

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Preschool's milk bottle igloo has been finished and is now being used as a shared reading place.



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



23rd October 2026

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night's *Spotlight* evening at Erindale Theatre was another wonderful celebration of young people; not just showcasing their talent, commitment, perseverance and courage but their capacity for creativity. We had an almost full house this year. I would like to sincerely thank the many audience members and volunteers (staff and P&C) who made the evening such a success. I would also like to congratulate the student performers and their teachers (Rose Clarke, Annika Presser-King, Irean Tan, Nathan James, Karen Nixon, Carolyn Ketsiou and Jane Raynor). Thank you most of all to Karen Nixon, for the many extra hours of coordination that made this evening possible, and to Rose Clarke for supporting Karen with the backstage organisation .

POLICIES

The ACT Education Directorate has a range of policies in place that ACT public schools are required to adhere to. These are freely available for viewing at [Policies - Education](#). Schools are expected to use these policies as the basis to develop procedures that reflect their individual context. Our school has recently reviewed some of our procedures. We would like to highlight important parts of these for the school community.

Personal Use of Communication Devices Plan

Every school is required to have a plan in place which outlines how the school will implement the [Personal Use of Communication Devices in ACT Public Schools Policy - Education](#). The ACT Education policy prohibits students from using or accessing their personal electronic device at all during the school day unless they have an explicit exemption. Personal devices include mobile phones and smart watches. Until recently our school has taken a lenient approach to smart watches, permitting these to be worn during the school day provided they are on 'school only' mode. Unfortunately, we have had many instances where smart watches have not been on 'school mode' and students have breached the policy. Consequently, the teaching staff have decided to strictly administer the policy in regard to smart watches.

We prefer that personal communication devices stay at home, however, if students do bring their devices to school, the responsibility for these devices rests with the students. They are expected to lock mobile phones and smartwatches away in the classroom or at the front office between 9.10am and 3.15pm and keep these in their bags between arriving at school and 9.10am.

This was explained to the students at last week's whole school assembly, but we would appreciate parents and carers also going through the plan with their children at home.

Sun Smart Policy

Whilst ACT Education has a Sun Smart Policy, each school is also required to have a school specific policy. In line with new recommendations from Cancer Council ACT, we conducted a review of our policy last term, consulting with our staff and the School Board. The following points are worth highlighting.

- UV exposure for extended periods of time can also be harmful even when the UV levels are below 3. It is now expected that students will wear sun smart hats all year round and it is recommended that teachers give reminders to students to apply sunscreen, even when UV levels are low, if students will be outdoors for extended periods of time.
- Staff will support the use of **broad spectrum and water-resistant SPF 50+** sunscreen on exposed skin that cannot be protected by clothing. Whilst parents are encouraged to provide their children with sunscreen we have ensured that every classroom has a container of SPF 50+ sunscreen for student use.

Please read this policy carefully.

As an IB school we were also required to develop two additional policies this year : *Academic Integrity* and *Inclusion*. Staff and the School Board have been consulted on both these new policies, and we are now seeking wider community feedback.

All four of these documents can be found on our school website [Policies - Red Hill Primary](#) and will be emailed to parents and carers. If you have a question or comment regarding any of the documents please email the school or contact me directly (louise.owens@ed.act.edu.au).

REMINDER TO FAMILIES – TOYS AT SCHOOL

Finally a reminder about toys and personal items at school. There have been a few instances of inappropriate toys and personal items being brought to school recently. These can cause upset if lost or broken, disrupt learning and even pose safety risks. We would like to remind everyone that toys are best left at home.

Please ensure your child does not bring the following to school.

- Toy weapons (guns, knives, or anything resembling real weapons)
- Items with a sharp or pointed end such as pocket knives, nail files, scissors or sticks.
- Glass containers
- Hard balls (e.g., golf and cricket balls)

- “Squishies”
- Large amounts of money
- Jewellery
- Precious or valuable toys and electronic equipment,
- Other inappropriate toys that might cause a disruption of learning, and/or
- Chewing gum, lolly pops and other ‘red’ foods.

Note: Pokemon and other similar cards are currently permitted at school because they are often useful conversation tools at playtime. However students are responsible for looking after these themselves and leaving them in their bags during class time. We recommend that card collections are kept in a secure container such as a folder with individual plastic sleeves. Trading or selling of cards (or any other item) is strictly forbidden at school.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

CLASSES 2027

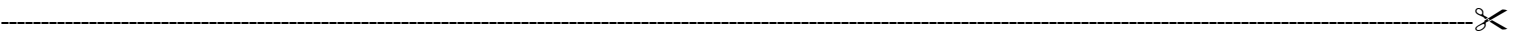
We will be hosting our annual “get to know you” interviews later this term with students and families who are coming into kindergarten and other year levels in 2027. The meetings are part of our transition process, and we strongly encourage every family to take this opportunity to connect with the school.

Thank you to the families who have already let us know of changing family circumstances in 2027. **If your child will not be attending Red Hill School in 2027, please let us know as soon as possible.** It is very important that we have accurate enrolment projections so that we can plan staffing and the correct number of classes for next year.

When creating classes for the following year, we commit to giving each student at least one nominated friend in their new class, recognising the connection between peer relationships and student learning. Sometimes a best friend is a great person to play with but not necessarily an appropriate person to learn with in class. Teachers often speak to the students about this- it is helpful for parents and carers to reinforce the same message.

Over the coming weeks students will be completing ‘sociograms’ at school, selecting five peers they believe they would work well with in class next year. They will bring these home so that parents and carers can talk with their children about their choices. Once you have had this conversation with your child, please sign the sociogram and send it back to school. Please do not sign off unless you feel comfortable with your child’s choices. You can add a note to the back of the sociogram if needed, and you are always welcome to have a confidential conversation with your child’s teacher or me if needed.

Sociograms will need to be returned to class teachers by **Friday 27th November**.



2027 ATTENDANCE AND CLASSES

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

☐ **Will not** be attending Red Hill School in 2027 - we will be leaving the school on _____ as our family is going to _____.

☐ We are not sure but will be able to advise you by _____.

Parents Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Welcome back to Term 4! And we're off to a wonderful start with the 2nd annual **Spotlight on Red Hill** arts night this week. It was a packed house at Erindale Theatre on Thursday night, and we were all treated to the amazing talents of many Red Hill students! A thank you to all families who joined us for the lovely evening, to those who supported the performers and crew throughout what is a big week and also thank you to those who supported the P&C on the night by serving or purchasing refreshments from the bar. In addition to running the bar, the P&C lovingly prepared sandwiches and provided other refreshments to those backstage to keep them going (all 145 students and 10 teachers!!!!) But the biggest thank you goes to the **teachers who are so passionate and put in so much energy** to provide an opportunity for our children to be a part of a performance on the big stage - whether on stage, backstage or in the audience.

Now you might have noticed the weather is warming up and what is synonymous with warm weather in Australia...cricket, you say? After many years of fundraising and a concerted effort last term, we are very excited to share that the **cricket nets and pitch project** is about to get underway!!! The project is due to commence on **9 November 2026**, but we will keep you posted if this changes. We are sure that the cricket nets and pitch will become another much loved part of Voyager Park and will foster more play amongst children of all ages. Thank you to everyone who has rallied around this project!

Dates for your diary:

- Sunday 25 October: Last day to order mangoes
- Early December TBA: Mango delivery
- Thursday 10 December: End of Year BBQ (and school disco)

As always, if you'd like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Year Level Representative or email us at rhps.pandc@gmail.com.



Order your Bowen Special Mangoes today!

Pre-order your 7 kg tray of Bowen Special Mangoes (aka Kensington Pride) delivered fresh from the farm!

(approx. 12–23 mangoes per tray depending on fruit size)

Your order makes a difference - thank you for supporting our fundraiser!



Orders close: Sunday 25th October

Delivery week: Early December

Price per tray: \$30.00 for 7kg tray payable via Flexischools

*Delivery dates may be changed due to logistical difficulties or seasonal changes beyond our control, your co-ordinator will be notified of any changes.

TACO THURSDAY
NACHO STYLE!

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER, WEEK 3
HAS BEEN SET UP ON **Flexischools**

BEEF NACHOS

Beef Nachos, chocolate brownie & frozen juice cup

\$11:50

VEGGIE NACHOS

Veggie Nachos, chocolate brownie & frozen juice cup

\$11:50

ORDERS WILL CLOSE 9AM MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER.

THIS WILL REPLACE THE USUAL LUNCH SERVICE FOR THE DAY.

Gardening News

A late welcome to Mr G to the Garden Team!

Cath & Mr G really enjoyed RHIPP the past term & we hope those students who came along had fun & learnt something about the garden & chickens. Thank you to Jane for her assistance with RHIPP.

We are busy planning our Spring/Summer plantings. The snow peas are producing a feast & the chickens are laying lovely eggs!

Please come & visit during your lunch breaks. The garden is usually open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Uniform Shop and Canteen



Red Hill Primary School Uniform Shop

Item	Price
Hat Surf	\$15.00
Hat bucket	\$15.00
Beanie	\$12.00
Dress Summer	\$46.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (green)	\$30.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (gold)	\$30.00
Polo Shirt – Long Sleeve (green)	\$27.00
House T Shirt	\$20.00
Jacket Microfibre	\$50.00
Polar Fleece Jumper	\$40.00
Red Hill Hoodie	\$40.00
Skorts Pleated Cotton	\$26.00
Skorts Gabardine	\$26.00
Rugby Shorts Knit	\$18.00
Short Gabardine	\$22.00
Pants Long Gabardine Double Knee	\$30.00
Track Pants Microfibre	\$36.00
Track Pants Straight Leg Fleece	\$25.00
Socks Ankle Green	\$4.00
Tights Bootle Green	\$14.00
School Backpack (M)	\$50.00
School Backpack (L)	\$53.00
Anniversary Tea Towel	\$4.00
Second hand items	\$4.00
Second hand items unlimited amount	\$20.00



Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Wednesday 8.30-10.00am
and
Friday 2.30-4.00pm

Payment Options: Cash, EFTPOS, Amex, Credit Card (no American Express)

Ordering Online: The Red Hill School P&C Association uses [Flexischools](http://www.flexischools.com.au) for uniform shop sales. It is a cashless online ordering system which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events. The system is quick and easy and can be accessed 24/7 from your PC or mobile App on your [iPhone/iPad](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or Android.

Please note the following: -

- For further information and to register please visit: www.flexischools.com.au
- School uniforms orders will be delivered to your child's classroom via their teacher or uniform shop staff.
- Payments by Credit Card or Bank transfer
- Some fees may apply
- Online orders are delivered on Wednesday or Friday of the same week, some deliveries may carry over to the following week.
- Details on sizing, including height, chest and waist are noted with each garment listing.
- Please 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.

Lost property: Lost property collected around the school is placed in the big blue bin outside of the uniform shop. Items in the blue bin will be sorted and then placed in the adjoining blue and white cupboards for students to look through and collect any of their property that they find. When possible, staff will deliver labelled items to classrooms.

The Red Hill Uniform shop is staffed by volunteers from our parent community who kindly donate their time to help. If you have some time to help, please email rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com



Canteens4Kids ACT Menu

2026

Sandwiches

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.
Wraps and GF bread also available.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$5.00
Ham & cheese	\$6.30
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.80
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$6.30
Chicken & cheese H	\$6.30
Chicken, lettuce & mayo H	\$6.30
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot V	\$5.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo V	\$6.00

Toasted Sandwiches (in press)

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$5.00
Ham & cheese	\$6.30
Chicken & cheese	\$6.30
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Ham	\$5.30
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.50
Gluten-free bread	Extra \$1.50

Fresh Salads

Build your own salad	From \$5.50
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Hot meals

Pasta bolognese DF, H (GF available)	\$7.50
Pasta napoletana DF, H, V (GF available)	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$6.80
Beef lasagna H	\$7.50
Satay Chicken & Rice H	\$7.50
Chicken tender sub H	\$7.00
Mac & cheese V	\$7.00

Daily Specials

Daily specials available online

Snacks

Fruit salad	\$3.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$3.00
Banana bread	\$2.70
Jelly cup (made with 100 % fruit juice)	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffins	\$2.50
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Chocolate mousse	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$2.00
Piece of fruit	\$1.50

Frozen

Frozen juice cup	\$2.50
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00

Students are not to bring in more than \$10 to the canteen.

V- Vegetarian/ GF- Gluten Free/ DF- Dairy Free/ H- Halal

Prices inclusive of GST

Red Hill School Calendar 2026 –Term 4					Mon 12 Oct – Fri 18 Dec
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Oct 12-16	12 th October Pupil Free Day		14 th October Yr 6 Exhibition: Parent Evening 6:30-7:30pm		16 th October Preschool - Kenny Koala Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Oct 19-23	19 th October Preschool - Kenny Koala Defence families term 4 catch up 3:30-4:30pm			22 nd October SPOTLIGHT Day rehearsal SPOTLIGHT on Red Hill Arts 6 - 8:30pm	23 rd October Year 5 ACT SES incursion Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 3 Oct 26-30			28 th October School Captain Finals	29 th October SRC Bricks and Smiles Lego Expo Fundraiser	30 th October Junior Assembly – Year 1 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 4 Nov 2-6					6 th November Senior Assembly – Year 4 House Captain Voting Years 2-6 Griffith Preschool Visit Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 5 Nov 9-13		10 th November Griffith Preschool Visit	11 th November Year 5 Tidbinbilla Ranger Guided Walk: Australian Plants, Animals and Habitats		13 November Remembrance Day Assembly Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 6 Nov 16-20			18 th November ThinkUKnow Senior Students Preschool Information Night TBC		20 th November Junior Assembly- Kinder/ICAS Griffith Preschool Visit Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 7 Nov 23-27		24 th November Preschool and Kinder Orientation - Griffith	25 th November New Kinder Orientation		27 th November Preschool and Kinder Orientation -Griffith Senior Assembly /ICAS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 8 Nov 30-Dec 4		1 st December Preschool and Kinder Orientation – Red Hill	2 nd December Year 6 Exhibition	3 rd December International Day of Persons with Disabilities Year 6 Exhibition Evening 6pm	4 th December Preschool and Kinder Orientation – Red Hill Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 9 Dec 7-11		8 th December Griffith Preschool Visit	9 th December Christian Education	10 th December Year 6 Achievement Assembly School Disco P&C End of year BBQ 6pm	11 th December Year 6 Fun Day – Limelight Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 10 Dec 14-18				17 th December Year 6 Graduation	18 th December Whole school Talent Quest Assembly - SRC

After School Programs

FRETVISION MUSIC TUITION

RED HILL AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES

GUITAR • KEYBOARD • VOICE

*Learn
Play
Grow*

*Music
builds
brighter
kids*





**Give your child the gift of music...
without adding to your busy schedule!**

Our after-school music classes are held right on school grounds at **Red Hill Primary School**, making it easy, safe, and convenient for families.



Children transition straight from school into their lesson, guided by our experienced, child-focused music educators. We offer carefully designed classes to build musical skills in a supportive group environment.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL LEARN

- ✓ Instrument technique and fundamentals
- ✓ Rhythm, timing, and coordination
- ✓ Confidence and performance skills
- ✓ Positive practice habits
- ✓ Fun learning with friends!



PLACES ARE LIMITED — ENROL NOW FOR TERM 4

Enrolments continue automatically. Cancel anytime.



ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION

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