

Issue 7

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Red Hill School Newsletter

Coming Events

Regular Weekly events

Junior Singing Group – Fri
8.30am

Year 3/4 Choir – Thursdays
8.15am

Year 5/6 Choir Tuesdays
8.30am

Week 4

Monday 20th May

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All class groups and siblings
with year 4 students

Preschool Botanical Gardens
Excursion Winyu and Djira

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 6 Combined Band
Rehearsal and Concert at
Garran Primary School

Preschool Botanical Gardens
Excursion Garrang and
Gabadang

Wednesday 22nd May to

Friday 24th May

Year 4 Camp

Thursday 23rd May

Kindergarten NGA Excursion

Friday 24th May

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Catchup day, Specialist
Groups and Siblings

Week 5

Monday 27th May

Reconciliation Day – Public
Holiday

Wednesday 29th May

Year 1 Questacon and NGA
Excursion

Friday 31st May

Cross Country Carnival Awards
Assembly



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



Year 1 boys running the cross-country

Notes Home

PSSA South Weston Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival 2019

Year 5 Combined Bank Rehearsal and Concert

Year 6 Combined Bank Rehearsal and Concert

Year 1 Questacon and National Art Gallery Excursion

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Our Next Assembly

Will be a **SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** held on Friday 10th May at 9:25am

Hosted by: The Year 3 Team

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

2019 School Photos

Reminder

When:
Primary School



Monday 20th May – all class and individual photos

Friday 24th May all specialist groups, sibling photos** and catch up photos

****Sibling photos – due to year 4 camp at the end of the week, families with students in year 4 will have sibling photos taken on Monday 20th May.**

All transactions and orders are between families and “The School Photographer”.

Orders must be made online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au or by handing envelopes with orders and payments to the photographer on the day. Online orders can be made after photo day however, envelopes cannot be accepted by the school after photo day. Some blank envelopes and SIBLING ENVELOPES can be collected at the front office.

Ordering ‘Specialist Photos’: Information will be sent home later in the process to order these.

Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Improving learning and achievement for all students

Students and teachers are back into the business of teaching and learning, with lots of activity humming along throughout the school. I know years 3 and 5 have enjoyed their recent excursions, making the most of the fantastic opportunities here in our national capital. The year three teachers were very impressed with the program delivered at Birrigai last week for their Sharing the Planet unit of inquiry, as were the year five teachers when they visited Anzac Parade and Reconciliation Place. Teachers commented yesterday that they had developed entirely different perspectives themselves on the year five excursion; a wonderful thing to happen when we are modelling lifelong learning.

Many year levels are in the process of completing current units of inquiry and teachers are discussing how the next inquiries may look. These are always such exciting conversations, with all team members having the chance to share ideas and discuss the various learning opportunities that might be offered to students. We always hope for student action as the inquiries draw to a close. If your child ever takes action at home as the result of learning at school, we would love to hear about these stories. Feel free to email teachers or send a note in. Alternatively email me, I love hearing what our students are up to!

Last week's cross country event ran very smoothly in the new format. It was amazing to see students striving to achieve 'personal bests', regardless of where they placed in their events. They showed great courage and resilience- we recognise the efforts of every student, no matter how far or how fast they ran. We also thank Dan Graetz and Rob Elsom for their work organising the day.

A safe, inclusive and respectful school culture

Anti-bullying message

Our year 6 school captains and vice captains spoke to the whole school assembly last week about bullying. They very clearly gave the message that bullying is not something they want to see in our school. They also gave students some ideas about what can be done if they experience or witness bullying. The student leaders shared a clip from the **Bullying. No Way!** website which was powerful.

This is the link to the video; you may like to watch it with your child. Parents frequently ask what they can do at home to help their child's learning- watching and discussing this video would certainly do this, presenting an important shared message between home and school.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/videos/pages/videoplayer.aspx?VideoID=183>

The Bullying. No way! website provides resources for teachers, students and parents around the issue of bullying. We recommend parents and carers take some time to browse through what it offers. Staff and the student leaders will focus on anti-bullying messages throughout this term, both at assemblies and in the classrooms.

Red Hill Shops

We have been told that quite a few older students are going to the Red Hill shops before school, often catching up with friends. Our concerns about this are twofold: firstly, parents may have dropped students at school before teachers are on duty and not realise the students are leaving the school grounds to walk over to the shops. If staff observe students leaving the school grounds, we redirect them back to school. (Alternatively, the students may stop at the shops on their way to school.)

Our second worry is that community members have told us that some students are spending relatively large sums of money each day on lollies, chips and packets of biscuits, which they are consuming before school or at recess. The excessive levels of sugar that are being ingested don't set students up for success at school. It might be worthwhile to ask your child if they have walked across to the shops to meet friends or buy food. A conversation about what is appropriate for school snacks may also be in order.

Kind regards

Emma Campbell

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ACT Public School Enrolments Process

Initial Enrolment Consideration Period Opens— **Monday 29 April 2019**

Enrolment Applications should be lodged online at:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

ACT public school enrolments for 2020 open at 6am on **Monday 29 April 2019**. This is for all enrolments from Preschool to Year 12.

For applications received by **7 June 2019**, offers will begin to be made from **29 July**.

You are encouraged to get your application in before 7 June, so your school can start planning for your child's education. However, every child from Kindergarten to Year 12 is guaranteed a place at their local public school, regardless of when you apply.

The Education Directorate (ED) enrolment process has been updated. To avoid disappointment, and before completing your enrolment form, please carefully read the information on the ED website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

Earn & Learn 2019



We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until 25th June 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Sticker sheets are available at the front office or you can print off the sheet on page 11 of this newsletter, get sticking and bring them in and drop the sheets off in the boxes in the breezeway or front office.



Year 5 News

In Year Five we are currently looking at the transdisciplinary theme of *Where we are in place and time*, the central idea being that “significant events and people shape a nation”. We have looked at Australia’s identity and tried to understand which events in Australian history have contributed to making us who we are as a nation. One event that has moved us all was World War One and the ANZACS. Year five did a phenomenal job of hosting the ANZAC commemoration ceremony. We also reflected on what ANZAC means to us. Here is what some of the students wrote:

‘Anzac days means to me to remember all those brave souls who served this fair nation. We respect and appreciate what they have done for this wonderful country. No matter what we shall still commemorate this day as ANZAC Day.’ By Abi



Captains and the school Wreath

Red Hill Primary School Wreath made by some of our defence children here at Red Hill



‘For me ANZAC Day is a time for us to remember all those who served for this nation. All those who fought through the cruel weather and the terrible conditions they had to live in. It is a time for us to pay respects to all those who had fought for what this world is today. It had proved our loyalty to different countries it had also proved our mateship on how we would do anything for our friends. It proved that we have enthusiasm. When Australia went to join the war, people started signing up immediately spreading the word about the war and finding as many possible ways they could help. Because of ANZAC Day Australia has become what it is today and I am extremely thankful for that.’ By Kimiya

We have had a moving and emotional experience of interviewing serving and ex serving members of our community as well as the elderly within our community. This was a rich experience that helped us make connections between the same event having the possibility of many different perspectives.

We also went on a trip to the National Museum and participated in a workshop on “Making a Nation” This was an invaluable experience that we all enjoyed.



Library News

Library Trust Fund

Our library is funded by the *Red Hill Primary School Library Trust Fund*. We use these funds to purchase resources and equipment to support our PYP units of inquiry, as well as our school subscription to Storybox Library, and our monthly order of picture books, novels and non-fiction from Lamont Books.

In recent years we have also used funds from the Library Trust Fund to buy “big ticket items” to improve the physical space and make the library easier and more enjoyable to use. In 2017 and 2018 we purchased new shelving for the non-fiction and picture books and earlier this year we purchased a range of soft furnishings. The furniture has been positively received by our students and it is wonderful to see so many students using our library space during lessons and lunch time.

This year’s focus is to update and improve our non-fiction collection, particularly resources in the areas of positive education and mindfulness, science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.

All contributions to the Library Trust Fund are tax deductible and can be made to the front office. Thank you for your continued support.



2019 Cross Country Carnival



We had a fantastic cross-country carnival last Thursday. Well done to everyone who participated and congratulations to those who placed.

We will be holding our ribbon assembly on Friday 31 May in the hall from 9:30am. We hope to see you all there.

Thank you

Dan Graetz and Rob Elsom

SEAACT Science and Engineering Fair 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

2019 SCIENCE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF THE ACT (SEAACT)
SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

We would like to offer students the wonderful opportunity to participate in the 2019 Science Educators Association of the ACT (SEAACT) Science & Engineering Fair.

Involvement in the Science Fair is voluntary and is open to all students from preschool to year 6 for individual or group entry. The Science Fair is designed to be a lot of fun and provide opportunities for some family 'conversations' over the next couple of months. If your child loves Science and thrives in independent learning situations, we encourage you to consider this opportunity.

Participation is optional and will largely involve independent work on Science Fair projects at home. Teacher support will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtimes in the library. There is a RHIPP group called Discovering Science for students in year 1 to 6 Science to further support students with their Science Fair projects. All materials for these projects is to be supplied from home.

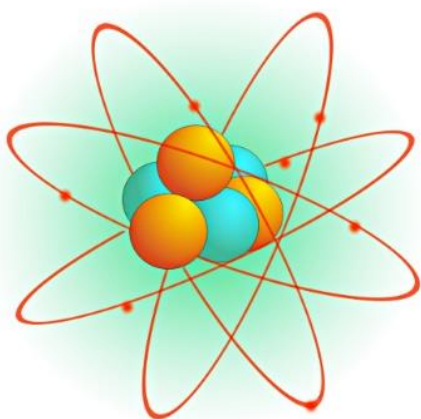
KEY INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCIENCE FAIR

Download your copy of the "My Science Investigation Student Booklet" to start your project at:

<http://seaact.act.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Science-investigation-booklet-1.pdf>

All information can be found at the SEAACT Science Fair webpage:

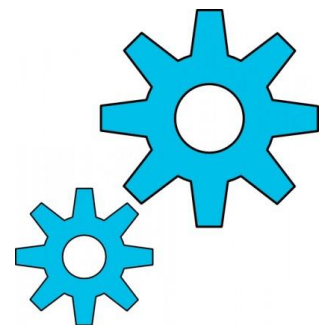
<http://seaact.act.edu.au/science-fair/>



Please ask your child to come and see me in the library on Wednesdays or Thursday, if they are interested in participating.

Kind regards,

Tony Kennedy
(Science Fair Coordinator)



Uniform Shop News

Opening Hours are:

Wednesdays → 8.30am to 9am

Fridays → 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Online orders remain the same with Flexischools: www.flexischools.com.au

Special Note:

Friday 31st May (Week 5) - the Uniform Shop will be closed.

Wednesday 29th May – 8.30am to 9.30am

LOST PROPERTY

The new location for Lost Property is working out well and we have managed to keep a good handle on the incoming items. Please ensure you **label** your child/children's clothing/drink bottles/lunch boxes and if something does go missing to pop in and take a look as soon as you can. Remember 'Lost Property' is open all day during school hours.

Any unlabelled item of clothing not collected by mid-term (week 5) will be either placed in the second-hand bins (RH logo items only) for resale or given to charity (non-school items including plain green and gold clothing) depending on the condition of the item. The same process will occur at the end of term.

Managing the lost property and Uniform Shop during opening times can be a big job for one person, it takes a community to keep our school services going. Please if you have time to spare and wish to help out do get in touch.

Thank you,

Leanne

Uniform Shop Manager

rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com

School Banking



School Banking day – Friday

Leave banking at Front Office by 9.00am on Friday Morning

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

Red Hill School Calendar 2019 – Term 2					Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul	
	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Apr 29 – May 2		Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am			Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am ANZAC Assembly
Week 2 May 6 - 10	ACT Swimming Carnival	Preschool Photos Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am 5MN & 5FT National Museum Excursion		Ridiculous Rhyme Show – Whole School	Preschool Photos School Cross Country Carnival Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Junior Singing Group 8:30am Whole School Assembly Hosts - Executive Team RHIPP
Week 3 May 13 - 17	NAPLAN ONLINE NAPLAN 5F & 5N National Museum Excursion P&C Meeting 6.30pm Staff Room	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am School Board Meeting 5:45pm	Year 5 ANZAC Parade & Reconciliation Place Excursion Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am INFORMATION EVENING FOR NEW ENROLMENTS.	Year 2 Questacon and Boundless Playground Excursion Newsletter	Junior Singing Group 8:30am RHIPP
Week 4 May 20 - 24	School Photos Year 4 Sibling Photos Preschool Botanical Gardens Excursion			Year 4 Camp		
Week 5 May 27 – 31	27 May Reconciliation Day	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am		Year 1 Questacon and NGA Excursion	Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am RHIPP Cross Country Awards Assembly 9.30am
Week 6 Jun 3 - 7	South Weston Cross Country Carnival	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am		Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal at Mawson Primary School	Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Junior Singing Group 8:30am Whole School Assembly Hosts - Executive Team RHIPP
Week 7 Jun 10 - 14	10 June Queen’s Birthday	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am			Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am RHIPP
Week 8 Jun 17- 21		Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am School Board Meeting 5:45pm			Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Junior Singing Group 8:30am Junior Assembly Hosts - Year 1 RHIPP
Week 9 Jun 24 - 28	P&C Meeting 6.30pm Staff Room	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am		Christian Education	Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am
Week 10 Jun 29 - 30		Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am			Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Whole School Assembly Hosts – Executive Team

My Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers



Stick your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers in the squares below.
Give them to your local school or Early Learning Centre, or drop them
into a collection box in store by 25 June 2019.



My name: _____

Collecting for: _____

Entry to the promotion is open to primary and secondary schools, and eligible Early Learning Centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotion runs 1 May 2019 until 25 June 2019. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered, or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. Participants must be registered by 25 June 2019. One Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker is given for every \$10 spent in a single transaction at Woolworths Supermarkets, Woolworths Metro and online, excluding liquor, tobacco, gift cards and other specified purchases. While stocks last. Stickers must be counted and submitted by 7 July 2019. Stickers must be redeemed for equipment by 21 July 2019. Recruit stickers for validation. For full terms and conditions, please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn