Red Hill School Newsletter

Coming Events

Friday 13 June
Preschool visit to Red Hill Shops

Monday 16 June
Preschool visit to Griffith Shops
School Board Meeting
6:15pm
ICAS Spelling

Tuesday 17 June
Year 4 Lanyon & Museum Excursion
Preschool visit to Red Hill Shops
SPARK
P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Staff Room

Wednesday 18 June
ICAS Writing

Thursday 19 June
Preschool Bus Wash Excursion
Year 4 Lanyon & Museum Excursion

Friday 20 June
Assembly 12:10pm
RHIPP

Tuesday 24 June
SPARK

Thursday 26 June
Next Newsletter

Notes Home

Year 4 Where we are in Place and Time Excursion
Year 1 Royal Australian Mint Excursion
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Tests
New Staffing Arrangements for Preschool
Tournament of the Minds
Wassa Wassa Crada Multicultural Night Performance

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Executive Overview

A Relevant and Engaging Curriculum

Last week Mr James and myself took a Year 5 team and a Year 6 team to Canberra Grammar School to participate in the Da Vinci Decathlon. The Da Vinci Decathlon is an academic inter-school gala day, operated in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon which offers students a variety of events. The theme for the event in 2014 was “Mystery and Mayhem”.

The ten academic events are:

- **Mathematics & Chess** – emphasis on problem solving, number patterns and logic puzzles
- **English** – spelling, word origins, definitions, textual analysis and writing tasks
- **Science** – students engage with higher level scientific concepts to test their ability to apply them
- **Code Breaking** – students will decipher complex and mysterious codes
- **Engineering Challenge** – a design task that tests problem solving skills, creativity and ingenuity
- **Philosophy** – dealing with logic, observations and evidence
- **Creative Producers** – emphasis on creating under pressure a 60 second dramatic performance
- **Art & Poetry** – the team will develop a poem interconnected with a work of art
- **Cartography** - students will decipher maps and apply the principles of map-making to represent spatial information in an imaginative way
- **General Knowledge** – current affairs, entertainment, the Renaissance, sport and trivia

Both teams represented our school really well. They were well mannered and well behaved. They also did very well. The Year 5 team came 9th out of 19 teams and the Year 6 team came 5th out of 32 teams. They all had a great day and enjoyed having pizza for lunch.

A Positive Inclusive School

We would like to say a big thank you to the SRC for organising Cupcake Day at school today. Each class representative brought in some cupcakes, cakes or biscuits and helped to sell them at recess for $1 each. It was a huge success and we look forward to seeing how much was raised. There were many happy children eating lots of cupcakes at recess.

A capable, sustainable school

We have the Canberra Sexual Health and Family Planning coming to speak to parents in the evening of Monday 30 June. We have not yet confirmed a time but will let you know closer to the day. They have a comprehensive website if you would like some help with how to speak to your children about this issue. The website is [http://www.shfpact.org.au/](http://www.shfpact.org.au/).

Emma Campbell
Executive Teacher
How we organise ourselves…..

Money is a human made system that places value on goods and services.

Last week Year 1 completed a fun provocation for our new inquiry. The students were grouped into 6 islands. Each island was in charge of their own commodity and nothing else. The students realised that to survive on their islands they needed fruit and vegetables, water, housing, tools, clothing and chickens. To obtain these goods the islanders had to barter and trade their own goods with the other islands.

“It was interesting because I learnt new things. I didn’t think people would share their things with us”. - Enzo 1C

“I thought it was great. It was fun when we were in our groups”. - Matthew 1C

“Trading things is good as you get things that you want or need”. - Emerson 1MW

“I thought it was interesting because if you only had fruit and vegetables you could swap it for something else”. - Cecilia 1DW

“I thought it was interesting because we needed to survive. So we gave things we had too much of and got things we didn’t have”. - Miranda 1DW

“It was fun! Two people needed to stay on the island and only two people could go and trade. We were the only island to have fruit and vegies and people needed to trade with us”. - Chloe 1MW
Year Overview

......have been very busy listening to and questioning guest speakers from a wide range of Voluntary organisations as a part of their new inquiry into:

**How we organise ourselves.**

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**Student comments:**

"Year 2 started an inquiry about voluntary organisations and we listened to Mr Chase Richardson from the Guide Dog Association of NSW/ACT. I already knew some information about how Guide Dogs help people." Audrey.

"Guide Dogs help people who are blind to move around the community and go to work." Caleb.

"At first I thought the talk was going to be about fishing and then when Chase started talking about the canes I learnt it was about helping blind people." Jack.

"I really enjoyed listening to Mrs Agius speak about how she was a volunteer Lifesaver and helped the Nippers begin." Adam

"Volunteers are really, really important to the Guide Dogs because they can look after puppies."

"Foster is an important word to the Guide Dog Association because it means to take care." Claudia
2014 Rostrum Speeches

On Friday 30 May, 2 students each from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 presented their rostrum speech to half the school. They all spoke clearly and expressively and were entertaining to listen to. Rex Donald from Year 5 was the chosen finalist who will be competing at St Peter’s and Paul Primary on the 25 June. Our runner up was Ruby Rounds from Year 6 who spoke wonderfully and is a reserve in case Rex can’t make it.

Shannon Gurney
Rostrum coordinator

Scholastic Book Club

Orders have now been finalised for Book Club Issue 4. No further orders will be accepted. Deliveries of orders are expected over the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately some products have been out of stock and a credit note and alternate book provided. The credit note can be used to purchase products from the next issue which will be distributed in Term 4. We will be holding a Book Fair in Term 3.

Deborah Watling
Book Club Contact

ACT Government General News

ParentLink Program – Survey

Do you work with children? Young people? Parents? Families? Then we need your help!

ParentLink is a primary prevention community education program that provides parenting information to parents within the ACT and region.

We are currently conducting a survey looking at various aspects of the ParentLink program. We are interested in how practitioners and community members use ParentLink resources, particularly the online components.

We would be most grateful if you could please assist by completing the following survey from your professional experience.

It would also be gratefully appreciated if you could please encourage parents / families you work with to complete this survey.

The survey can be accessed via the ParentLink Webpage at [http://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/](http://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/) and then following the link Take the ParentLink Online Survey.

The survey will close on Friday 20 June 2014.

Authorised by Paul Wyles, Director, Early Intervention and Prevention Services, Community Services Directorate
Next P&C meeting

Starting promptly at 7.30pm
Red Hill School Staffroom
All welcome

Uniform Shop Second Hand Clothes Sale

Pants, shirts, jumpers, skirts and more.
Grab a bargain - all items $2 each.
Breezeway on Friday 27 June (week 9)
3.00pm to 3.30pm
Donations of uniforms welcome.

Uniform donations can be deposited in the PURPLE BIN in the breezeway at any time

School Uniform Summer Dresses have arrived!

The uniform shop now has summer dresses in Sizes 4, 6 and 8. They can be worn through winter with a scivvy and leggings/tights underneath.

They can be ordered online through Flexischools or in the Shop on Fridays 2.30-3.30pm.
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
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School Holiday Tennis Camp

Kindergarten Age and up
All standards

Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St, RED HILL

July 14 to 18 2014
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm (Half Day)
or
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:30pm (Full Day)

FULL REFUND AFTER DAY 1 IF NOT CONTINUING
LESS THAN $5.50 PER HOUR FULL DAY
LESS THAN $7.00 PER HOUR HALF DAY

• Total Stroke Development (Beginners will be serving by end of the week!)
• Professional Well Trained and Credentialled Coaching Staff
• Trophy Singles Tournament on Friday

McDonalds Lunch – Friday - Heaps of Fun Prizes Galore!

Enrolment Forms at Red Hill Newsagency
or
Phone Matt McDonald, Professionally Qualified Level 2 Tennis Coach 0412565137

Eastern Suburbs Junior Rugby Club
is looking for players, especially
for U12s (turning 12 in 2014)

If interested, please contact
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mark.korsten@pacificoperations.net

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Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that's what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs.

What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

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Contact Emily on 0478 837 814

Or Email: e.gall@hotmail.com

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