deployment support activities. We were very fortunate to have some small gifts donated by Lush Cosmetics and David Jones Beauty section for the students to pamper their Mums as well. The students then served morning tea to their Mums, a couple of Grandmothers as well as one Dad who had recently returned home from deployment.

Thank you for generously supporting our Defence families.

In week 10, Defence Deployment Group students celebrated the end of term, and for some, the end of lengthy deployments by having an “Afghan Feast”.

During deployment support sessions at Red Hill School, students learn about the country that their parents are deployed to, which currently includes Afghanistan and the UAE. We discuss geography, time zones, climate, environment, language, clothing, music and food. The students were so fascinated and excited by our discussion on Afghan food that we decided it would be nice to try a few dishes. The idea of a feast was well supported with Defence parents generously contributing to the cost of the event. A couple of our Amazing Defence Mums also generously gave their time to help cook the huge feast.

On feast day, Deployment Group students came running from all ends of the school and said “we didn’t need to be reminded or need to know where to go, we just had to follow our noses to the yummy smell!” We had traditional Afghan music playing and were also fortunate to have a recently returned parent come to chat to the students about her experience on deployment in both the UAE and in Afghanistan.

It was lovely to see how enthusiastic the students were in trying all the traditional Afghan dishes – all with a resounding “Yum, I can’t wait to have this again!” Each family was given a book containing recipes of the traditional Afghan dishes from the feast as well as a few extra recipes.
End of Term  RHIPP Showcase

To celebrate the end of Term 2 RHIPP, a “Gallery Walk’ showcase was held in the hall during the last week of the term.

Each RHIPP group presented creative displays celebrating their experiences and/or showcasing their fantastic creations.

We were also lucky enough to have presentations during the Year 4 assembly on Friday of the RHIPP Modified Calisthenics and Drumming groups.

The hall looked fantastic and classes enjoyed taking the Gallery Walk to reflect on their experiences and to see what they might be interested in doing this term!

A big thank you to all staff and students and our wonderful parent helpers for all the fantastic displays.

Leeona McCann
On behalf of the RHIPP Committee
The Red Hill Interests and Pursuits Program (RHIPP) will recommence for Term 3 on Friday 1 August.

Some of the activities on offer this term are modified calisthenics, papier mache, a student fundraising project, African dance, piano sing along, ukulele and creative writing to name just a few. We welcome parent volunteers to come and assist with activities please contact one of the teachers below if you would like to come and give us a hand. Until recently the RHIPP activities were funded through a grant from the Education Directorate. This grant has concluded so we are now asking if parents are able to assist us by making a financial or resource donation.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of:

- Dominoes, snakes and ladders or other traditional board games (new, carefully used and complete)
- Wool – any colour or thickness
- Coloured paper for mosaics, weaving and paper craft
- Boxes, containers and recyclable material suitable for Junk Craft
- Newspapers and balloons for Papier Mache
- Scrap material for Soft Toy Making
- Hama beads
- Or a financial donation to support activities such as gardening and cooking

Please leave any labelled donations at the office.

In addition, please ensure your child has told you what their RHIPP activity is for this term so in the event you need to collect them early from school the front office can tell you where they are located.

Regards,
Deborah Watling, Leeona McCann, Will Powell & Karen Nixon
RHIPP Committee

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Next week Red Hill School will have a number of students competing at the ACT/Southern NSW Interschools Snow Sports Championship at Perisher.

Good luck to Hugo Thompson (Yr 3) and Gertie Firkins Fox (Yr 4) both competing in Alpine and Skier X, and to Valentino Guseli (Yr 4) and Ali Guseli (K) both competing in Snowboard and Boarder X.

There are a number of fun and friendly races for ACT students and their families, held throughout the Winter. For any further info contact Kristen (0415 502212)

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A Yellow BMX bike and a fibreglass skateboard were left at the bike rack late last term.

If you own either one of these items, please see the front office.
P&C News and Events

Red Hill School Uniform Shop

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au
Place orders by Wednesday 2.00pm and pay by credit card
for delivery to classes by Friday Morning

Open every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Payment by cash, cheque or credit card

School Banking

School Banking day – Friday

Leave banking at Front Office by 9.10am on Friday Morning
Collect after 3.15pm on Friday Afternoon

Collect your Dollarmites starter pack from the front office to begin school banking
every $ you bank raises money for the school
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Community News and Events

Australian of the Year Awards

Do you know or admire an outstanding Australian? Nominate them before August 1 for the 2015 Australian of the Year Awards.

Throughout June and July, all Canberrans are being encouraged to consider nominating someone they know or admire for the 2015 Australian of the Year Awards. Every year the Awards recognise 128 remarkable Australians across eight states and territories in four categories. If you know someone who inspires you through their achievements or challenges those around them to make their own contribution to creating a better Australia visit www.onenomination.aoty.org.au to nominate.

You can nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (aged 60 and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30) or an Australian Local Hero. It only takes one nomination to put someone you’re proud of in the running. Winners of the ACT Awards will be announced on November 3 and will represent Canberra at the national awards held each year on the eve of Australia Day.