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Year 5 on their Tidbinbilla excursion led through the beautiful sanctuary. The ranger explained the importance of soil tillers like bandicoots and potoroos for the nutrient enrichment of the soil by assisting vegetation to decompose. This in turn promotes regrowth of the species present. She also talked about the importance of the Tidbinbilla ecosystem having a variety of plants and trees to attract a variety of animals and therefore a wider range of avenues by which the seeds of plants can be spread. This discussion provided an inquiry connection to the importance of vegetation around waterways as an erosion and flood mitigation strategy.

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that there are only 24 days left in the 2026 school year. Term 4 is always very busy, and this one is shaping up to hold true to this.

Last Friday we commemorated Remembrance Day at our whole school assembly, organised by our wonderful Defence Mentor, Veronica Ellsmore. It was a time for us to come together to reflect and remember the sacrifices made by those who gave their service to keep our country safe.

Our year 6 students are currently preparing to celebrate their learning with the school community at their 2026 PYP Exhibition. This year students have worked underneath the transdisciplinary theme of *How we express ourselves* and will be presenting a showcase of *'Messages that Matter'* on **Thursday the 3rd of December at 6:30pm.** The PYP Exhibition is the culminating event of the PYP programme, and we hope that many of you will come along on the night and celebrate this important milestone with us!

2027 planning

All students should have brought home their completed sociogram, a list of five peers that they feel they would work well with in their class next year. Please take a moment to review this list with your child and discuss their choices. These sociograms play an important role in helping us create balance and supportive classes for 2027. They provide valuable insights for classroom teachers and the leadership team, and we are committed to placing each child with at least one of the peers they have listed.

If your child has not brought their sociogram home, please contact their class teacher. Completed sociograms are **due back at school by Friday 27 November 2026.**

Preschool Update

Kindergarten Orientation

Wow! I can't believe we are already halfway through Term 4, and the children are all starting to talk about their exciting move to kindergarten!

We have begun our transition program, and it has been wonderful seeing the Griffith Preschool children visiting the primary school and exploring the different areas. They have had the opportunity to meet some of their Year 5

buddies, spend time with the Red Hill Preschool children and explore the school environment while making some new friends.

The Red Hill Preschool children have also increased their visits to the primary school, including extra visits to the hall for gross motor activities and opportunities to explore the playground. These visits will continue over the coming weeks.

Our kindergarten orientation sessions commence next week. During these visits, children will have the opportunity to explore the kindergarten classrooms, enjoy a play at the Play Pod and begin to experience what life is like at the 'big school'!

Kindergarten Orientation Visit Dates

Week 7

- Winyu (GPS1) – Tuesday 24 November
- Garrang (GPS2) – Friday 27 November

Week 8

- Djira (RHPS1) – Tuesday 1 December
- Gabadang (RHPS2) – Friday 4 December

Kindergarten Interviews

A reminder that our Executive Team is currently conducting kindergarten transition interviews. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet with a member of our Executive Team, learn more about the school, our kindergarten program and ask any questions you may have about your child's transition to school.

If you haven't booked your interview yet, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulty booking, please contact the front office for assistance.

Preschool P&C

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our Preschool P&C for their ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and support throughout the year.

This year, the P&C has successfully organised our Winter Wonderland Disco, run a Father's Day sock fundraiser and is now busy planning our end-of-year picnic.

The children have loved exploring and playing with the wonderful new resources purchased throughout the year. We really appreciate everything our P&C does to support our children and preschool community!

Preschool End-of-Year Picnic:

Friday 27th November
4:30pm – 6:00pm
Red Hill Primary School oval and playground area

This will be a fantastic opportunity for families from both preschool campuses to come together, connect with one another and celebrate the end of a wonderful year. It will also be a lovely chance to say goodbye to friends before the children head off to kindergarten!

We hope to see lots of families there!

Kind regards

Deb Lawrence (Executive Teacher) and Ellie Deacon (Lead Teacher Preschool)

P&C News

You may have seen that construction of the new cricket nets and pitch is now underway at Voyager Park! We are absolutely thrilled to see this project coming to life.

It's been a long time in the making and is the result of a huge amount of time, effort and dedication, particularly from previous P&C members, who deserve a very big shout-out! We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Owens for her ongoing support of the project.

And, of course, we couldn't have done it without the support of our school community and your generosity in getting behind our fundraising activities. Thank you to everyone who has contributed along the way. We hope the new facilities will be enjoyed by our students and the wider community for many summers of cricket to come. We look forward to seeing you out at the nets!

We also hope to see lots of you at our final event for 2026 – the much-loved End of Year BBQ and Disco! Further details about the evening will be shared soon, but in the meantime, pop Thursday 10 December in your calendar. It's always a highlight of the school year and one that you and the kids won't want to miss!

As always, this event wouldn't be possible without our wonderful volunteers. Helping out is a great way to meet other families, get to know the school community and be part of the fun. We promise we're a friendly bunch, so even if you're new to the school or haven't volunteered before, please consider putting your name down to help for an hour or two. A link to sign-up will be circulated soon with more information about the event.

Now that the cricket project has been hit for six, we're starting to think about what's next! We'd love to hear from our school community about what you'd like the P&C to focus on in 2027. If you have an idea, please reach out to your Year Level Representative or email us at rhps.pandc@gmail.com.

Poems from 1LF

1LF have just started to write our own poetry. Here is a small sample of our impressive work.

Be Kind to Trees.

Be kind to trees

Be kind to bees

Be kind to the people who share our world

Be kind to the grass

Be kind to make our world last

It will probably last forever

Because we are very clever.

Sylvie in 1LF was inspired to write this poem after reading Jess McGeachin's book KIND A call to care for every creature.

Green

Green is like smelling the green grass,

Green is like tasting spinach,

Green is like hearing whistles from the trees,

Green is like seeing a light green world,

Green feels happy.

By Hafsa

Yellow

Yellow is like seeing the sunshine when I wake up

Yellow is like smalling the popcorn in the oven,

Yellow is like tasting lemonade,

Yellow is like hearing yellow birds sing,

Yellow is eating my banana everyday.

By Jacinta

Blue

Blue is like tasting snow cones,

Blue is like feeling blue,

Blue is like hearing waves splashing,

Blue is like seeing the ocean,

Blue is smalling the salty air.

By Finn

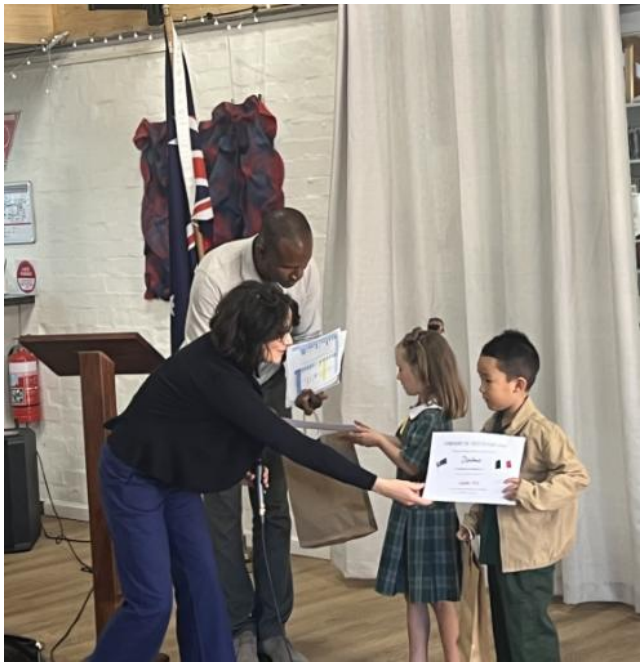
Student Achievement

Anuradha in 2B received a **Young Historian Silver Award in the 2026 National History Challenge.** The annual competition, organised by the History Teachers' Association of Australia, encourages students to become historians through research, inquiry and creative presentations of the past. This year's theme, *'Voices'*, inspired Anuradha to explore four important messages through postage stamps: Personal Well Being, Community, Coexistence, and Australian Pride and Heritage. Her project, *'If Stamps Could Speak – So, What Did the Stamps Say?'*, beautifully demonstrated how stamps can tell stories and reflect the values of our society. The Silver Award recognises that her entry was selected as a finalist to proceed to national judging.

Congratulations Anuradha.



FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION



In term 3 French Club was held during the lunch break and many students participated in the French poetry competition.

Two Red Hill students and their families were invited to the Alliance Francaise for afternoon tea and the award ceremony on Thursday the 29th October to collect their prizes and recite their poem on stage. Camille Musial-Simpson won first place in Year 2 and Ayden Nie second place in the Kindergarten category. A big congratulations to these students who have worked so hard. A big thank you to their families for supporting them and to the Alliance Francaise for organising the competition and hosting the ceremony.





Gardening News

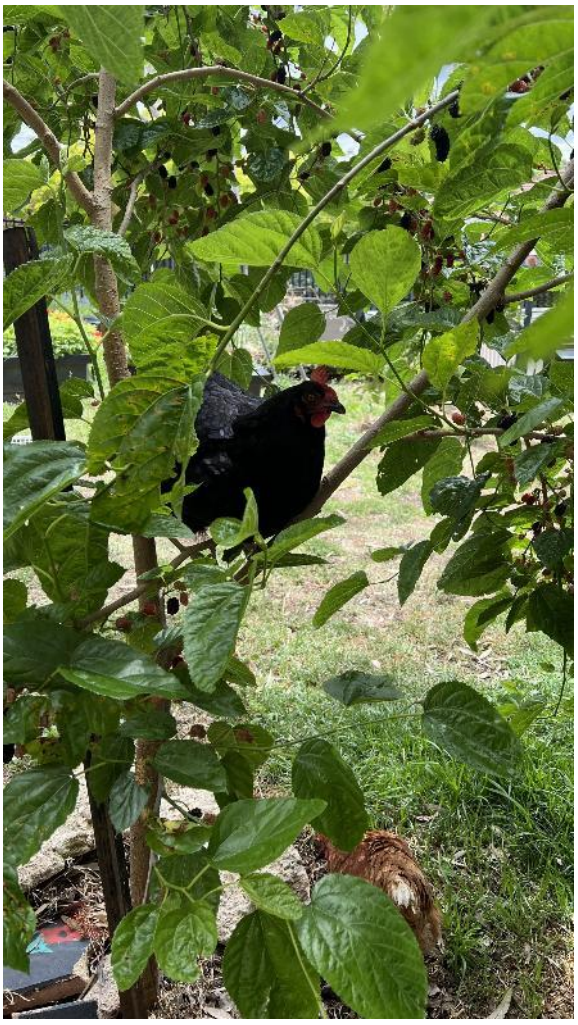
All those seeds which were planted a few weeks ago are sprouting! We are hoping to plant some climbing bean seedlings, sunflowers, 'burpless' & 'mini muncher' cucumbers, our first basil plants & seed grown dahlias next week.

The snow peas have finished now but we are all enjoying the mulberries. Even the chickens are in on the action! (See photo)

Help please! - If anyone has spare, clean egg cartons or little cardboard boxes the supermarkets sell apples in, could you please leave them at the front office & we will collect them.

Happy gardening 🌻

Cath & Mr G



Uniform Shop and Canteen

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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 Towell	$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* 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 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	$5.30
Ham, cheese & tomato	$5.80
Ham, lettuce & mayo	$5.30
Chicken & cheese **H**	$5.30
Chicken, lettuce & mayo **H**	$5.30
Tuna & cheese	$5.00
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	$5.00
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot **V**	$5.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo **V**	$5.00

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		$5.30
Chicken & cheese		$5.30
Tuna & cheese		$5.00
Ham		$5.30
Ham, cheese & tomato		$5.50
Gluten free bread	*Extra*	*$1.50*

Fresh Salads

Build your own salad	From	$5.50

Hot meals

Pasta bolognaise **DF, H** (**GF** available)	$7.50
Pasta napolitana **DF, H, V** (**GF** available)	$7.00
Sausage roll	$5.80
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	12th October Pupil Free Day		14th October Yr 6 Exhibition: Parent Evening 6:30-7:30pm		16th October Preschool - Kenny Koala Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Oct 19-23	19th October Preschool - Kenny Koala Defence families term 4 catch up 3:30-4:30pm			22nd October SPOTLIGHT Day rehearsal SPOTLIGHT on Red Hill Arts 6 - 8:30pm	23rd October Year 5 ACT SES incursion Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 3 Oct 26-30			28th October School Captain Finals	29th October SRC Bricks and Smiles Lego Expo Fundraiser	30th October Junior Assembly – Year 1 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 4 Nov 2-6			4th November Year 6 Telopea Visit		6th November Senior Assembly – Year 4 House Captain Voting Years 2-6 Griffith Preschool Visit Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 5 Nov 9-13		10th November Griffith Preschool Visit	11th November Year 5 Tidbinbilla Ranger Guided Walk: Australian Plants, Animals and Habitats		13 November Remembrance Day Assembly Preschool Learning Journey (Red Hill) Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 6 Nov 16-20			18th November ThinkUKnow Senior Students		20th November Junior Assembly-Kinder/ICAS Griffith Preschool Visit Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 7 Nov 23-27		24th November Preschool and Kinder Orientation - Griffith	25th November New Kinder Orientation		27th November Preschool and Kinder Orientation -Griffith Senior Assembly /ICAS Preschool After School Picnic Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 8 Nov 30-Dec 4		1st December Preschool and Kinder Orientation – Red Hill	2nd December Year 6 Exhibition	3rd December International Day of Persons with Disabilities Year 6 Exhibition Evening 6pm	4th December Preschool and Kinder Orientation – Red Hill Deadly's On Country Walk Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 9 Dec 7-11		8th December Griffith Preschool Visit Yr 3-6 Pool Fun Day	9th December Christian Education Year 6 Telopea Orientation	10th December Year 6 Achievement Assembly School Disco P&C End of year BBQ 6pm	11th December Year 6 Fun Day – Limelight Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 10 Dec 14-18		15th December K-2 End of Year Fun Day TBC		17th December Year 6 Graduation	18th December Whole school Talent Quest Assembly - SRC

After School Programs

