

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# Leadership Team Overview

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending our online information sessions on Wednesday evening. For those who were unable to attend, recorded sessions are being emailed home. At Thursday night's P&C meeting parents gave us positive feedback about the online model. In particular, they enjoyed both parents being able to attend the sessions without having to worry about baby-sitting or rushing away from work. They also gave us some constructive feedback to improve how we deliver the sessions next time. This included giving out session details earlier, leaving a gap between the junior and senior sessions and setting up the meeting links so that participants can join without needing to be 'admitted'.

I would like to reiterate Nathan James' apology to year two parents for the inconvenience they experienced on Wednesday evening. The year two teaching team have re-recorded their session and will send this out as quickly as possible to all year two families.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

In this newsletter we have provided information that may not have been included in the information sessions.

## CANBERRA CHECK-IN APP

If you are visiting the school to help in a classroom or meet a teacher for a scheduled appointment, remember that you must still check in using the app.

## HEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK

- Water is our preferred drink at school. It is healthier and is also less likely to ruin students' work if spilt. Please don't send juice or cordial to school.
- Most classes have a fruit break as well as recess and lunch, so make sure you include plenty of fruit and/or vegetables in their lunch boxes.
- Please avoid sending lollipops and sweets to school.
- **We are a 'nut free' school.**
- **Students are not permitted to share food.**

## LOST PROPERTY

If your child loses a hat or other clothing item, drink bottle or lunch box please let the front office know. The uniform shop and school staff regularly check items and return them to their owners. However, this system can only work effectively if your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

Students can also check the lost property area themselves, located in the corridor outside the art room and uniform shop.

## PHONES

Nowadays many students carry personal phones so they can communicate with parents on the way to and from school. For many reasons including cyber safety and the risk of loss, theft or breakage, students' use of mobile phones is not permitted on school grounds. Phones should be handed to the class teacher to be locked away during the school day and then collected at 3.15pm. If parents or students need to contact each other during the school day this can be done through the front office. If a student is observed using a personal phone at school, they will receive a reminder. A second incident may result in the phone being confiscated and parents being contacted.

Under no circumstances should any student use their phone to take photographs of other students or staff.

## SUNSMART HATS

Students are expected to wear a broad brimmed or Legionnaire style hat when outdoors at school. Our Sun Smart rule is "No hat, play in the shade".

## SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8.50am unless attending Before School Care. They should also be collected by 3.15pm (junior) or 3.20pm (senior) unless they are walking home, attending a private tuition class or going to After School Care. Students who have not been collected by 3.40pm will be taken to wait in the front office and their parents will be contacted.

If you have an emergency in the afternoon that stops you getting to school on time, please don't worry. Just let the front office know so we can reassure your child.

## TOYS

Students are asked to leave toys and other special personal items at home unless they are part of a planned classroom activity. This will avoid the distress that results from a special item being lost, broken or picked up by another child. Please make sure your child does not bring toy guns or sharp objects to school.

The exception to the 'toys rule' is "magic" or other cards e.g., Pokémon. Students are permitted to bring these to school because we have found they are a great way for children to initiate and engage in conversation with each other. However please remind your child that 'trading', 'swapping' and selling of cards is not allowed at school, again because of the potential for distress.

It is the responsibility of students to look after any personal items that they bring to school. If they mistakenly bring something to school and become worried, they should speak to their class teacher or front office staff. We can always put the item somewhere safe for them until the end of the day.

## Meet Our Deputy Principal



Hello Everyone,

My name is Dave Corcoran and I have recently joined Red Hill School as a Deputy Principal.

I join Red Hill School after 3 years as Deputy Principal at Duffy Primary School where I led inclusion, disability and curriculum. Prior to that I worked in the Education Support Office supporting schools to implement the Australian Curriculum. Away from work, I have two small children (aged 2 and 4) and I have recently started playing golf.

I am a passionate Hawthorn fan in the AFL and a Raiders fan in the NRL.

I am excited about joining Red Hill School and I look forward to making a positive impact on the established processes here at the school. Please feel free to email or call me if you need help with anything during my time at Red Hill School and I look forward to meeting everyone over the coming weeks and months.

Dave Corcoran

Deputy Principal - Curriculum | PYP Coordinator





# School Board

Red Hill School will have **two school board elected vacancies** for parents in 2022: one (1) P&C Association member and one (1) parent member. This is a great way to be involved in your child's education and contribute to the school's operation and policies. If you would like more information, please contact Louise Owens or use this link:

[School Boards - Education \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/education/school-boards).

**The nomination period closes on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February Week 4, Term 1.** New school board members start their term of office on 1 April 2022.

Note: Because of legislative changes people wishing to nominate for a P&C Association member vacancy on the board need to **declare on their nomination form that they intend to be actively involved in the P&C association of the school** during the term of office on the board. Parents and carers can nominate in either or both vacancies.

# Library Borrowing

## Library Borrowing

Earlier this week we re-opened our school library for borrowing. Students in preschool can borrow one book, kindergarten students can borrow two and students in years one to six can borrow up to four books at any one time. The loan period for all students is two weeks, and **all students must bring and use a library bag to borrow**. Students in kindergarten and year one can borrow material during lessons in the library with the teacher librarian, while students in years two to six use the library under the supervision of their classroom teacher. We are providing an outreach library service for Red Hill preschool students where a selection of library books is taken to their classroom for them to borrow each week. Griffith preschool students are borrowing books from their Griffith library.

Each year level has an allocated day on which they are visiting the library to borrow. The students visit the library on the following days:

Monday: Year 5

Tuesday: Year 6

Wednesday: Year 2

Thursday: Year 4

Friday: Year 3

Kindergarten and year one classes visit the library on the following days:

Tuesday: KMC, 1J, 1LF

Wednesday: KA, 1D, 1H, 1LW

Thursday: KG

Friday: KM, KR

The library is divided into two distinct areas, so the children do not share the same space as another cohort during their visit. We're leaving approximately 30 minutes between each class visit to the library along with sanitizing our hands, cleaning high frequency touch points between visits and providing masks for those children that wish to wear one. Unfortunately, the library will not be open before school or at break times. We hope to increase the opening hours once the current COVID restrictions are relaxed.

## **OVERDUE AND LOST BOOKS**

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Overdue loan notices are distributed to students twice each term and are correct at the time of printing. Fines are not imposed for overdue books. However, if your child loses a book, families are asked where possible to replace the book 'like for like', pay the value of the book to the school office, or donate a high-quality book of similar value to the library. When replacing a lost book please attach the overdue notice to the new book or payment to assist with library administration.

If you feel an error has occurred with your child's loan, please contact library staff for assistance via an email to [info@redhillps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@redhillps.act.edu.au) marked "Attention Library". Our priority is that every child develops a love of literature and always has access to reading materials.

### **Library Staff**

The library is staffed by a teacher, Hazel Naidoo, and library assistant, Kelly Nash (who works 9:30am-2:30pm Monday to Thursday). The Red Hill School Library aims to support the learning and recreational reading needs of our school community.

# Schoolsport ACT Swimming

Dear Families,

As we are not able to conduct a school-based swimming carnival this year please see below for information on how to enter your child for an ACT state team selection trial.

More information including qualifying times can be found on the School Sports ACT webpage:

<https://schoolsportact.org.au/sports/swimming/>

For 2022 only, due to the inability to conduct School and Regional Swimming Carnivals as qualifying events, SSACT is planning for the SSACT 12&U and 13&O ACT Swimming Championships to be conducted as a State Team Selection Trial for 10–19-year-olds as well as determining ACT Champion for all age groups including, 8- and 9-year-olds. Students will be competing to gain a position on the SSACT Swim Team to represent the ACT at the School Sport Australia Championships currently scheduled in **Brisbane in August**.

- Entry age is determined **by the age the student is turning in this year of competition** e.g., 12 years 50m Freestyle is open for all students turning 12 in 2022.
- The SSACT Swimming Program will once again be open to 8- and 9-year-olds. They are not eligible for state team selection but are competing to achieve ACT Champion in their event
- No times will be required at this stage as Swimming ACT will independently verify each student's performances.
- As a guide, the SSACT State Team Selection Qualifying Times can be located on the Swimming page of the SSACT website

## Qualifying Time Opportunities (verifiable times)

Students who are new to the sport of Swimming, or who have not been able to obtain a verifiable time in the most recent Swim Season, can obtain a verifiable time through the following mechanisms.

- Tuggeranong Vikings Swim Club are kindly offering a School Clinic for stroke development and an invitation for students to attend their Club Night on afternoon/evening of Sunday 27 February at Lakeside Leisure Centre, to obtain a verifiable time. Times TBC, please contact Adele Gow [adelegow@hotmail.com.au](mailto:adelegow@hotmail.com.au) (TVSC Committee Member) for more information.

- Swimming ACT is offering an invitation for students to attend a time trial from 2pm Sunday 13 March at the AIS. Entry request would need to be supported by a statement of capability from their swim coach or swim instructor giving an approximate time for each event. Students wishing to take up this opportunity must contact Lorraine Wuth [school.liaison@swimmingact.com.au](mailto:school.liaison@swimmingact.com.au) prior to the 4 March deadline. There will be limited spaces available and not guaranteed.

- Contact an ACT Swim Club and request to join one of their Club Night's or other especially arranged opportunity to obtain a verifiable time from a Club Official in their specific event(s)

The deadline for entry is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to Claire Kerswell ([Claire.kerswell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Claire.kerswell@ed.act.edu.au)) Please include the student's full name, DOB, events they would like to be entered in and where they have obtained their qualifying times e.g. usual squad team or special clinic outlined above.

If the verifiable time can only be obtained after the 4 March deadline it is a necessity for the School Sport Coordinator (Claire Kerswell) to be informed prior to the deadline, and for the student to still be placed on their school nomination form and submitted with the intent to obtain a time e.g., Swimming ACT Time Trial 13 March or local swim club Club Night or other special opportunity. This later obtained time(s) must be shared with your School Sport Coordinator for submission by the 18 March deadline. **No submissions after March 18, 2022, will be entered**

### **Acceptance of Offer to Compete**

- Many qualifying entries may be nominated to compete at the ACT Championships. Due to lane and heat limits to fit the entire Championship Program into one day, there will be a maximum number of qualifiers for each event, meaning some students who make qualifying times may miss out.
- It is important for students to inform their School Sport Coordinator if they are accepting the offer to compete or if they are no longer able to compete on the day due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances, as their lane can be allocated to the next qualifying student.

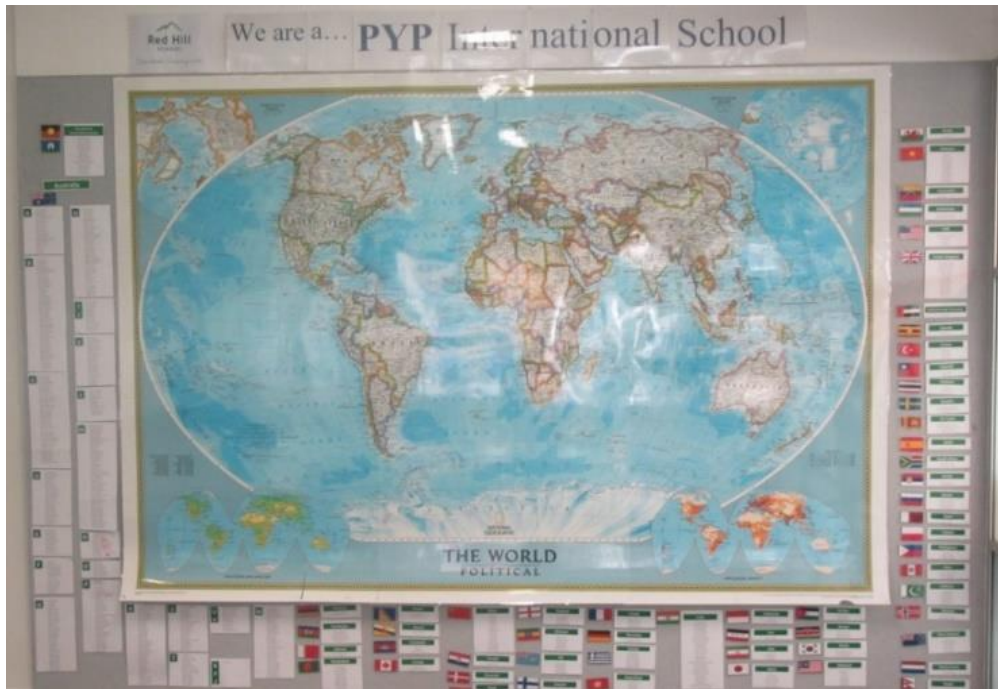


# World Map

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 need 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:

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My brother's and sister's names are

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

The country/nationality I identify with is:

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# Uniform Shop

## TERM 1 2022

Due to COVID restrictions, all uniform shop orders are to continue via flexischools.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

COVID restrictions permitting...new families can book time with the Uniform Shop Manager if needed; please email for a booking time: [rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com).

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations are to be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

Lost property will continue to be monitored and items that are labelled sent to the front office for return to the student. Anything not labelled will be sent to charity.



# Canteen

The school canteen is open Tuesday -Friday for lunch. Orders need to be placed on flexischools by 8am each day and will be delivered to classrooms by senior students at lunchtime:

- Kindergarten – year 3:11.10am
- Years 4-6:1pm

The link to Flexischools can be found on the school website. Unfortunately, counter sales are not currently available because of Covid restrictions.



# Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

## Red Hill Primary School

Order online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Term 1  
2022

### Sandwiches & wraps **toasted or untoasted**

All served on wholemeal bread unless otherwise requested.

Vegemite (with margarine) <b>V</b>	\$3.00
Cheese <b>V</b>	\$3.80
Cheese & tomato <b>V</b>	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.50
Ham & cheese	\$4.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.80
Ham & salad	\$4.70
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.20
Chicken & cheese	\$4.50
Chicken & salad	\$4.70
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.20
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot <b>V</b>	\$4.30
Salad & cheese <b>V</b>	\$4.20
Egg & cheese <b>V</b>	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo <b>V</b>	\$4.20

### Change up your sandwich:

Add ham, chicken, tuna, egg or cheese	\$1.00
Add Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato, beetroot	\$0.60

Change to: wrap	Extra	\$0.50
Change to: gluten-free bread <b>GF</b>		\$1.00

### Fresh salads

Build your own salad	From	\$4.80
Seasonal fruit salad <b>V GF</b>		\$3.50

### Hot meals

Pasta Bolognese: beef (with or without cheese) <b>H</b>	\$5.50
Pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese) <b>H V</b>	\$5.00
Lasagne: beef <b>H</b>	\$5.50
Lasagne: veggie	\$5.50
Teriyaki chicken rice bowl	\$5.50
Stone-baked pizza (cheese or ham & pineapple)	\$5.80
Four'N Twenty Lite sausage roll	\$4.70
Four'N Twenty traveller pie	\$5.50

### Snacks

Piece of seasonal fruit <b>V GF</b>	\$1.50
Poppin' corn <b>V GF</b>	\$1.00
Jelly (made with 100% juice)	\$2.00
Fluffy chocolate mousse <b>V GF</b>	\$2.00
Banana bread <b>V</b>	\$2.00
Warm assorted English muffins	\$2.50
Cheesy garlic bread <b>V</b>	\$2.50
Veggie sticks	\$2.00

### Frozen

Quech juicy sticks <b>V GF</b>	\$0.70
Twisted frozen yoghurt (chocolate/vanilla, Strawberry/vanilla, watermelon/mango) <b>V GF</b>	\$3.00
Juice cups	\$2.00

### Drinks

Plain milk: 300ml	\$2.50
Sipahh straw	\$0.50



**V = Vegetarian**

**GF = Gluten Free**

**H = Certified Halal**

H denotes products which have been Halal Certified. All chicken used in sandwiches and hot meals is also Halal Certified.

## Martial Arts Classes

Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan  
Traditional Korean Martial Art



**Classes Monday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
**Train with us at Coombs & Hughes**

**ENROL NOW – SCHOOL TERM COST**  
**FREE UNIFORM & INTRODUCTORY CLASSES**

**\$150**

### **Karate Kids, Tigers and Adult Classes**

- make new friends and have fun
- enjoy age specific family friendly classes
- develop endurance, fitness, coordination
- build confidence and self esteem
- learn effective protective behaviour

### **Time & Location Monday & Wednesday:**

Karate Kids & Tigers 6:15 to 7:00pm

Adults 7:00 to 8:00pm

Charles Weston School, 80 Woodberry Ave, Coombs

### **Time & Location Thursday:**

Karate Kids & Tigers 5:45 to 6:30pm

Adults 6:30 to 7:30pm

Hughes Community Centre, Wisdom St, Hughes



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