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# Red Hill School Newsletter

## Coming Events

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Years 1 & 2 Assembly –  
9:20am to 10am  
Kindergarten Assembly  
– 10:10am to 10:45am

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March Public Holiday

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 Legislative Assembly IncurSION

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 Camp Tathra

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March Years 5 & 6 Assembly – 9:20am to 10am Years 3 & 4 Assembly – 10:10am to 10:45am



*Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment*



## Notes Home

General Medical Information and Consent Form (via Email)

*\*Please note – a new General Medical Information and Consent Form is required by the Directorate for every student each year. Hard copies are available at the front office for collection if you are unable to print.*

PtO Three Way Conferences (K-6)

Year 5 Band (due back Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March)

Year 5 Wassa Wassa Junior (due back Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March)

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## Leadership Team

*'We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and the world around us.'* (From Principles to Practice, 2018)

We believe it is important to model and develop the attribute of being caring in our students. This encompasses being empathetic, compassionate and respectful, and encouraging students to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around them. At school this means showing respect for ourselves, others and the environment and helping each other to feel accepted. We have so many caring students across the school who look after younger students, include others in games, readily accept difference and share the school environment respectfully and thoughtfully. However, this is always an attribute to work on, especially with younger children who are learning to navigate the intricacies of 'big school'. We encourage you as parents to use the same language at home that we use at school.

I would like to share these acknowledgements of country that year 2 classes have written recently when exploring places that are significant to us.

*In 2MH we respect and we acknowledge the First Nation people and the land, animals and nature. We respect their beliefs, history and culture. We promise to look after the world.*

*We respect past, present and future First Nation elders of the Ngunnawal nation. We follow the footsteps of friends, family and build relationships.*

*We would like to acknowledge that our classroom is on Ngunnawal land. Thank you to the Ngunnawal people for letting us learn and play on your country. We promise to look after the land and treat the animals and each other with respect.(2M)*

### **Taking care of our playground**

The Red Hill Canteen is open Tuesday -Friday at recess and lunch. Lunch orders are delivered to the classroom by the year 6 canteen leaders. Sadly, this week there has been an increase in rubbish across the playground with lunch order bags and wrappings being left unattended. We ask that students take responsibility for genuinely looking after our land and ensuring rubbish goes into the bins provided when finished eating. To reinforce this message staff have been discussing the importance of respecting spaces at school, in particular the playground, classrooms and corridors. We would appreciate parental support with this and ask that parents talk to their children about being respectful of the environment.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Tuesday's carnival went very smoothly. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we finished the race events 25 minutes early so the students had plenty of free time in the pool afterwards. Thank you to all the teachers involved, especially Rob Elsom, for ensuring that it was an enjoyable day for all who participated. We had many courageous and talented race participants, and everyone demonstrated respect by encouraging and congratulating their peers on their efforts and following staff instructions.

As always, despite numerous reminders to students, we had many items of clothing (odd socks, towels, rash vests, goggles etc.) left behind. If an item did not come home after the carnival, please check the Breezeway. We will leave the 'pool lost property' there until next Friday, at which point it will then be moved to the Uniform Shop area.

Whilst on the topics of swimming and caring for others, I would like to recognise three of our students who swam in the Starlight Super Swim in February, raising money to brighten the lives of children who are in hospital: Hannah Van der Toorn, Josie Haling and Heidi Haling. Between the three of them these brave girls swam over 65km in 30 days. We are proud of you!

### HARMONY DAY

**"It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone."**

Harmony Day will be celebrated in Australia this year between March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. Because of other commitments we will be recognising this day on Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will be encouraging staff and students to wear traditional national costume to showcase the range of cultures, traditions and backgrounds at our school or dress in orange - the symbolic colour of harmony. Students will also be invited to participate in a range of Harmony Day activities. We would like to invite interested parents and carers to join us, reading or telling stories that are important to their culture. Please contact us if this is something you would like to do.

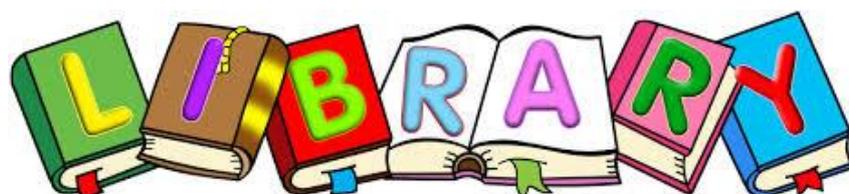
Kind regards, Louise Owens (Principal)



### UPDATE

This week Red Hill had the 2021 swimming carnival. It was great to see everyone there participating and having a great time. Although we do not have the final house results, we think we can all agree that the biggest winner on the day was the hot chips from the canteen. Give a special thanks to all our fantastic Red Hill teachers for making the day possible.

You will have noticed an exciting new development on the school oval. That's right - the new shade structure is complete! It was made to include pavers that school families purchased to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Red Hill Primary School in 2020. Go and have a look to see if you can find your pavers but be careful not to go into the area that is taped off because we are growing grass to stop dirt messing up this great place to sit and hang out.



There is a lot happening in the library!

- The layout has changed in response to student feedback.
- Mrs Naidoo will be the library administrator this year. Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Aitchison will be the library teachers for the junior classes (K-3).
- **STUDENTS MAY NOW BORROW AND RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS FROM 9.00AM – 9.10AM AND AT LUNCHTIME EVERY DAY.**



### TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES

We are looking forward to running whole school and year level assemblies again.

#### Whole School Assemblies

The purpose of these is to connect as a whole school, show younger students some of the opportunities that will be available to them later in their school life (e.g. music ensembles), have students of all ages celebrate the achievements of their peers and impart important messages. It will generally not be possible to have parents at these assemblies because we cannot fit the whole school in the hall and socially distance large numbers of adults. (We apologise for the confusion this morning 😊.)

#### Year Level Assemblies

The purpose of these is to give students opportunities to speak and perform, showcase student work, celebrate achievement and share all of these with parents. Parents of relevant year levels are welcome – please sign in at the front office and use the Canberra Check-In app.

Week	Whole/year level	Focus	Parents	
Week 5 FRIDAY	Years 1&2 Kindergarten	9.20am-10.00am 10.10am- 10.45am	Year 2 host Year 6 buddies host	Yes
Week 7 FRIDAY	Years 5&6 Years 3&4	9.20am-10.00am 10.10am- 10.45am	Year 5 host Year 3 host	Yes
Week 8 FRIDAY	Years 1&2 Kindergarten	9.20am-10.00am 10.10am- 10.45am	Year 1 host Kindy host	Yes
Week 9 <b>THURSDAY</b>	Whole School Assembly		TBA Hosted by Leadership Team	No

### ADULTS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Please respect our earlier communication regarding adults on the school site. Because of Covid guidelines we are expected to know who is on the school grounds, when and for how long.

#### PLEASE

- Continue to drop your children outside the Breezeway or black gates before school unless they are in kindergarten.
- If you need to come into the school building through the school day, check in at the front office. A staff member will then assist you. Please do not enter the school through other entrances.
- If you are attending a meeting or event at school and will be here more than 15 minutes, PLEASE scan the Canberra Check-In App on your arrival.
- Endeavour to socially distance 1.5 metres unless you are in a family group.
- Use hand sanitiser on arrival at school.

We welcome parents and carers in the school to chat with teachers, visit classrooms and volunteer. You can arrange this by emailing your child's teacher directly or contacting the front office.

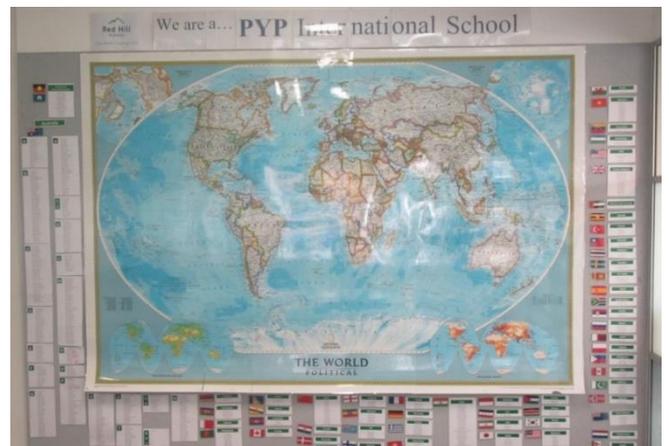
We also welcome families to catch up after school and use our play facilities. However, we ask that you use the equipment on the oval rather than the asphalt. This is not only because of the Covid guidelines but because it is difficult for the 'Afters' staff to supervise the children in their care when there are other children and adults on the asphalt area.

## Where were you born or what is your Nationality?

It is time to update the information around our map, to welcome our new students and farewell those who have left us.

Is your name already on our lists but you would like to change where it appears because you identify with another nationality?

All you have to do is fill in the slip below and return it to the front office.



### Red Hill School World Map and Nationality Representation

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My brother's and sister's names are \_\_\_\_\_

I was born in: \_\_\_\_\_

The country/nationality I identify with is: \_\_\_\_\_



## MUSIC NEWS

### Year 3/4 Choir

Dear Year 3 and Year 4 students,

Would you love to join the Year 3/4 choir for 2021? We have many fabulous performance opportunities throughout the year.

Where - *The Junior Hall*

When – *Thursday mornings from 8.15am – 8.50am,*

We look forward to meeting you. Please do not hesitate to come along and introduce yourself. I am the Year 1J classroom teacher in the corner room at the end of the Year 1 corridor. Mrs Eddi (5E) will also be working with us again in 2021 to make choir truly sensational.

Come along and give it a go if you are interested!



**Mrs Juliette O'Connor**  
**Mrs Skye Eddi**



## Junior Singing Group

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are invited to come join the Junior Singing Group

When: Thursday mornings 8:30am

Where: Junior Corridor

All singing lovers welcome – just come along and give it a try



### SCHOOL BAND

Congratulations to the following Year Six students who have been selected to join the Primary School Concert Band.

- Violet Griffin - Flute
- Nubaid Rahman - Flute
- Grace Souter-Robertson - Bass Clarinet.

To be selected students were required to audition and commit to a weekly practice session with the Band. This is a large commitment on top of their weekly school band rehearsal and twice weekly band lessons as well as daily practice. Well done to the three of them.

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Teachers warm up for the staff race at the carnival.



Finally, a Telopea student beats Mr. Graetz's winning record in the staff race!





For all those students who feel they need extra help with French learning or classwork, especially for new students or those students who came from other schools, there is help for you on Friday at lunch time, in the Art room. The aim of the club is to promote French language skills, build relationships and reduce the anxiety of learning other languages.

Come and join our French Club in the Art room for a fun and enjoyable time!

J'espère de vous voir là !

**Frances Szeremet**

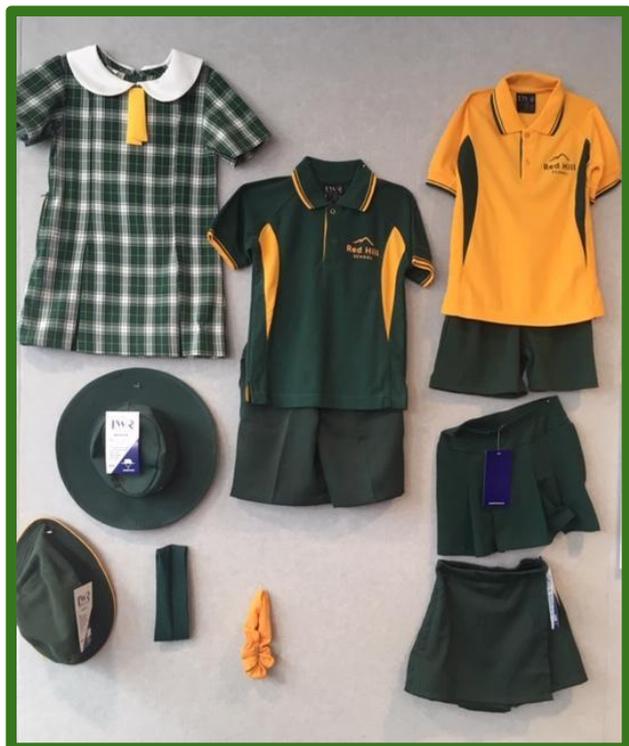


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## RED HILL UNIFORM SHOP



### Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 9:30am and Friday 2.30 to 3.30pm.

### Payment options

Cash, EFTPOS, credit cards (no American Express)

### Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales. It is a cashless online ordering system which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events.

Quick and easy it can be accessed 24/7 on PC, Mac or mobile app. Some fees may apply.

School Uniform orders will be delivered to your child's classroom via their teacher or Uniform Shop Staff.

### Please note the following:

- Payment is by credit card or bank transfer
- Some fees may apply
- Online orders are delivered on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon of the same week, some deliveries may occur on a Monday depending on availability.
- 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 i.e. 3E, (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
- For further information and to register please visit: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### Lost Property:

Lost property is sorted on a weekly basis with each station being clearly marked. All lost property will if uncollected by week 5 of each term be donated to charity or if deemed suitable placed into the second-hand offering bins. Anything labelled will be sent to the front office for checking and returned to the student.

Only school logo items will appear in the second-hand bins. Uniform donations are accepted, please use the purple bin in the office reception area or bring to the shop during opening hours. The Red Hill Uniform Shop and Lost Property are staffed by volunteers from our parent community who kindly donate their time.

### HATS

Bucket	\$12.00
Micro Bucket	\$12.00
Surf	\$10.00
Slouch	\$10.00

### BODY

Summer Dress	\$47.00
Polo Shirts Green/Yellow Short sleeve	\$24.50
Polo Shirt Green Long sleeve	\$24.50
Waterproof Flying Jacket	\$30.00
Microfibre Jacket	\$43.00
Red Hill Hoodie	\$30.00
Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$25.00
Cotton Pleated Skort	\$23.50
Gabardine Skort	\$23.50
Gabardine Shorts	\$23.50
Knit Shorts	\$18.50
Gabardine Double Knee Pants	\$28.00
Bootleg Stretch Pant	\$38.50
Microfibre Track Pant	\$33.50
Fleece Straight Leg Pant	\$23.00
Ankle Socks	\$5.50
Tights	\$12.00

### BAGS

Medium	\$47.00
Large	\$50.00
Drink Bottles	\$6.00
Tea Towels	\$9.00



# Healthy breakfasts for children

**Breakfast sets children up for the day ahead. In the mad morning rush, children often skip breakfast. Try to ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast – either at home or one on the go.**

Breakfast is the first meal after the night's fast. Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast do better in school and can concentrate more. There are several hours before fruit break or recess, so try to ensure your child eats before school. Even if you are in a rush, there are many power-packed healthy foods to eat on the go.

## Healthy breakfast ideas

- Oats with milk and bananas or strawberries
- Weetbix with milk and fruit
- Toast and scrambled eggs
- Toast with peanut butter or avocado
- Yoghurt pouches
- Piece of fruit
- Boiled egg
- [Brekkie Bites](#)
- Muffins
- [Muesli Slice](#)
- [Corn fritters](#)
- [Carrot oat slice](#)
- [Banana pikelets](#)

# Red Hill School Calendar 2021 –Term 1

Mon 1 Feb – Thurs 1 April

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Feb 3- 5	First Day of School for Preschool, Kindergarten and new Students	First Day of School for Year 1 to 6			
Week 2 Feb 8 - 12					
Week 3 Feb 15 - 19	BASE Assessments		Parent Information Evening	Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am	Whole School Assembly
Week 4 Feb 22 – 26			Preschool Parent Information Evening 6:30pm	Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am	Years 5 & 6 Assembly – 9:20am to 10am Years 3 & 4 Assembly – 10:10am to 10:45am
Week 5 Mar 1 - 5		Preschool Nutrition Magician Swimming Carnival (3-6)	<b>Year 5 Camp</b>		
				Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Preschool Nutrition Magician	Year 1 & 2 Assembly – 9:20am to 10am Kindergarten Assembly – 10:10am to 10:45am
Week 6 Mar 8- 12	<b>8 March Canberra Day</b>	Year 4 Legislative Assembly Incursion	<b>Year 6 Camp</b>		
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Week 7 Mar 15- 19				Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am	Years 5 & 6 Assembly – 9:20am to 10am Years 3 & 4 Assembly – 10:10am to 10:45am
Week 8 Mar 22 - 26				Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am South Weston Swimming Carnival	Year 1 & 2 Assembly – 9:20am to 10am Kindergarten Assembly – 10:10am to 10:45am
Week 9 Mar 29 – Apr 2		Preschool Boundless Playground		Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Preschool Boundless Playground	<b>Good Friday</b>