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Red Hill School Newsletter

Coming Events

Friday 27 October

PIPS

Preschool Teddy Bears
Picnic with French Australia
Preschool for Red Hill
RHIPP

Tuesday 31 October

Preschool and Kindergarten Transition – 9:00am to 11:00am

Wednesday 1 November

Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal @ Red Hill –

Thursday 2 November

Year 1 Learning Journey
Preschool and
Kindergarten Transition –
9:00am to 11:00am
Year 2 Music Count Us In at
Palmerston

Friday 3 November

Year 3 Learning Journey – 8:30am to 9:00am Assembly Year 3 to Host RHIPP

Tuesday 7 November

Preschool and Kindergarten
Transition – 9:00am to
11:00am

Thursday 9 November

Preschool and Kindergarten
Transition – 9:00am to
11:00am

Year 5 Gateways Challenge Newsletter



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment





Red Hill School music ensembles at Floriade

Notes Home

Wassa Wassa Ghana Dinner Dance Performance RHIPP – Carey Gardens

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Our Next Assembly

Will be held on Friday 3 November at 9:25am

Hosted by: Year 3

All welcome, please be seated by 9:20am for a prompt start

Parents are invited to attend croissants and coffee in the parent hub at 9.00am

Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Improving learning and achievement for all students

On behalf of the school we would like to thank the families who attended our three recent musical events: Floriade, the Music Evening and the week two Assembly. The students are proud of their achievements and genuinely enjoyed performing for audiences. We also express our gratitude to the talented and passionate teachers who enable our school to provide a balanced arts curriculum: Emma Cox, Helene Halliday, Susan La Flamme, Shannon Gurney, Claire Hansen and Dan Graetz.

The foundation for a quality learning environment is the High-Expectations/Relationships model, where the belief of high expectations is combined with the behaviours and dispositions needed to create a high-expectations learning environment. Dr Chris Sarra describes such an environment as being both firm and fair.

A relationship is anchored by high-expectations when we have the compassion to be fair, by engaging in acknowledging and enabling processes when we can, as well as having the courage to be firm, by challenging and intervening when we need to. (Sarra, 2011)

Dr Louise Porter similarly has spoken of the "firm but fair" model which underpins the Restorative and Relational Practices framework for schools, and seeks to develop socially capable, responsible young people.

Last term we encouraged the attitude of respect: respect for self, others and our environment. This term we are focussing on building the behaviours and dispositions in our students that are needed to create a truly "high expectations" learning environment, one which is firm but fair, which promotes learning for all and which enables quality teaching. We will write more about the initiatives related to this focus in our next newsletter.

Learning Journeys

A number of classes will host their learning journey this term. Please check the term calendar and keep an eye out for emails and school app announcements. The *skoolbag* app can be downloaded for free from iTunes or the Google Play store. The app is also an efficient way to inform the school of your child's absence.

2018 Kindergarten Students

We are currently hosting "get to know you" interviews with students and families who are coming into kindergarten in 2018. The meetings are part of our transition process and we strongly encourage every family to take this opportunity to connect with the school.

A safe, inclusive and respectful school culture

At last night's P&C meeting we discussed student safety. Some parents encourage their children to be physically active by walking or riding to school, but worry that they won't know if their child has arrived safely. I am pleased to be able to reassure those parents that we have made a change to our attendance procedures. As of this week, we are contacting parents and carers if their children have not arrived at school by 9.45am. Please help us to avoid unnecessary phone calls by advising us when your child will not be attending school. This can be done through the school App, an email to the front office/teacher or a phone call.

Warm weather and drink bottles

As the weather is warming up we would like to encourage everyone to have a drink bottle with water in it. It's very important for students to be hydrated. In the warmer weather this means drinking lots of water throughout the day. It is also much less disruptive to the class and to each student's learning if they have a drink bottle nearby rather than needing to leave class to access bubblers.

Hats

As a sun smart school, all students are required to have a sun smart hat when outside in the sun. This is either a broad-brimmed hat or a cap with a legionnaire style flap at the back. Students without a sun smart hat are asked to play in one of the shaded areas.

In closing we would like to ask that students refrain from bringing beyblades to school. We have had numerous cases of conflict and/or distress caused by theft, loss and students being excluded from games.

Yours sincerely **Louise Owens (Principal)**

Year One Learning Journey

Year one will be having a Learning Journey on Thursday 2nd of November.

We are inviting parents to come to the year one classrooms from 8:40-9:00 to watch pre-recorded dance performances. Each class will have one live performance from 9:30 that parents are also welcome to attend.

We look forward to sharing our creativity with you!



Don't forget!! **Every Wednesday is Waste Free Wednesday**

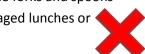
- snacks in reusable containers
- drinks in a reusable bottle
- reusable utensils when needed
- a reusable lunchbox





AVOID

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or snacks



A time that I felt nervous

I heard the children around me

I heard my own heart thumping.

I saw the other people do their speeches

I saw my speech tremble in my hand.

I felt like the whole world stopped

when the teacher called my name.

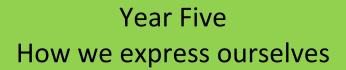
I felt everyone's eyes looking at me

as I walked to the front.

I wondered was I going to mess up?

I wondered if I would make it through.

Samara Whiley





In dance we have looked at the elements of dance and how these combine to tell a story or a message.

A time I felt excited

I heard the safety announcement over the

PΑ

I saw the airport rush away from me

I felt the headphones on my ears, as I

slipped them on

I wondered if we were ever going to take

off

I wondered about the long flight ahead

I heard the engines roar

I felt my stomach lurch during the take off

I saw the passing buildings of Sydney.

I was finally going to the Dominican

Republic.

Olivier Van Hagen

A snippet from Clouds

By Kelsey

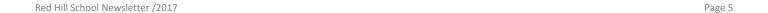
A cloud high in the sky, a puff of air on a cold morning or mist

They're all clouds just mysteriously high above

They just sit watching, waiting for someone to look up and realise that the clouds have formed a certain shape.

But no-one knows that clouds aren't condensation,

But pure imagination.



Metaphors

YEAR 6 TERM 4 EXHIBITION





MARSHNALLOW CHALLENGE

Washington and selection of the control of

"Creative thinking allows for the realisation of potential."







Red Hill School Language Program



Year 5 - Learning Intentions

This term year 5 will be covering a unit of work based on French festivals to understand how people recognise important events through celebrations and traditions and how these rituals are tightly interwoven into our overall cultural identity.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- share their own cultural festivals and traditional celebrations which in turn will assist individuals to gain further intercultural exchange and understanding
- connect with fellow compatriots/ other friends who can add to one's mutual support group and strength
- understand migrant children growing up in another culture
- experience something unique- observing how worlds' festivals are celebrated.

Language Structures & Vocabulary

Joyeux Noël! Happy Christmas!

Bonne Année! Happy New Year!

Joyeuses Pâques! Happy Easter!

Mon anniversaire c'est aujourd'hui. It's my birthday today.

Joyeux anniversaire! Happy birthday! Félicitations! Congratulations!

une fête du jour a name day

La fête des Rois 6th of January Epiphany Day

La Chandeleur 2nd of February-The feast of the Candles

where lots of crepes are made and eaten.

Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday or "le carnival" usually

occurs in February

Poisson d'Avril April fool's day

La fête du travail Labour Day – 1^{er} de mai

Le Festival de Cannes Cannes Film Festival- in June.

La Fête Nationalle - Le Quartoze Juillet Bastille Day

La Toussaint – 1er de Novembre All saints Day

La fête de Saint-Nicolas - Le 6eme de décembre

Bonne Santé Good health (also said at New Year)

Bon Anniversaire Happy Birthday

Joyeux Anniversaire Happy Birthday to You



French Poetry Awards Ceremony - 2017

Félicitations to Eva J. (1 C) who come first in the year 1 division of the ACT French Poetry Recital Competition.

On Thursday the 19th of October, Eva was awarded a certificate and other special prizes at a ceremony at the Alliance Française de Canberra. She recited the poem in front of all the guests and did very well in representing our school at a big, unknown audience.

Merci à tous les autres participants who took part in the Alliance Française French Poetry Competition.

There were other finalists from Red Hill Primary School who come second in the French Poetry Recital Competition. In the kindergarten level we had Leisel H. (KK); in year 2 we had Lia Maras (2M) and in year 5, Sian Gray (5B) was the second runner up.

This year 54 students took part in the French Poetry Competition and they all received participation certificates. Last week at assembly, all participants

were acknowledged and the certificates were distributed by their classroom teacher once they went back to their classroom.



I was impressed by their effort; they all recited the poem very well with expression, appropriate intonation and body language. It was really hard for the judges to choose the winners this year.

Congratulations once again to all the finalists and participants who have once again been *audacieux* and made our school proud!

Salutation: Frances Szeremet



ACAS Assembly

The school will be hosting an ICAS assembly for years 2 to 6 on Friday the 10th November (Week 5).

It will be held at the normal assembly time of 9:30. Students will be recognised for their participation and achievements in ICAS over the year. Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Claire Hansen

ACT Primary Concert Choir - 2018

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in 2017 to audition for the ACT Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PCC rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Primary Concert Choir is conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education Directorate schools.

During its first four years the choir has been invited to perform in high profile events such as the nationally televised Australia vs New Zealand Brumbies game, Parliament House Open Day, Step Into the Limelight, Wattle Day Citizenship Ceremonies and IMP Concerts. Each year the choir participates in the National Eisteddfod, Choral Division, and in 2016 and 2017 the choir achieved First Place in the 12 Years and Under Championship.

The choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young singers to work together in an enriching environment. The PCC is a performance ensemble and the families of children auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year. Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information letters are available at your child's school. These letters detail what is required during the audition and also further information about the audition process. If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 62058265.

https://goo.gl/forms/F509BFUYNhNvywbm2

Applications are now open and close Friday November 17.





Safe School Travel in the ACT – Information Sheet 7

Driving safely around schools

School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all children.

- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on each gazetted school day.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs they are planned with children's safety in mind.
- NEVER double park it puts children at risk.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- Allocate enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.



Never park illegally:

- In the school driveway.
- · On or near the school crossing.
- In the school bus bay.
- In the 'No parking' zone.

Never double park:

- It blocks the vision of other drivers.
- It forces children onto the road.
- It obstructs the flow of traffic.



Safe School Travel in the ACT - Information Sheet 8

Safety and children's crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the children's crossing – it is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a Children's Crossing:

- Drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing, when the 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
- Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing which is in operation at any time the crossing flags are in place. It operates whenever any pedestrians are using the crossing. This could be the start and finish of school days, during lunchtimes, or for excursions.
- Schools or the operators of these crossings should ensure that flags are



always removed when the crossing is not in use to reduce confusion for, or disrespect by, motorists.



Red Hill School Uniform Shop

Item	Price
Hat Surf	\$10.00
Hat Bucket	\$12.00
Hat Slouch	\$10.00
Dress Summer	\$45.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (green)	\$22.50
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (yellow)	\$22.50
Polo Shirt - Long Sleeve	\$22.50
Jacket Waterproof flying	\$41.00
Jacket Microfibre	\$41.00
Polar Fleece Vest	\$18.00
Polar Fleece Zip Top	\$28.00
Skorts Girls Pleated	\$21.50
Skorts Girls Gabardine	\$21.50
Shorts Boys Gabardine	\$21.50
Shorts Unisex Knit	\$16.50
Pants Long Gabardine Double Knee	\$26.00
Pants Long Girls Stretch Boot Leg Heavy	\$36.50
Track Pants Microfibre	\$31.50
Track Pants Straight Leg Fleece	\$21.00
Socks Ankle Green	\$5.50
Tights Bottle Green	\$12.00
School Back Pack (M)	\$45.00
School Back Pack (L)	\$48.00



Our uniform shop is fully stocked for winter.

Opening hours:

TUESDAY 8.30am - 9.00am FRIDAY 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Purchase Options Flexischools Flexischools is an online ordering and cashless system created for use by schools which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events. The system is quick and easy to use, can be accessed 24/7 from you PC or mobile App on iPhone/iPad or Android. Some fees apply. The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales and will deliver orders to your child's classroom. Flexischool Orders placed by 3.40pm on Wednesday will be delivered to classrooms by Friday of that week For further information and to register please visit: www.flexischools.com.au * Payments by Credit Card or Bank transfer * Orders placed by 3.40pm on Wednesday are filled and delivered to your child's classroom by Friday of the same week. * Details on sizing, including height, chest and waist are noted with each garment listing. * You will need to include your child's name and class (for families new to the school and not yet been allocated a class please enter "New Student" and orders will be held at the front office for collection) Purchase in Person at Uniform Shop at Red Hill School

The uniform shop would like to thank the volunteers for coming in and helping. But we are always after help. If you can spare anytime at all please email Cherie at rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com. All volunteers are welcomed to second hand uniforms for their help.

RED HILL UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS

DECEMBER 2017 Week 9 2017 at the Uniform Shop

Tuesday 5th December 8.30am – 9.45am Thursday 7th December 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Flexischool orders placed by 3.50pm on Wednesday 6th December, will be delivered to your child's classroom by Thursday 7th December. Flexischool order placed after 6th December will be available for pick up from Junior Hall on Thursday 1st October.

Last day of opening for 2017 is Thursday 7th December.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018 at Junior Hall

Entrance via blue gate between Red Hill Pre-school and French Australian Pre-school on Astrolabe Street.

 $\begin{array}{ll} Tuesday\ 30^{th}\ January & 8.30am-1.30pm \\ Thursday\ 1^{st}\ February & 12.30pm-3.30pm \\ Friday\ 2^{nd}\ February & 8.30am-12.00pm \end{array}$

Flexischool orders placed by 3.50pm on Wednesday 31^{st} January can be collected from Junior Hall during opeing times Thursday 1^{st} and Friday 2^{nd} .

 $\begin{array}{ll} Monday \ 5^{th} \ February \\ Tuesday \ 6^{th} \ February \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{ll} 8.30am - 11.30am \\ 8.30am - 10.00am \end{array}$

uniform shop

Friday 9th February 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Flexischool orders placed by 3.50pm on Wednesday 7th February will be delivered to your child's classroom by Friday 9th February.

Regular uniform shop hours are Tuesday 8.30am – 9.00am and Friday 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Flexiorders placed by 3.50pm on Wednesday will be delivered to classrooms by Friday

School Banking

School Banking day - Friday

Leave banking at Front Office by 9.00am on Friday Morning CommonwealthBank
Collect after 3.15pm on Friday Afternoon



Open a Dollarmite account at any Commonwealth Bank branch and start banking today every \$ you bank raises money for the school

Mobile Works

Canberra's most convenient and affordable mobile phone and Ipad repair service is now offering a **10% discount** on all services and accessories to all staff, employees and parents of Red Hill Primary School.

Mobile Works fixes and diagnoses all hardware and software problems for the Apple iPhone & iPad range, Samsung Galaxy, Sony Ericsson Xperia, Nokia Lumia, HTC and most other brand name models.

Most importantly they are **open 7 days (9AM – 9PM) and they come to your home or business!** Check out their website today, and let them know when booking that you are affiliated with Red Hill Primary School to receive the discount. https://www.mobileworks.website/

Campbell High School Year 7 2018 Student and Parent Information Evening

The Campbell High School teachers and students of would like to invite enrolled 2018 Year 7 students and parents/carers to a "Getting Prepared for Campbell High School" information session.

When: Thursday 2nd of November 2017

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Where: Campbell High School Hall

Who: Strictly Parents and students who are enrolled at Campbell HS 2018

Information will be presented on:

- School goals and direction
- Student Wellbeing
- Uniform policy
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative
- Literacy and Numeracy support and preparation
- Q and A session

If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please direct them to Mr Owen Cusick, the Year 7 Coordinator for 2018 via email: owen.cusick@ed.act.edu.au

Red Hill School Calendar 2017 – Term 4					Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
93		Year 4 Birrigai Camp				
Week 1 Oct 9 - 13	Nutrition Magician P-K 9:30am to 11:00am, 1-3 11:30am to 1:00pm			Newsletter Floriade Performances (Band, Wassa Wassa and Choir)		
2 . 20		PIPS				
Week 2 Oct 16 - 2				Term Overviews Musical Spectacular - 6:30pm to 7:30pm	Assembly – West African Drumming to Host RHIPP	
	PIPS					
Week 3 Oct 23 - 27		Preschool Teddy Bears Picnic with Possum Magic for Red Hill School Board Meeting 5:45pm P&C Meeting 7.30pm Staff Room		Newsletter	Preschool Teddy Bears Picnic with French Australia Preschool for Red Hill RHIPP	
Week 4 Oct 30– Nov 3		Preschool/Kindy Transition – 9:00am to 11:00am	Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal @ Red Hill – 10:00am to 12:00pm	Year 1 Learning Journey Preschool/Kindy Transition – 9:00am to 11:00am Year 2 Music Count us in @ Palmerston	Year 3 Learning Journey 8:30am to 9:00am Assembly – Year 3 to Host RHIPP	
Week 5 Nov 6 - 10		Preschool/Kindy Transition – 9:00am to 11:00am		Newsletter Preschool/Kindy Transition - 9:00am to 11:00am Year 5 Gateways Challenge	Kindergarten Learning Journey – 8:30am ICAS Assembly RHIPP	
Week 6 Nov 13 - 17	Bandstravaganza Rehearsal 10am Kenny Koala Visit at Red Hill Preschool Preschool Athletics Carnival	Bandstravaganza – 7pm to 9:15pm	Preschool Information BBQ 5:30pm to 6:30pm	Kenny Koala Visit at Red Hill Preschool Preschool Athletics Carninval	Assembly – Year 5 to Host Kindergarten National Museum of Australia Excursion RHIPP	
Week 7 Nov 20 - 24		Preschool – Totem Poles painted with Deadly Boomerangs		Preschool – Totem Poles painted with Deadly Boomerangs Year 4 Learning Journey 8:30am to 9:10am Newsletter	RHIPP	
Week 8 Nov 27- Dec 1		Preschool – End of Year Concert School Board Meeting 5:45pm P&C Meeting 7.30pm Staff Room		Year 6 Exhibition	Preschool – End of Year Concert Assembly – Year 6 Music to Host RHIPP	
Week 9 Dec 4 - 8	Year 6 Orientation Day at Telopea Park	Preschool Fun Day leave from Griffith		Newsletter School Disco K-2 6:30pm to 7:15pm 3-6 7:30pm to 8:30pm	Year 6 Movie Fun Day Preschool Fun Day leave from Griffith	
Week 10 Dec 11 -15	End of Year Pool Fun Day – Kindergarten to Year 5			Year 6 Graduation – 11:45am to 12:45pm	Assembly – Exec to host Last Day of School for 2017	



A networking event for families raising children in more than one language

and

A chance to meet professionals involved in languages education

LANGUAGES POTLUCK LUNCH

- 11am- 1pm, Saturday 28 October 2017
- Deakin Preschool, 2 Hopetown Circuit, Deakin
- Bring along a dish of your favourite food to share



Free games and fun activities for children

ALL WELCOME

Book through Eventbrite by searching <u>ACTBEA potluck</u>
More details: **canberrabilingual@gmail.com** or
Phone 0408 089 235 (after 22 October) or 0426 279 521

THIS IS AN ACT CHILDREN'S WEEK EVENT

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